

6 LOIRE VALLEY SECRET VINEYARDS

Highlights of the trip:

- Wine tasting of Anjou and Muscadet appellations
- Cocktail workshop at the Cointreau distillery
- Solex vintage motorcycle ride in the Layon vineyard
- $-\operatorname{\sf Clisson},$ the city with an Italian flavor
- The creative city of Nantes, 20 minutes away from the Muscadet Vineyard





Day 1













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 | Angers

Enjoy an introduction of the Loire Valley wines (namely Anjou and Saumur appellations) at the Maison des Vins d'Anjou.

Learn the secrets of <u>Cointreau</u>, the famous orange-flavored triplesec liqueur produced in Angers, used in many cocktails. Use your imagination to create your own signature beverage

Dinner at the "Loire & Sens" hotel restaurant in Juigné-sur-Loire, by the Loire River

Night at the <u>3* "Loire & Sens" hotel</u> in Juigné sur Loire, by the Loire River.

> Alternative: Dinner & Night at 3* Hotel Les 3 Lieux, Les Ponts-de-Cé, by the Loire River

Day 2













Morning | Anjou

Choose between 2 options:

- A Enjoy <u>a guided walk in the vineyards with winetasting</u>: an original experience to discover the Layon vineyard
- B Get ready for <u>a wine and solex (vintage motorcycle) experience</u> at the Domaine de Piedflond

Lunch at the <u>Chateau Soucherie restaurant</u>, in the vineyard, in Beaulieu-sur-Layon.

Afternoon | Savennières & Muscadet

Enjoy a winetasting session at the **Domaine du Closel vineyard**.

This family property is one of the main wine estates of the Savennières AOP, renowned for the quality of its wines.

Food & wine pairing dinner at the restaurant of the <u>Villa Saint</u> <u>Antoine Hotel</u> in Clisson

> Alternative: Dinner at Restaurant de la Vallée, Clisson

Night at the 4* Villa Saint Antoine Hotel & Spa, in Clisson (a former mill transformed into a hotel), facing the medieval Chateau

> Alternative: Night at 4* Hotel Seven Urban Suites, Nantes

Day 3

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Morning | Clisson & Muscadet vineyard

Explore the fascinating history of Clisson, its impressive medieval Chateau, narrow streets and Tuscan colors along the banks of the Sèvre Nantaise during a guided-tour.

Discover La Garenne-Lemot in Clisson, an exceptional site (villa and garden), overlooking the river and inspired by Italian architecture.

Taste a range of Muscadet wines at the <u>Chateau du Coing</u> vineyard in Saint-Fiacre-sur-Maine.

Lunch at the Chateau du Coing vineyard in Saint-Fiacre-sur-Maine.

Afternoon | Nantes

Nantes: Discover <u>Les Machines de l'île</u> in Nantes, 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 Ile de Nantes: new forms of architecture and art works flourish in this new neighborhood!

Dinner at <u>la Cigale</u>, an Art Nouveau elegant brasserie in Nantes, opened in 1895 and listed as a historical monument.

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

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

Night at the <u>4* Maisons du Monde Hôtel & Suites</u> in Nantes

> Alternative: 4* Radisson Blu Hotel in Nantes Graslin district

Day 4

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CONTACTS OF SUPPLIERS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE ITINERARY

Cointreau distillery, Angers carre.cointreau@remy-cointreau.com

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Wine & Solex - Vintage motorcycle in the Anjou vineyard pied-flond@9business.fr

Chateau Soucherie – wine estate, Anjou contact@domaine-de-la-soucherie.fr

Domaine du Closel – wine estate, Anjou contact@savennieres-closel.com

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The Château du Coing - wine estate, Muscadet vineyard commercial@vgc.fr

The Machines – l'île de Nantes groupes@nantes-tourisme.com

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- Welcomed by sheep and surrounded by apples and pears, discover the age-old craft of Calvados and cider making at Mayenne's Musée du Cidre in Lassayles-Chateaux, in the Normandie-Maine regional nature park.
- Turned into an amusing wine museum around 1920, the cellars of the Domaine Lelais, in the Loir Valley vineyards between Angers and Le Mans, will leave you with an unforgettable memory.
- Besides the classic visit, Veuve Amiot, one of the famous sparkling wine producers of the Saumur area, also offers special cellar visits by candlelight, along with food and wine tasting in the dark underground galleries. An astonishing visit into the cellars with a mysterious ambiance.
- Close to the Atlantic Ocean in the Vendée vineyards, the Mourat estate offers a discovery day by electric car or by bike to learn more about the Fiefs Vendéens wines and their specificities.

- Do you know the perfect spot to enjoy a glass of wine? Just overlooking the river, the Genaudieres wine estate, halfway between Angers & Nantes, has an incredible panorama on the Loire Valley. A nice place to do geo-emotional wine tasting.
- Enjoy a unique experience at Chateau de la Ragotière in the Muscadet vineyard: Picnic or wine & cheese gourmet pairing will allow you to discover the secrets of this still little-known wine.
- Original Vélo Tour, an original guided food & wine bike tour in Southern Vendée and the Poitevin marshes: Discover & taste the Vendée wines in small groups & in several languages with Damien, your experienced guide.

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