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**France – Loire Valley - Orleans to Saumur Bike Tour (2024)**  
**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!

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### Itinerary Day to Day

#### **Day 1: Orléans.**

Independent arrival in Orléans, homeland of Joan of Arc.



#### **Day 2: Orléans – Beaugency/St. Dyé 25/45 km**

You pedal along the Loire alternating cycle paths with back roads. After a visit to the Cathedral of Clery St. André you arrive at the Chateau Dunois with the beautiful medieval center of Beaugency. A land full of water and culture will lead the way to the beautiful town of St. Dyé, an ancient river harbour.

#### **Day 3: Beaugency/St. Dyé – Blois 60/40 km**

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.

#### **Day 4: Blois – Amboise 45 km**

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.

#### **Day 5: Amboise – Tours 50 km**

After crossing forest of Amboise you arrive in Chenonceaux, 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 – Chinon 55 km**

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.



#### **Day 7: Chinon – Saumur 35 km**

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 kilometers 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".

#### **Day 8: Saumur**

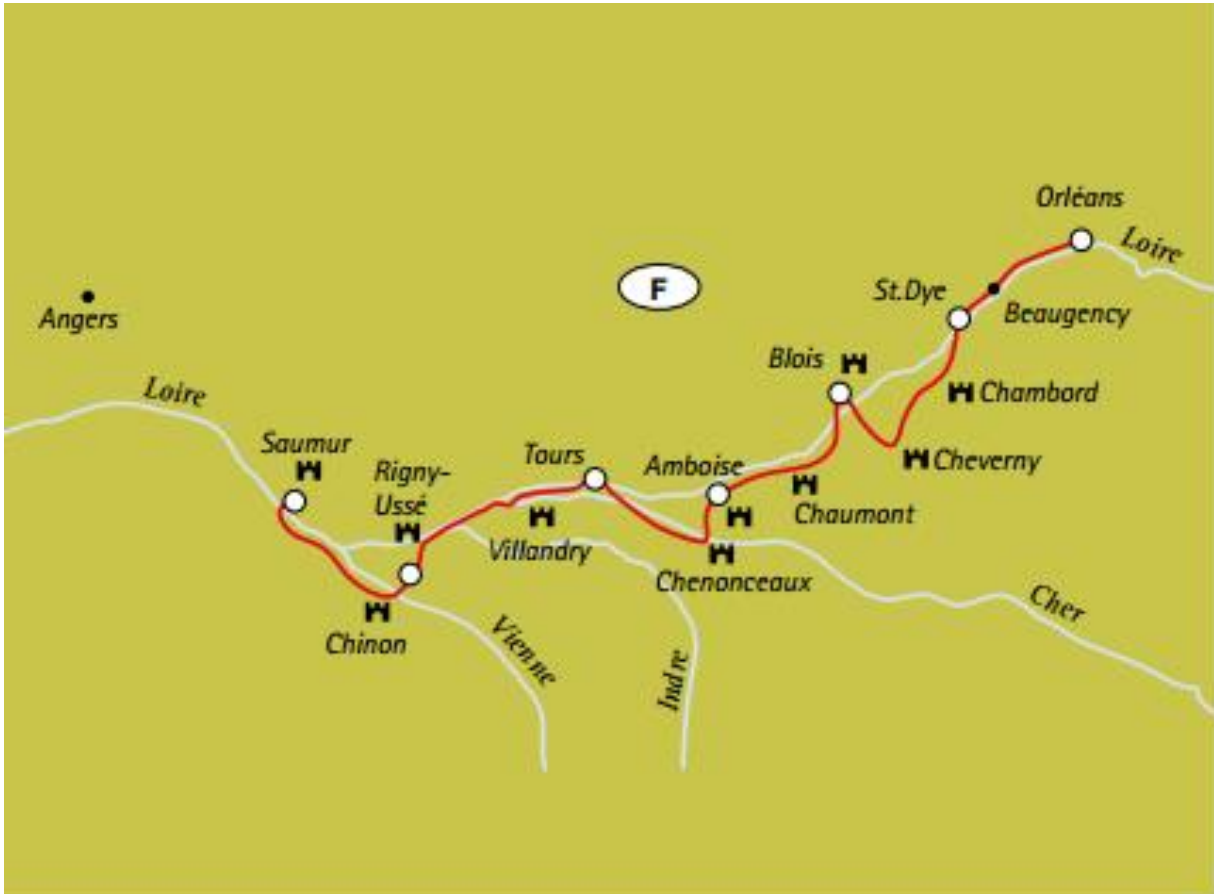
Departure after breakfast.

