



Trip description

Bike weekend around Chambord - Loire Valley

Château de Blois, château de Chambord and château de Chaumont: the most prestigious castles of the Loire Valley just during the time of a getaway.

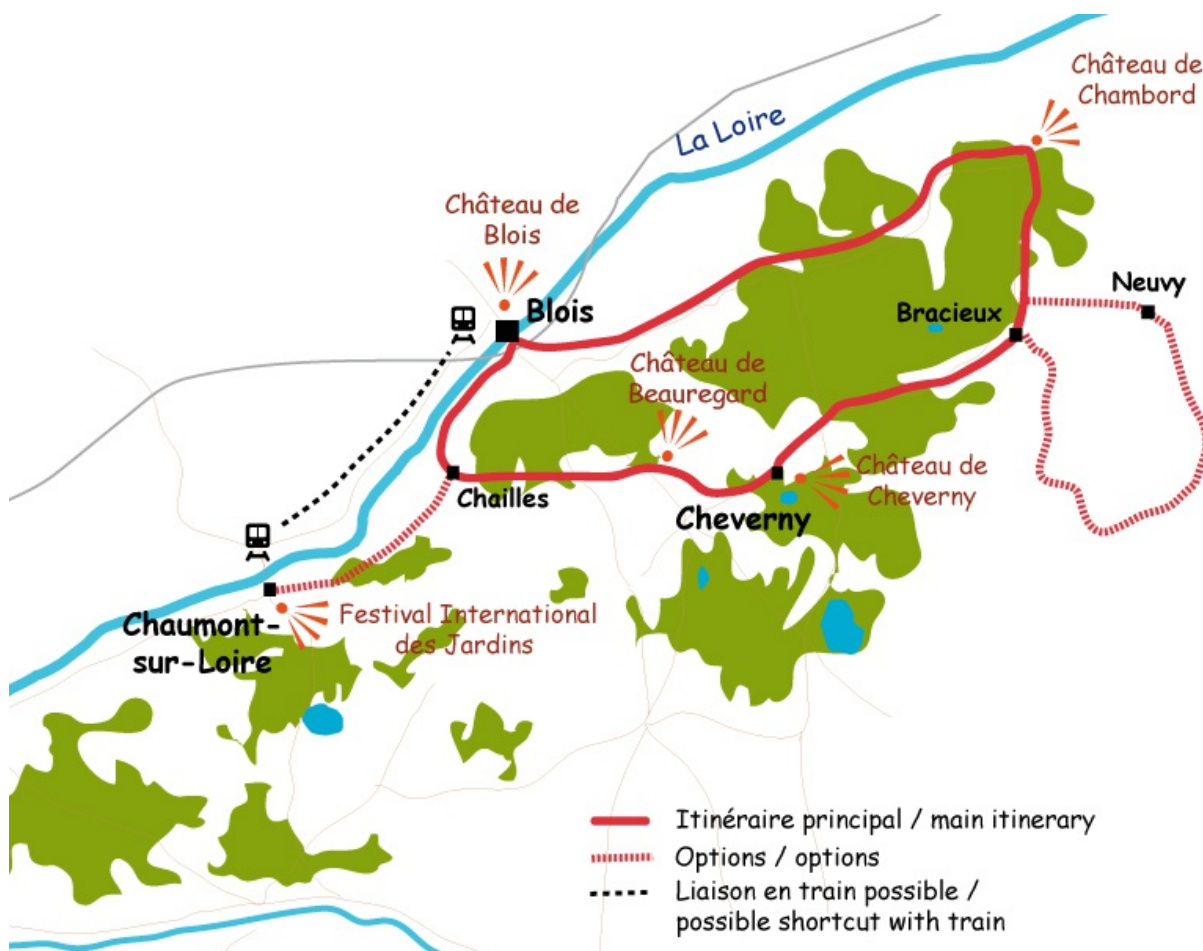


Destination	France
Location	Vallée de la Loire
Duration	2 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	From April to November
Minimum age	1 year
Reference	L0201

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



Take a break in the enchanting Loire Valley, and enjoy the "Loire à Vélo" cycling paths. You will find the famous Loire Valley castles, the châteaux de

la Loire on your itinerary among which Blois, the castle château de Chambord, chateau de Cheverny or chateau de Chaumont-sur-Loire. You will ride across forests and Loire's vineyards on exceptional and easy biking routes. Experience the magic and the quietness that lies in the heart of France's kings country.

