## EuroVelo
## Route categories

The European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) is constantly working on developing the network but not all sections are ready just yet. This map shows the conditions that you are likely to experience when out and about. Five different categories have been used:

**Certified EuroVelo route**
Full route (or sections of at least 300 km) tested and certified according to the European Certification Standard. The EuroVelo brand is integrated and visible.

**Developed route (with EuroVelo signs)**
Developed route (see below) that is additionally signposted with EuroVelo signs.

**Developed route**
Sections over 50 km where users can follow (at least) national signing and information is available online, linked to EuroVelo.com.

**Route under development but usable**
Sections over 50 km where it is possible to follow the route either by signing or detailed information (available online, linked to EuroVelo.com). The route may contain some sections that need further development (e.g. high traffic, etc.)

**Route at the planning stage**
- Not fully signed and detailed information is not fully available online (linked to EuroVelo.com). The proposed itinerary is a proposal for the best possible option currently available and the route may contain dangerous sections.

## Follow the
## EuroVelo signs

In more and more locations around the Europe, official EuroVelo signage is being installed to make your journey even easier. Just look out for the distinctive EuroVelo signs, which can be incorporated within national signage schemes in several different ways (see examples below). You can now follow the EuroVelo signs in parts of Austria, France, Hungary, Slovakia, Switzerland and the UK to name just some of the countries that have introduced them.

### National signage examples

in Austria

in Croatia

in Czechia

in Denmark

in France

in Germany

in Hungary

in Serbia

in the Netherlands

in the United Kingdom




## EuroVelo
## Network and coordination

EuroVelo is the European cycle route network – a network of 16 long distance cycle routes that connect the whole continent. Coordinated by the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF), the routes can be used by long-distance cycle tourists as well as by local people making daily journeys.

### National EuroVelo Coordination Centres and Coordinators (NECC/Cs)

At a national level, the organisation, development and operation of the route is undertaken by National EuroVelo Coordination Centres and Coordinators (NECC/Cs). The composition of these organisations varies but often includes government bodies, tourism organisations, relevant NGOs, public transport companies and service providers. The ECF is working to ensure that there is a Coordination Centre or Coordinator established in every country in Europe. Their main tasks are:

- **Route coordination** - planning and lobbying for improvements as well as monitoring of route status
- **Signing coordination** – integrate EuroVelo route information panels in national standards
- **Communication of EuroVelo at national level** – nationwide integration of EuroVelo routes into information and promotion tools
- **Reporting** – annual documentation of route progress, signing etc.

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## Sustainable Tourism
## Bike and Train

One of the many benefits of cycle tourism is that it typically has **very little impact on the environment**. What impact it does have can be reduced even further if you travel to and from your cycle trip **by public transport**.

Taking your bike to your destination by train is the **ideal combination** for environmentally friendly mobility in both short- and long-distance traffic. Most locations in Europe are accessible by train and by booking in advance you may be able to find some cheaper fares. Many trains are now equipped with **special bicycle areas** but not all, so it is best to check with the rail operator in each country before your journey. See also if you need to make reservation.

The ECF and its members continue to work on increasing the opportunities for bicycle carriage on Europe's trains.

## 1 EuroVelo 1
## Atlantic Coast Route

| | |
|---|---|
| LENGTH | 11,150 km |
| START / END | North Cape (Norway) |
| END / START | Sagres (Portugal) |
| COUNTRIES | Norway, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, France, Spain, Portugal |

Following Europe's western border, the Atlantic Coast Route combines such contrasting landscapes as the majestic fjords of Norway, the wild Irish coastline, the rough cliffs of Brittany and the sun-kissed beaches of Portugal. Along the way, you will not only be impressed by dramatic landscapes, but you will be seduced by bustling port cities and cosy fishing villages and enjoy the best seafood each country has to offer. EuroVelo 1 does not just stick to the coastline either – there are equally exciting sections through the Scottish Highlands, across the Breton Peninsula and along the ancient Via de La Plata route in Spain.

