



## Trip description

### Cycle the prestigious Loire castles around Tours

Discover the gems of the Loire Valley hidden between prestigious vineyards, majestic castles and cave dwellers villages.

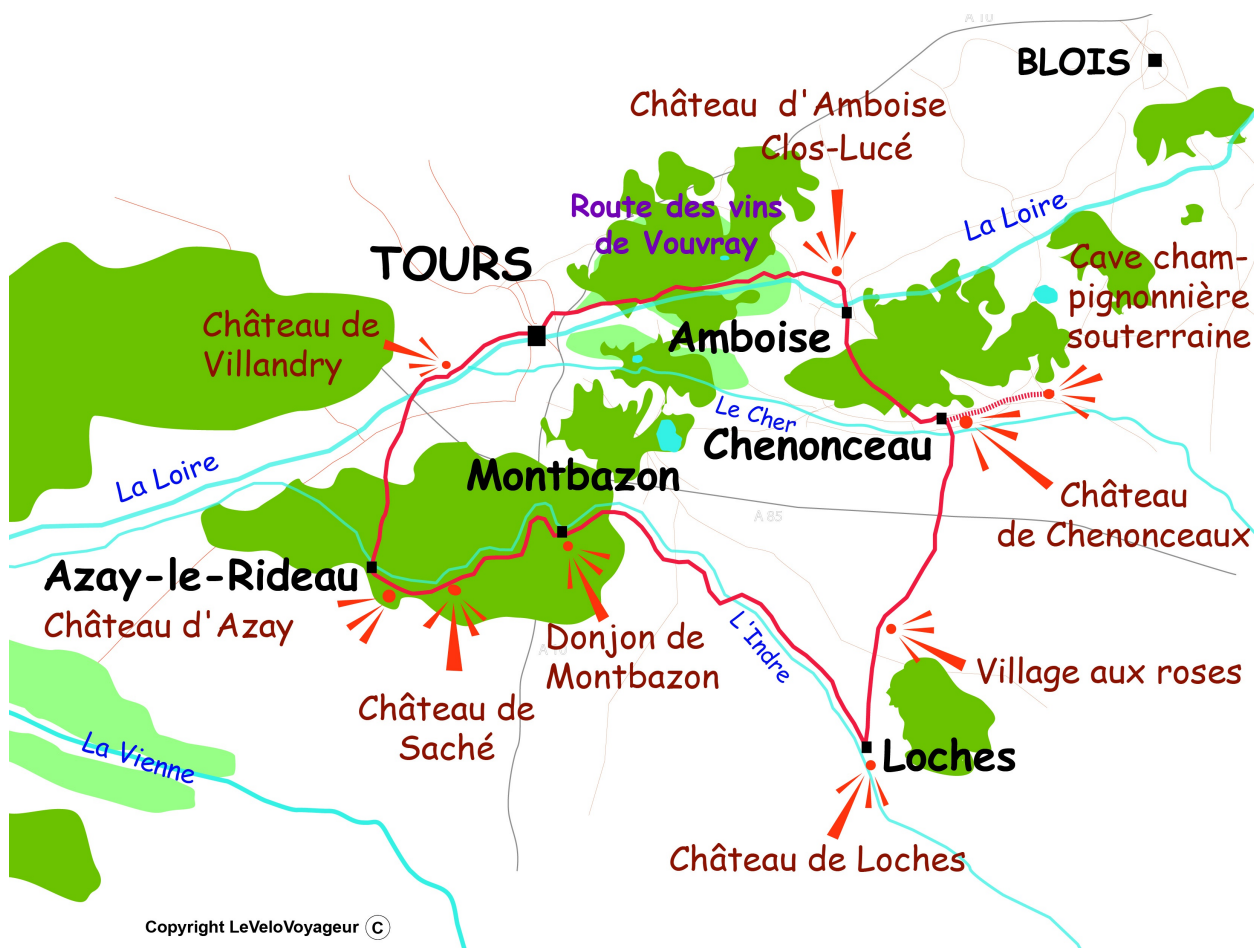


Destination	France
Location	Vallée de la Loire
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	From april to october
Minimum age	10 years old
Reference	L0804

