



Trip description

Romantic bike tour along the Loire from Tours to Angers

Ride along the Loire from Tours to Angers and stay in charming B&B. Discover the magic of the Loire Valley, the castles of Villandry, Langeais, Ussé and Angers and Saumur vineyards.



Destination	France
Location	Loire Valley
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	From March to November
Minimum age	12 years
Reference	L0404

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



Discover the beauty of the Loire Valley by biking from Tours to Angers. The itinerary follows the Loire river to meet the Loire castles as prestigious as Villandry, Langeais, Ussé (castle of Sleeping Beauty) or the fortress of Angers with its best preserved medieval tapestry. You will discover the changing colors of the Loire Valley, the traditional boat (toutes) swaying between sandbanks, but also the vineyards of Saumur or the Abbey of Fontevraud. On this cycling holiday you will also see the typical cave houses. Let yourself be carried away by the magic of the Loire by bike and enjoy the timeless moment.

Day 1

Tours - Langeais

Bike
30km

Discover the charm of the lively old Tours with its timbered houses, Saint-Gatien cathedral, Wilson Bridge and Plumereau square. You leave Tours by wandering along the Loire and join the chateau de Villandry. The gardens are worth the visit. Continue riding along the Loire before arriving at one of the few medieval castles of the Loire Valley, Château de Langeais. You cross a medieval bridge under which sway typical boats and barges.

Day 2

Langeais - Savigny-en-Véron

Bike
38km

Continue to follow the Loire by bike and take the dam to reach the castle of Ussé, which inspired Perrault's tale of the Sleeping Beauty. Shortly after, you leave the Loire to cycle through charming country roads. You enter into Chinon overlooking the old town. Enjoy the labyrinth of medieval narrow streets when you ride down the Vienne River, along which you ride to the village of Savigny-en-Véron.

Day 3

Savigny-en-Véron - Gennes

Bike
55/65km

You reach the Vienne river and the ride through a natural park. You arrive at Candès-Saint-Martin, very beautiful village in white limestone with its collegiate church of the 12th century. Continue your ride to Montsoreau one of the most beautiful villages of France built around the castle. You can make a small detour to admire the Abbey of Fontevraud. 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. You ride leisurely out of Saumur and cross peaceful villages with a rich heritage amongst other beautiful medieval churches. Before reaching Gennes, ride through a forest and along a pond, which offers one of the most beautiful areas of the Loire to picnic and relax.

Day 4

Gennes - Angers

Bike
50km

You continue to enjoy the charms of the Loire valley. You ride along the small villages of the Loire and enjoy the many small cafés to relax in the shade of the willows. Then you cross the Loire and the Loiret in Ponts-de-Cé and ride down the Loire to the confluence of the Maine. Finally, Angers appears with its castle, its fortress and its lively streets.

Accommodation

Category B

You stay in charming bed & breakfasts selected for their style and quality. 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.

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 18.50€/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 B

349 €/pers

Double room fare

3 nights in 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

the return of the bikes

local visitors' taxes

sending charge of the travel documents in France

7/7 hotline

High season extra (*)

30 €/pers

Half-board

30 €/dinner

Single occupancy extra

50 €/night

Extra night in Tours

60 €/pers

Extra night in Angers

65 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (4 days)

55 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-95 €/pers

Extra for luggage transport

70 €/pers

(*) **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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