ROUTE 3 -☆- 2 DAYS ⊚[©] 90 KM – DEPARTURE FROM ANGERS

HILLSIDES AND PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE LAYON REGION

The Coteaux du Layon hills and castles wine route starts in Angers, where you can visit the city, the castle and its famous medieval tapestry, and last but not least the Anjou-Saumur Wine House. Along this itinerary, pretty villages follow one another: Savennières, Béhuard or La Possonnière,... This trail is also an opportunity to discover local restaurants and taste the Anjou pork rillauds specialty, with a glass of Savennières. After that, stop at Rablay-sur-Layon to admire the work of craftsmen, or take the time to visit the highest castle in France: the Château de Brissac, still home to the Brissac Family.

SIP A COCKTAIL IN ANGERS! TOUR THE COINTREAU OR GIFFARD DISTILLERIES!

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Day 1



Morning

After a stroll in Savennières, a "little city of character", enjoy a wine tasting session at **Domaine du Closel**. Discover famous dry white, red, and sparkling wines and feel under your feet the slopes of slate hillsides warmed by the sun of Anjou.

Discover Béhuard, an island village that is a delight to explore! This little village is also a pilgrimage site.

Lunch at **La Corniche**, in St-Aubin-de-Luigné. The restaurant proposes a market cuisine made with fresh local produce.

Afternoon

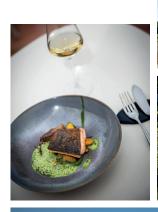
Views on Ardenay's windmill, «Corniche Angevine» and Guerin mill and panoramas on vineyards.

Wine tasting at the wine estate **Domaine FL** in Rochefort-sur-Loire. One vineyard, five appellations: it celebrates Anjou, crafting exceptional wines of finesse, purity, elegance, and substance.

Dinner at **La Table de la Bergerie** (1 Michelin Star) in Champ-sur-Layon. The cuisine is refined, authentic and contemporary. The menu changes with the seasons and gives pride of place to the work of local producers. The estate is located in the heart of the Coteaux du Layon wine region.

Night at the **Domaine de la Soucherie** in Beaulieu-sur-Layon. Beautiful views of the vineyards from each guest room. Roger and Pascale Beguinot designed this house to make it an ideal place to rest and relax.

Day 2









Morning

Discover charming winegrowers' villages on the wine route: Aubigné-sur-Layon, Rablay-sur-Layon and Thouarcé.

Wine tasting at the wine estate **Château de Fesles** in Thouarcé. The winegrowers will be delighted to let you explore the vineyards around the property and the splendid barrel cellar where their prestigious cuvées are aged.

Lunch at **Les terrasses de Bonnezeaux** in Thouarcé, a gourmet bistro serving traditional cuisine in the middle of the vineyards.

Afternoon

Visit the **Château de Brissac**: the tallest château in France. With its 7 floors and 204 rooms, Brissac deserves its nickname of "Giant of the Loire Valley".

Discover the Loire Valley wines diversity at the Caves de la Loire, in Brissac-Loire-Aubance.

Dinner at **Les 3 Lieux** in Les Ponts-de-Cé, with a fabulous view on the Loire, either inside or on the terrace. The chef and his team prepare traditional meals with fresh seasonal produce for all kinds of appetites, big or small.

Night at **Les 3 Lieux*****, tucked away on the banks of the Loire, this former fishing hook factory, steeped in local heritage, has been transformed into a unique friendly and intrepid venue incorporating a hotel, a restaurant and a bistro.



ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS

ACTIVITIES & WINE ESTATES

- Château de Bellevue, Val-du-Layon
- Château Princé, Saint-Melaine-sur-Aubance
- Domaine de Gagnebert, Juigné-sur-Loire
- Learn the secrets of the locally made **1** Cointreau liquor, Angers
- The museums of Angers and 2 the Château d'Angers with the famous Apocalypse medieval tapestry

RESTAURANTS

- Guinguette La Croisette, open from May to September, Béhuard
- L'Audacieuse, Béhuard
- La Réserve, Angers

HOTELS

- Château de Noirieux****, Briollay
- Hôtel d'Anjou****, Angers
- Hôtel de France****, Angers
- Loire & Sens***, Juigné-sur-Loire



