

FOR YOUR EXCLUSIVE CLIENTS

☀️ 4 DAYS 📍 310 KM

13

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES IN ATLANTIC LOIRE VALLEY

Highlights of the trip:

- Dining with a count and a countess in a Loire Valley chateau
- Testing the ultimate racing experience on the mythical 24 Hours Le Mans track
- Cheese and wine pairing with 2015 world-best cheesemonger
- Staying at the heart of a 1,000 year-old abbey
- Meeting passionate winegrowers
- The creative city of Nantes and Les Machines de l'île

The Chateau and vineyards of Saumur, Anjou



EXCLUSIVE & WELLBEING

13. Exclusive experiences in Atlantic Loire Valley

Day 1

📍 30 KM



Ford vs Ferrari,
by James Mangold,
with Matt Damon
& Christian Bale,
takes place in Le Mans
1966

Morning | Le Mans

Arrival Le Mans TGV train station

Take your time in Le Mans. Explore the Jacobins market and taste local products

Lunch at “L’Epicurieux” restaurant in central Le Mans

Afternoon | Le Mans

Discover the mythical Le Mans 24 Hours circuit & its museum.
Test the driving on the circuit at the Porsche Experience Center

Cheese & wine pairing party at 5* Chateau du Grand Lucé with 2015 world-best cheesemonger Fabien Degoulet

Night at 5* Chateau du Grand Lucé

> *Alternative: Dinner & Night at the Hotel Domaine de la Groirie, next to Le Mans*

Day 2

📍 100 KM



Saumur is also home
to the famous Cadre Noir
horse riding school



Morning | Loire Valley, Wine & Chateau life

Hot-air balloon captive flight in the park of the Chateau du Grand Lucé

Lunch with Count and Countess de Nicolay at Chateau du Lude

Afternoon | Saumur

Explore Saumur on board a vintage combi & enjoy the magnificent panorama over the River Loire from the Chateau.

Cycle around the Bouvet Ladubay wine cellars: kilometers of underground galleries excavated in the “Tuffeau” limestone host the great Brut de Loire sparkling wines

Dinner at Fontevraud Le Restaurant (1 *Michelin) at the heart of a 1,000 year-old abbey

> *Alternative: Dinner at restaurant Le Gambetta, 1 Michelin*, Saumur*

Night at 4* Fontevraud l’Hotel – a design hotel in a medieval crane – a night with Eleanor of Aquitaine

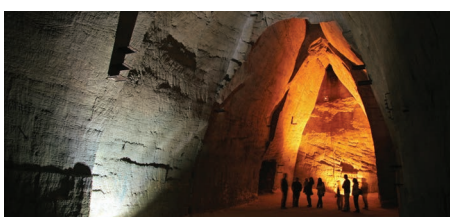
> *Alternative: Alternative : Night at 5* Chateau de Verrières Hotel & Spa, Saumur*

Day 3

100 KM



In Fontevraud Abbey's gardens, enjoy a poetic stroll at dawn...



Morning | Loire Valley - Culture & Boat life

Visit the **Royal Abbey of Fontevraud**, the largest monastic city in Europe, listed as a UNESCO world heritage site, hosting the reclining effigies of Eleanor of Aquitaine, of her husband Henry 2nd and of their son Richard the Lionheart.

Cruise lunch on the Loire River onboard "**l'Etoile qui Rit – the Laughing Star**" traditional boat

Afternoon | Loire Valley - Wine & Chateau life

Get ready for an **immersive experience in the troglodytic (cave-dwelling) world and meet with the set designer** of the *Mystère des Faluns* troglodyte site

Dinner at Chateau de Noirieux, an elegant mansion close to Angers. Enjoy the atmosphere of a family chateau in an architectural beauty of the 15th and 17th centuries.

> *Alternative: Dinner at La Table de la Bergerie restaurant, 1* Michelin, Champ-sur-Layon*

Night at 4* Chateau de Noirieux, close to Angers

> *Alternative: Night at 4* B&B Château Soucherie, Beaulieu-sur-Layon*

Day 4

80 KM



Discover Surprenantes : a collection of unique and original themed accommodation in Nantes & surroundings



Morning | From Anjou to Nantes along the River Loire

On your way to Nantes, stop and enjoy the panoramic views over the River Loire

Lunch in the theatre district in Nantes.

