

France – Loire Valley - Orleans to Saumur Bike Tour (2025)
Self-Guided Tour
8 days/7 nights



The Loire Valley, also known as "garden of France", is a charming land of vineyards, flowers and rolling green hills, which will enchant you with its more than two hundred castles and luxuriant natural landscapes. It will be like riding in a fairy tale, in a picturesque countryside dotted with romantic châteaux, providing regular interludes to the cycling. While you marvel at this medieval splendour, don't forget to try the region's sumptuous cuisine and famous wines, for a true royal holiday experience!



Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Orléans.

Independent arrival in Orléans, homeland of Joan of Arc.

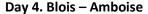
Day 2. Orléans – Beaugency/St. Dyé and surroundings

You pedal along the Loire alternating cycle paths with back roads. After a visit to Meung-sur-Loire you arrive at the Chateau Dunois, with the beautiful medieval centre of Beaugency. If you sleep in Beaugency, the total length is 25 km. Otherwise keep pedaling through a land full of water and culture, which will lead the way to the beautiful town of St. Dyé, an ancient river harbour.

ACCOMMODATION hotel / MEALS breakfast / BIKE KM 45 / ELEVATION GAIN (M) + 210 – 225

Day 3Beaugency/St. Dyé and surroundings - Blois

From the huge park surrounding Chambord Castle today's trip continues at the border of the forest of Boulogne. On the other side of the Loire crowded with a wonderful bridge, you can already see the profile of Blois and its castle, the steeples of the abbey and the Cathedral of St. Louis standing out. A shorter version of 25 km is also possible. ACCOMMODATION hotel / MEALS breakfast / BIKE KM 40 / ELEVATION GAIN (M) + 285 - 285



After the visit of the city of Blois and its impressive castle, you pedal along the Loire river. Here you can



visit the castle of Chaumont built on the top of a hill overlooking the river. In Amboise you cannot miss the house where Leonardo da Vinci spent the last years of his life. **ACCOMMODATION hotel / MEALS breakfast / BIKE KM 45 / ELEVATION GAIN (M) + 285 - 310**



Day 5. Amboise – Tours

After crossing the forest of Amboise you arrive in Chenonceau, known as the castle of the three ladies. You continue along the river Cher up to the city of Tours. You may also decide to stop for a visit at the castle of Nitray with its famous wine cellars. A shorter version (30 km), but which does not pass through Chenonceau, is possible. ACCOMMODATION hotel / MEALS breakfast / BIKE KM 50 / ELEVATION GAIN (M) + 355 - 370



Day 6. Tours - Chinon

Pedaling between the Loire and the Cher rivers you arrive at Villandry Castle, well known for its gardens. Following the Loire river, you'll reach the city Langeais where you can stop for a break. Before arriving in Chinon you will visit Ussé, where you can admire the castle of the Sleeping Beauty. **ACCOMMODATION** hotel / MEALS breakfast / BIKE KM 55 / ELEVATION GAIN (M) + 315 - 330

Day 7. Chinon – Saumur

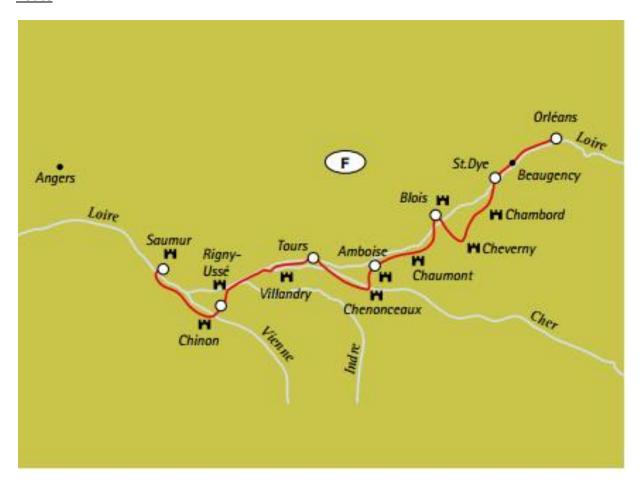
The tour continues along country roads beyond the confluence of the rivers Loire and Vienne, where you'll get to Savigny en Vèron and the wonderful village of Candes St-Martin. A few kilometres away you'll see the castle of Montsoreau from which you can enjoy the landscape over the Fontevraud Abbey. At the end of the stage you will visit Saumur, considered the "Pearl of Anjou". ACCOMMODATION hotel / MEALS breakfast / BIKE KM 35 / ELEVATION GAIN (M) + 290 – 290