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| **www.eurovelo1.com**

## 2 EuroVelo 2
## Capitals Route

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|---|---|
| LENGTH | 5,000 km |
| START / END | Galway (Republic of Ireland) |
| END / START | Moscow (Russia) |
| COUNTRIES | Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Germany, Poland, Belarus, Russia |

Dublin, London, Berlin, Warsaw, Minsk and Moscow: six compelling but different cities that are united by the Capitals Route. You can either start in the welcoming atmosphere of Ireland's Pubs or with a photo at the awe-inspiring Red Square in Moscow. In between you can combine first class dining, partying and culture in the capitals and other cities along the route that are best explored by bike. Away from the cities the route has much else to offer too, including the untouched Białowieża Forest between Poland and Belarus; the stunning Sanssouci Park in Potsdam, Germany; and the rugged Snowdonia National Park in the UK.

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| **www.eurovelo2.com**

## 3 EuroVelo 3
## Pilgrims Route

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|---|---|
| LENGTH | 5,400 km |
| START / END | Trondheim (Norway) |
| END / START | Santiago de Compostela (Spain) |
| COUNTRIES | Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, France, Spain |

Looking for a bit of culture on your next cycle trip but still want to experience some of Europe's best nightlife? EuroVelo 3 might be the answer. The route will give you a taste of some of Europe's famous pilgrim routes such as St. Olav's Way in Norway; the Oxen Trail in Denmark; and, perhaps most famously, the Way of St. James in Spain. Along the way you will be able to discover some of its most impressive religious buildings, including the stunning cathedrals of Trondheim, Cologne and Santiago de Compostela. Linking these sites, you will pass through many exciting cities like Gothenburg, Hamburg, Liège and Paris, which are famous for their lively restaurants, bars and clubs.

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| **www.eurovelo3.com**

## 4 EuroVelo 4
## Central Europe Route

| | |
|---|---|
| LENGTH | 5,100 km |
| START / END | Roscoff (France) |
| END / START | Kiev (Ukraine) |
| COUNTRIES | France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Czechia, Poland, Ukraine |

Europe is the world's second most densely populated continent and cycling across it from west to east (or vice versa) will give you a fascinating insight into the people that make up this diverse continent. The route passes through cities that should be on everyone's bucket list: Cologne, Prague, Kraków and Lviv. Waiting for you are atmospheric old towns, outstanding architecture and history lessons a plenty. But you can still get away from the crowds on this route too, by cycling France's rugged northern coastline; visiting the forests, castles and vineyards of Franconia in Germany; or taking in the typically Dutch landscapes of towering dykes and open polders in Zeeland. EuroVelo 4 is so diverse that you would not know where to begin.

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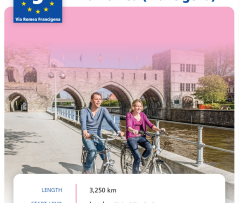
## 5 EuroVelo 5
## Via Romea (Francigena)



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|---|---|
| LENGTH | 3,250 km |
| START / END | London (United Kingdom) |
| END / START | Rome or Brindisi (Italy) |
| COUNTRIES | United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Italy |

Over a thousand years ago, Sigeric the Serious, Archbishop of Canterbury, travelled all the way to Rome to receive his symbols from the Pope. Now you can follow in his footsteps.

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## 6 EuroVelo 6
## Atlantic - Black Sea

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|---|---|
| LENGTH | 4,450 km |
| START / END | Nantes (France) |
| END / START | Constanta (Romania) |
| COUNTRIES | France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania |

EuroVelo 6 – Atlantic – Black Sea, is one of our most popular routes and it's little wonder why: coasts, rivers, castles, top-class infrastructure and a nice flat topography make it every cycle tourist's dream journey. The famous sections along the Loire and the Danube Rivers are known to cycle tourists around the world, and for good reason. In France you'll taste the best wines after cycling through the vineyards and in Vienna you'll visit the most stunning museums. For anyone looking to get off the beaten track, the eastern part of the EuroVelo 6 offers some less well-known but equally attractive sections, just waiting to be discovered. Here the course of the Danube brings cyclists to the fascinating capital city of Belgrade, through the imposing Iron Gates gorge on the border of Romania and Serbia; and eventually to the wildlife-rich Danube Delta where the river flows into the Black Sea.

