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## 3-Day Loire Valley Charming Package

**\$995.00 USD PER PERSON**

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Every day, tour three major Chateaux of the Loire Valley, taste local wines during Lunch in wineries, enjoy the superb location of your 4\* Luxury hotel just a stone throw away from Amboise Royal Chateau and from one the most famous French Market of the Loire Valley by the River.



## TRIP SUMMARY

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### Day 1

Guided visit of Azay le Rideau, Langeais, Villandry. - Château d'Azay-le-Rideau, Château de Langeais, Château de Villandry

Check in hotel Le Choiseul - Le Choiseul

### Day 2

Guided visit of Amboise, Cheverny and Chambord - Château Royal d'Amboise, Château de Cheverny, Château de Chambord

### Day 3

Guided visit of Chenonceau, Château Royal d'Amboise et Clos Lucé. - Château Royal d'Amboise, Château de Chenonceau, Château du Clos Lucé

Price per person \$995.00 USD

# DAY 1

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## **Guided visit of Azay le Rideau, Langeais, Villandry.**

Pick up: 09.30 AM Tours Tourist Office, 10.00AM Amboise Tourist Office.

Guided tour of the Château of Azay le Rideau.

One of the purest gems of Renaissance architecture in the Loire Valley. Financier Gilles Berthelot's chateau, delicately placed on an island on the Indre river, still shines today thanks to the lightness and balance of its mullioned, pepper pots, dormers and above all its graceful staircase.

We will not forget to admire the chateau under every angle with a stroll around the English style garden, a jewel case of greenness for what is considered today as one of the most beautiful stone diamonds in Touraine.

\*Note: Azay-le-Rideau castle is being renovated. During refurbishment, the visit of Azay-le-Rideau castle will be replaced by a visit of the Chinon former fortress.

Lunch at a family estate or at a traditional restaurant.

Local products and great wine tasting of Bourgueil or Chinon wines. A true authentic moment.

A tour of the interior not only gives a good idea of the day-to-day life in the Middle Ages, but also provides reminders of a key event in French history: the marriage of Charles VIII and Duchess Anne of Brittany, which eventually led to her still-independent duchy becoming part of France.

When Jacques Siegfried bought the Chateau of Langeais in 1886, he set out to recreate a model 15th-century residence, complete with furniture, tapestries and artifacts of the period.

By its diversity and originality (Love Garden, Kitchen Garden, Aromatic and Medicine Plant Garden, Water Garden and the brand new Sun Garden) and by its size ( 15 acres, 1150 linden trees), Villandry is the Loire Valley garden not to be missed.

With your guide, learn to speak the language of a medieval and Renaissance garden, discover the power of thyme and basil on your health.

06.30 pm : your guide will drive you to your hotel for check-in, dinner at your leisure.



### **Château d'Azay-le-Rideau**

Rue de Pineau, Azay-le-Rideau, Centre-Val de Loire, FR, 37190  
02 47 45 42 04



### **Château de Langeais**

Place Pierre de Brosse, Langeais, Centre-Val de Loire, FR, 37130  
02 47 96 72 60



### **Château de Villandry**

3 Rue Principale, Villandry, Centre-Val de Loire, FR, 37510  
02 47 50 02 09



### **Check-in**

### **Check in hotel Le Choiseul**

Located in the heart of Amboise, at the foot of the Royal castle, the luxury hotel\*\*\*\* Le Choiseul is a typical Touraine town house. Built between the last wild river of Europe and the terrace gardens lined with troglodytic cellars, this hotel restaurant enjoy of an exceptional position in the heart of the Castles of the Loire valley.

It has one of the finest restaurants in the whole Loire Valley.

Amboise is one of the most famous city in the Loire Valley and probably is its tourism capital city. Located in the heart of the region, it is the best base for sightseeing. Historically and architecturally speaking, it is one of the cradles of the French Renaissance.



### **Le Choiseul**

36 Quai Charles Guinot, Amboise, Centre-Val de Loire, FR, 37400  
02 47 30 45 45

## DAY 2



### Guided visit of Amboise, Cheverny and Chambord

Pick up: 09.30 AM Tours Tourist Office, 10.00 AM Amboise Tourist Office.

Guided tour of the Chateau of Blois.

Blois is unique by its combination of four architectural styles: Gothic, Flamboyant, Renaissance and Classic. Built by Counts of Blois, Louis XII, Francois I and Louis XIII, this chateau keeps the souvenir of many well-known historical events. This ancient city with a rich historical part merits to be visited. In the XVth century Blois was the capital of France, under the king Louis XII. You can stroll through the old town, along its paved side-streets.

