

Loire Valley by bike – Cool Version From Orleans to Tours

**Accommodation in hotels with ‘Selected’ or ‘High-end’ option ,
6 days, 5 nights – 5 biking days**

Level: 2/5



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). It was the mildness of the climate that seduced Kings to build along France’s longest river, the most sumptuous Renaissance chateaux : Chambord, of course, but also Blois, Amboise and Chenonceau... Get on your bike and discover the last wild European river and its rich cultural heritage, following the “Loire à Velo” cycle tracks.

From Orléans to Tours, ride in the heart of “The Valley of the Kings”, take your time to taste the local famous wines, to observe the typical fauna... and of course : the French art of living !

Strengths

- A route in the heart of Loire Valley, registered on UNESCO World Heritage List
- The sumptuous chateaux all along the route
- Leave your bikes at Tours at the end of your trip !

- Riding on the longest French designated cycling track

SCHEDULE

Day 1: Arrival in Orleans :

Arrival at Orleans hotel. Discover the capital of medieval France while getting lost in the ancient streets of the old city where the architectural heritage is everywhere.

Hotel (B&B)

Day 2 : From Orleans to Beaugency : 32 km

Leave the city of Joan of Arc by crossing the Pont de l'Europe, a magnificent work of art that marks the beginning of your journey along the Loire. Nature reclaims her rights at the confluence of the Loire and the Loiret, where you will ride through the nature reserve of St Mesmin. The chateau of Meung sur Loire is the first one you will see, with its beautiful French gardens. Make a stop in Beaugency, whose legendary bridge will take you into the heart of this picturesque medieval village.

Night in Beaugency - B&B.

B&B

Day 3 : From Beaugency to Blois : 47 km

Change of bank to reach the jewel of the Loire Valley: Chambord. Nestled in its more than 5000 acres park, this piece of Renaissance architecture, a real work of art, conceived by Francois 1st, is waiting for you. Its astonishing double spiral staircase leads you over the terraces, under a forest of chimneys. Maybe you will have the occasion to glimpse a doe herd on the way leading you to the royal city of Blois...

Night in Blois - B&B.

B&B

Day 4 : Loop around Blois : 34 km

To each château, its history, its kings and symbols. Blois chateau mixes the porcupine, emblem of Louis 12, to Francois 1st salamander. It is a real architectural panorama with its 4 different style wings meeting around the honour courtyard. After visiting Blois' chateau, get on your bike towards Cheverny. The cartoonist Hergé took his inspiration from there to create Moulinsart chateau, in the adventures of Tintin.

Night in Blois - B&B.

B&B

Day 5 : From Blois to Chenonceau : 49 km

Reach Chaumont sur Loire chateau and its gardens following the banks of the Loire. The terraces of the chateau offers you one of the most beautiful views over the wild Loire. Be mesmerised by the gardens of the domain, each year invented by creators from all over the world. Follow your way towards Chenonceau and leave for a while the river Loire to ride along one of its tributaries, Cher. The "Ladies chateau" is besides inseparable from the river that it spans. Stroll around the gardens, marked by the spirits of Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Medicis.

Night in Chenonceau - B&B.

B&B

Day 6 : From Chenonceau to Tours : 35 km

Return once again to the banks of the Loire at Amboise. The royal chateau of Charles 8th and Francois 1st dominates the landscape. Discover also the Clos Lucé, the last residence of Leonardo Da Vinci, one of the greatest minds of his time. To finish your trip on a high note, Tours welcomes you amongst its ancient districts, the heart of which is the famous Plumereau square. Do not forget to taste the local gastronomy in one of the numerous riverside guinguettes of the city : Loire whitebait, eels or zander in white butter sauce washed down by

a glass of fresh white wine would be a delight not to be missed.

End of your trip. Leave your rental bikes at Tours train station and travel on light !

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Attendees:

From 2 people.

Formalities:

- A valid official ID
- We recommend travel insurance with repatriation included

Accompanying :

Free Ride:

Equipped with the orientation material we give you: maps with highlighted route and detailed topoguide, you go alone to discover circuits designed by our team. You are guided by carefully prepared directions, for maximum precision.

Food :

No need to diet during your stay! It's the perfect opportunity to savor the local cuisine.

During your stay, you'll enjoy an overnight stay with breakfast. The price does not include picnics, drinks and dinners (unless otherwise mentioned in the program).

Options:

- Formula 3 or 4 days: tailor-made program from the 3 or 4 stages you choose yourself,
- Additional accommodation before or after the stay,
- Single room supplement,
- Bike rental.

Luggage :

Luggage is limited to the day's gear and a picnic. Luggage is transported by vehicle. Please allow 1 piece of luggage per person, maximum 15kg/luggage. Luggage is transported daily between 8am and 6pm, so please have your luggage ready to go by 8am every morning.

