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Visits, excursions, stays



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Welcome to Tours

in the heart of the Loire Valley



For more than 20 years, the Tours Loire Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau has been organising visits, excursions, and holiday stays for groups and individuals, attentive to the requirements of the various clientele and to the changes in trends. Beyond the proposals of this catalogue, we accompany you in creating personalised tours and stays, for formulas ranging from 2 to more than 50 persons. Our team is at your disposal.

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Stays

in groups of 10 to 19 people



Wine tour

3 days / 2 nights

Highlights



An ideal suggestion for enjoying the art of living of the Loire Valley

DAY 1

■ **In the afternoon**, arrival in **Tours** and transfer by coach for a **stroll in vineyards with segway**.

In a vineyard estate of the **Loire Valley** you'll enjoy a ride on an original « mountain segway » in an area of AOC Touraine: Vouvray, Montlouis, Chinon, Touraine-Azay-le-Rideau, Bourgueil, Saint-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil. After an individual initiation, you will have a stroll in the vineyards followed by a tasting of wines in cellar.

Return to Tours.

Check-in in the 3-star hotel in Tours.

■ **8:00 p.m.**

Dinner in a wine restaurant in the old city of **Tours**.

Accommodation in the 3-star hotel in Tours.

DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel.

■ **In the morning**

Welcome to a **cooking class** in the heart of Tours.

The chefs share their secrets with you and introduce you to some of France's finest food products. The convivial foodlovers' experience takes place in a setting as delightful as it is comfortable.

Cooking class offered:

Pastry class or Appetizer Lunch class (3h) or Regional Aperitif class (2h).

Optional lunch according to the chosen class formula.

Free time in Tours for shopping. Discover regional products at the Halles de Tours with our guide who will reveal the best addresses.

■ **In the afternoon**

Transfer by coach to Villandry.

Discover the **Château de Villandry** and its exceptional gardens and enjoy a gourmet tasting in a unique setting!

After a guided tour of the gardens, you will end with a private, commented tasting.

In the heart of the Jardin du Soleil, you will have the privilege of enjoying a private tasting.

Our oenologist and sensory guide will guide you towards **food and wine pairings**. A selection of wines and exclusively local products will accompany your gourmet and sensory getaway.

All the products associated with the wines and the scents of the garden will awaken all your senses!

■ **In late afternoon**

Return to Tours.

■ **8:00 p.m.**

Bistronomic dinner in a restaurant in the city centre of **Tours**.

Accommodation in the 3-star hotel in Tours.

DAY 3

Breakfast at the hotel.

■ **In the morning**

Transfer by coach to the **Vouvray vineyards**.

Myriam welcomes you in for a **guided walking tour** (about 2 km). You will be taught the world of vineyards and wine: the cycle of the vines, landscapes and terroir of **Vouvray**. In the winery and troglodyte cellar you will **discover the winemaking** and the traditional method that allows the elaboration of wines of fine bubbles. At last you will **taste 6 wines** of Vouvray / Touraine / Loire served with slates of local products: Loire fish rillettes, Touraine goat cheeses, Touraine charcuterie, Tours nougat or Cormery macaron... according to the wines.

Return to Tours.

End of our services.

Price per person: €610 incl. VAT

Includes:

From **day 1** to **day 3**

■ transportation (meeting point and end of the services in Tours)

■ guide services on day 2

■ entrance fees and wine-tasting mentioned in the program

■ cooking lesson

■ stroll with segway

■ dinner (wine and coffee included) in a wine restaurant in the old city of Tours on day 1

■ bistronomic dinner (aperitif, wine and coffee included) in a restaurant in the city centre of Tours on day 2

■ B&B in a 3-star hotel (double room) in the city centre of Tours, local tax and breakfast

Does not include:

■ lunches

■ personal expenses

Mileage for the whole stay: about 115 km



Stays

in duo or tribe from 2 to 8 people



Illuminated stay

2 days / 1 night

Highlights



An all-inclusive stay with exceptional château visits to discover the masterpieces of the French Renaissance

DAY 1

Late morning arrival in Tours.

