



## Trip description

### Cycle amongst the Loire valley châteaux from Blois to Tours

On this cycling tour from Blois to Tours, you'll ride along the famed "Loire à Vélo" bike path and discover the Loire Valley's most magnificent castles. This area is on the UNESCO World Heritage Site, offering ou amazing scenery and attractions.

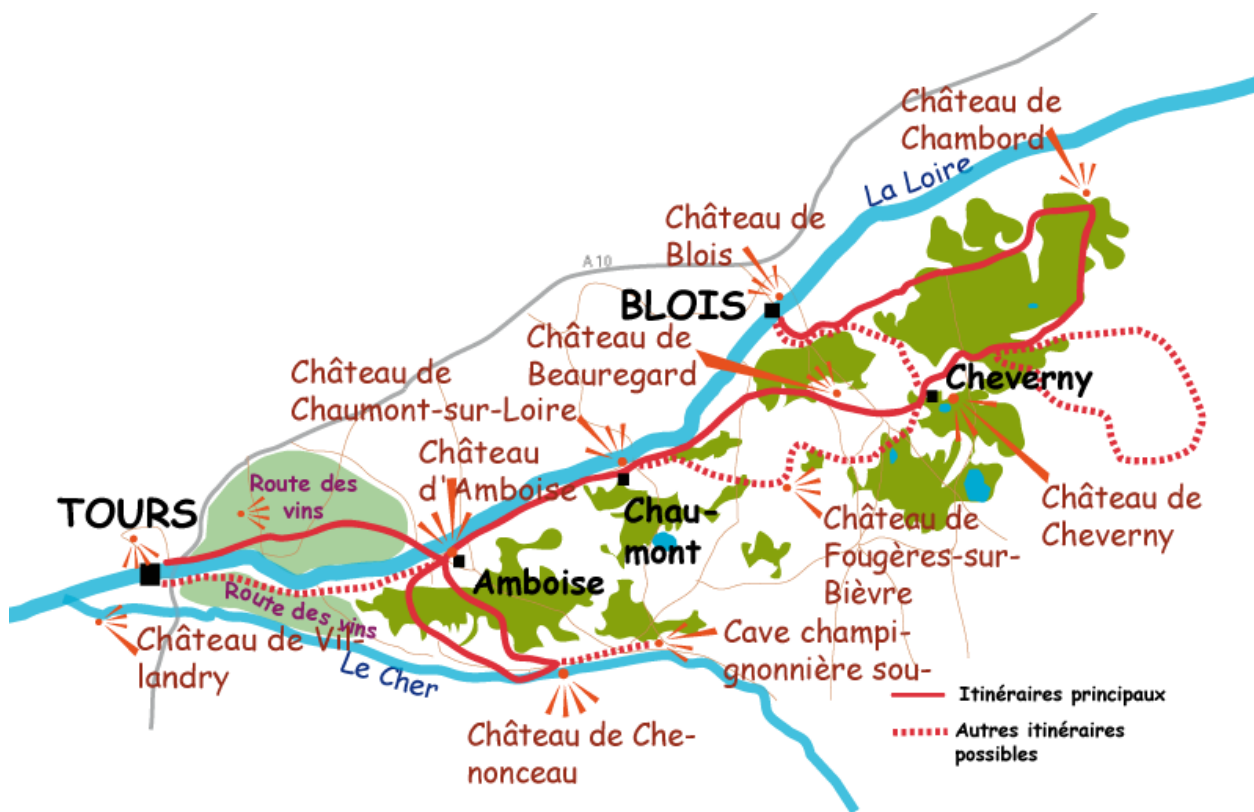


Destination	France
Location	Vallée de la Loire
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	From April to October
Minimum age	7 years
Reference	L0701

Type of stay  
itinerant trip



### Itinerary



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On this Blois to Tours route, you'll cycle on the 800 miles "Loire à Vélo, a designated bike path. You'll discover some of France's most picturesque scenery as you bike through chateau dotted valleys and quaint villages. In addition to being a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Loire Valley is perfect for cycling vacation. Bicycle paths and back roads take you across forests and prestigious vineyards on a flat route. Each day, you'll discover breathtaking scenery along with awe-inspiring castles. Enjoy the magic of Chambord, delicious Loire Valley wines and the iconic Chateau de Chenonceau. This trip combines everything you need for a memorable holiday, with great scenery, incredible food and all-around French culture.

### Day 1

#### Arrival in Blois

Start your tour by exploring Blois, with its cobblestone streets and meandering walkways. Cross the long stone bridge in the center of town for great views. Your highlight will be visiting Blois Castle, with intricate architectural details and manicured gardens

### Day 2

#### Blois - Cheverny

Bike  
24/40/68km

3 route options

Start your ride by pedaling through Chateau de Chambord's lush forest with massive trees. Take a peek at the stone bridge salamanders engraved on the walls of Loire's most extravagant castle. As you enjoy the shade from hundred-year-old tree, you'll follow the trail along Crosson creek to the Chateau de Cheverny. The Moulinsart Castle inspired Hergé of the Tintin comics, which you may have read.