DAY 1

Blois - castle of Chambord - Cheverny

Bike
40/68km

2 route options

Enter chateau de Chambord's magnificent forest and take a peek at the sculpted salamanders engraved on the walls of Loire's most extravagant castle. Enjoy the shade of the hundred years old trees, then ride along the Cosson creek to the "château de Cheverny". This should bring up some memories, if you ever read Tintin: it was the inspiration for Moulinsart castle. In Chambord forest, you can make a detour through Neuvy to discover the Sologne country land and its many ponds.

DAY 2

Cheverny - Blois

Bike
23/37/51km

Stroll inside the château de Beaugard with its gallery of 327 portraits of famous European leaders that forged history between the 14th and the 17th century. Ride further through the forest to Chailles. You can choose to return directly to Blois along the Loire banks or to make a detour to Chaumont-sur-Loire and its International Garden Festival (28km back and forth). You can also ride half the way to Chaumont (+14km) and come back to Blois putting your bikes on the regional train.

Accommodation

Category A

You'll enjoy staying in these clean and cozy 2-Star hotels that give you a pleasant rest after your day of biking. Breakfast is included when you spend the night in these friendly and family-run hotels.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Category B

You'll get a good night's sleep when you stay in these 3-Star hotels or Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included!



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Category C

You'll have a wider selection of accommodations when you choosing this 4-Star category. Some nights you'll stay in small castle or quaints hotels, and other times you might be in a charming Bed and Breakfast. Enjoy the "vie de chateau" atmosphere in an exceptional environment. Properties are selected for their high standards and impeccable service. Don't forget...breakfast is included!



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight to Paris or Tours and then train to Blois.

By train: inter-regional trains from Paris-Austerlitz station (direct or 8min connection in Orléans). The duration of the trip is from 1h20 to 2h00. Or TGV (fast trains) from Paris Montparnasse and connection in Saint-Pierre-des-Corps to take a regional train to. The duration of the trip is about 2h00. To plan your trip, www.raileurope.com.

Parking

If you drive to Blois, you can park your car in a secured car park located in the city center, close to your accommodation and the train station. The daily rate is 5,5€ and decreases depending on the duration. The location and contact details of the car park will be given in your travel documents.

To get back to starting point:

Regional trains take you back to your starting point if you wish. They are accessible without booking in advance and bicycles are free. You have to buy your ticket on spot (full rate 3.60€/adult). There are several trains per day. You will find the timetable in your travel documents.

We can also organise a transfer in a private vehicle on demand.

If you chose the luggage transport, you will be able to pick up your luggage after 5pm at the pick up location.

Meeting time:

You pick up your bikes in the morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We recommend you to arrive around 10am to enjoy your day fully without rushing and be able to do the visits on the way.

If you chose luggage transport, you must arrive before 10am to drop off your luggage. Bikes pick up point and luggage drop off point are located next to the train station and will be given in your travel documents.

Price description

Category A	119 €/pers
Double room fare	
1 night in ** hotel	
1 breakfast	
touring bike rental for 2 days (drop-off in Blois)	
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes	
a visit of a chocolate factory	
local visitors' taxes	
7/7 hotline	
High season (*)	10 €/pers
Half board	24 €/dinner
Extra for a single room	42 €/nuit
Extra night in Blois	48 €/pers
Category B	125 €/pers
Double room fare	
1 night in a *** hotel or bed&breakfast	
1 breakfast	
touring bike rental for 2 days (drop-off in Blois)	
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes	
a visit of a chocolate factory	
local visitors' taxes	
7/7 hotline	
High season (*)	15 €/pers
Half board	24 €/dinner
Extra for a single room	42 €/nuit
Extra night in Blois	54 €/pers
Category C	239 €/pers
Double room fare	
1 night in a **** hotel	
1 breakfast	
touring bike rental for 2 days (drop-off in Blois)	
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes	
a visit of a chocolate factory	
local visitors' taxes	
7/7 hotline	
High season (*)	20 €/pers
Half board	43 €/dinner
Extra for a single room	64 €/night
Extra night in Blois	95 €/pers
Options	
Extra for the rental of an electric bike (2 days)	35 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-35 €/pers

(*) High season :

- from 27.04 to 12.05.2019
- from 29.05 to 02.06.2019
- from 01.07 to 01.09.2019

Children discount (in the same room as 2 full rate participants):

- 0-4 year : -70%
- 5-11 year : -50%
- 12-17 year : -30%

The package doesn't include:

- the journey to the tour location
- the drinks
- the meals which are not included
- the entrance fee to sites
- insurances (optional)

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