Check into the 3-star hotel in the town-centre of Tours.

Lunch on your own.

■ 1:00 p.m.

Departing from the Visitors Bureau in Tours, leave on board an air-conditioned minibus with 8 seats and a driver-accompanist, for a trip including 3 visits.

The Gardens of the Château de Villandry. One of the last great châteaux of the Loire built during the Renaissance. Stroll in one of the most beautiful gardens of France, on three levels: the water garden; the decorative garden; the ornamental vegetable garden.

Château d'Ussé. It inspired Charles Perrault to write the legend of "Sleeping Beauty". It is the very image of the medieval château, the one of poets and fairy tales. Discover the king's bedroom, beautiful Louis XVI furniture and, in the dungeon, you will be enchanted by the legend of Sleeping Beauty.

Château de Langeais. Built in the middle of the 15th century, this château marks an opening towards the Renaissance while preserving its feudal character: large round towers, battlements with crenels, machicolations and a drawbridge. The woodwork, fabrics, sculptures, paintings, Gothic and Renaissance tapestries are the jewels of this château.

■ 6:30 p.m.

Return to Tours.

■ 8:00 p.m.

Dinner in a restaurant in the town-centre of **Tours** close to the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel.

■ 9:00 a.m.

Departing from the Visitors Bureau in Tours, leave on board an air-conditioned minibus with 8 seats and a driver-accompanist, for a trip including 2 visits.

Château d'Amboise. Royal residence under the reigns of kings Charles VIII and Francis I (end of 15th-beginning of 16th C.). Prestigious witness of Gothic and Renaissance architecture, it houses an exceptional

collection of furniture. Leonardo da Vinci is buried in Saint-Hubert Chapel, an elegant 15th century flamboyant Gothic building.

Clos Lucé-Parc Leonardo Da Vinci in Amboise. Leonardo da Vinci lived there during the last years of his life. Visit: Leonardo's room, his study, his kitchen; his 40 fabulous machines; and the landscaped path for an initiatory journey: giant machines, sound points, translucent canvases in a magnificent park.

■ 12:30 p.m.

Return to Tours.

End of our services.

Price per person: €269 incl. VAT

Includes:

- entrances mentioned in the program
- transportation by air-conditioned minibus for 2 half-day excursions (afternoon of day 1 and morning of day 2)
- dinner (drinks not included)
- accommodation and breakfast in a 3-star hotel in Tours on the basis of a room for 2 people
- the tourist tax
- application fees

Does not include:

- drinks at lunch and dinner
- guided tour or audio guide rental services in the châteaux
- extra charge for a single: **starting at €50 incl. VAT**
- upgrade to a 4-star hotel. Extra charge: **consult us**
- extra night: **consult us**
- transportation (except for the minibus during the excursions)
- personal expenses

This stay is available from February/March to November from 2 persons. Depending on the schedule of the minibuses, the programme of the stay is subject to change.

Mileage for the 2 days: about 130 km



Discovering the châteaux of the Loire

3 days / 2 nights

Highlights



- A 3-day all-inclusive stay to discover the châteaux of the Loire Valley
- A discovery of the most prestigious châteaux of the Loire Valley and beautiful French gardens, while enjoying the Loire Valley's gentle way of life

DAY 1

■ 9:00 a.m.

Departing from the Visitors Bureau in Tours, leave on board an air-conditioned minibus with 8 seats and a driver-accompanist, for a day trip including 3 visits.

■ In the morning

Château d'Amboise. Royal residence under the reigns of kings Charles VIII and Francis I (end of 15th-beginning of 16th C.). Prestigious witness of Gothic and Renaissance architecture, it houses an exceptional collection of furniture. Leonardo da Vinci is buried in Saint-Hubert Chapel, an elegant 15th century flamboyant Gothic building.

Le Clos Lucé-Parc Leonardo Da Vinci in Amboise. Leonardo da Vinci lived there during the last years of his life. Visit to the château, its 40 fabulous machines and its landscaped path.

