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CULTURE AND ART

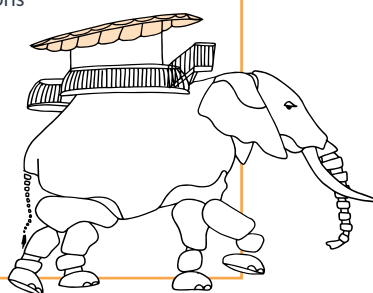
☀ 4 DAYS 📍 370 KM

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## LOIRE VALLEY: ART (DE VIVRE) AS IT FLOWS

### Highlights of the trip:

- The Loire Valley, a UNESCO world heritage site
- The Royal Abbey of Fontevraud & its modern art museum
- Famous Saumur sparkling wine producers as patrons of contemporary artists
- Angers, capital of medieval and modern tapestry
- Stunning Saint-Nazaire on the Atlantic coast
- The contemporary art trail Estuaire from Nantes to Saint-Nazaire
- The creative City of Nantes and Les Machines de l'île



The Sea Snake art work,  
Saint-Brevin-les-Pins, Atlantic Coast





## Day 1

80 KM



Did you know that  
Fontevraud was turned  
into a jail in 1814?

### Morning | Angers

**Arrive at Angers TGV train station.**

**Take your time in Angers.** In the heart of the Loire Valley, Angers (the capital of Anjou) is renowned for its rich heritage and quality of life.

**Lunch in Angers** in a typical restaurant.

### Afternoon | Fontevraud

**Visit the Royal Abbey of Fontevraud**, the largest monastic city in Europe, a UNESCO world heritage site, which will host a modern art museum as from Spring 2020.

**Dinner at Fontevraud Le Restaurant** (1 Michelin\*) at the heart of a 1000 year-old abbey

> *Alternative: dinner at cave-dwelling restaurant Les Nobles Fouées, Saumur*

**Night at the 4\* Fontevraud l'Hotel**, a design hotel in a medieval crane – a night with Eleanor of Aquitaine

> *Alternative: Night at 4\* Hôtel de la Marine in Montsoreau*

## Day 2

90 KM



Montsoreau is the only  
Chateau de la Loire  
to be built directly  
in the river's bed!



### Morning | Loire Valley - Montsoreau & Saumur

**Discover Chateau de Montsoreau & Museum of contemporary art.** Overlooking the Loire, the Chateau has the world's largest collection of works by the Art & Language movement.

**Visit the Bouvet Ladubay sparkling wine cellars:** kilometers of underground galleries host the great Crémant de Loire sparkling wines.

**Lunch in the Ackerman wine cellars,** the oldest Loire Valley fine sparkling wine House. Along the lines of its wines, Maison Ackerman displayed boldness, when it decided to support creativity, most especially plastic arts.

### Afternoon | Angers

**Themed guided tour of Angers**— art in the city: Jean Lurçat & Contemporary Tapestry museum, Echappées d'art itinerary.

**Dinner at restaurant La Réserve,** on the roof of the Le Quai Theatre, overlooking the River Maine and the Chateau.

> *Alternative: Dinner at Restaurant Le Favre d'Anne, 1\* Michelin, Angers*

**Night at the 4\* Hôtel Mercure Angers Centre.**

> *Alternative: Best Western Hôtel d'Anjou, Angers*

## Day 3

200 KM



The “Giants of the sea, giants of the air” tour takes you into the shipyards and into Saint-Nazaire's Airbus factory.



### Morning | Saint-Nazaire

**On your way to the Loire Estuary & Saint-Nazaire, discover a series of works of land art** as part of the Estuaire Nantes-Saint-Nazaire contemporary art trail.

**Lunch at the Saint-Nazaire market:** a 1950's architecture hosting the weekly market with local producers.

### Afternoon | Saint-Nazaire and Nantes

**Discover Saint-Nazaire**, the city by the Estuary and the Atlantic Ocean, and the works of art in the city.

**Discover Les Machines de l'île**, the city's top attraction and the creative quarter

- Machines de l'île de Nantes (Carrousel of the Marine Worlds) : This unprecedented artistic project sits at the crossroads of Jules Verne's “invented worlds”, of Leonardo da Vinci's mechanical universe, and Nantes' industrial history
- Creative quarter of the île de Nantes: new forms of architecture and art installations flourish in this new neighborhood!

**Dinner cruise** on the Erdre river, an affluent of the Loire, with Les Bateaux Nantais.

**Night at the 4\* Hotel Seven Urban Suites on the Ile of Nantes**  
> *Alternative: 4\* Mercure Grand Hotel in Nantes*

## Day 4

4 KM



Nantes: follow the green line painted on the ground



### Morning | Nantes

**Discover the Nantes Fine Arts Museum**

The magnificent Musée d'Arts de Nantes showcases a splendid collection, from Tintoretto and Rubens to Monet, Rodin, Kandinsky and Chagall. Visitors can appreciate the museum's 10,000-strong collection all year round. Not to be missed: the extension dedicated to contemporary art.

**Lunch in the theatre district in Nantes.**

Elegant and cultural, the Graslin district is a gem of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 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\* Mercure Centre Passage Pommeraye Hotel in Nantes.**

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



## CONTACTS OF SUPPLIERS HIGHLIGHTED

### IN THE ITINERARY

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PLEASE FIND BELOW ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS IN ATLANTIC LOIRE VALLEY

#### • Nantes ↔ Saint-Nazaire Estuary - Landscape, Art and the River

In Nantes, Saint-Nazaire and along the 60 km of the shores of the Loire River, a collection of 31 artworks created by artists in the heart of a fascinating land. 'Estuaire' river cruises of 2.5 hours from April to October.

#### • The summertime "Le Voyage à Nantes"

The summertime Voyage à Nantes invites artists, designers, architects to express themselves in the public arena. One-off installations, works of arts, great meeting places all take you on a journey of discovery across the town. Every summer: July and August.

• 20 km south of Laval, **the Robert Tatin museum** will surprise you. Robert Tatin, once a carpenter, then a world traveler, later met Cocteau, Giacometti and Prévert, but refused to be locked up in an academy. He rather expressed his arts closer to nature.

• **The Museum of Naïve and Singular Art (MANAS)** is located in the Chateau of Laval, the birthplace of the famous painter Douanier Rousseau (100km away from Mont Saint Michel).

• In Les Sables d'Olonne, Atlantic Coast, do not miss **the Museum of the Abbey of Sainte Croix**, a modern and contemporary art museum.

• **Nantes Museum of Arts**  
Monet, Kandinsky, Kapoor... discover the greatest art museum in western France. The museum gives a unique view of art from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

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