



Starting off in



Snack early and often



The Roman coliseum at

We are clearly getting into a rut. We started planning our trip late again and picked the Charante in France as our last minute destination. We haven't been to the Charante and hoped to have some nice, sunny rides. We had our share of sun, but cool and overcast was the norm. We didn't have much rain, but it always seemed to be threatening. France has never failed in sites to see or experiences to share. Our loop took us from \_\_\_\_\_, then west to \_\_\_\_\_, north to \_\_\_\_\_ and finally east along the \_\_\_\_\_ to return us to \_\_\_\_\_.



Lunch along the



Map check



Two maps are better than one



Roman triumphal arch in



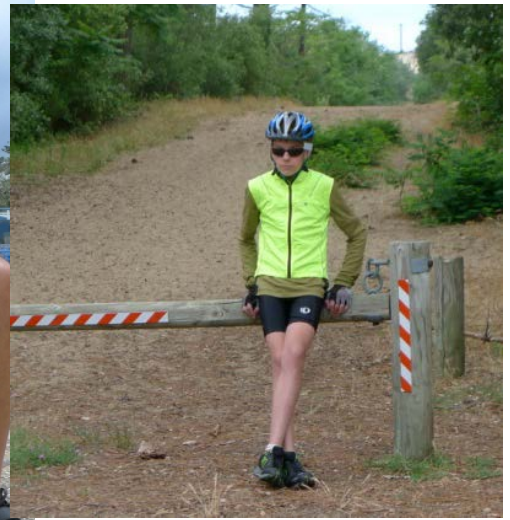
We fed all kinds of animals at the zoo in \_\_\_\_\_. We saw parents pushing the hands of their young children into the monkey cages!



Walking on a beach dune at



Lunch stop at



Map check along the



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Scoping the land around



Warm enough in the sun and out of the wind



Stone arches at



Unloading the bike after the ferry to



Unloading to



Flower of grass seeds



Night



Bicycle topiary in a flower filled traffic circle



We experienced the French health care system



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The luxury of sitting on a bench to check the map



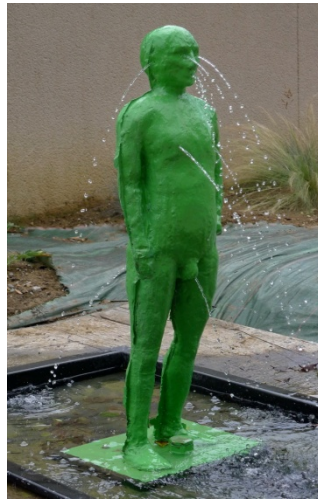
Dominick in a field of poppies



Poppies of a different color



Ruins of four tower fortification castle in



A truly odd fountain



Old house along the bike path



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Recreated burial chambers at



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Long days of riding and still full of energy



Geothermal



Not much pool time on this trip



Climbing



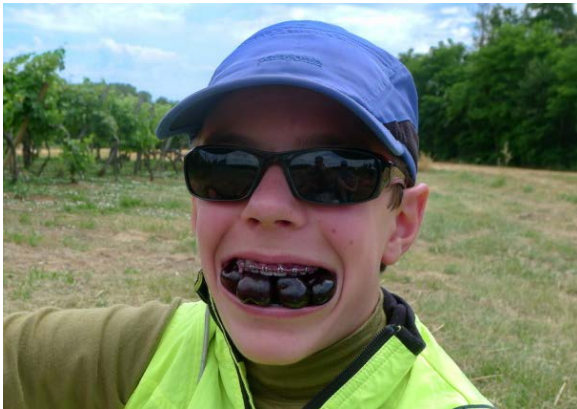
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Lovely torch lilies



Cherries were injured in the making of this photo



Hot and tired



A bird park in



Lunch along the in a light rain



In front of the Courvoisier HQ and museum in Jarnac



Susan sampling 30 year old Courvoisier cognac

Striking a pose in



A new superhero strikes a pose at the Comic Strip Museum in Angouleme



The paper museum in Angouleme



Back at the start, unloading the bike in the heat



Still smiling at the end of the ride



Two peas in a pod