Lunch on your own.

■ In the afternoon

Château de Chenonceau. Built in the 16th century, a true masterpiece of the French Renaissance, built on the peaceful waters of the Cher River.

■ 6:00 p.m.

Return by minibus to the Visitors Bureau in **Tours**.

Check into the 3-star hotel in the town-centre of **Tours**.

■ 8:00 p.m.

Dinner in a restaurant in the town-centre of **Tours** close to the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel.

■ 9:00 a.m.

From Tours, leave in an 8-seater minibus, for an excursion including 3 visits.

■ In the morning

Château de Blois. One of the most prestigious testimonies of Renaissance art in France, the Château of Blois is a perfect illustration of the evolution of French architecture from the Middle Ages to the 17th century.

Lunch on your own.

■ In the afternoon

Château de Chambord. More than 5 centuries after its construction, it still defies imagination. Francis I wanted to build the most splendid hunting lodge that history has left us.

The Château de Cheverny, which served as a model for Hergé to draw Moulinsart, will astonish you by the richness and density of its furniture and the authentic and refined charm of its decoration.

■ 6:00 p.m.

Return by minibus to **Tours**. End of the tour.

■ 8:00 p.m.

Dinner in a restaurant in the town-centre of **Tours** close to the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 3

Breakfast at the hotel.

■ 9:00 a.m.

Depart from the Visitors Bureau in Tours on board an air-conditioned minibus with a driver-accompanist, for a half-day excursion.

■ In the morning

The Château d'Azay-le-Rideau, built on an island in the middle of the Indre river, in a green setting, is a genuine success of Renaissance architecture.

The Gardens of the Château de Villandry, one of the Loire Valley's last great châteaux built during the Renaissance. Stroll in one of the most beautiful gardens of France, on three levels: the water garden; the decorative garden; the ornamental vegetable garden.

Return to Tours at 1:00 p.m.

End of our services.

Price per person: €529 incl. VAT

Includes:

- entrances mentioned in the program
- transportation in an air-conditioned minibus with a driver-accompanist for the mentioned excursions (days 1 and 2 and a half-day on day 3)
- dinner (drinks not included) on days 1 and 2 in a restaurant in the town-centre of Tours near the hotel
- accommodation in a 3-star hotel (based on a room for 2 people) in Tours on days 1 and 2
- breakfast on days 2 and 3
- the tourist tax
- application fees

Does not include:

- extra charge for a single: **starting at €100 incl. VAT**
- lunches: **consult us**
- guided tour or audio guide rental services in the châteaux
- transportation (except for the minibus during the excursions)
- upgrade to a 4-star hotel: **consult us**

This stay is available from February/March to November. Depending on the schedule of the minibuses, the program of the stay is subject to change.

Mileage for the 3 days: about 340 km

Stays

in duo or tribe from 2 to 8 people



Splendid stay

2 days / 1 night

Highlights



An all-inclusive 2-day stay with a rich program to discover the most prestigious châteaux of the Loire Valley, beautiful French gardens, while enjoying the sweetness of life in the Loire Valley

DAY 1

■ 9:00 a.m.

Departing from the Visitors Bureau in Tours, leave on board an air-conditioned minibus with 8 seats and a driver-accompanist, for a day trip including 4 visits.

■ In the morning

Château d'Amboise. Royal residence under the reigns of kings Charles VIII and Francis I (end of 15th-beginning of 16th C.). Prestigious witness of Gothic and Renaissance architecture, it houses an exceptional collection of furniture. Leonardo da Vinci is buried in Saint-Hubert Chapel, an elegant 15th century flamboyant Gothic building.

Le Clos Lucé-Parc Leonardo Da Vinci in Amboise. Leonardo da Vinci lived there during the last years of his life. Visit of the château: Leonardo's room, his study, his kitchen; his 40 fabulous machines; and the landscaped path for an initiatory journey.

Lunch in **Amboise** in a cosy tea room.