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### 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:** 275 km

**Travel Season:** Departure dates SA 4.05 - 28.09.2024 SU 7.07 - 18.08.2024

Special departure dates for at least 6 people.

### Seasons

Season 1 | 4.05 - 10.05 and 7.09 - 28.09.2024

Season 2 | 11.05 - 21.06 and 24.08 - 6.09.2024

Season 3 | 22.06 - 23.08.2024

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<b>Price per Person:</b>	<b>Category A</b>	<b>Category B</b>
Double Occupancy Season 1	€ 870	€ 770
Season 2 Supplement	€ 120	
Season 3 Supplement	€ 180	
Single Room	€ 1200	€ 1100
3 <sup>rd</sup> person in room	€ 690	€ 690
Bike Rental	€ 110	
E-bike	€ 270	
Helmet	€ 15	
Extra Nights Orleans Double Occupancy	€ 70	€ 70
Extra Nights Orleans Single Occupancy	€ 125	€ 125
Extra Nights Saumur Double Occupancy	€ 75	€ 75
Extra Nights Saumur Single Occupancy	€ 120	€ 120

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
- Hotline service
- Hotel taxes

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### Bikes

#### Unisex Bike



##### **UNISEX BICYCLE**

*Deore Shimano: 27 gears  
available also with Nexus  
Shimano: 7 gears with  
pedal brake.*

##### **HANDLEBAR BAG**

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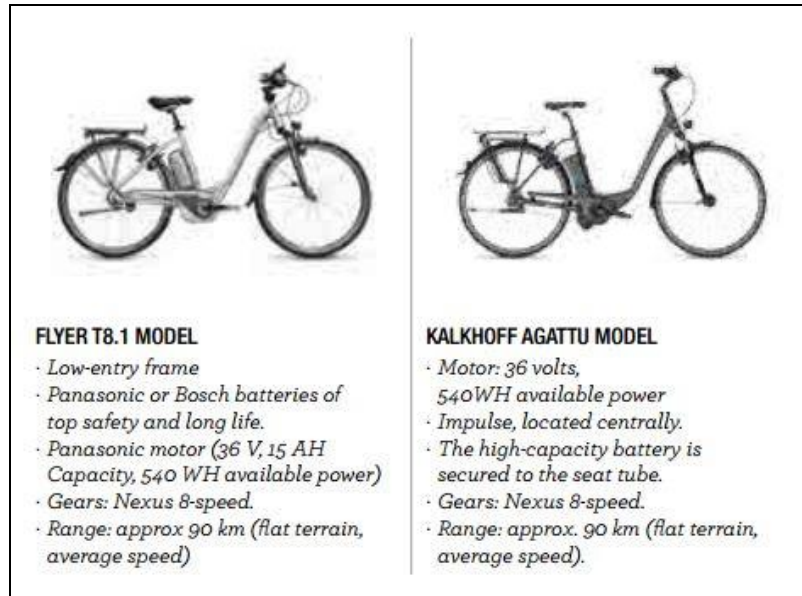
#### Men's Bike



##### **MEN'S BICYCLE**

*Deore Shimano: 27 gears  
available also with Nexus Shimano:  
7 gears with pedal brake.*

#### E-Bikes



##### **FLYER T8.1 MODEL**

- Low-entry frame
- Panasonic or Bosch batteries of top safety and long life.
- Panasonic motor (36 V, 15 AH Capacity, 540 WH available power)
- Gears: Nexus 8-speed.
- Range: approx 90 km (flat terrain, average speed)

##### **KALKHOFF AGATTU MODEL**

- Motor: 36 volts, 540WH available power
- Impulse, located centrally.
- The high-capacity battery is secured to the seat tube.
- Gears: Nexus 8-speed.
- Range: approx. 90 km (flat terrain, average speed).

***Assisting people in realizing their touring dreams worldwide is our passion.***

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