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Castle of the Loire Valley | Discoverer

Cycling in the magical Loire Valley

La Route Royale

This cycling tour leads you into the romantic Loire valleys and its tributaries, into the 'Garden of France' and is totally characterised by royal residences built here centuries ago. Kings, overlords and court ladies seduced by the scenic allure of the region, took up residence here – and left their marks, which are best followed by bike: Villandry with its marvellous grounds, the 'Sleeping Beauty Palace' Ussé, the royal abbey of Fontevraud, which was at times used as a prison, the spectacular Chenonceaux palace, built on top of the foundations of a watermill situated directly into the river Cher ... One fascinating, one-of-a-kind building followed by the next. Inbetween vineyards and wine villages oozing rural charm cover the area.

Adventurous cyclists get their money's worth and take plenty of time especially for Chambord palace and the numerous sights of Blois and Amboise. Without any pressure you cycle from palace to palace, delight in the stupendous architecture and revel in the royal sense of life of a region, where the wealthy and powerful of days gone by used to abandon themselves to idleness and where you too will feel just like you live in clover.

France



Easy to moderate



10 Days / 9 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version



Itinerary

Day 1**Arrival Tours**

Individual arrival in Blois. The rental bikes (if booked) are available for you at the hotel.

Day 2**Blois - Amboise**

| approx. 45 km

The Loire cycle path takes you from Blois to Chaumont-sur-Loire. The castle here was never a royal residence and is therefore an insider tip. The park in particular is well worth a visit. You cycle on to Amboise. You are welcome to visit the castle, a particularly early example of Renaissance architecture in the Loire Valley. One overnight stay in Amboise.

Day 3**Amboise - Tours**

| approx. 30 km

This stage leads through the vineyards on the slopes above the Loire, into the wine-growing region of Montlouis-sur-Loire and the small town of the same name, which is idyllically situated on the river. It is worth taking a short break here before returning to Tours, now again along the banks of the river. One overnight stay in Tours.

Day 4**Tours - Chinon**

| approx. 55 km

The River Cher takes you to Villandry Castle with its famous terraced gardens and ornate vegetable gardens. A few kilometers later, the Loire castle of Langeais and, on the edge of the forest of Chinon, the Sleeping Beauty castle of Ussé beckon. You approach today's destination of Chinon via small villages.

Day 5**Trip Fontevraud l'Abbaye**

| approx. 55 km

Along the Vienne via Candes-St-Martin and Montsoreau. Past the famous monastery of Fontevraud l'Abbaye back to Chinon.

Day 6**Chinon - Azay-le-Rideau**

| approx. 40 km

Azay-le-Rideau Castle is a diamond with a thousand facets, set in the Indre River - as Balzac wrote. You will spend the night directly in the village and have the opportunity to enjoy the magic of the castle and its cultural events.

Day 7**Azay-le-Rideau - Chenonceaux**

approx. 60 km

Through the romantic river landscape of the Indre to Montbazou. On "meadow paths" along the Cher to Bléré, a small market town, and on to Chenonceau Castle.

Day 8**Chenonceaux - Blois**

approx. 50 - 80 km

Today you have two options to choose from: the shorter stage through Touraine to Chaumont Castle and on along the Loire to Blois, or the second, longer option: via Montrichard, Cheverny, Villesavine to Chambord Castle, the largest residence on the Loire. One overnight stay in Blois.

