



Trip description

A 4-day escape between Tours and Saumur (canoe+bike)

From Tours to Saumur you cycle in the Loire Valley through the vineyards and along the cave houses to meet the famous castles of the Loire Valley.

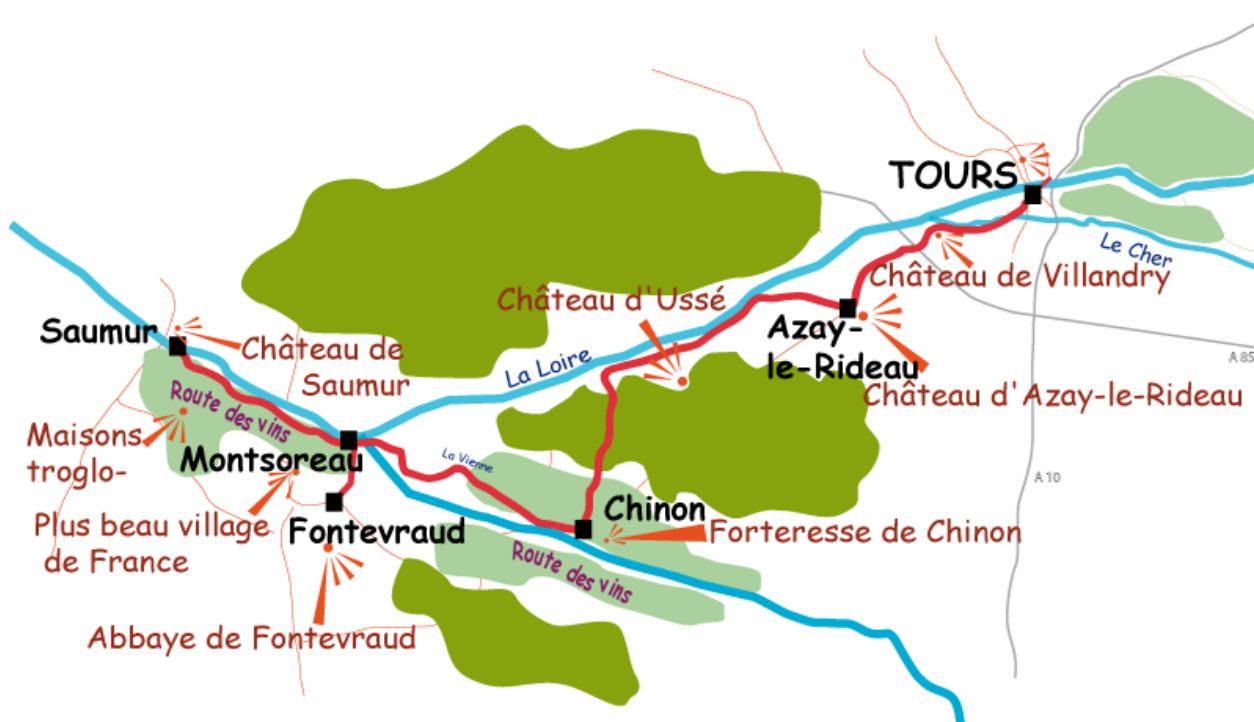


Destination	France
Location	Vallée de la Loire
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	from april to october
Minimum age	7 years
Reference	L0403

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



Encounter 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 chateaux 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 or the abbaye de Fontevraud. 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 - Fontevraud

Bike
27km

Choose between canoeing or
biking

TWO OPTIONS :

You can choose to exchange your bicycle for a canoe and float along the Vienne River to Montsoreau and finish your day by bike to Fontevraud, or continue cycling to Fontevraud and visit its beautiful 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.

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 quaint 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.

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 vehicle 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 09:00 am 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

From April 1st to April 14 th and October 16th to 31st a luggage extra applies.

Category A	459 €/pers
Double room fare	
3 nights in **/**** hotels	
3 breakfasts	
4-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	
one day of canoeing between Chinon and Montsoreau (<u>optional</u>)	
the return of the bikes	
7d/7 hotline	
High season (*)	30 €/pers
Half-board (2 dinners)	70 €/pers
Single occupancy extra	70 €/night
Extra night in Tours	65 €/pers
Extra night in Saumur	65 €/pers
Category B	499 €/pers
Double room fare	
3 nights in *** hotels or bed & breadfasts	
3 breakfasts	
4-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	
one day of canoeing between Chinon and Montsoreau (<u>optional</u>)	
the return of the bikes	
7d/7 hotline	
High season (*)	10 €/pers
Half-board (3 dinners)	120 €/pers

Single occupancy extra	75 €/night
Extra night in Tours	85 €/pers
Extra night in Saumur	95 €/pers

Category C

Double room fare

585 €/pers

3 nights in ***/**** hotels

3 breakfasts

4-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

one day of canoeing between Chinon and Montsoreau (optional)

the return of the bikes

7d/7 hotline

High season (*)	40 €/pers
Half-board (3 dinners)	135 €/pers
Single occupancy extra	95 €/night
Extra night in Tours	110 €/pers
Extra night in Saumur	120 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (4 days)	75 €/pers
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Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-80 €/pers
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Extra for luggage transport

Luggage transport low season:
04/01 - 04/14 and 10/16 - 31/10
(min 2 pers)

150
€/pers
170
€/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

the drinks

the touristic taxes

the meals which are not included

the entrance fee to sites

insurances (optional)

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