



## Trip description

### A long week-end of holidays in the Loire Valley

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Destination	France
Location	Loire Valley
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	from april to november
Minimum age	1 year
Reference	L0402

Type of stay  
itinerant trip



### Itinerary



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Each day, as you ride through this enchanting region of the Loire Valley, you'll discover the grandeur of the Chateau de Chambord, delicious Loire wines and the historic medieval city of Amboise. Your daily rides will be on bike paths and small country roads through picturesque villages and lush forests. This tour gives you the chance to enjoy a gentle bike ride next to forests, vineyards and fairy-tale castles.

#### DAY 1

##### Blois - Cheverny

Bike  
24/40/68km

3 route options

Start your ride by pedaling through Chateau de Chambord's lush forest with massive trees. Take a peek at the stone bridge salamanders engraved on the walls of Loire's most extravagant castle. As you enjoy the shade from hundred-year-old tree, you'll follow the trail along Crosson creek to the Chateau de Cheverny. The inspiration for Moulinsart Castle came from the Tintin books, which you may have read.

#### DAY 2

##### Cheverny - Mosnes

Bike  
39/46km

2 route options

Today you have the choice of two bike routes. if you like, stroll through the Chateau de Beaugard's art gallery. You'll find over 327 portraits of famous European leaders that forged history between 14th and 17th Century. Looking for something more active? Ride through vineyards before arriving in front of the Fougères-sur-Bievre drawbridge. Your ride then takes you on a delightful route as you follow the toques, or traditional boats along the path from Loire to Chaumont-sur-Loire. The city is famous for its fairy tale castle as well as the International Garden Festival which displays over 30 themed gardens with a variety of garden art. After marveling at the castle and gardens, continue your biking with a short trip to the village of Mosnes.

## DAY 3

### Mosnes - Amboise

Bike  
11km

This morning's route takes you directly to the beautiful city of Amboise. The medieval town has links to the French Royal Family and is where Leonardo de Vinci spent his last few years. Explore the many cobblestone streets and check out the unique architectural features of the Chateau d'Amboise. The Chateau gives you one of the best overall views of the Loire Valley.

## DAY 4

### Day trip to the castle of Chenonceau

Bike  
45/70km

2 route options

Your tranquil bike route today leads you through idyllic natural beauty with rivers and forests, leading to the most iconic Chateaux de la Loire, the "Chateau de Chenonceau". This historical castle had an almost uninterrupted succession of women who built, restored and saved the castle. Today it is one of the most photographed castles in France. If you like, continue riding along the banks of the Cher River until you reach the underground city near Bourre. This subterranean city can be viewed to experience what life was like living in a cave-structure. You'll see an amazing reconstruction of an underground city.

## 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 Blois. The duration of the trip is about 2h00. To plan your trip, [www.raileurope.com](http://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 7€/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 at 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

369 €/pers

Double room fare

3 nights in \*\*/\*\*\* hotels  
3 breakfasts  
4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)  
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes  
a visit of a chocolate factory  
local visitors' taxes  
sending charge of the travel documents in France  
7/7 hotline

High season (\*)

30 €/pers

Half-board

30 €/dinner

Single occupancy extra

46 €/night

Extra night in Blois

50 €/pers

Extra night in Amboise

55 €/pers

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### Category B

379 €/pers

Double room fare

3 nights in \*\*\* hotels or bed & breakfasts  
3 breakfasts  
4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)  
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes  
a visit of a chocolate factory  
the return of the bikes  
local visitors' taxes  
sending charge of the travel documents in France  
7/7 hotline

High season (\*)

40 €/pers

Half-board

31 €/pers

Single occupancy extra

52 €/night

Extra night in Blois

55 €/pers

Extra night in Amboise

54 €/pers

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### Category C

575 €/pers

Double room fare

3 nights in \*\*\*/\*\*\*\* hotels  
3 breakfasts  
4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)  
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes  
a visit of a chocolate factory  
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High season (\*)

50 €/pers

Half-board

35 €/dinner

Single occupancy extra

76 €/night

Extra night in Blois

75 €/pers

Extra night in Amboise

120 €/pers

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## Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (4 days) 65 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle -75 €/pers

Extra for luggage transport 60 €/pers

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(\*) High season :

- from 10.04 to 13.04.2020
- from 27.04 to 02.06.2020
- from 04.07 to 30.08.2020

**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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