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Wonders of the Loire Valley

SELF-GUIDED BIKE TOUR FROM BLOIS TO SAUMUR . 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS . 2018

from 750 € per person on double occupancy

- **Day 1: Blois / Chambord / Blois.....**  **42 km**

In the morning, you come straight to our rental place to receive your bikes and your road-books as well as briefing for the tour.

Leave Blois and ride amongst fields and vineyards towards Chambord, the largest and by far most impressive Château in the Loire Valley. After visiting Chambord, you pedal back to Blois through the forest and across a few quiet villages.

- **Day 2: Blois / Chaumont-sur-Loire / Amboise.....**  **43 km**

A short ride on a path which follows from afar the course of the Loire river, and soon you find yourself in Chaumont-sur-Loire. The Château dominates the peaceful course of the river from a relatively high headland, and offers a beautiful view on the Valley. Not to be missed: the International Garden Festival, a true source of inspiration and magic! You will end your ride in Amboise. Discover the charming market town with its impressive castle overlooking the Loire River. Leonardo da Vinci once lived here and you will have the opportunity to visit his former manor house, Le Clos Lucé.

- **Day 3: Amboise / Chenonceaux / Amboise.....**  **46 km**

You ride through the forest of Amboise, along a pretty bike itinerary which will take you to chateau de Chenonceau: a wall of elegance built over the Cher River, it is one of the highlights of French Renaissance architecture, one of the most popular chateaux in France. You pedal back to Amboise through a quiet rural landscape of woods and vineyards.

- **Day 4: Amboise / Tours.....**  **30 km**

A beautiful ride on the bucolic Loire à Vélo bike path will take you to Tours. On the way you will cross the vineyard of Montlouis. Make a stop to taste the wine in a cellar or reach the church to simply admire the outstanding view onto the Loire Valley. Then follow the bank of the river down to Tours and take some time to wander in the old town center, filled with half-timbered houses, public gardens, and cafés.

- **Day 5: Tours / Azay-le-Rideau.....**  **36 km**

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 continue pedaling through the country towards Azay-le Rideau, a quaint little town which delicate Renaissance castle seems to float in the Indre River.

- **Day 6: 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 7: Chinon / Fontevraud / 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. 6 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 Blois 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 1st, 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.