



Trip description

Luxury trip Cycling the Loire Valley and its vineyards

Discover the Loire Valley while staying in luxurious accommodation. The route alternates between prestigious vineyards, renowned castles and cave valley.



Destination	France
Location	Loire Valley
Duration	5 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	From April to October
Minimum age	7 years
Reference	SE-L0501

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



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Discover the Loire Valley by bike from Tours to Saumur while staying in outstanding accommodation. You begin this luxurious journey in Tours with

its beautiful cathedral and half-timbered houses. You then cycle along the Loire and past sumptuous châteaux: Villandry and its gardens, Azay-le-Rideau and its water mirror, and Ussé, the castle of Sleeping Beauty. You cycle through Touraine's renowned vineyards, do not hesitate to stop off at a winemaker's to taste his wines. You then discover Fontevraud and its magnificent abbey, home to the tombs of Richard the Lionheart and Eleanor of Aquitaine. The end of the itinerary alternates between vineyards and troglodyte villages, all the way until Saumur and its imposing château.

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

Azay-le-Rideau - Fontevraud

Bike
52km

Keep on cycling along the Loire river and ride on the dike to get to the château d'Ussé which inspired the Sleeping Beauty fairy tale. Then, you follow the Val de Vienne to Montsoreau. Take the time to visit its flowery streets, troglodytes and its castle. You end your day in Fontevraud and its magnificent abbey.

Day 4

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 5

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

 Luxury category

You are accommodated in luxury places of the ****/***** type. Castles, mansions, boutique hotels, enjoy luxurious accommodation with services offered on the themes of well-being and gastronomy.



* Example of the type of accommodation

Practical information

To get to departure point:

Access possible by car or train. Travel time by train is estimated at 2h from Paris. We will then pick you up at Tours train station to take you to your accommodation.

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. A personalized welcome will be provided at 6pm or the next morning at 9am, depending on your convenience.

Price description

Luxury category

Double room fare

1919 €/pers

4 nights in **** hotels

4 breakfasts

a personalized welcome

one-way transfer from Tours train station and return transfer to Saumur train station

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

the luggage transport from one lodging to the other

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

the return of the bikes

personalized 7d/7 hotline

High season (*)

150 €/pers

Half-board

On request

Extra night

On request

Activities (visit castles, cellar...)

On request

Airport transfer

On request

Options

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

50 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-60 €/pers

(*) High season :

- from 01.05 to 31.05.2023
- from 01.07 to 14.09.2023

The package doesn't include:
the journey to the tour location
the drinks
local visitors' taxes
the meals which are not included
the entrance fee to sites
insurances (optional)

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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