

Points of interest	Itinerary
Start: Accueil Vélo et Rando 31, Bd Heurteloup - Tours	Cycle path
Tourist information office	On-road cycling
Car park	Tramline
Park - Forest	La Loire à Vélo cycle route
Viewpoint	Direction of travel
Balzac landmark	Hazard
	Steep slope

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**IN BALZAC'S FOOTSTEPS,
FROM TOURS TO SAINT-CYR**

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Pension Vauquer



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Set off to explore the sites Balzac frequented in Tours and Saint-Cyr-sur-Loire. First, stop in front of the Maison Vauquer, this house inspired the famous boarding house in Balzac's "Père Goriot" (Old Goriot).

Now head to the locality known as La Grenadière in Saint-Cyr-sur-Loire where Balzac holidayed, which inspired the short story of the same name.

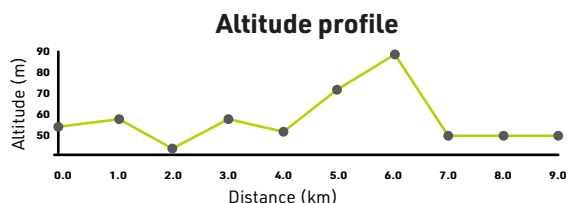
Behind the cathedral, discover the house of the famous Curé de Tours from Balzac's The Vicar of Tours.

Portrait of Balzac



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Continue along the banks of the River Loire on Quai de Portillon, a former hamlet where Balzac was wet nursed.



Quai de Portillon - View of Tours



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Maison du Curé de Tours



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The cycle loops of the métropole



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