Day 8. SaumurDeparture after breakfast. *MEALS breakfast*





Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Relatively Easy. In this tour you cycle through the wonderful Loire Valley. This cycle trip is not very demanding, though sometimes there are some hilly sections. The daily stages are not very long – always about 50 kilometers – mostly in the lowlands. The itinerary is mainly on cycle paths or paved roads with a little traffic. Terrain is 91% asphalt, 9% unpaved. Possibility to shorten the itinerary by taking the train: day 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Distance: 270 km

Travel Season: Departure dates SA 26.04 - 27.09.2025 SU 6.07 - 17.08.2025 Special departure dates for at least 6 people.

Seasons

Season 1 | 26.04 - 9.05 and 6.09 - 27.09.2025 Season 2 | 10.05 - 20.06 and 23.08 - 5.09.2025

Season 3 | 21.06 - 22.08.2025



Price per Person:	Category A	Category B
Double Occupancy Season 1	€ 890	€ 790
Season 2 Supplement	€ 150	
Season 3 Supplement	€ 200	
Single Room	€ 1320	€ 1190
3 rd person in room	€ 730	€ 630
Bike Rental	€ 110	
E-bike	€ 270	
Helmet	€ 15	
Extra Nights Orleans Double Occupancy	€ 75	€ 75
Extra Nights Orleans Single Occupancy	€ 130	€ 130
Extra Nights Saumur Double Occupancy	€ 75	€ 75
Extra Nights Saumur Single Occupancy	€ 130	€ 130

All prices subject to confirmation on booking

Accommodation:

Category A: 3 and 4 * hotels

Category B: Mainly 2* hotels with a few 3* hotels

All rooms have en suite facilities. In some 2* hotels there may be some cases of accommodation without air conditioning.

Included:

- 7 nights hotel accommodation
- Breakfast
- App including maps, roadbook, points of interest and GPS tracks
- Digital tour information
- Luggage transportation only 1 piece of luggage per person with max. 20 kg.
- Hotline service
- Hotel taxes

Not included

- Meals not mentioned in the section "What's included"
- Entrance tickets to castles
- Tips



Bikes

Unisex Touring Bike and Men's Touring Bike





- 28" wheel
- 27 speed
- anti-puncture tires
- comfort gel saddle
- speedlifter twist T10 to easily adjust the handlebar height
- Unisex is the only one suitable with children's accessories

Specifically assembled by our mechanics, our touring bikes feature components and accessories that make it reliable and easy to ride, a perfect companion for your bike tour. Furthermore, thanks to the step-through frame, getting on and off your bike is easier.

Accessories included

- Ortlieb rear side pannier (12,5 l)
- repair kit (1 per room)
- handlebar bag (1 per room)
- lock



E-bikes



Bosch unisex e-bike

- 28" wheel
- 9 speed
- disc or V-brakes (depending on the tour)
- anti-puncture tires
- comfort gel saddle
- speedlifter twist T10 to easily adjust the handlebar height

Our e-bike is the right choice if you do not feel trained enough to spend more days on a saddle. You can easily adjust the assistance of the electric motor: from a mild pedaling support, to a more intense boost, which is especially useful on starts and uphill climbs. The battery charge covers an entire cycling stage, or even more if you don't use it at full power all the time, and you can recharge it at the end of the day at the hotel .

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- battery charger
- battery key
- repair kit
- lock

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