Drive to Cheverny.

Caprice cellette Lunch at a traditional restaurant.

The "Cheverny wine appellation" produces elegant red wines from pinot noir and gamay as well as fruity white wines from chardonnay and sauvignon. You will enjoy this moment to taste a wine for real connoisseurs: the "Cour Cheverny Appellation", a stunning white wine made from a grape called Romorantin, imported by King François I into the Loire Valley.

It has been owned by the same family since the XIII. The Marquis Hurault de Vibraye, thanks to one of the most beautiful furniture in the Loire Valley, has succeeded in giving warmth and life to his chateau. The Chateau, which led to the creation of Moulinsart in the famous comic book Tintin, is also famous for the tradition of the horse-back hunt and its impressive pack of 100 dogs. You may have a chance to witness the spectacular daily event of "the dogs' soup".

Guided tour of the Château of Chambord.

Drive to the Estate of Chambord, a national game reserve as large as the town of Paris. The chateau de Chambord is a unique monument by its architecture and proportions. Leonardo da Vinci probably took part in the conception of the project. With more than 400 rooms and its double spiral staircase, Chambord is a highlight of the Loire Valley.

06.30 PM: your guide will drive you back to your hotel, dinner at leisure.



#### Château Royal d'Amboise

Amboise, Centre-Val de Loire, FR, 37400

02 47 57 00 98



### **Château de Cheverny**

Cheverny, Centre-Val de Loire, FR, 41700

02 54 79 96 29



### **Château de Chambord**

Chambord, Centre-Val de Loire, FR, 41250

02 54 50 40 00

## DAY 3



### **Guided visit of Chenonceau, Château Royal d'Amboise et Clos Lucé.**

Check out after breakfast. Pick up: 09.30 AM Tours Tourist Office, 09.00AM Amboise Tourist Office.

You'll start your day visiting the Chateau of Chenonceau, the "Chateau des Dames", bridge built across the Cher, is famous for the great feminine figures who lived in it (Diane de Poitiers, Catherine de Medicis...) and for the beauty of its Renaissance gardens.

Lunch at a wine specialist's in matured Loire Valley vintages.

Daniel, oenologist, welcomes you in his caves, former tuff stone quarries, for a tour followed by a tasting of Vouvray, Montlouis, Chinon, Bourgueil and Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil wines. In order to transcend your meal, you will pair your wines with a selection of delicatessen and cheeses (cheeses selected by Rodolphe le Meunier, 2007 cheese refiners' world champion).

After lunch, you will tour the Royal Castle of Amboise.

Residence of Charles VII and young François d'Angoulême, future François I. You will discover in this wonderful castle, perfect example of transition from Gothic to Renaissance, the Saint Hubert Chapel which shelters today the grave of Leonardo da Vinci.

Guided tour of the Manor du Clos Lucé.

In order to make your tour thorough, we take you to meet the Genius in his Manor du Clos Lucé, a few yards away from the Royal Castle.

Leonardo da Vinci spent there the last three years of his life and died there in 1519. After you tour his bedroom, office, reception room and kitchen, you will be in awe in front of the invention room, displaying models of the most spectacular machines Leonardo invented.

06.30 pm: your guide will drive you back to Tours.  
End of the Tour.



#### **Château Royal d'Amboise**

Amboise, Centre-Val de Loire, FR, 37400  
02 47 57 00 98



### **Château de Chenonceau**

Chenonceaux, CENTRE, FR, 37150  
0 820 20 90 90



### **Château du Clos Lucé**

2 Rue du Clos Lucé, Amboise, Centre-Val de Loire, FR, 37400  
02 47 57 00 73



## **Price per person \$995.00 USD**

### **INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE:**

- Transportation in a comfortable full option minivan,
- English speaking escort guide,
- Entrance tickets for the Chateaux of Chenonceau, Amboise, Clos Lucé, Blois, Chambord, Cheverny, Azay le Rideau, Villandry gardens and Middle age town of Chinon,
- Visits and tastings at a cellar caves (Vouvray, Cheverny, Azay le Rideau),
- Lunch with local specialties (some take place in wineries), drinks included,
- Two nights and breakfast in Luxury hotel\*\*\*\* on double occupancy.
- 8 passengers maximum per vehicle.

**Please note** that the price is based on 2 people traveling together and sharing a room. A single supplement of \$499/00 USD will be added for a person traveling alone or in a single room.