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# 6 unusual locales for cyclists to get off the beaten track

Take the cycle path less travelled ...

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## What better way to connect intimately with a destination than from the vantage of a bicycle?

The relaxed pace lets you become acutely aware of your surroundings: the scents, the sounds, the sights. While the most popular cycling havens set the gold standard for being ultra bike-friendly, many less recognised but equally bike-worthy parts of the world merit exploring.

Here are six unusual locales for cyclists to get off the beaten track.

### Madagascar

Biking is one of the best ways to spy Madagascar's exotic wildlife, from brilliantly hued chameleons and oddly shaped baobab trees to adorable lemurs. Bike shops are scarce and the tarmac can be potholed but the country's rough-around-the-edges quality means roads are often beautifully quiet. One of the most atmospheric rides is on path dripping with foliage through

<https://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/best-cycle-paths-in-the-world-a3775576.html>Ranomafana National Park. Exodus Travels ([exodustravels.com](http://exodustravels.com)) offers 15-day guided bike trips from £3,149 (including flights), while MBike Madagascar ([mbike.mg](http://mbike.mg)) in Antananarivo rents mountain bikes for £15 a day.