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| **www.eurovelo6.com**

## 7 EuroVelo 7
## Sun Route

| | |
|---|---|
| LENGTH | 7,050 km |
| START / END | North Cape (Norway) |
| END / START | Valletta (Malta) |
| COUNTRIES | Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Czechia, Austria, Italy, Malta |

Explore Europe from the far North to the sunny South. The Sun Route will whisk you from the land of the midnight sun to island hopping in the Mediterranean. Culture, sunlight, mountains and a good dose of history make for an unforgettable adventure. There is so much to do: visiting nine European countries (including stops in the cycling havens of Malmö, Copenhagen, Berlin and Bolzano); tackling the Alps, reaching the tip of the 'Italian boot'; and experiencing the sunny archipelago of Malta to mention just a few highlights. Well, what are you waiting for?!

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| **www.eurovelo7.com**

## 8 EuroVelo 8
## Mediterranean Route

| | |
|---|---|
| LENGTH | 7,500 km |
| START / END | Cádiz (Spain) |
| END / START | Cyprus |
| COUNTRIES | Spain, France, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus |

Sparkling emerald seas, kilometres of golden sand, mysterious islands, wonderful food, ancient cities… It is not hard to find convincing reasons to travel along the Mediterranean! What better way to do it than by bike along the Mediterranean Route? Admire Granada's Alhambra, or Gaudí's mind-blowing architecture in Barcelona, feel the romance of Venice's canals, Dubrovnik's old town, or pull your bike up alongside an inviting beach and just relax. While EuroVelo 8 connects many already popular tourist destinations, there are still lots of undiscovered gems to be found along the way. So what are you waiting for? Get on your bike!

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| **www.eurovelo8.com**

## 9 EuroVelo 9
## Baltic - Adriatic

| | |
|---|---|
| LENGTH | 2,050 km |
| START / END | Gdansk (Poland) |
| END / START | Pula (Croatia) |
| COUNTRIES | Poland, Czechia, Austria, Slovenia, Italy, Croatia |

It may not be the longest of EuroVelo routes but EuroVelo 9 has so much to offer. Rivers, seas and mountains are on the checklist, and EuroVelo 9 is packed full of adventures over its (relatively!) short distance. Start with a refreshing ride on the Baltic coast and finish the trip with a relaxing swim in the Adriatic Sea. In between you can enjoy welcoming local communities with exquisite culinary traditions in Poland, Czechia, Austria, Slovenia, Italy and Croatia. This route is sometimes called the Amber Route as historically the precious stone amber, found in the Baltic region, was taken by routes such as this to the Mediterranean Sea!

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| **www.eurovelo9.com**

## 10 EuroVelo 10
## Baltic Sea Cycle Route

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|---|---|
| LENGTH | 9,000 km |
| ALSO CALLED | Hansa Circuit |
| END / START | Wherever you like! |
| COUNTRIES | Poland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania |

The coastline of the Baltic Sea takes in beaches, cliffs, woodland, ports and marinas as well as thousands of islands large and small. EuroVelo 10 will give you the perfect opportunity to get better acquainted with this enchanting corner of Europe. Dotted around the coastline are the beguiling capitals of Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Tallinn and Riga; the glamorous city of Saint Petersburg, as well as the famous Hanseatic towns of Northern Germany and Poland. Visiting these destinations will allow you to experience the unique cultures that have developed around the coast of the Baltic Sea. In between, you will have a unique opportunity to get back to nature exploring the seashore.

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| **www.eurovelo10.com**

## 11 EuroVelo 11
## East Europe Route

| | |
|---|---|
| LENGTH | 6,550 km |
| START / END | North Cape (Norway) |
| END / START | Athens (Greece) |
| COUNTRIES | Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, North Macedonia, Greece |

Labelled by some bicycle tourists as the 'Beast of the East', this route stretches from the northern most tip of Norway all the way down to sunny Greece. Along the way EuroVelo 11 will lead you through seven extremely different capital cities; hip Helsinki, historical Tallinn, charming Vilnius, the 'Phoenix City' of Warsaw, the 'White City' of Belgrade, exciting Skopje and last but not least enchanting Athens. One of the appealing aspects of this route is that it also gives you an opportunity to discover fascinating parts of Europe that are not so well known (yet!), such as the Tokai wine-growing region of Hungary, the Finnish Lakeland or Poland's Tatra Mountains. Give it a go and discover a favourite new destination!

