

IDYLIC LOIRE VALLEY

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

Price per person
from **€289**

Hotel	★ ★ ★ ★	€ 289
	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	€ 319
	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	€ 389

The ideal starting point to discover the Loire Valley castles at your pace. A full programme where you can visit the châteaux de Chenonceau, Amboise, Azay-le-Rideau, the beautiful gardens at Villandry and the cellar at Vouvray.

INCLUDED :



- Dinners (drinks not included) for days 1 and 2,



- Breakfast and hotel accommodation in Tours with one room for 2 people on days 1 and 2, included hotel tax,



- Tour of a cellar in Vouvray and tasting on day 1,



- Entry to the Musée du Compagnonnage on day 1, the Château de Chenonceau and Château d'Amboise on day 2, and to the Château d'Azay-le-Rideau and the Château de Villandry and its gardens on day 3,



- Booking fees.

NOT INCLUDED :

- Lunches on days 1 and 2,
- Transport,
- Single room supplement,
- Personal expenses,
- Each additional night (contact us),
- Guided tours in the castles.



TRAVEL LOG

DAY 1

Arrival at Tours in the morning. Settle into the hotel in Tours city centre.

MORNING

The **MUSÉE DU COMPAGNONNAGE** in Tours. Unaccompanied visit to this one-of-a-kind museum. Located in the welcome room (11th century) and in the monks' dormitory (15th century) of the former Abbaye de Saint Julien, this museum retraces the history, customs and techniques of these craftsmen training and support associations.

Unaccompanied lunch.

AFTERNOON

The **CAVE DES PRODUCTEURS** in Vouvray. Guided tour and tasting. Located at the heart of the Vouvray vineyard, the Cave des Producteurs today comprises 50 wine producers attached to their land, tradition and quality. Wine-tasting.

Return to Tours in the late afternoon.

Dinner in a restaurant in Tours city centre close to the hotel. Hotel accommodation.

DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel.

MORNING

Unaccompanied visit to **CHÂTEAU DE CHENONCEAU**. Built in the 16th century, directly on the river bed, and constituting a pure masterpiece of the French Renaissance, it evokes the idea of perfect harmony between nature made from water, air and greenery, and a unique and graceful architecture. A stroll in the French-style garden will be the perfect end to your visit.

Unaccompanied lunch.

AFTERNOON

Unaccompanied visit to **CHÂTEAU D'AMBOISE**. Built in the 15th and 16th centuries on the orders of French kings Charles VIII, Louis XII and Francis, it was one of the first truly "royal" residences. A prestigious example of Gothic and Renaissance architecture, it boasts an exceptional furniture collection. Leonardo da Vinci is laid to rest in the chapelle Saint-Hubert, an elegant and flamboyant Gothic-style 15th century edifice.

Dinner in a restaurant in Tours city centre close to the hotel. Hotel accommodation.

DAY 3

Breakfast at the hotel.

MORNING

Unaccompanied visit to **CHÂTEAU D'AZAY-LE-RIDEAU**. Built on an island in the middle of the River Indre, in a green oasis, this 16th century castle is a true marvel of Renaissance architecture, with its towers and turrets, Italian art décor, furnished apartments and upholstery from the 16th and 17th centuries.

Unaccompanied lunch.

AFTERNOON

Visit to **CHÂTEAU DE VILLANDRY**. Remarkable in the harmony of its architecture and its gardens, it is the last of the great Renaissance castles built on the banks of the Loire. The interior, renovated in the 18th century, has been fully restored. Then a visit to the famous gardens surrounding the castle, like a jewel in its box.

End of programme.

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