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# LOIRE VALLEY: GREAT WINES & ART DE VIVRE

# Highlights of the trip:

- Taste various Loire wines, from the most renowned ones to secret ones
- Meet passionate winegrowers and learn how they work
- Enjoy the UNESCO Loire Valley's unique landscapes
- Enjoy memorable wine & food pairing
- The creative city of Nantes and Les Machines de l'île

Chateau du Coing, Nantes vineyard

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Day 1

**⊘**<sup></sup> 50 KM



Loire Valley: 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest producer of AOP wines in France



### Morning | Blois

#### **Guided tour of Blois**

Located on the banks of the Loire, the city of Art and History of Blois immediately seduces visitors with its royal Chateau, the houses of the old town and the religious monuments

Tour of the Chateau de Blois

Boat tour on the River Loire

Lunch in Blois

Afternoon Chateau de Chaumont-sur-Loire & Chenonceaux

Tour of Domaine de Chaumont-sur-Loire

**Dinner at the Restaurant of Auberge du bon laboureur**, in Chenonceaux

Night at 4\* Hotel L'Auberge du bon laboureur, in Chenonceaux

# Day 2

<u>⊚</u><sup>©</sup> 115 km











Morning Chateau de Chenonceau & Amboise

Discover the Chateau de Chenonceau

Wine tasting at Cave des Domes in Chenonceaux

Lunch at the Orangerie of Chenonceau

Afternoon Amboise & Saumur

Wine tasting at Cave Duhard in Amboise

Wine tasting aperitif at <u>Domaine de Rocheville</u>, Parnay

Dinner at the <u>"Bistrot de la Place" Restaurant in Saumur</u>, (secret wine cellar underneath the restaurant). > Alternative: Dinner at a cave-dwelling restaurant La Cave aux Moines, Saumur

**Night at the <u>3\* Hôtel Le Londres</u> in Saumur** > Alternative: Night at 4\* Hotel Mercure Bords de Loire, Saumur

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# Day 3

**⊘**<sup>⊘</sup> 90 KM

- Co-Loire Valley wines: 50 appellations & denominations





### Morning | Saumur & Côteaux du Layon

**Explore Saumur on board a** <u>vintage combi</u> & enjoy the magnificent panorama over the River Loire from the Chateau.

Visit the <u>Gratien & Meyer sparkling wine cellars</u>: Enjoy a rich, detailed and comprehensive cellar tour and discover the epic adventure of Gratien and Meyer.

**Lunch at "<u>La Table des Fouées</u>**", a troglodytic (cave-dwelling) restaurant where you will taste local specialties.

Afternoon | Layon vineyards & Chateau de l'Epinay

Discover the secrets of the Domaine FL vineyard

Dinner at Chateau de l'Epinay, for a food and wine pairing.

Night at 4\* Chateau de l'Epinay, Saint-Georges-sur-Loire > Alternative: Dinner & Night at 4\* Chateau de Noirieux, Angers

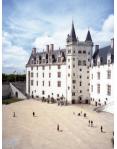
# Day 4

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### Morning Angers vineyards

**Discover the <u>Domaine Musset Roullier wine estate</u> in La Pommeraye: tour and wine tasting** 

### 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 <u>Les Tables de</u> <u>Nantes</u>. Fresh, creative, and healthy: Nantes' cuisine will delight you!

**Night at the <u>4\* Okko Hotel in Nantes</u>**, **next to the Chateau** Alternative: <u>4\* Mercure Centre Passage Pommeraye Hotel in</u> Nantes

### CONTACTS OF SUPPLIERS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE ITINERARY

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Loire Vintage Discovery

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# INTERESTED IN WINE & GASTRONOMY?

PLEASE FIND BELOW ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS IN ATLANTIC LOIRE VALLEY

• At **Domaine Jérémie Huchet in the Nantes vineyard**, discover the Melon de Bourgogne, the unique grape variety used to make Muscadet wine, which perfectly pairs with fish and seafood. A friendly and educational visit.

• Fancy a night in a wine barrel? At Vignoble Marchais, just outside Nantes, you can enjoy the moonlight on the vineyard. Included: wine tasting in the cellars & breakfast. Possibility to enjoy a gourmet dinner.

• Wine estate Domaine Saint Nicolas, Vendée-Atlantic coast: If you are really into wines, this biodynamic wine estate offers an educational reading of the soils and will teach you how to make a good food and wine pairing.

• At **Domaine Gigou in the Loir Valley**, discover the little-known Jasnières wine and have a relaxing night in the B&B overlooking the cellars. A warm welcome by the winemakers is guaranteed!

• The Wine cycling tour: in a group or by yourselves you can dive into the history of our 2,000-year-old wines! Various stays are proposed to allow you to discover the rich Loire Valley terroirs. Bikes included. 1 to 5-day routes. • Anjou's famous distilleries: Emblematic of the Anjou region, **the Giffard Company** (Angers) has been known as a liqueur maker since 1885. Take part in an original escape game and discover all the mysteries of the famous liqueur Menthe-Pastille. In Saumur Loire Valley, visit a distillery still in activity, go back in time and learn the secrets of making **Combier liqueurs** and the fabulous history of absinthe.

• While in the Loire Valley, don't miss a stop & taste at a troglodyte restaurant, such as **Les Nobles Fouées in Saumur:** in a tufa stone cave dwelling, enjoy the traditional fouées, these small balls of bread, baked in the oven and filled while still hot with rillettes, pork, mushrooms, or beans or butter.

• Ackerman is synonymous for sparkling wines of course, but also for majestic artworks in the cellars dug into the cave dwellings. Between arts, lights and wine barrels discover the secrets of Saumur brut sparkling wines.

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