 En route to Estavayer



## Day 4:

Yverdon → Murten



## Distance:

59 Kilometers



## Climbing:

337 Meters

## Points of Interest:

- ✦ **Marsh reserve** outside of Yverdon
- ✦ **Estavayer** : Medieval centre, castle, Frog Museum
- ✦ **Payerne**: Abbey of Payerne
- ✦ **Avenches**: Roman amphitheater and great picnic spot


From Yverdon, you begin following Lake Neuchatel. Once on the bicycle path, you will see some wooden bridges and sidewalks going through the marsh area. These sidewalks allow you to explore the swamp and discover the wildlife (lots of birds and enormous frogs) and there is bicycle parking.

You'll encounter some dirt paths from Yverdon to Estavayer. We can hope that it hasn't rained much, or you could be walking your bike through lots of mud.

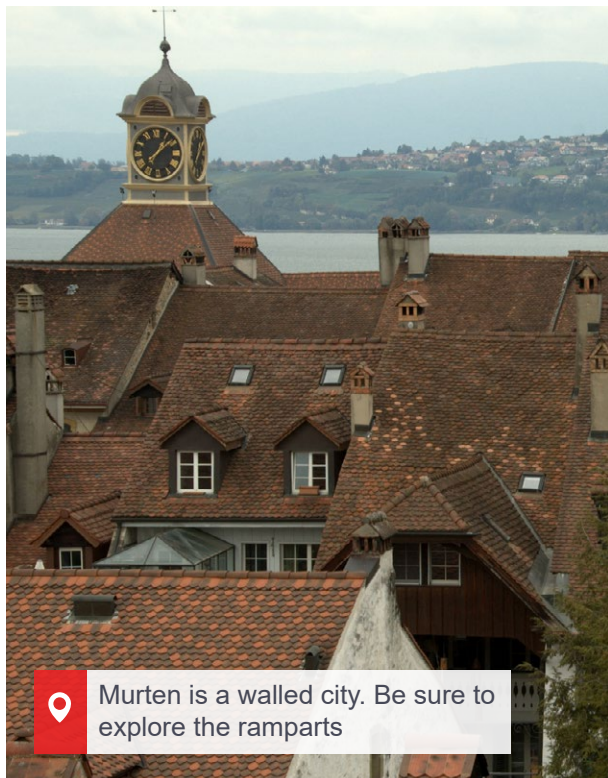
After 20km you will turn away from the lake to be in Estavayer. The well-preserved medieval center and chateau make this small town a good coffee stop. Upon leaving, you'll see the alps in the distance.


Payerne is the first large town that you hit. It has an interesting abbey and some nice streets. This is a good place to load up on picnic supplies. Payerne is also home of an important Swiss military airbase.



 Avenche'ss Roman amphitheater

Your picnic is best taken at the outside amphitheater in Avenches, unless it is the first part of July (when the very large open air opera festival takes place). Avenches is home to lots of roman ruins, including a large amphitheater that is still in use.



 Murten is a walled city. Be sure to explore the ramparts

The real jewel of the day, however, is the town of Murten. Located on Lake Murten, this small medieval town lies in the Swiss Midlands. Numerous attractions from Murten's rich history have been preserved: the castle, the ramparts, the street ornaments and the arcades. You can also explore the long lake promenade.

Since your hotel is in the center of Murten, you'll no doubt discover the old town. However, Murten's lakefront definitely deserves a visit as well. Give yourself time to do it all.