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DATA SHEET - RN02

The Loire by Bike from Orléans to Tours Cycling through the heart of the Kings' Valley

A 6-day, 5-night cycling journey with 5 days on the bike, Self-guided cycling holiday

Level: 2/5



The Loire Valley is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its gentle climate captivated the Kings of France, who built some of the most magnificent Renaissance castles along the riverbanks: Chambord, Blois, Amboise and Chenonceau.
Cycle along Europe's last great wild river and discover its rich heritage by following the Loire à Vélo cycle routes. From Orléans to Tours, you will ride through the heart of the Kings' Valley, take the time to taste the wines that have made the region famous, and observe the wildlife of the Loire.
This is also the essence of the French art of living!

Strengths

- The most famous sites in the Loire Valley
- Charming villages
- Less well-known sites

- A journey into the Loire lifestyle

SCHEDULE

Day 1 : Arrival in Orléans. :

Check-in at your accommodation. Set out to discover the capital of medieval France by wandering through the narrow streets of the old town, where architectural heritage can be found around every corner.

Day 2 : From Orléans to Beaugency : 32 km

Leave the city of Joan of Arc via the Pont de l'Europe, a remarkable feat of engineering that marks the beginning of your journey along the Loire.
Nature takes centre stage at the confluence of the Loiret and the Loire rivers, where you will cycle through the Saint-Mesmin nature reserve. The first château you will encounter is Meung-sur-Loire, with its beautiful French-style gardens. You will then stop in Beaugency, where its legendary bridge will lead you into the heart of this picturesque medieval town.

Day 3 : From Beaugency to Blois : 47 km

Cross to the other side of the river to reach the jewel of the Loire Valley: Château de Chambord.
This masterpiece of Renaissance architecture, commissioned by Francis I, awaits you, nestled within its vast 5,000-hectare estate. The famous double-helix staircase will take you up to the terraces overlooking the forest of chimneys. You may be lucky enough to spot a herd of deer along the cycle paths leading to the royal city of Blois.

Day 4 : Cycling loop from Blois : 34 km

Each château has its own story, its kings and its symbols. Château de Blois combines the emblem of Louis XII, the porcupine, with that of Francis I, the salamander. It is a true architectural panorama, with its four wings built in different styles surrounding the main courtyard. After visiting the Royal Château of Blois, hop back on your bike and head towards Cheverny. The cartoonist Hergé drew inspiration from it when creating Château de Moulinsart in the adventures of Tintin.

Day 5 : From Blois to Chenonceau : 49 km

Ride to Château de Chaumont-sur-Loire and its gardens, following the banks of the Loire. The château terraces offer one of the finest views over the wild Loire River. Admire the estate's gardens, redesigned every year by creators from around the world.
Continue your journey towards Chenonceau. You will briefly leave the Loire to follow one of its tributaries, the Cher River. The "Ladies' Château" is inseparable from the river it gracefully spans. Explore the gardens shaped by the influence of Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Médicis.

Day 6 : From Chenonceau to Tours : 35 km

Return to the banks of the Loire at Amboise. The royal château of Charles VIII and Francis I dominates the landscape. Don't miss the Clos Lucé, the final residence of Leonardo da Vinci, one of the greatest minds of the Renaissance. Tours welcomes you with its historic districts, centred around the famous Place Plum', a beloved spot among the people of Tours.
Be sure to sample the local cuisine in one of the city's many riverside guinguettes: Loire fritters or pike-perch with beurre blanc sauce, accompanied by a chilled glass of wine, are waiting to be enjoyed!
End of the tour.

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Formalities :

Identity documents: Bring a valid national identity card or passport, depending on your nationality. A visa may also be required.
Supporting documents: Please bring proof of medical insurance. If you are a citizen of a European country, remember to bring your European Health Insurance Card.
Travel insurance: We recommend taking out travel insurance covering medical expenses, assistance, repatriation and cancellation.

Food :

The package includes accommodation with breakfast each morning.
Lunches and dinners are not included, giving you the freedom to choose where and what to eat at each stop along the way. There are plenty of tempting opportunities to enjoy gourmet cuisine and discover the local flavours.

Difficulty level :

This trip is suitable for active travellers in good physical condition who regularly enjoy cycling or other sports activities.
Daily cycling stages range from 33 to 54 km, with no significant climbs and a mostly flat route.

Departure and meeting point :

Arrival in Orléans (45).
How to get there:

- By car: take the A10 motorway towards Orléans.
- By train: arrive at Orléans-Centre or Fleury-les-Aubrais SNCF railway station, then take tram line A to the city centre.
- By plane: fly into Orly or Tours airports, then take a taxi (approximately 1 hour by road).

Luggage :

Simply carry what you need for the day — we'll take care of transferring your luggage from one accommodation to the next. Each participant may bring one soft-sided bag weighing up to 20 kg, clearly labelled with the booking holder's name.

Accommodation :

Enjoy nights in comfortable rooms for two or three people, in guesthouses or three- or four-star hotels, depending on the option you choose. We have carefully selected these accommodation options for their warm welcome and comfort, their charm and their proximity to the route. Bed linen and towels are provided, and each room has an en-suite bathroom.
Choose the accommodation category that suits you:

- Freedom package with luggage transport and accommodation in 3-star hotels
- Freedom package with luggage transport and accommodation in 4-star hotels

RATES

Self-guided cycling holiday with luggage transfer and 3-star hotel accommodation	
Registration for 2 people	625€
Registration for 3 people	620€
Registration for 4 people	615€
Registration for 6 people	595€

Self-guided cycling holiday with luggage transfer and 4-star hotel accommodation	
Registration for 2 people	1285€
Registration for 3 people	1280€
Registration for 4 people	1250€
Registration for 6 people	1225€

The price includes :

- accommodation in a double or triple room
- breakfast
- transport of one piece of luggage per person (max. 20 kg)
- tourist taxes
- access to our smartphone navigation app
- a personalised itinerary (PDF format)
- the ability to track your booking via your personal MyLaRébenne account
- full organisation and logistics for your stay
- 24-hour telephone support

The price does not include :

- Transport to the starting point and from the finishing point
- Lunches
- Dinners
- Drinks and personal expenses
- Bike and equipment hire
- Visits not included in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Anything not mentioned under ‘The price includes

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.
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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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