Elegant and cultural, the Graslin district is a gem of 18th and 19th century urban planning. Graslin is reputed for its chic shops, its gourmet restaurants and its Passage Pommeraye, the only three-storey covered arcade in Europe.

Afternoon | Nantes

Follow the Green line in Nantes.

A green line literally painted on the ground enables visitors to discover all the main city landmarks, from the Chateau des ducs de Bretagne to the latest artworks of Le Voyage à Nantes. Get ready!

Dinner in Nantes city centre

Dine in a restaurant recommended by the selection *Les Tables de Nantes*. Fresh, creative, and healthy: Nantes' cuisine will delight you!

Night at the 4*Radisson Blu Hotel in Nantes Graslin district

> *Alternative: 4* Maisons du Monde Hôtel & Suites*

CONTACTS OF SUPPLIERS

HIGHLIGHTED IN THE ITINERARY

L'Epicurieux Restaurant, Le Mans

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Le Mans 24 hours – Race track & museum

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Le Mans 24 hours – Porsche experience center

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Fabien Degoulet – world-best cheesemonger, Le Mans

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5* Château du Grand Lucé hotel

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Château du Lude

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Loire Vintage Discovery – vintage combi, Saumur

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Bouvet-Ladubay – sparkling wine cellar, Saumur

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The Royal Abbey of Fontevraud

1* - Michelin restaurant and 4* Hotel

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L'étoile qui rit – cruise on the Loire river, Saumur

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Mystère des Faluns – troglodyte site, Doué-en-Anjou

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4* Hotel Château de Noirieux, Angers

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Les Tables de Nantes

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4* Radisson Blue Hotel, Nantes

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LOOKING FOR UNIQUE EXPERIENCES?

PLEASE FIND BELOW ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS IN ATLANTIC LOIRE VALLEY

• With its 10 rooms, its private mansion atmosphere, authentic decoration and period furniture, the 5* hotel **Château de Verrières** is ideal for discovering the Loire Valley in Saumur. You will be welcomed by the devoted owners and feel at home in this family-sized chateau surrounded by a four-acre park.

• In the Saumur area, experience an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of **the Doué-la-Fontaine Biopark with a caretaker**. This is the only zoological park in the world located in a cave-dwelling site and it is internationally recognised for its protection of endangered species.

• **Live the chateau life in Sarthe**: between Le Mans and Caen, choose one of the 11 elegant rooms of **the Château Saint Paterne**, and dine with the hosts of this 4* chateau-hotel. You may wish to also experience the authentic and gracious way of life of the French aristocracy, staying at **Château de la Barre** (9 rooms) with Count and Countess de Vanssay, between Le Mans and Blois.

• In South Vendée, 40 mins drive north of La Rochelle, **the Château de L'Abbaye Moreilles**, part of Chateaux & Hotels collection, is a 17th-century mansion, remnant of a former abbey, where you will feel at home.

• 10 mins drive from Nantes city centre, the newly opened 5* **Château de Maubreuil** hotel offers 14 suites, each one revealing its own thematic destination. The art-loving owners chose the wooded setting of the Maubreuil site to take you on a journey.

• The **Lucien Barrière group** in La Baule has three 5* hotels & 1 thalassotherapy centre – Le Royal Thalasso (87 rooms, Le Fouquet restaurant), L'Hermitage (200 rooms, 2 restaurants) and Le Castel Marie Louise (31 rooms, 1 restaurant).

• At the doorsteps of Brittany, located in the Brière Regional Nature Park, the **5* Domaine de la Bretesche Golf & Spa**, part of Relais & Châteaux group, offers a refined experience where the classic or contemporary-style rooms will enchant you. 36 rooms, gastronomic restaurant.

• Experience an original tour on the smooth and comfortable traditional “**toue cabanée**” (cabined flat-bottomed barge) with la Toue de Nantes: whether in the heart of Nantes, or on the Erdre or Sèvre rivers – groups of 12 persons maximum.

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