

Golden Jubilee Cycling Pilgrimage Issoudun to Montargis

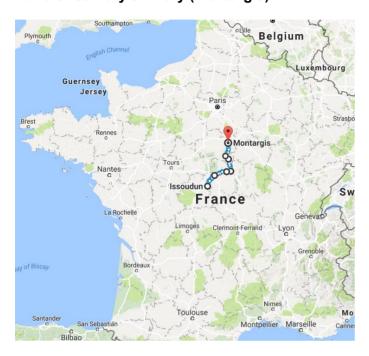
Tuesday 30 May - Saturday 3 June 2017



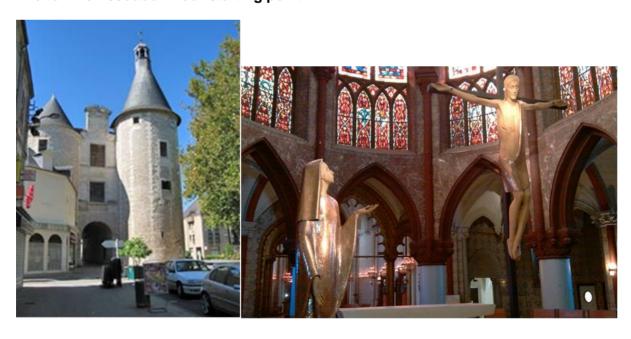


La Route...

Follows the history of Princethorpe from its origins in France and its links to the two home towns of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (Issoudun) and the Benedictine Nuns of St Mary's Priory (Montargis)



The town of Issoudun - our starting point



Our midway stopover – the famed, beautiful hill-top wine town of Sancerre





Our final destination – scenic Montargis 'the Venice of the north' and home to the delicious praline





A mention in the archives of Montargis of the Bendictine nuns originally from the town who settled in Princethorpe.

Quant aux Bénédictines de Montargis, elles restèrent et moururent en Angleterre. Le couvent qu'elles avaient fondé est installé à Princethorpe, près de Rugby, dans le Warwickshire.¹¹⁵

Il y a actuellement une soixantaine de moniales qui dirigent un pensionnat et qui ont gardé une forte tradition française. 116

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Our itinerary

Tuesday 30 May

Depart Princethorpe early morning by coach. Arrive Issoudun early evening. Dinner B&B @ MSC Hotellier in Issoudun

Wednesday 31 May

Depart Issoudun, after breakfast and an optional mass, for Sancerre by bike. Approx 55 miles. Dinner and hotel in Sancerre

Thursday 1 June

Rest day. Optional trips to local chateaux, vineyards, places of interest.... Dinner and hotel in Sancerre

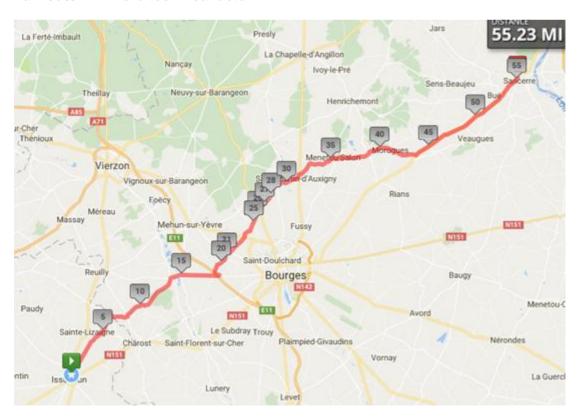
Friday 2 June

Sancerre to Montargis by bike. Approx 55 miles. Welcome civic champagne reception hosted by the Maire of Montargis. Dinner and hotel in Montargis

Saturday 3 June

Depart Montargis after breakfast for return to Princethorpe early evening.

La Route...in more technical detail





Some key information

- Cost approx £400-500, includes coach and ferry transport, hotels and some meals
- Please bring your own bicycle. There will be a bike trailer attached to the coach.
- There will be room on board for any purchases you wish to make during the visit (i.e. wine, chocolates...)
- All pilgrims encouraged to raise money for Mary's Meals, a charity supported by the College for a number of years
- All abilities will be catered for, including non-cyclists. It's not a race...
- Plenty of support will be available, both morally and in terms of the coach and a support vehicle
- It will be good fun!!

Next steps

- We will shortly send all those who have expressed interest in the trip an email with a
 questionnaire to gauge requirements in terms of numbers in your party, cyclists,
 semi-cyclists and non-cyclists, type of accommodation required and any special
 dietary or medical needs
- You will be asked for a deposit of £100 to secure your place by Monday 30 January, the remainder to be paid by Friday 31 March
- Places will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. We can accommodate approximately 30 cyclists and 10 non-cyclists
- Please do spread the word amongst friends and family

