



Loire Vélo Nature
L'Écotourisme en Val de Loire

Key-in-hand vacation for individuals: TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blois to Tours:
« The Castles of the Loire Valley »
- Chambord and Chenonceau
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Imagine a castle with more than 440 rooms and 365 fireplaces in a domain the size of Paris! Welcome to Chambord, the « jewel in the crown of the Loire ». Set magically between a forest filled with wild animals and its abundant waters, golden in the summer light and hardly real in the morning mist, you will find in total splendor.

Chambord is the most impressive of all the castles in the Loire Valley. You will come across many castles on your peregrination, all more different one from the other; the ideal family biking area. You will find the Clos Lucé, where Leonardo da Vinci spent the last years of his life, as well as Chenonceau, famous “Castle of the Ladies”, delicately dropped on the Cher river.

Quiet back country roads will be the background of your biking vacation starting in Blois. Along the Loire river, through the vineyards of Touraine, in the peaceful countryside, castle after castle, imagine how unique your roadbook will become! This region has so many places of interest that it was placed in the UNESCO National Heritage list.

Ready? Set? Go!

Detailed Program:



Day 1: Arrival in Blois

You choose your arrival time in Blois. The earlier you arrive, the earlier you will enjoy this Renaissance city and its Royal Castle. Around 6pm, you will be welcomed by one of the members of the LoireVeloNature team who will explain your trip in detail (please let us know if you will arrive later than 6pm). Night in ** hotel.

After breakfast, you will search for one of the most important sites of your biking experience: The beautiful Castle of Chambord, with no less than 440 rooms and 365 fireplaces in its large game park! Upon your return to Blois, you could stop at some smaller castles like Villesavin and Beaugard. Although we strongly recommend some notable sites that contribute to the magic of this region, it is up to you to decide on your itinerary. Night in a ** hotel.

Day 2:

Loop Blois-Blois – 53km



The forest, the river Loire and vineyards will be your main guides today! You will leave at the north of the river. Follow the quiet back roads of the National Forest of Blois before crossing the Loire to find Chaumont-sur-Loire and its magnificent castle: the perfect spot for lunch before heading out to Amboise. If you arrive early in Amboise, you will have time to visit its castles, particularly the Clos Lucé, where Leonardo da Vinci spent the last 3 years of his life. Now a museum, the Clos Lucé will introduce you to the captivating world of the genius. Check out his inventions, and you may conclude that he invented...the bicycle! Night in a *** hotel.



Day 3: Blois-Amboise – 48,5km

The main appeal of your ride today is the Castle of Chenonceau, a 15th Century castle set on the Cher, and also called the "Castle of the Ladies". You will be able to continue your discovery of Amboise and its Royal Castle also. Not only did it host Leonardo da Vinci in his later years, the castle also holds an amazing collection of Renaissance and Gothic furniture pieces. Night in a *** hotel.

Day 4: Loop Amboise- Amboise through Chenonceau – 47,5km



For this last day on your bike, and following your itinerary, you will take a portion of the Way of St James of Compostella. You will have the opportunity to discover an unusual aquarium, where Loire and sea inhabitants are to be discovered. You will enjoy the natural beauty of the Island of the Metairie with its Rochecarbon cave-dwellings as background. You will arrive in Tours where you will spend your last night. Night in a *** hotel where you can leave your bikes.



Day 5: Amboise-Tours – 28,5km

Departure from Tours at your chosen time.

Day 6: Departure

Practical Info: 665 €/person

-20% for children 16 and under (discount of 133€) and FREE for children 2 and under.

The quoted price includes:

Lodging in 2 and 3 stars hotels, taxes included (based on double occupancy).

5 breakfasts per person

Welcome session from a member of the team Loire Vélo Nature on Day 1.

A roadbook with itineraries, maps, useful advice and tourist information and brochures.

5 day bike rental with equipment (helmet, map holder, back panniers, bike computer), theft insurance and on-the-road SOS repair assistance

Luggage transfer from each lodging point

« Our proposed trips have been carefully selected and the itineraries fully tested. Our roadbooks are very easy to use, our maps and instructions are clear and precise.
Have a nice trip! ».



Practical Info:

Availability: April 1st to October 31st.

Length of trip: 6 days / 5 nights.

Departure date: any.

Level of difficulty: open to all, mainly flat with some hills.

We reserve the right to change the itinerary based on hotel availability.

The quoted price does not include:

190€ supplement for single occupancy.

90€ supplement for 3 diners (drinks not included).

Lunches.

Travel from your home to Blois and from Tours to your home.

Personal expenses (drinks, entrance to sites, wine tasting, telephone...).

Personal insurance.

Legal Information:

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