



France- Cycling with Castles in the Loire Valley (2025)

7 Days/ 6 Nights

Individual Self-Guided



A bike trip designed for those who love cycling, but also want to enjoy one of the Loire's most exciting historical periods: the French Renaissance. The châteaux of Chambord, Chenonceaux and Villandry with its majestic three-story gardens are ready to open their doors, while the cozy towns along the way allow you to discover the famous French cuisine, including fine wines and tempting local dishes. Et voilà la Loire!

- Entrance to the castles of Chambord, Chenonceaux and Villandry included
- The local wines, dishes and cheeses
- The charm of cycling in a valley dotted with more than 300 castles

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Day by Day

Day 1. Orléans

Individual arrival and overnight in Orléans, homeland of Joan of Arc.

Day 2. Orléans – Blois (60 km)

Today you pedal along the Loire alternating cycle paths with back roads. After a visit to the village Meung-sur-Loire, you arrive at the Chateau Dunois, with the beautiful medieval centre of Beaugency. Today's destination is the charming town of Blois, with its splendid stone bridge over the Loire. When you arrive in the city you can visit the castle, explore the streets of the old town and the Cathedral of St. Louis.

Day 3. Blois – Chambord – Blois (40 km)

Today's stage leads you to one of the most famous and majestic of all Loire castles: Chambord. Leaving the hotel, we head for Saint-Dyé-sur-Loire, an ancient hamlet perched on the river. From here we continue southwards into the heart of the countryside until we reach the castle's surrounding forest.

Day 4. Blois – Amboise (45 km)

You saddle up for the start along the River Loire to Amboise. 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.



Day 5. Amboise – Tours (50 km)

After 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.

Day 6. Tours – Villandry – Tours (50 km)

You cycle along the strip of land between the Loire and Cher rivers to the Renaissance castle of Villandry, famous for its six luxuriant ornamental gardens. The entire park is preserved and treated with natural methods, without the use of pesticides and chemical fertilisers. You then head to Tours along the River Cher for the last evening in the Loire. If you haven't already, it's time to taste the famous crepes!

Day 7 . Tours

After breakfast end of services.

Tour programme variations

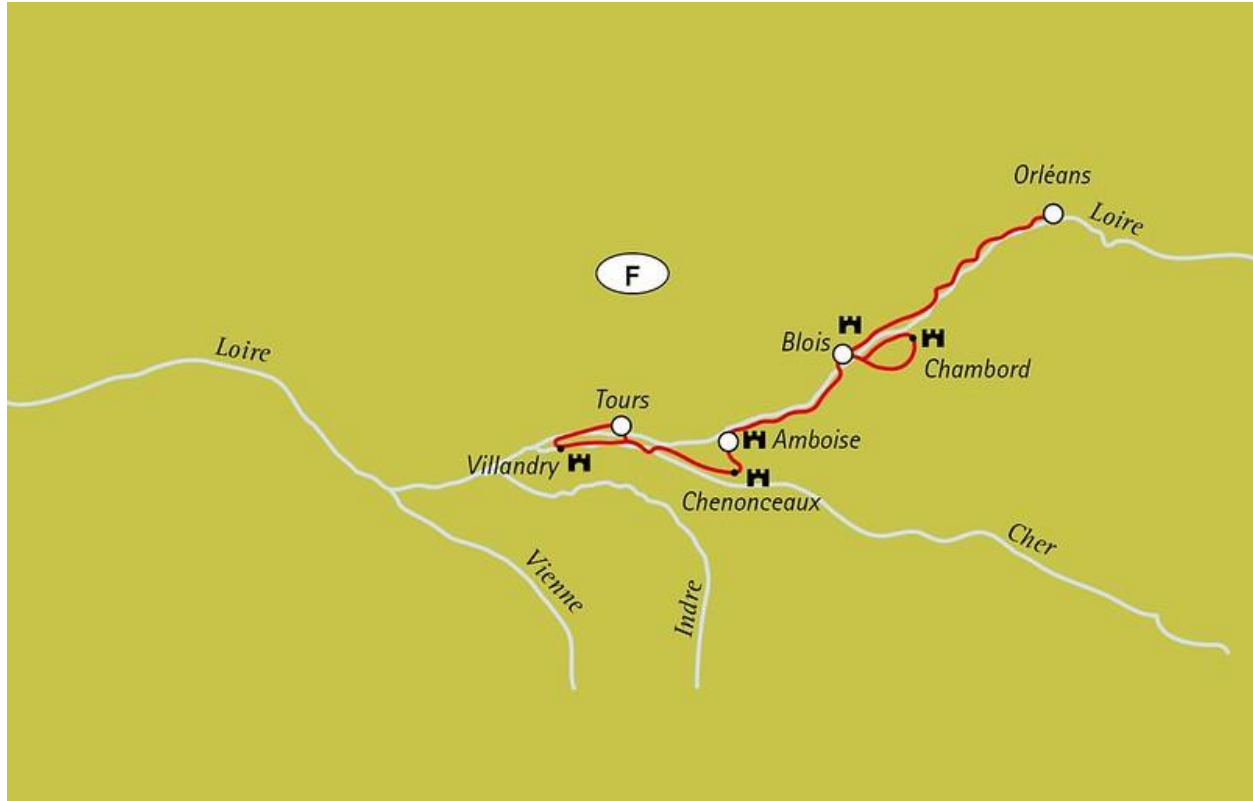
Due to organisational reasons, weather conditions or provisions issued by local authorities, the itinerary may be subject to some changes before and/or during your holiday. For example, along the way you may find temporary deviations caused by roadworks, which cannot be foreseen; in this case please follow the indications you will find on site.





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Route



A week of cycling of medium difficulty and daily stages of about 50 km. The routes are not particularly challenging, apart from some hilly sections that require good physical fitness and cycling habits. You ride mostly on bike paths, low-traffic paved roads and short sections of dirt road.

Departures: Saturdays from 26.04- 27.09

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

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Prices- per person double occupancy in Euros- *all prices subject to confirmation on booking*

Double Occupancy season 1	750 €
Single Occupancy season 1	1100 €
Third person in triple room	640 €
Supplement season 2	130 €
Supplement season 3	180 €
Touring bike rental	110 €
E-bike rental	270 €
Helmet rental	16 €

Extra nights- in double/single room with breakfast

- 75 / 130 € in Orléans
- 75 / 130 € in Tours

Transfer

- Transfer Tours-Orléans on request

Included

- 6 nights hotel accommodation
- Breakfast
- App including maps, roadbook, points of interest and GPS tracks
- Digital tour information
- Luggage transportation 1 piece of luggage per person with max. 20 kg.
- Entrance ticket for the castles Chambord, Chenonceau and Villandry
- Hotline service
- Tourist taxes

Not included

- Everything not mentioned in the section “Included”

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Bikes

Unisex Touring Bike and Men's Touring Bike



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- 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

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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 key
- repair kit
- lock

This is a partner tour

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