



Trip description

A cycling week from Tours to Saumur: our favorite in the Loire

Follow the cycling paths of "Loire à vélo" and discover the prestigious situation Saumur vineyards, the magnificent castles of the Loire Valley and the cave houses.

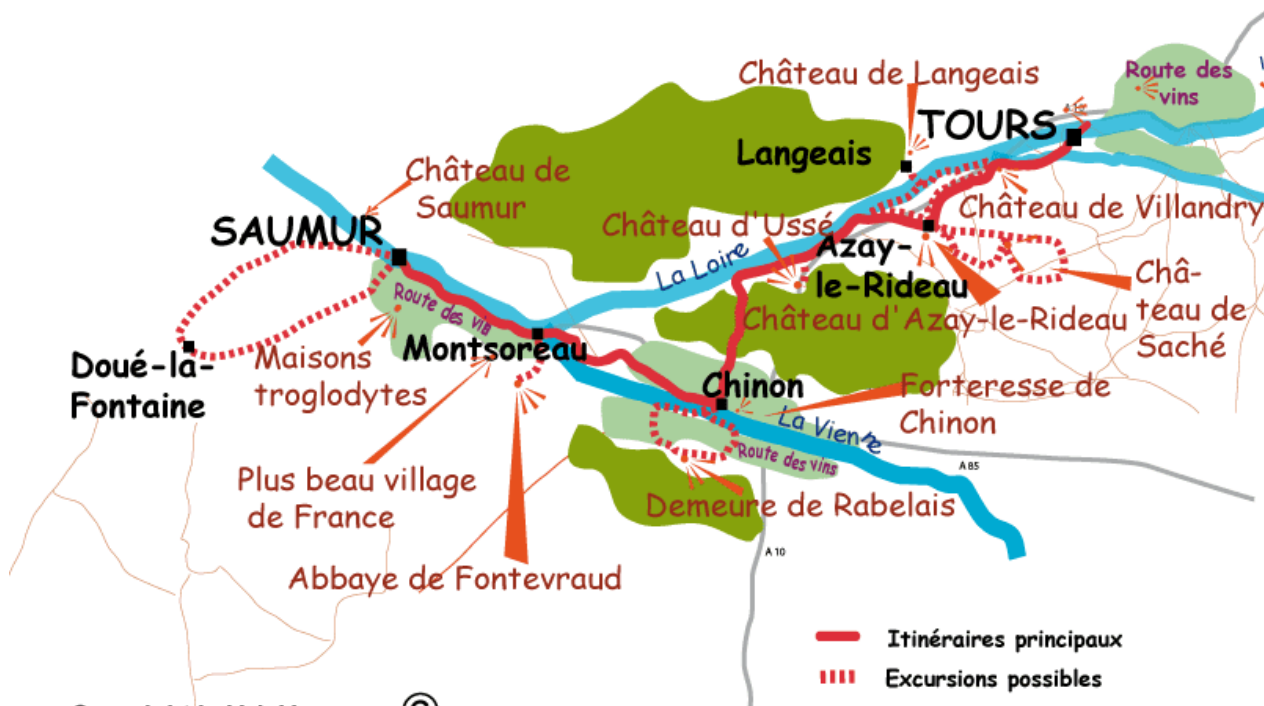


Destination	France
Location	Vallée de la Loire
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	from april to october
Minimum age	1 year
Reference	L0702

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



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Encounter the breathtaking beauties of the Loire valley by riding on the "Loire à vélo" route between Tours and Saumur. Meandering between the Loire valley and the Vienne valley, the route goes on little country roads passing by the most prestigious castles in Loire such as Villandry, Azay-le-Rideau or 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 Fontevraud Abbey. You will also see many cave houses all along the way. Give in to the magic of a cycling holiday in Loire.

DAY 1

Tours

Discover the charming old neighborhood in Tours boasting many half-timbered houses. Stroll around and visit Saint-Gatien cathedral, the Wilson bridge and Plumereau square.

