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## Cycling Loire Valley

SELF-GUIDED BIKE TOUR FROM TOURS TO SAUMUR . 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS . 2018

*from 460 € per person on double occupancy*

### Day 1: Tours / Azay-le-Rideau 36 km

*You arrive in Tours by yourself, preferably in the morning. Walking to our bike store is easy: it is only 150m away from the train station. We give you your road-books and your bikes as well as all needed information.*

Cycling on the "Loire à Vélo" itinerary, along the Cher River, you soon reach Château de Villandry which offers the best example in France of formal Renaissance gardens. You keep on pedaling through the country towards Azay-le Rideau, a pretty little town which delicate Renaissance castle seems to float on the Indre River.

### Day 2: Azay-le-Rideau / Chinon 38 km

Today you cycle towards Langeais and its 15th Century fortress, and later you reach Château d'Ussé, the enchanting castle of Sleeping Beauty. You proceed through woods and vineyards of the Chinon area – wine tasting is recommended en route! – and you arrive in the medieval town of Chinon.

### Day 3: Chinon / Chinon 49 km (long option: +14km)

You cross a picturesque landscape enameled with white stone villages and smaller chateaux: here you are in the heart of the Touraine County. For a longer option: cycle to Crissay-sur-Manse, one of the Most Beautiful Villages of France. You come back to Chinon along the "Route des Vins", following the hillside overlooking the quiet course of the Vienne river. All along the way you pass many wineries and vineyards.

### Day 4: Chinon / Saumur 43 km

Across the peaceful countryside where famous medieval French author François Rabelais spent his youth, you reach the Royal Abbey of Fontevraud, one of the biggest abbeys of western Christendom. Discover the exceptional sites of Candès-Saint-Martin and Montsoreau, two of the Most Beautiful Villages of France. Ride across the Saumur-Champigny vineyards where wine tasting is recommended! Discover Saumur and its Château overlooking the Loire River.

*You leave the bikes at our bike rental place in Saumur and you walk less than 1 minute to the train station.*

## INCLUDED

- **High Quality hybrid bikes (24 gears):**
  - Helmets (on request).
  - 1 rear pannier per bike.
  - 1 handlebar bag with clear map holder per bike.
  - 1 odometer (1 for 2 bikes).
  - Repair kit, pump and lock (1 set for 2 bikes).
- **Technical assistance** 7 days / 7, from 8:00am to 8:00pm.
- **Repatriation** of bikes and accessories to the starting place.
- **Road-book** including:
  - Daily maps with your itineraries clearly marked.
  - Detailed routes flyers.
  - Vouchers.
  - All documentation on what to see along the way.
  - A selection of restaurants for dinners / lunches.
  - All our favourite addresses (wine/cheese makers, local specialities, etc...)
- **Luggage transfers.**
- **Accommodation:** 2\* or 3\* charming family hotels. All rooms with complete private bathroom. 3 nights, including breakfasts.
- **Breakfasts & local taxes in each hotels.**

## NOT INCLUDED

- Lunches and dinners.
- Wine and/or cheese tasting if any.
- Entrance fees for Châteaux & Monuments.
- Transfer to Tours upon arrival and from Saumur upon departure.
- Insurances against theft and/or any damages caused to the bikes, as well as personal insurance in case of accident.



## TERMS & CONDITIONS

Rates have been established according to the economical situation on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. They could be modified if there was an excessive raise of the rates of gas and/or if the hotels change their rates. As all our tours are "on request", acceptance of a reservation is bound to the number of places/rooms available.

### RESERVATION & CONFIRMATION

- 1-** As soon as we agree on a tour, we send you a Self-Guided Bike Tour Contract for you to sign and to return with the required deposit.
- 2-** Upon reception of both this contract and the deposit, we send you a confirmation of reservation.
- 3-** The remaining balance is required to be paid for the latest 30 days prior to arrival.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

- Up to 45 days prior to arrival: DÉTOURS DE LOIRE will keep 50% of the deposit.
- Up to 30 days prior to arrival: DÉTOURS DE LOIRE will keep 100% of the deposit.
- Between 30 days & 0 days: DÉTOURS DE LOIRE will keep 100% of the price of the tour. No refund can be accepted.