Day 9**Trip to the castle Chambord**

approx. 50 km

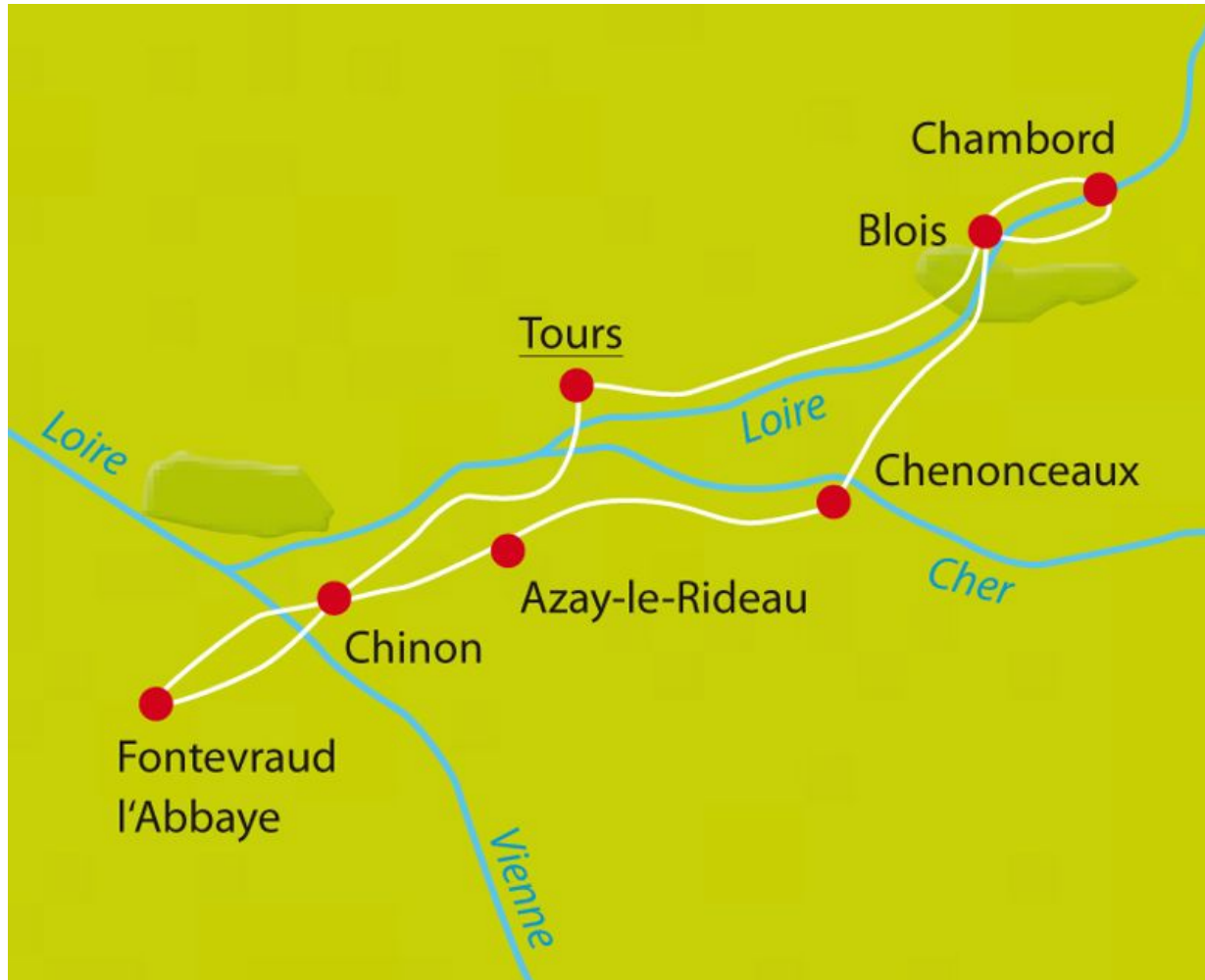
Today is primarily dedicated to Chambord Castle. Even from a distance, this largest and most magnificent residence on the Loire shimmers through the trees. Half a millennium of French history has left its mark on Chambord: Built in the Renaissance under the art-loving King François I, the scene of glittering festivals and hunting parties under the "Sun King" Louis XIV, plundered during the French Revolution and today, after Versaille, the second most visited castle in France. Another overnight stay in Blois.

Day 10**Departure or extension**

C'est la vie – today your journey to the castles of the Loire has come to an end! One more substantial breakfast, then it's time to say goodbye to one of the most charming, delightful regions of France. Should you decide to extend your holiday, we would be delighted to book accommodation for you!

Tour character

The route takes you through gently rolling countryside with only a few climbs, although a certain level of basic fitness will enable you to enjoy the countryside and its many attractions all the more. The route runs mainly along cycle paths, service roads and quiet side roads.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Blois

	Season 1 23.03.2024 - 12.04.2024 28.09.2024 - 12.10.2024 daily	Season 2 13.04.2024 - 10.05.2024 07.09.2024 - 27.09.2024 daily	Season 3 11.05.2024 - 06.09.2024 daily
Castles on River Loire, 10 days, cat. A, FR-LORTT-10A			
Base price	1,299.00	1,399.00	1,459.00
Surcharge single room	499.00	499.00	499.00
Castles on River Loire, 10 days, cat. B, FR-LORTT-10B			
Base price	1,129.00	1,229.00	1,289.00
Surcharge single room	479.00	479.00	479.00

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Help us to achieve greater sustainability. If you choose to use the digital route book and forgo the printed version you will help us to reduce our environmental impact and we'll give you a discount of 20 Euro per room as a thank you.

Our bookable bikes

	Price
21-gear unisex incl. rental bike insurance	109.00
21-gear gents incl. rental bike insurance	109.00
rental bike PLUS incl. rental bike insurance	185.00
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	279.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and extras

Services

Included:

- 9 Overnights in hotels of the booked category
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- At best elaborated route with maps (GE,EN,FR)
- Detailed travel documents, 1x per room (GE,EN,FR)
- Navigation app and GPS-Tracks available
- For rental bikes, rental bike insurance
- 7-days-service-hotline

Not included:

- Arrival and departure
- Costs for parking
- City tax
- Transfers
- Optional sightseeings
- City maps
- Repairs of own bike
- Travel Insurances
- Costs of the private requirements

Extras

Arrival / Parking / Departure

Arriving by train: change trains in Paris - you will have to go by Underground to another station; therefore it is not possible to take your bike with you.

Arrival by car: Depending on the booked category hotel garage or public parking garage for about € 30,- per week. No reservation possible; payable locally.

Flights to Paris: good plane connections, also cheap economy flights; good connections by train to Tours (about 250 km).

Hotels

French hotel classification

Category A: Overnight stays in quality hotels of the 2*/3* category. All rooms with shower/bath and WC.

Category B: Overnight stays in hotels of the 2* category. The accommodations may be in the surroundings of the city. All rooms with shower/bath and WC.

Important notes


Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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