### Day 3

#### Cheverny - Chaumont-sur-Loire region

Today you have the choice of two bike routes. if you like, stroll through the Chateau de Beaugard's art gallery. You'll find over 327 portraits of famous European leaders that forged history between 14th and 17th Century. Looking for something more active? Ride

Bike  
**29/50km**

2 route options

through vineyards before arriving in front of the Fougères-sur-Bievre drawbridge. Your ride then takes you on a delightful route as you follow the toques, or traditional boats along the path from Loire to Chaumont-sur-Loire. The city is famous for its fairy tale castle as well as the International Garden Festival which displays over 30 themed gardens with a variety of garden art. After marveling at the castle and gardens.

#### Day 4

### Chaumont sur Loire region - Amboise

Bike  
**11/22km**

This morning's route takes you directly to the beautiful city of Amboise. The medieval town has links to the French Royal Family and is where Leonardo da Vinci spent his last few years. Explore the many cobblestone streets and check out the unique architectural features of the Chateau d'Amboise. The Chateau gives you one of the best overall views of the Loire Valley.

#### Day 5

### Amboise

Let the medieval atmosphere of this city seduce you. Admire the machines designed by Leonardo da Vinci which are surprisingly up-to-date in Clos-Lucé, the last place where he lived and died.

#### Day 6

### Day trip to the castle of Chenonceau

Bike  
**45/70km**

2 route options

Your tranquil bike route today leads you through idyllic natural beauty with rivers and forests, leading to the most iconic Chateaux de la Loire, the "Chateau de Chenonceau". This historical castle had an almost uninterrupted succession of women who built, restored and saved the castle. Today it is one of the most photographed castles in France. If you like, continue riding along the banks of the Cher River until you reach the underground city near Bourre. This subterranean city can be viewed to experience what life was like living in a cave-structure. You'll see an amazing reconstruction of an underground city.

#### Day 7

### Amboise-Tours

Bike  
**26/34km**

2 route options

Today you have a choice about which wine route to take to get to the charming town of Tours. Both routes offer great scenery and pleasant ride! One route leads you through Vouvray's sparkling wine vineyards with picture-postcard scenery. The other route leads you through the Montlouis-sur-Loire stunning white wine region.

#### DAY 8

### Departure from Tours

Before you leave, take time to explore the half-timbered houses, churches and museums in Tours. Saint-Gatien Cathedral and Plumeray Square are worth a visit. Then it's time to say goodbye to your bike as this memorable vacation comes to an end.

## 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!



## Practical information

### To get to departure point:

**By plane:** flight to Paris or Tours and then train to Blois.

**By train:** inter-regional trains from Paris-Austerlitz station (direct or 8min connection in Orléans). The duration of the trip is from 1h20 to 2h00. Or TGV (fast trains) from Paris Montparnasse and connection in Saint-Pierre-des-Corps to take a regional train to Blois. The duration of the trip is about 2h00. To plan your trip, [www.raileurope.com](http://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](http://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 10.90€/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.

### 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. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

## Price description

<b>Category A</b>	<b>889 € /pers</b>
Double room fare	
7 nights in ** or *** hotels	
7 breakfasts	
6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)	
the luggage transport from one lodging to the other	
the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information	
a visit of a chocolate factory	
a visit and tasting in "Cave des Producteurs de Vouvray"	
a bottle of Vouvray wine for two people	
the return of the bikes	
7/7 hotline	
High season (*)	10 € /pers
Half-board (5 diners)	160 € /pers
Single occupancy extra	60 € /night
Extra night in Bois	65 € /pers
Extra night in Tours	65 € /pers
<b>Category B</b>	<b>989 € /pers</b>
Double room fare	
7 nights in ** or *** hotels or bed & breakfasts	
7 breakfasts	
6-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	
a visit of a chocolate factory	
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a bottle of Vouvray wine for two people  
the return of the bikes  
sending charge of the travel documents in France  
7/7 hotline

High season (*)	20 €/pers
Half-board (5 diners)	185 €/pers
Single occupancy extra	65 €/night
Extra night in Bois	85 €/pers
Extra night in Tours	85 €/pers

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### Category C

1349 €/pers

Double room fare

7 nights in \*\*\* or \*\*\*\* hotels

7 breakfasts

6-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

a visit of a chocolate factory

a visit and tasting in "Cave des Producteurs de Vouvray"

a bottle of Vouvray wine for two people

the return of the bikes

7/7 hotline

High season (*)	80 €/pers
Half-board (5 diners)	220 €/pers
Single occupancy extra	110 €/night
Extra night in Blois	90 €/pers
Extra night in Tours	110 €/pers

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### Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (6 days)	95 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-75 €/pers

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(\*) **High season :**

• from 05.01 to 05.31.2023

• from 07.01 to 09.14.2023

**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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