■ In the afternoon

Château de Chenonceau. Built in the 16th century, a true masterpiece of the French Renaissance, built on the peaceful waters of the Cher River, the "Château des Dames" evokes the idea of perfect harmony between a nature made of water, air and greenery and unique architecture, an invitation to grace.

■ 6:45 p.m.

Return by minibus to the Visitors Bureau in Tours. Check into the 3-star hotel in the town-centre of Tours.

■ 8:00 p.m.

Dinner in a restaurant in the town-centre of **Tours** close to the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel.

■ 9:00 a.m.

Departing from the Visitors Bureau in Tours, leave on board an air-conditioned minibus with 8 seats and a driver-accompanist, for a day trip including 4 visits.

■ In the morning

Château d'Azay-le-Rideau (16th C.). Built on an island in the middle of the Indre River, in a green setting, it is a genuine success of Renaissance architecture with its towers and turrets, Italian art decorations, furnished apartments decorated with 16th and 17th century tapestries.

Château de Villandry. Remarkable for the harmony of its architecture and gardens, it is the last of the great Renaissance châteaux built on

the banks of the Loire. Stroll in one of the most beautiful gardens of France, on three levels: the water garden; the decorative garden; the ornamental vegetable garden, a real multicoloured chequerboard.

Lunch at the **Château de Villandry** restaurant.

■ In the afternoon

Château d'Ussé. It inspired Charles Perrault to write the legend of "Sleeping Beauty". It is the very image of the beautiful medieval château, the one of poets and fairy tales. You will discover the king's bedroom, beautiful Louis XVI furniture and, in the dungeon, you will be enchanted by the legend of the Sleeping Beauty.

Château de Langeais. Built in the middle of the 15th century, this château marks an opening towards the Renaissance while preserving its feudal character: large round towers, battlements with crenels, machicolations and a drawbridge. Here, you will discover: furniture, woodwork, fabrics, sculptures, paintings, but also a collection of Gothic and Renaissance tapestries: the jewel of this château.

■ 6:00 p.m.

Return by minibus to the visitors bureau in Tours.

End of our services.

Price per person: €419 incl. VAT

Includes:

- entrances mentioned in the program
- transportation in an air-conditioned minibus with a driver/accompanist for the 2 excursions of the day
- lunches (drinks not included) on days 1 and 2
- dinner (drinks not included) on day 1
- accommodation in a 3-star hotel in Tours based on a room for 2 people
- breakfast on day 2
- the tourist tax
- application fees

Does not include:

- drinks at lunch and dinner
- guided tour or audio guide rental services in the châteaux
- extra charge for a single: **starting at €50 incl. VAT**
- upgrade to a 4-star hotel. Extra charge: **consult us**
- extra night: **consult us**
- transportation (except for the minibus during the excursions)
- personal expenses

This stay is available from February/March to November. Depending on the schedule of the minibuses, the program of the stay is subject to change.

Mileage for the 2 days: about 180 km

Excursions

in duo or tribe from 2 to 8 people



Enchantment



Scheduled daily from February/March to November, a regular, all-inclusive tour: transportation, lunch and a visit to 4 prestigious sites of the Loire Valley: Azay-le-Rideau – Villandry – Ussé – Langeais

■ 9:00 a.m.

From Tours, leave in an 8-seater minibus, for an excursion including 4 visits.

■ In the morning

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The Château of Villandry. Remarkable for the harmony of its architecture and gardens, it is the last of the great Renaissance châteaux built on the banks of the Loire and the **Gardens of the Château de Villandry**, which enclose it as if in a jewel box. Stroll in one of the most beautiful gardens of France, on three levels: the water garden; the decorative garden; the ornamental vegetable garden, a real multicoloured chequerboard.

Lunch at the **Château de Villandry** restaurant.

■ In the afternoon

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■ 6:00 p.m.

