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Castels of the Loire valley

Cycling in the magical Loire Valley

La Route Royale

The Loire Valley – the epitome of the romance of France. Its rural charm is equally as impressive as the cultural wealth of its cities. But above all it is the castles which make the Loire valley world famous. Kings, feudal lords and ladies of court, all seduced by the charm of the Loire valley, had several hundred castles, manor houses, and fairy-tale residences built here in the “Garden of France”. Villandry, Langeais, Usse, Chinon, Saumur, Azay-le-Rideau, Chenonceaux, Chaumont, Blois, Chambord, to name but a few. The mood of the river can change from one extreme to the other in the space of a single day. What the French call “grisaille”, a foggy, gloomy melancholy atmosphere (although the French term sounds poetic), can give way to a magnificent sunset, bathing the countryside in pastel colours! What could be nicer than exploring this fascinating region of France by bike?

France



Easy to moderate



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version



Itinerary

Day 1**Arrival in Blois**

Individual arrival in Blois. Bikes are available for hire at the hotel (if booked).

Day 2**Blois - Tours**

| approx. 75 km

You briefly cross the Loire to pay tribute to the most royal of all Loire castles. Amboise Castle was home to five kings and a Roman emperor. Continue along the Loire cycle path to Tours.

Day 3**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 4**Trip Fontevraud l'Abbaye**

| approx. 40 km

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

Day 5**Chinon - Azay-le-Rideau**

| approx. 40 km

The castle of Azay-le-Rideau is a diamond with a thousand facets, framed by the River Indre. You spend the night directly in the village.

Day 6**Azay-le-Rideau - Chenonceaux**

| approx. 60 km

You cycle through the romantic river landscape of the Indre to Montbazou. Continue via Bléré to Chenonceau Castle.

Day 7**Chenonceaux - Blois**

approx. 50 - 80 km

Today you have two options to choose from: the shorter stage through Touraine to Chaumont Castle and on to Blois or the second option via Montrichard, Cheverny, Villesavine to Chambord Castle.

Day 8**Departure or extending your holiday**

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, 8 days, cat. A, FR-LORTT-08A			
Base price	1,079.00	1,139.00	1,199.00
Surcharge single room	379.00	379.00	379.00
Castles on River Loire, 8 days, cat. B, FR-LORTT-08B			
Base price	939.00	999.00	1,059.00
Surcharge single room	379.00	379.00	379.00

Sustainability with Rückenwind!

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	99.00
21-gear gents incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
rental bike PLUS incl. rental bike insurance	169.00
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	259.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and extras

Services

Included:

- 7 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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