In order to respect the weight limit and facilitate the stowage of luggage in the vehicles, we inform you that rigid suitcases are no longer accepted.

Please bring soft bags.

Difficulty level :

You have a good physical condition and practice fairly regularly cycling or other sports activity.

Stage from 33 to 54km per day, no difference in altitude.

DEPARTURE AND MEETING POINT :

Arrival in Orléans (45).

How to get there:

By car: Highway A10, direction Orléans.

By train: Orléans-Centre SNCF train station or Fleury les Aubrais + tram line A to the city center.

By plane: Orly or Tours airport and taxi (1 hour drive).

Accommodation :

You only need to carry the essentials for the day and your picnic!

Your main luggage will be transported by vehicle between accommodations. Luggage is transported daily between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Each participant must limit their luggage to one bag per person, with a maximum weight of 15 kg. To respect the weight limit and facilitate loading into vehicles, rigid suitcases are no longer accepted. We kindly ask you to use soft bags. Each bag must be labelled with the name of the person making the reservation.

Please note: if your bag is overweight, the carrier reserves the right to refuse to accept it.

Accommodation :

Nights in double room in hotels. In Bed and Breakfast formula (night and breakfast included).

We have selected our accommodations for their quality of welcome and comfort: to enjoy, thank you to book as soon as possible.

You can choose your accommodation category:

- Sélection hotel version: you sleep in comfortable rooms for 2 in hotels or B&Bs, category ** or ***. Bed linen and towels are provided. A bathroom is reserved for you.
- Upscale hotel version: you sleep in upscale hotel rooms for 2 people, category **** or ***** with private bathroom and toilet. Bed linen and towels are provided.

Additional night, upscale version in Orléans or Tours: contact us

RATES

Version hotels Sélection

Registration for 2 people	675€
Registration for 3 people	660€
Registration for 4 people	645€
Registration for 6 people	630€

Premium hotel version

Registration for 2 people	1390€
Registration for 3 people	1385€
Registration for 4 people	1290€
Registration for 6 people	1210€

The price includes :

- Reservation of accommodation, in B&B formula (night and breakfast provided, free dinner not included)
- Daily luggage transport: 1 piece of luggage per person, maximum 15 kg
- Organisation and logistics costs
- LaRébenne Emergency Hotline

The price does not include :

- Dinners and lunches/ picnics,
- Return accommodation in Tours and Orléans,
- Drinks,
- Personal expenses,
- Personal bike equipment (helmets, gloves),
- Bicycles,
- Transportation to the meeting point,
- Return to Orléans by train with your luggage
- Entries in the tourist sites,
- The parking lot,
- Insurance.

GENERAL INFORMATION

How to subscribe ? :

No, no automatic forms!

At LaRébenne, we prefer to keep in touch with our travelers. We like to talk to you about our travels, and we want to maintain this relationship with you. Exchange, sharing and pleasure remain our ambition for LaRébenne travels.

Don't hesitate to contact us directly to talk about hiking or biking.

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Registration, deposit and validation

Once you've chosen your trip, it's quick and easy to register!

* Either go directly to your tour's page on our website and click on registration.

* Or we can work with you to create a tailor-made tour, and send you a personalized link to your registration form.

The registration is effective when we receive your registration form with your acceptance of the general terms and conditions of sale, accompanied by the deposit of 30% of the tour price. You will then receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your registration.

100% secure payment
You can pay by credit card (faster) or bank transfer.


Payment of balance

The balance must be paid one month before the departure date. You will find your invoice on your My LaRébenne space, as well as a payment link to the balance of your stay.

Invitation to depart

On receipt of payment of the balance, your travel diary will be available in your customer area on My LaRébenne, where you will find all the information you need for your trip, as well as your invoice.

Insurance :

In accordance with regulations, each participant in a LaRébenne trip must hold individual civil liability as well as individual multi-risk cover to protect themselves against incidents or accidents that may occur before or during the tour or bike trip.

Assistance mainly covers search and rescue, repatriation and medical expenses. It comes into play as soon as a medical report makes it possible to decide on repatriation. Repatriation, known as "premature return", can also be arranged for reasons other than the insured's own, such as the death of a family member (see cases in the insurance booklet). Beforehand, in regions far from medical facilities and difficult to access, you must agree to the organization of first aid using local resources (4X4, porters, horses, etc.).

This contract also covers loss, theft or delayed delivery of baggage, as well as interruption of stay.

The insurance protects against the financial risk of cancellation. It is very important to have this type of insurance in case of cancellation due to a health problem or for professional reasons.

We suggest you take out one of the three policies we have selected, bearing in mind that we only act as an intermediary between you and the insurer. Any additional insurance is invoiced per person and must be taken out on the day of booking:

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

[See the complete contract](#)

- "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](#)

As far as "civil liability abroad" is concerned, only French residents are covered.

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