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3-Day Loire Valley Heritage and Wine

\$1,099.00 USD PER PERSON

The perfect 3-Day package of the Loire Valley includes all the must-see castles in the region, and wine tasting. Stay at the wonderful Château de Choiseul in Amboise. Local food and wine will be experienced every day at lunch. It's the perfect way to experience the Loire Valley!



TRIP SUMMARY

Day 1

- 10:00 AM Guide tour of Chenonceau and Amboise with lunch and wine tasting - Château De Chenonceau, Château Royal D'amboise, Château Du Clos Lucé
- 6:30 PM Hotel Le Choiseul 4 **** - Le Choiseul

Day 2

Guided tour of the castles of Blois, Cheverny and Chambord with wine tasting and lunch - Château de Cheverny, Château De Chambord, Château Royal de Blois

Day 3

Château d'Azay-le-Rideau, Château De Villandry, Chateau De Miniere

DAY 1



10:00 AM

Guide tour of Chenonceau and Amboise with lunch and wine tasting

Day 1:

Pick up at the Amboise Tourist Office for a tour through the heart of the Loire Valley. Please note that depending on your arrival date the order of the tours may be changed.

After meeting your guide and the rest of the group (the group will be 8 people max) you'll start touring the château de 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.

This visit of the château will be followed by a wine tasting and lunch

Daniel, oenologist, welcomes you in his caves, former tuff stone quarries, for a tour followed by a wine 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 VIII 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.

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.

6.30 PM: your guide will drive you back to Tours or Amboise Tourist Office.



Château De Chenonceau

Rue Chateau, Chenonceaux, INDRE-ET-LOIRE, FR, 37150

02 47 23 90 07



Château Royal D'Amboise

Place Michel Debré, Amboise, INDRE-ET-LOIRE, FR, 37400
02 47 57 00 98



Château Du Clos Lucé

2 rue du Clos Lucé, Amboise, INDRE-ET-LOIRE, FR, 37400
02 47 57 00 73



6:30 PM
Check-in

Hotel Le Choiseul 4 ****

Your home for the next 2 nights will be the Hotel Le Choiseul 4 **** in Amboise



Le Choiseul

36 quai Charles Guinot, Amboise, INDRE-ET-LOIRE, FR, 37400
02 47 30 45 45

DAY 2



Guided tour of the castles of Blois, Cheverny and Chambord with wine tasting and lunch

You'll meet the group at 10.00 am Amboise Tourist Office, a short distance from the hotel Le Choiseul

Your first guided visit of the day will be the chateau of Blois, featuring a unique combination of 4 styles: medieval, gothic, renaissance and classical. Home of kings Louis XII and François I, it keeps the souvenir of a tragic historical event.

The local "Cheverny" appellation produces elegant red wines from pinot noir and gamay as well as fruity white wines from chardonnay and sauvignon. You'll 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.

Lunch at a local restaurant including the wines.

The afternoon will start with a guided visit of the Château de Cheverny. 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".

Drive to the Estate of Chambord, a national game reserve as large as the town of Paris. The chateau de Chambord (guided tour) 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.

Overnight at Hotel Le Choiseul



Château de Cheverny

Cré, PAYS DE LA LOIRE, FR, 72200



Château De Chambord

Domaine national de Chambord, Chambord, LOIR-ET-CHER, FR, 41250

02 54 50 40 00



Château Royal de Blois

6 Place du Château, Blois, CENTRE, FR, 41000

02 54 90 33 33

DAY 3



You'll meet the group at 09:00 AM at the Amboise Tourist office.

Your day will start with the visit of one of the purest gems of Renaissance architecture in the Loire Valley: the castle of Azay-le-Rideau 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.

Don't 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.

This will be followed by a wine tasting (Bourgueil or Chinon wines) and lunch at a family estate or at a traditional restaurant. Local products and wines will be there for your culinary pleasure. A true authentic moment.

The afternoon will include a visit of the fortress of Langeais.

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.

Then your small group will follow with a visit of the beautiful Château de Villandry and grounds. 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 back to Tours or Amboise Tourist Office.

*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.



Château d'Azay-le-Rideau

Rue de Pineau, Azay-le-Rideau, CENTRE, FR, 37190

02 47 45 42 04



Château De Villandry

3 Rue Principale, Villandry, INDRE-ET-LOIRE, FR, 37510



Chateau De Miniere

25 rue de Minière, Ingrandes de Touraine, INDRE-ET-LOIRE, FR,
37140

02 47 96 94 30



INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE:

Transportation in a comfortable air-conditioned 8passengers minivan'

- 2 nights with breakfast and taxes at Hotel Le Choiseul 4 **** in Amboise
- Service of a National Licensed Guide for 3 days
- Guided tours and the entrance fees to the 6 Chateaux , 3 wine tastings and 3 lunches with drinks

Please note the price is based on 2 people traveling together and sharing a room. A supplement of \$395.00 will be assessed for a person traveling alone or not sharing a room.