

# Loire Valley by bike – Cool Version From Tours to Saumur

**Accommodation in selected or premium hotels or guest houses,  
5 days, 4 nights – 4 cycling days**

**Level: 1/5**



From 2000, the Loire Valley has been registered among UNESCO's World Heritage list, from Sully sur Loire (South East of Orleans), until Chalonnes sur Loire (South West of Angers). Get on your bikes to discover the last wild European river and its rich heritage following the cycling ways of the 'Loire à Vélo'. From Tours, enter the "Garden of France" and discover the specialties of this region : troglodytic houses, vineyards, mushroom caves, "pommes tapées and fouées"... Stroll into the Sleeping Beauty's chateau and the royal Abbey of Fontevraud. End the tour in Saumur, capital city of horse-riding.

## Strengths

- A route in the heart of Loire Valley, registered on UNESCO World Heritage list
- The various tourist sites en route
- Leave your bikes at Saumur at the end of your trip !
- Riding on the longest French designated cycling track

# SCHEDULE

## **Day 1: Arrival in Tours :**

Arrival at Tours hotel. Free evening in the capital city of the Loire Valley chateaux. Get lost in the little streets of the ancient city. With its ubiquitous architectural heritage, the Plumereau square is the heart of the ancient and contemporary city, well worth while stopping for a drink.

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## **Day 2 : From Tours to Azay le Rideau : 34 km**

Leave Tours and the Loire river temporarily to reach the Cher river banks. Villandry is waiting for you and invites you in its different levels of gardens. Then, give the Cher river the slip to join a chateau built on an island over the River Indre: Azay le Rideau.

Night in Azay le Rideau - B&B.

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## **Day 3 : From Azay le Rideau to Chinon : 37 km**

Find again the River Loire and discover the chateau of Rigny-Ussé, also called the Sleeping Beauty's chateau. Then, ride towards the South until Chinon. You cross the famous classified vineyards to arrive to the 12th century castle famous for the interview between Joan of Arc and the future king Charles VII. Do not hesitate to taste the local wines.

Night in Chinon - B&B.

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## **Day 4 : From Chinon to Saumur : 38 km**

After this pleasant ride, get on your bike and ride to discover Fontevraud and its royal abbey, one of the biggest in Europe. Founded in 1101, the abbey moved little by little to become a jail. You will also discover the troglodytic cliff houses on your way to Saumur. It is the area of the mushroom farms and sparkling wine cellars. Arrival in Saumur, dominated by its majestic chateau. It's a bit of a climb up to the chateau but your efforts will be rewarded by the superb panorama that is offered to you.

Night in Saumur - B&B.

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## **Day 5 : Loop around Saumur : 32 km**

Go toward the impressive château de Brézé crossing the pretty local villages. This chateau is formerly a troglodytic fortress coupled with a ground level Renaissance château. Do not miss the tour of its underground galleries... Ride then in the countryside. You are now back in the horse-riding capital city, the famous Cadre Noir opens its doors to you during a tour into the wings of the National Riding School. After the tour, take your time to taste the good Saumur sparkling wine in one of the numerous troglodytic caves of the city. Leave your rental bikes at Saumur train station and travel on light ! End of the trip.

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# TRAVEL CONDITIONS

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# RATES

## Version hotels Sélection

Registration for 2 people	495€
Registration for 3 people	495€
Registration for 4 people	460€
Registration for 6 people	440€

## Premium hotel version

Registration for 2 people	640€
Registration for 3 people	640€
Registration for 4 people	595€
Registration for 6 people	585€

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You can pay by credit card (faster) or bank transfer.


## Payment of balance

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## Insurance :

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- "Multirisque" contract (4.5%), minimum premium 15 euros:  
Repatriation assistance + tour interruption + luggage + cancellation.

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- "Cancellation" contract (2.5%), minimum premium 10 euros:  
Cancellation only.

[See the complete contract](#)

- "Repatriation assistance" contract (1.6%), minimum premium of 10 euros:  
Repatriation assistance + tour interruption + luggage.

[See the complete contract](#)

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