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| **www.eurovelo11.com**

## 12 EuroVelo 12
## North Sea Cycle Route

| | |
|---|---|
| LENGTH | 7,050 km |
| ALSO CALLED | North Circuit |
| END / START | Wherever you like! |
| COUNTRIES | Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, France, United Kingdom |

The North Sea Cycle Route will surprise you with its diversity. Although bordering the same sea it goes from land located below sea level (in the Netherlands) to cliffs over 1,000 meters in height (Norway). You can sample wee drams in Scotland; pedal along the well-maintained cycle paths of Denmark; dance the night away in millennial port cities such as Gothenburg or Hamburg; or stretch out on the inviting beaches of the Netherlands or tuck into some moules frites at the Flanders Coast in Belgium. Expect to be pleasantly surprised along this popular bicycle route. And don't forget to check the ferry timetables!

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| **www.eurovelo12.com**

## 13 EuroVelo 13
## Iron Curtain Trail

| | |
|---|---|
| LENGTH | 9,950 km |
| START / END | Grense Jakobselv (Norway) |
| END / START | Rezovo (Bulgaria) |
| COUNTRIES | Norway, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, Czechia, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Greece, Turkey |

For almost half a century, Europe was forcibly divided into East and West. EuroVelo 13 retraces this 'Iron Curtain', a border stretching from the Barents Sea to the Black Sea. Following this route is a living history lesson but also provides a welcome reminder of the peace and reconciliation that have followed the fall of the 'Curtain'. Along the route, you can cycle from the stark beauty of Lapland to the bustling ports of the Baltic States; from Elbe valley in Germany to the vineyards of southern Czechia and northern Austria; and from the banks of green Drava river between Hungary and Croatia to the mountainous border of Bulgaria and Greece. The route is also recognised as a cultural route of the Council of Europe.

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## 15 EuroVelo 15
## Rhine Cycle Route

| | |
|---|---|
| LENGTH | 1,500 km |
| START / END | Andermatt (Switzerland) |
| END / START | Hoek van Holland (Netherlands) |
| COUNTRIES | Switzerland, Germany, France, The Netherlands |

The Rhine Cycle Route runs along one of the longest rivers in Europe from the Swiss Alps to the North Sea. The Rhine has fostered a cultural and economic dialogue between the Alpine regions and Northern Europe for over 2,000 years. Explore the beauty of this river landscape and the picturesque towns and villages lining its banks. The famous mills of Kinderdijk along the route are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site. As the first certified EuroVelo route, EuroVelo 15 is suitable for cyclists of all fitness levels and abilities and there is plenty to see along the way including Lake Constance and the continent's largest waterfall (the Rhine Falls) and port (Rotterdam).

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| **www.rhinecycleroute.eu**

## 17 EuroVelo 17
## Rhone Cycle Route

| | |
|---|---|
| LENGTH | 1,050 km |
| START / END | Langres (France) |
| END / START | Rotterdam (Netherlands) |
| COUNTRIES | France, Belgium, The Netherlands |

The charming alpine village of Andermatt in Switzerland is not only the starting point of EuroVelo 15 but also marks the beginning of EuroVelo 17 - Rhone Cycle Route. Following the course of the River Rhone, the route ends over a thousand kilometres later on the beautiful Mediterranean coast of France. Connecting the Alps, Lake Geneva, the lavender fields of Provence and the wild white horses of the Camargue, the shortest EuroVelo route packs in a surprising amount of different cultures, landscapes and experiences.

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## 19 EuroVelo 19
## Meuse Cycle Route

| | |
|---|---|
| LENGTH | 1,050 km |
| START / END | Langres (France) |
| END / START | Rotterdam (Netherlands) |
| COUNTRIES | France, Belgium, The Netherlands |

The Meuse Cycle Route follows one of the most important rivers in Europe and welcomes cyclists of all levels! From the plateau of Langres via Hoek van Holland to Rotterdam, step on your bike and discover 3 countries (France, Belgium and Netherlands) by cycling over a thousand kilometres of marked roads. This attractive and varied route offers ever-changing scenery, with charming towns and villages on both banks of the river, plus there are plenty of cultural heritage sites and culinary treasures from beginning to end.

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## Discover Europe by bike
with almost **90,000 km of cycle routes!**

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