



Trip description

A cycling week in family from Blois to Amboise

From Blois to Amboise, cycle along the Loire Valley with your family. Discover short itineraries leading you to the most prestigious castles of the region... An incredible cycling week to share with your kids!

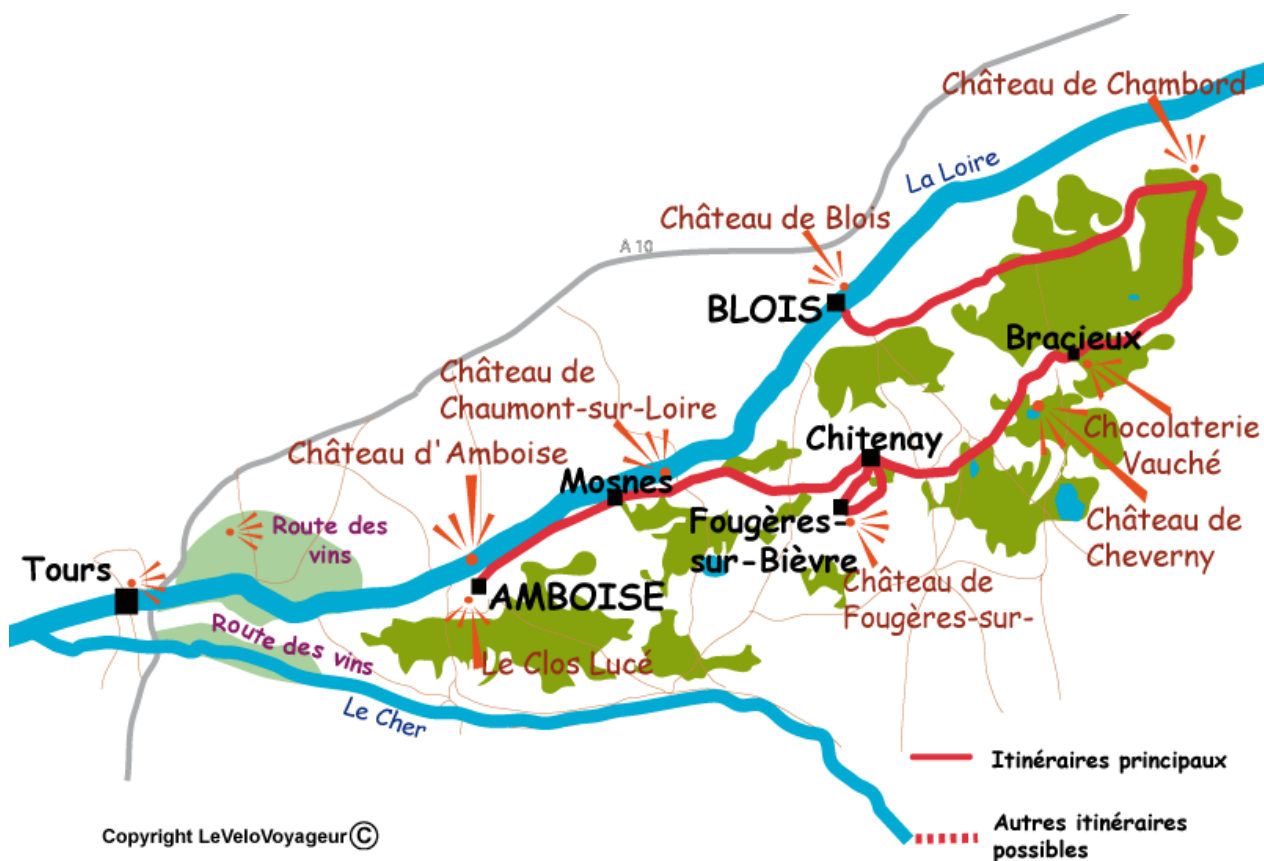


Destination	France
Location	Vallée de la Loire
Duration	7 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	From April to November
Minimum age	1 year
Reference	L0703

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



From Blois to Amboise, cycle along the Loire River in family and discover the most prestigious castles of France: Blois, Chambord, Amboise, Cheverny and the Clos Lucé.

The Loire Valley, listed on the UNESCO World Heritage, is an ideal cycling itinerary for children. Discover at your own pace the Loire Valley by riding on secured cycling paths.

Day after day, in the enchanting region of the Loire valley, explore the magic of Chambord and be seduced by the medieval city of Amboise.

Day 1

Arrival in Blois

Start your tour by exploring Blois, with its cobblestone streets and meandering walkways. Cross the long stone bridge in the center of town for great views. Your highlight will be visiting Blois Castle, with intricate architectural details and manicured gardens

Day 2

Blois - Bracieux

Bike
30km

Enter the magnificent forest of Chambord. Take a peek at the sculpted salamanders engraved on the walls of the most extravagant castle of the Loire Valley, masterpiece of French Renaissance. Take the double staircase in which two people can go up and down without seeing each other. That will lead you to the royal apartments of Francis I and Louis XIV.

Then, continue to the small village of Bracieux.

Day 3

Bracieux - Chitenay

Bike
25km

Cross the countryside to discover all secrets of a chocolate factory, a well-known industry in the region.

Then ride along the Cosson creek and discover the small castle of Villesavin before regressing to childhood in Cheverny castle. This should bring up some memories, if you ever read Tintin: it was the inspiration for Moulinsart castle.

Day 4

Excursion à Fougères-sur-Bievre

Bike
24km

You can enjoy the day to relax by the pool and explore the surrounding area or discover one of the few fortified castles of the Loire Valley, the Chateau of Fougères-sur-Bievre.

Day 5

Chitenay - Mosnes

Bike
35km

You ride through the countryside before reaching the Loire banks, along which traditional wood boats called "toues" are anchored. You reach Chaumont-sur-Loire, known around the world for its International Garden Festival, an annual garden design competition which presents the best creations in the castle park. You have only a few kilometers more to ride before reaching Mosnes.

Day 6

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 7

Amboise

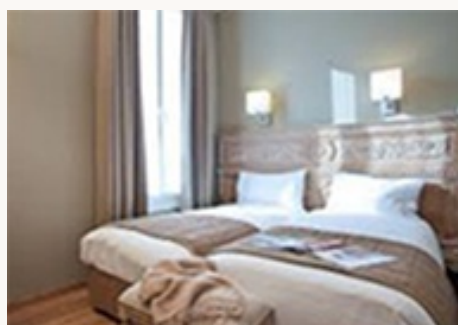
Let the medieval atmosphere of this city seduce you.

A regional train takes you back to the starting point or you can extend your stay.

Accommodation

Category A

You stay in hotels with ** and *** standards offering all the necessary comfort after a day outdoors. These family hotels with services of good quality welcome you warmly. In family, you will enjoy the swimming pool available in one of the accommodations of the itinerary. 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 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.

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

709 €/pers

Double room fare

6 nights in ** or *** hotels
6 breakfasts
5-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)
luggage transport
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
24h/24 hotline

Extra for a single room

46 €/night

Extra night in Bois

50 €/pers

Extra night in Amboise

55 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (5 days)

65 €/pers

High season extra charge

10 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-65 €/pers

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)

(*) 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%

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