



Trip description

3 days along the Loire Valley from Tours to Saumur

From Tours to Saumur enjoy your cycling holiday along the Loire and explore the castles of the Loire: Villandry, Azay-le-Rideau, Chinon or Ussé. Discover the wonderful vineyards of Chinon and Saumur.

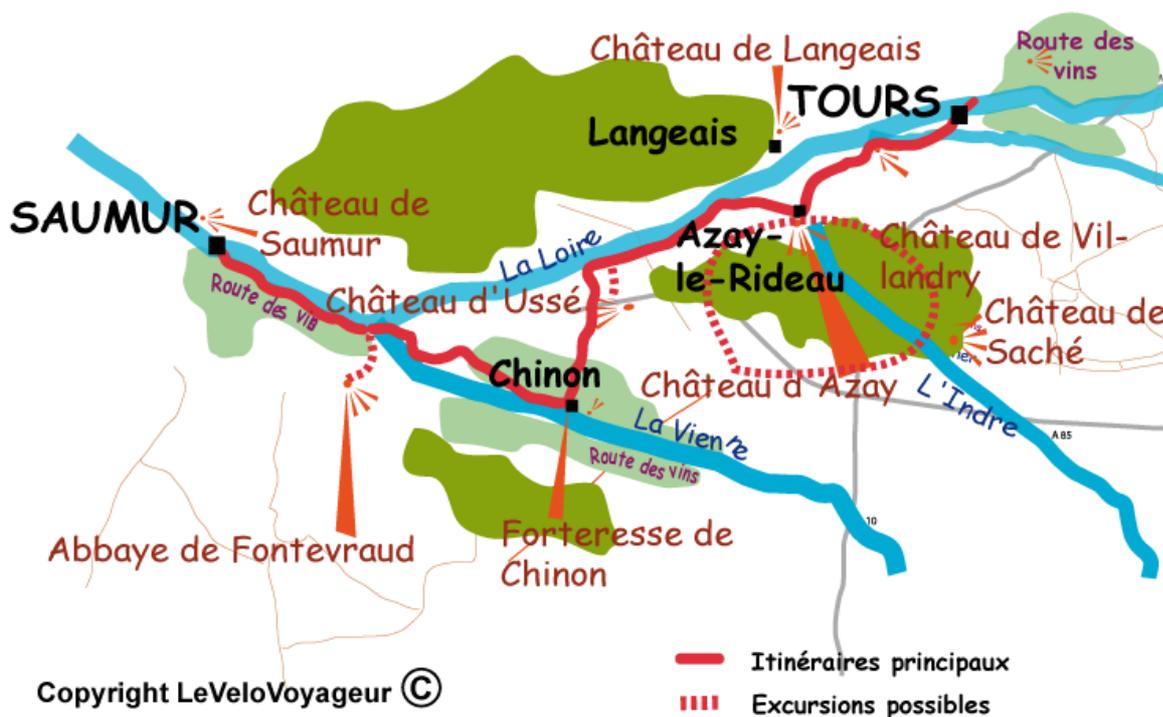


Destination	France
Location	Vallée de la Loire
Duration	3 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	From April to October
Minimum age	1 year
Reference	L0302

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



Discover the breathtaking beauties of the Loire valley by riding on the "Loire à vélo" bike route between Tours and Saumur. Meandering between

the Loire valley and the Vienne valley, the bike route follows little country roads passing by the most prestigious castles, the châteaux de la Loire such as the chateau de Villandry, the chateau d'Azay-le-Rideau or the chateau d'Ussé, the castle of the Sleeping Beauty. You will not only admire the changing colors of the Loire River, the traditional boats swinging between the sand banks, but also the vineyards of Chinon and Saumur. You will also see many cave houses all along the way. Give in to the magic of a cycling holiday in the Loire.

Day 1

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 2

Azay - Chinon

Bike
32km

Keep on cycling on « Loire à vélo » and ride on the dike to get to the château d'Ussé which inspired the Sleeping Beauty fairy tale. You enter into Chinon overlooking the old town. Enjoy the labyrinth of medieval narrow streets when you ride down the Vienne River.

Day 3

Chinon - Saumur

Bike
35/48km

2 route options

You continue to ride along the Vienne River and enjoy the view on the wild Loire banks. You arrive in the gorgeous small village of Candès-Saint-Martin built with freestone. You can stop to admire the XIIth century foundation church. Keep on to Montsoreau which is one of the "Loveliest Villages in France" built around its castle. From there, you have the option to keep on the hills to Fontevraud which is worth visiting for its magnificent abbey which shelters the tombs of Richard the Lionheart and Eleanor of Aquitaine. Otherwise ride straight to Saumur. On your way you admire the cave house villages and stop to taste Saumur wines in the numerous wine cellars. Discover Saumur and its castle with impressive dungeons at the end of this idyllic ride.

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*

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.

Parking

If you arrive by car, you can park your car in a public car park in the city, please have a look : parkopedia.fr for more informations. It's not possible to park your car at the hotel during your whole stay.

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 12€/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 vehicule on demand.

If you chose the luggage transport, you will be able to pick up your luggage after 5pm at the pick up location.

Meeting time:

You pick up your bikes in the morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We recommend you to arrive around 10am to enjoy your day fully without rushing and be able to do the visits on the way.

If you chose luggage transport, you must arrive before 10am to drop off your luggage. Bikes pick up point and luggage drop off point are located next to the train station and will be given in your travel documents.

Price description

Category A
Double room fare

279 €/pers

2 nights in **/** hotels
2 breakfasts

3-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)
the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information
the return of the bikes
7/7 hotline

High season (*)	20 €/pers
Half-board	On request
Single occupancy extra	49 €/night
Extra night in Tours	60 €/pers
Extra night in Saumur	65 €/pers

Category B

319 €/pers

Double room fare

2 nights in *** hotels or bed&breakfast's

2 breakfasts

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

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

the return of the bikes

7/7 hotline

High season (*)	10 €/pers
Half-board (2 dinners)	68 €/pers
Single occupancy extra	55 €/night
Extra night in Tours	85 €/pers
Extra night in Saumur	95 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (3 days)	60 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-65 €/pers
Extra for luggage transportation	95 €/pers
Luggage transport low season: 01/04 - 14/04 and 16/10 - 31/10 (min 2 pers)	120 €/pers

(*) **High season** :

• from 05.01 to 05.31

• from 07.01 to 09.14

Children discounts (in the same room as 2 full rate participants)

0-4 year : -70%

5-11 year : -50%

12-17 year : -30%

The package doesn't include:

the journey to the tour location

local visitors' taxes

the drinks

the meals which are not included

the entrance fee to sites

insurances (optional)

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