DAY 2

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 3

Day-trip to Saché

Bike
27km

You can either enjoy a rest day in Azay-le-Rideau to quietly visit the castle or explore the surrounding villages on beautiful country roads. You start by learning all about the wickerwork in Villaines-les-Rochers, then go through Saché and its castle, famous for regularly hosting the French writer Honoré de Balzac. Then, you ride down to Pont-de-Ruan, village at the confluence of several rivers that flow into the Indre. You can visit the miller's house in order to discover the history of the mills of the village.

DAY 4

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 5

Day-trip to the Chinon vineyards

Bike
38km

You can choose to spend your day chilling in the medieval town and visiting the fortress, or choose to ride your bike in the surrounding vineyards and hills. If so, don't miss the former house of the French writer Rabelais which is called "La Devinière". Don't forget to stop in one of the local wine cellars to taste the Chinon wines.

DAY 6

Chinon - Fontevraud

Bike
27km

TWO OPTIONS :

You can choose to exchange your bicycle for a canoe and float along the Vienne River to Montsoreau and finish your day by bike to Fontevraud, or continue cycling to Fontevraud

Choose between canoeing or biking

and visit its beautiful abbey.

DAY 7

Fontevraud - Saumur

Bike
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.

DAY 8

Departure from Saumur

Discover the charming old neighborhood of Saumur and the imposing castle over the city. This city is the capital of equestrian art and a main spot of French cuisine and in the center of a very rich wine region

Accommodation

Category A

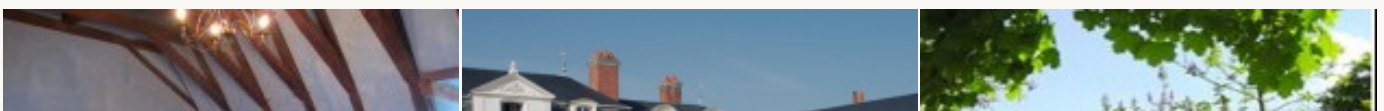
You'll enjoy staying in these clean and cozy 2-Star hotels that give you a pleasant rest after your day of biking. Breakfast is included when you spend the night in these friendly and family-run hotels.



** 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 3/4-Star category. Some nights you'll stay in quaint 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-**

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.

Meeting time:

The first day is an arrival day without cycling. You arrive whenever you want depending on from where you come. Please note that rooms are usually available in the middle of the afternoon depending on your accommodation. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

Price description

Category A
Double room fare

929 €/pers

7 nights in ** or *** hotels
7 breakfasts

6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddles, bags, locks, toolkit)
luggage transport from one lodging to the other
access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information
one day of canoeing between Chinon and Montsoreau (optional)
the return of the bikes
7/7 hotline

High season extra (*)	60 €/pers
Half-board (6 dinners)	225 €/pers
Extra for a single room	58 €/night
Extra night in Tours	65 €/pers
Extra night in Saumur	65 €/pers

Category B

1059 €/pers

Double room fare

7 nights in ** or *** hotels or bed & breakfasts

7 breakfasts

6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)

access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information

luggage transport from one lodging to the other

one day of canoeing between Chinon and Montsoreau (optional)

the return of the bikes

7/7 hotline

High season extra (*)	50 €/pers
Half-board (6 dinners)	225 €/pers
Extra for a single room	60 €/night
Extra night in Tours	85 €/pers
Extra night in Saumur	95 €/pers

Category C

1299 €/pers

Double room fare

7 nights including 6 nights in ***/**** hotels

7 breakfasts

6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)

access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information

luggage transport from one lodging to the other

one day of canoeing between Chinon and Montsoreau (optional)

the return of the bikes

7/7 hotline

High season extra (*)	30 €/pers
Half-board (6 dinners)	235 €/pers
Extra for a single room	110 €/night
Extra night in Tours	110 €/pers
Extra night in Saumur	120 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (6 days)	95 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-80 €/pers

(*) High season :

- from 05.01 to 31.05.2023
- from 07.01 to 09.14.2023

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
touristic taxes
insurances (optional)

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