



## Trip description

### A 4-day escape between Tours and Saumur (canoe+bike)

From Tours to Saumur you cycle in the Loire Valley through the vineyards and along the cave houses to meet the famous castles of the Loire Valley.

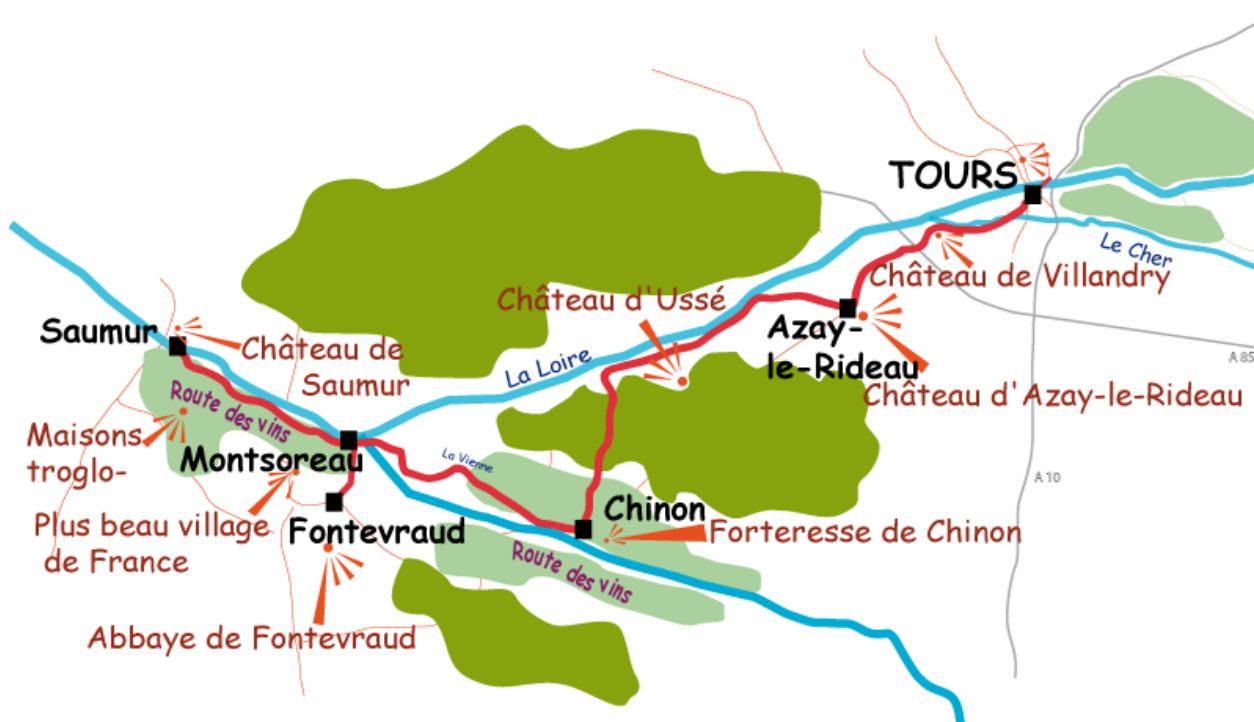


Destination	France
Location	Loire Valley
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	from april to november
Minimum age	1 year
Reference	L0403

Type of stay  
itinerant trip



## Itinerary



Encounter the breathtaking beauties of the Loire valley by riding on the "Loire à vélo" bike route between Tours and Saumur. Meandering between the Loire valley and the Vienne valley, the bike route follows little country roads passing by the most prestigious castles, the chateaux de la Loire such as the chateau de Villandry, the chateau d'Azay-le-Rideau or the chateau d'Ussé, the castle of the Sleeping Beauty. You will not only admire the changing colors of the Loire River, the traditional boats swinging between the sand banks, but also the vineyards of Chinon and Saumur or the abbaye de Fontevraud. You will also see many cave houses all along the way. Give in to the magic of a cycling holiday in the Loire.

#### DAY 1

##### Tours - Azay

Bike  
35km

You wind on the cycling path along the Loire to leave Tours and reach the château de Villandry with its beautiful French gardens. Enjoy the banks of the Loire Valley before riding up through forests towards the château d'Azay-le-Rideau.

#### DAY 2

##### Azay - Chinon

Bike  
32km

Keep on cycling on « Loire à vélo » and ride on the dike to get to the château d'Ussé which inspired the Sleeping Beauty fairy tale. You enter into Chinon overlooking the old town. Enjoy the labyrinth of medieval narrow streets when you ride down the Vienne River.

#### DAY 3

##### Chinon - Montsoreau or Fontevraud

Bike  
20/27km

Choose between canoeing or biking

TWO OPTIONS :

You can choose to exchange your bicycle for a canoe and float along the Vienne River to Montsoreau or continue cycling to Fontevraud and visit its beautiful abbey.

#### DAY 4

##### Montsoreau or Fontevraud - Saumur

Bike  
15/21km

2 route options

Today's route alternates between cave houses and vineyards. Then, you can choose to ride along the Loire or through the hills. Both paths lead to the village of Souzay-Champigny where you ride among beautiful cave houses. Stop by to taste the wines of Saumur. At the end of this charming route, you discover the city of Saumur and its castle with impressive dungeons.

## 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.

**By train:** you need to get to Tours Centre. You can take **inter-regional trains from Paris-Austerlitz** station. The duration of the trip is about 2h00. Or **TGV (fast trains) from Paris Montparnasse** (direct or connection in Saint-Pierre-des-Corps). The duration of the trip is between 1h15 and 1h45. To plan your trip, [www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com).

### Parking

If you drive to Tours, 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 10€ 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 12€/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

Double room fare

385 €/pers

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

one day of canoeing between Chinon and Montsoreau (optional)

the return of the bikes

local visitors' taxes

sending charge of the travel documents in France

24h/24 hotline

High season (\*)

30 €/pers

Half-board

30 €/dinner

Single occupancy extra

45 €/night

Extra night in Tours

60 €/pers

Extra night in Saumur

60 €/pers

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### Category B

Double room fare

415 €/pers

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

one day of canoeing between Chinon and Montsoreau (optional)

the return of the bikes  
local visitors' taxes  
sending charge of the travel documents in France  
24h/24 hotline

High season (*)	40 €/pers
Half-board	30 €/dinner
Single occupancy extra	54 €/night
Extra night in Tours	65 €/pers
Extra night in Saumur	104 €/pers

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**Category C** 495 €/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  
one day of canoeing between Chinon and Montsoreau (optional)  
the return of the bikes  
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High season (*)	50 €/pers
Half-board	34 €/dinner
Single occupancy extra	71 €/night
Extra night in Tours	110 €/pers
Extra night in Saumur	122 €/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	-67 €/pers
Extra for luggage transport	70 €/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 discounts** (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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