

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

Château de Montsoreau, Loire Valley

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Day 1



Loire Valley: 3rd biggest producer of AOP wines in France



Morning Blois

Access: by TGV at Blois train station

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 Château de Blois

Boat tour on the River Loire

Lunch in Blois

Afternoon Château 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>[©] 115 km











Morning Chenonceaux & Amboise

Discover the Château 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 Domaine de Rocheville, Parnay

Dinner at the "Bistrot de la Place" Restaurant in Saumur, (secret wine cellar underneath the restaurant).

> Alternative: Dinner at a cave-dwelling restaurant La Cave aux Moines, Saumur

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

Day 3

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Morning | Saumur & Côteaux du Layon

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

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

Lunch at "Les Caves de Marson", a troglodytic (cave-dwelling) restaurant where you will taste local specialties.

Afternoon | Layon vineyards & Château de l'Epinay

Discover the secrets of the Domaine FL vineyard.

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

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

Day 4

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The famous "Beurre Blanc" butter sauce (pairing ideally with fish) was invented near Nantes, on the banks of the Loire River







Morning Angers vineyards

Discover the Domaine Musset Roullier wine estate in La Pommeraye: tour and wine tasting.

Lunch at Domaine de la Brûlaire in Beaupréau-en-Mauges.

Afternoon | Nantes vineyard

Fall under the charm of Clisson, the medieval city with an Italian flavour.

Enjoy a white wine and cheese gourmet pairing at Les Frères Couillaud at the Château de la Ragotiere. This wine estate has produced organic wines since 2019 and offers original workshops for people to discover their wines.

Night at the 4* Villa Saint Antoine Hotel & Spa, in Clisson (a former mill converted into a hotel), facing the medieval Chateau > Alternative: 4* Okko hotel in Nantes, next to the Château

Depart from Nantes TGV train station or Nantes international airport

CONTACTS OF SUPPLIERS

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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!

• 2 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 **3** 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.

• Le Secret des Papilles (Taste buds' secret) : Vanessa, a Loire Valley wines expert guide, offers wine tours at the heart of the vineyards : on foot, by bike, by boat, or on a horseback, discover the secrets of the Loire Valley wines.

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