Type of stay  
loop trip



### Itinerary



Starting in Tours, you discover the hidden side of the Loire valley. Your bike ride takes you on small roads through the worldwide known vineyard of Vouvray, the forest of Amboise or along the Indre. You will discover some of the most prestigious castles of the Loire Valley such as the château de Chenonceau, the château d’Azay-le-Rideau, the château de Villandry or the château de Loches and the small hidden gems, as the cave dwellers villages, the many mills of the Indre Valley or the last home of Leonardo da Vinci, the Clos Lucé. Discover also the medieval towns of Amboise and Loches before coming back to Tours.

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.
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Day 2

Tours - Amboise	You leave the city center of Tours and meander through the small wine-growing villages of the Vouvray region along the cave dwellings to reach the medieval town of Amboise.
<div>Bike34km</div>	

Day 3

Amboise - Chenonceau	Ride through the forest of Amboise and along the banks of the Cher until you reach one of the most iconic castles of the Loire, the Château de Chenonceau. You can also continue your bike ride to an underground village and a mushroom cellar near Bourré.
<div>Bike17/47km</div>	

Day 4

Chenonceau - Loches	You cross the Cher and the lovely countryside to reach the beautiful small village of Chédigny, also called the village of roses. Then, you continue your ride to the medieval city of Loches and its fortress on the banks of the Indre.
<div>Bike33km</div>	

Day 5

Loches - Montbazon	You leave Loches riding along the banks of the Indre and pass the many small charming villages bordering the river. You cross the river on a Roman bridge and admire the medieval remains which mark out your bike ride.
<div>Bike41km</div>	

Day 6

Montbazon - Azay-le-Rideau	You leave the charming town of Montbazon and meander along the Indre River, through the small villages, along the many water mills and cave dwellings. In this valley of the Indre, the French writer Balzac found his inspiration. Several of his books describe these places. You can visit his home in Saché. You end up visiting the beautiful castle of Azay-le-Rideau.
<div>Bike</div>	

24km

Rideau.

## Day 7

### Azay-le-Rideau - Tours

Bike  
35km

You meander through the forest to reach the castle of Villandry and its gardens. Enjoy the banks of the Loire before going back to the city center of Tours along the cycle lanes.

## Day 8

### Departure from Tours

You can decide to extend your stay or start your home travel.

## 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 guaints 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.

### 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

949 €/pers

7 nights in \*\* or \*\*\* hotels

7 breakfasts

6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

the luggage transport from one lodging to the other (1 luggage 25 kg max & 1 carry on bag per person)

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

a visit and tasting in "Cave des Producteurs de Vouvray"

a bottle of Vouvray wine for two people  
7/7 hotline

Off season (*)	30 €/pers
Single occupancy extra	65 €/night
Extra night in Tours	65 €/pers

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<b>Category B</b> Double room fare	<b>1219 €/pers</b>
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7 nights in \*\* or \*\*\* hotels or bed & breakfasts  
7 breakfasts  
6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)  
the luggage transport from one lodging to the other (1 luggage 25 kg max & 1 carry on bag per person)  
the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information  
a visit and wine tasting in "Cave des Producteurs de Vouvray"  
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Off season (*)	80 €/pers
Half-board	On request
Single occupancy extra	65 €/night
Extra night in Tours	80 €/pers

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<b>Category C</b> Double room fare	<b>1489 €/pers</b>
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7 nights in \*\*\*\* hotels or bed & breakfasts  
7 breakfasts  
6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)  
the luggage transport from one lodging to the other (1 luggage 25 kg max & 1 carry on bag per person)  
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Off season (*)	20 €/pers
Half-board	On request
Single occupancy extra	120 €/night
Extra night in Tours	95 €/pers

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## Options

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

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### (\*) High season :

- from 01.04 to 15.04.2023
- from 16.10 to 31.10.2023

### 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)  
touristic taxes

### 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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