Return by minibus to Tours. **End of the tour.**

Price per person: €165 incl. VAT

Includes:

- guided transportation in an air-conditioned minibus for the day's excursion
- entrances mentioned in the program
- lunch (drinks not included)
- application fees

Does not include:

- drinks at lunch
- guided tour or audio guide rental services in the châteaux
- transportation (except for the minibus during the excursion)
- personal expenses

Mileage for the day: about 100 km



The Royal



Scheduled daily from February/March to November, a regular, all-inclusive tour: transportation, lunch and a visit to 3 prestigious sites of the Loire Valley: Amboise – Clos Lucé – Chenonceau

■ 9:00 a.m.

From Tours, leave in an 8-seater minibus, for an excursion including 3 visits.

■ In the morning

Château d'Amboise. Royal residence under the reigns of kings Charles VIII and Francis I (end of 15th-beginning of 16th C.). Prestigious witness of Gothic and Renaissance architecture, it houses an exceptional collection of furniture. Leonardo da Vinci is buried in Saint-Hubert Chapel, an elegant 15th century flamboyant Gothic building.

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Lunch in **Amboise** in a cosy tea room.

■ In the afternoon

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■ 6:00 p.m.

Return by minibus to Tours. **End of the tour.**

Price per person: €159 incl. VAT

Includes:

- guided transportation in an air-conditioned minibus for the day's excursion
- entrances mentioned in the program
- lunch (drinks not included)
- application fees

Does not include:

- drinks at lunch
- guided tour or audio guide rental services in the châteaux
- transportation (except for the minibus during the excursion)
- personal expenses

Mileage for the day: about 100 km

Excursions

in duo or tribe from 2 to 6 people



Private tours

Highlights



- Like kings! Let's enjoy the Loire Valley listed on the worldwide heritage by UNESCO
- Top-of-the-range service in an air-conditioned Mercedes vehicle, available every day of the year (except certain public holidays) in: French, English, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Italian, German

■ 9:00 a.m.

Meet our guide at Tours train station and departure for a guided day trip in a private vehicle to discover the most prestigious sites of the Loire Valley.

Several options to choose from:

1. Ladies and festivals of the Loire Valley

The Château of Chenonceau: built in the 16th century, a true masterpiece of the French Renaissance, built on the peaceful waters of the Cher, the "Ladies' castle".

The Château of Amboise: royal residence under the reigns of Kings Charles VIII and Francis I (late 15th-early 16th C.).

The Clos Lucé-Parc Leonardo Da Vinci in Amboise: last home of Leonardo da Vinci.

2. In the garden of France

The Château of Langeais : built in the mid-15th century, it marks an opening towards the Renaissance while retaining its feudal characteristics.

The Gardens of the Château of Villandry: one of the last great castles to be built in the Loire Valley during the Renaissance, on three levels.

The Château of Azay-le-Rideau: a masterpiece of 16th century architecture on an island of the river Indre with its romantic 19th century flowered park, a dreamlike journey...

3. The must of the Loire Valley

The Château of Chambord: more than 5 centuries after its construction, it still defies the imagination: 156 meters of facade, 56 meters high, 440 rooms ... Francis I wanted to build the most sumptuous hunting meeting that history has given us.

The Château of Chenonceau: built in the 16th century, a true masterpiece of the French Renaissance built on the peaceful waters of the Cher and known as the "Ladies' castle".

We can also book a visit to a cellar with tasting of Loire wines instead of a visit to a castle.

■ 5:00 p.m.

End of the tour in Tours.

Prices (flat-rates):

- For 2 people €935 incl. VAT or €467,50 incl. VAT/pax
- For 4 people €1035 incl. VAT or €258,75 incl. VAT/pax
- For 6 people €1140 incl. VAT or €190 incl. VAT/pax

Includes:

- entrances and/or tastings mentioned in the program
- transportation by coach and the services of a guide/lecturer for the day (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- Departure from and return to Tours
- Other possible appointments : Saint-Pierre-des-Corps train station or Tours hotel

Does not include:

- lunch
- extra charge if pick up is not in Tours or Saint-Pierre-des-Corps
- personal expenses



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