



Loire Vélo Nature
L'Écotourisme en Val de Loire

Key-in-hand vacation for individuals: **TECHNICAL INFO**

Non-accompanied roaming journey with pack donkeys.

« The Castles of the Loire » – 5 days/4 nights– 2012

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With this circuit linking Tours to Chinon, you will discover on average one castle per day. You will hike in the company of our donkeys along the majestic river or its tributaries. The region, mostly flat and full of cultural treasures, is ideal to be discovered on foot and/or as a family. The tented accommodations will be all the more pleasant: they prolong your contact with nature and your camping equipment will not be a hindrance, since it will be carried by your four-legged companions. The food supplies will be available throughout your journey, either at your time of departure or when arriving at camp. If time, we will send you the itineraries as well as a how-to book upon reception of your confirmation.

Daily programs:

Welcome at the Tours train station on your arrival, or directly at our parking in Bréhémont (30 miles from Tours) to drop off your car. It is advisable to arrive the day before if possible.

Day 1: Departure in Tours.

Stretch **Tours>Savonnières**, along the Cher River – **11km** – on your way: Savonnières's Petrified Caves.

Day 2: Stretch **Savonnières>Langeais**, along the Cher and the Loire rivers – **11km** – on your way: the Villandry gardens and castle, and Langeais' medieval castle.

Day 3: Stretch **Langeais> Rigny-Ussé**, along the Loire and through the orchards – **15km** – on your way: the castle of the Sleeping Beauty in Rigny-Ussé

Day 4: Stretch **Rigny-Ussé>Savigny-en-Véron**, along the Loire and through the Véron hedgerows – **21km**.

Day 6: Stretch **Savigny-en-Véron >Chinon**, along the Vienne River– **10km** – on your way: the Royal Fortress in Chinon.

The departure is from Chinon, either from the station if you go by train or from the campground if you stay overnight or if you wish to be dropped off in Bréhémont.

Practical information:

Price per adult

With 1 donkey	165 €
With 2 donkeys	200 €
With 3 donkeys	245 €

FREE for children 2 and under

-20% off for children under 16

The price includes:

Accommodation in camp sites with facilities: 4 nights, taxes included.

Itineraries in French or English, and how-to booklet.

The rental of one to three donkeys for 5 days with equipment (packsaddle, mats, bags, halter, leads, brush and/or currycomb, cure-feet, nosebag and grain pellet).



« Our donkeys are sweet and well-trained. Moreover, our region is particularly well suited for hiking and our natural treasures abound.. So, for beginners as well as advanced hikers, this vacation will be unforgettable! »

Céline DODOKAL
Co-Owner. Loire Vélo Nature

This price does not include:

The meals (breakfast, lunches and dinners).

The camping and sleeping equipment (tents can be rented for 10€ per tent for all 4 nights)

Travel from your home to Bréhémont/Tours and from Chinon/Bréhémont to your home.

Personal spending (drinks, entrance tickets, wine-tasting, telephone...).

Personal insurance.

Accommodations for additional nights if you arrive one day prior to your tour or leave one day after your tour.

In practice:

Minimum number of participants: 2 people

Availability: from June to September.

Length of stay: 5 days / 4 nights.

Day of Departure: any

Level of difficulty: open to all, mostly flat with few hills (Days 3 and 4).

We reserve the right to alter slightly the itinerary based on campsite availability.

Informations légales :

Etablissement immatriculé au registre des opérateurs de voyages et de séjours sous le n° IM037100023 à effet du 21/12/2010

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