

FOR YOUR EXCLUSIVE CLIENTS

☀️ 4 DAYS 📍 310 KM

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# 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
- Staying at the heart of a 1,000-year-old abbey
- Creating your own Cointreau-based cocktail
- Meeting passionate winegrowers
- The creative city of Nantes and Les Machines de l'île

The Chateau and vineyards of Saumur, Anjou



## Day 1

📍 30 KM



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

### Morning | Le Mans

Arrive at Le Mans TGV train station.

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

**Known throughout the world for its 24-hour car race,** Le Mans is also famous for its old medieval district.

**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.**

**Dinner at 5\* Château du Grand Lucé by Chef Maxime Thomas.**

**Night at 5\* Château 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 | Loir Valley, Wine & Chateau life

**Cooking class with the Chef at the Château du Grand-Lucé.**

**Lunch with Count and Countess de Nicolaj at Château du Lude.**

### Afternoon | Saumur

**Explore Saumur on board a vintage combi.** Saumur, where the fashion designer Coco Chanel was born, is located by the Loire River, a UNESCO world heritage site, surrounded by vineyards and dominated by its 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 the gastronomic restaurant Le Gambetta, Saumur*

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

> *Alternative : Night at 5\* Château de Verrières Hotel & Spa, Saumur.*

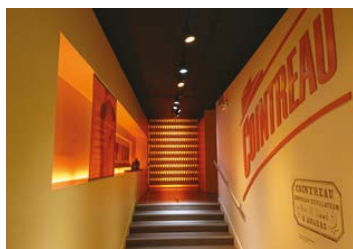


## Day 3

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and of their son Richard the Lionheart. Don't miss the modern art museum that opened in 2021.

**Cruise lunch on the Loire River on board "L'Etoile qui Rit – the Laughing Star" traditional boat.**

### Afternoon | Loire Valley Angers & Chateau life

**Learn the secrets of Cointreau**, the famous orange-flavoured triple sec liqueur produced in Angers, used in many famous cocktails. Use your imagination to create your own signature beverage.

**Dinner at Château de Noirieux**, an elegant mansion close to Angers. Enjoy the atmosphere of a family chateau in an architectural beauty of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.

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

**Night at 4\* Château 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 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 Château des ducs de Bretagne to the latest artworks of Le Voyage à Nantes. Get ready!

**Dinner 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*

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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, **1** the 5\* hotel **Château de Verrieres** 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 **2** 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), **3** 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 **4** **5\* Domaine de la Bretesche Golf & Spa**, part of Relais & Chateaux group, offers a refined experience where the classic or contemporary-style rooms will enchant you. 36 rooms, gastronomic restaurant.

• **The Château de l'Épinay**, a majestic place steeped in history, offers a timeless stay in the heart of the Layon and Savennières vineyards, close to Angers. It features 24 rooms, a Franco-Italian restaurant and a spa.

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