

A JOURNEY TO NANTES & ITS SECRET VINEYARD



#AtlanticLoireValley #Nantes #Muscadet #Nantesvineyard



Atlantic Loire Valley boasts:

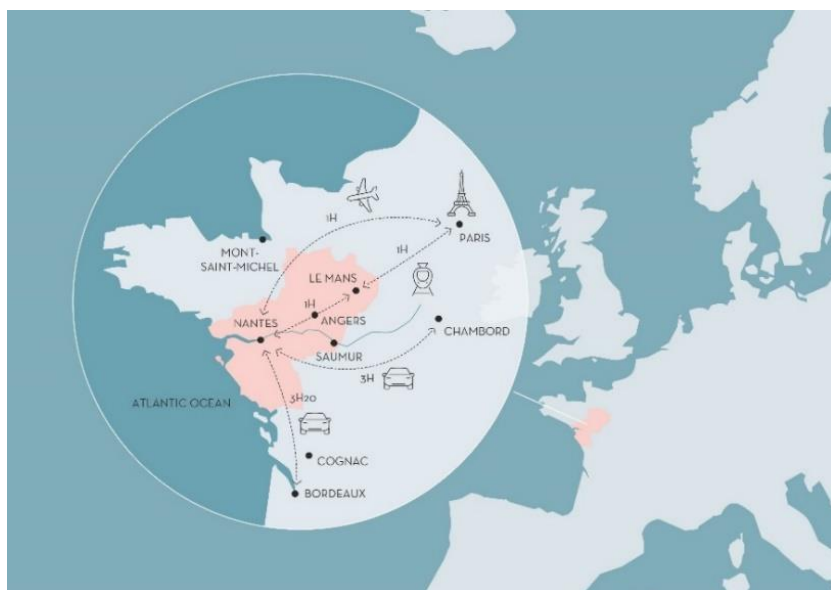
- **bustling cities** such as Nantes, Angers and Le Mans
- **still-inhabited châteaux** at the heart of the Loire Valley, listed on the UNESCO heritage list
- **winegrowers** eager to share their passion about **Loire Valley wines**, from world-class AOC-labelled wines and lesser-known gems
- **local gastronomic specialties** from the ocean (sea-salt, fresh fish or oysters) or the land (tender chicken or rillettes from Le Mans), not to forget the Cointreau orange liquor
- **natural landscapes**, whether sandy beaches by the Atlantic Ocean or 4 regional nature parks



3 days, 3 nights

Highlights of the trip:

- In Nantes, hop on a giant Elephant and meet with marine and land creatures at the creative Machines de l'Île
- Taste Muscadet wines, influenced by the Atlantic Ocean, the perfect match with seafood, fishes and much more
- Meet with some of the 450 passionate winegrowers of Nantes vineyard
- Savor the gastronomic hot spots listed on "Les Tables de Nantes" food guide
- Explore Clisson, the city with an Italian flavor and a metal twist!



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DAY 1: FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER – NANTES



Time	Activity	Address
Morning	Arrival in Nantes Transfer and check-in at the hotel	Railway station or/and Nantes Atlantique airport
14:00 to 15:30 Or 16:00 to 17:30	Welcome to <u>Nantes!</u> Meet with Agnes, tourguide, in the lobby. She will show you the historical center of Nantes. The tour will include a few stopovers to sample some specialties of Nantes. All the tips & hot spots can be found in " <u>Les Tables de Nantes guide</u> "! 2 tour departures: 14:00 and 16:00 (1h30 length)	Le Voyage à Nantes
19:00 19:30	Meet in the lobby for a welcome by the Hotel Manager Enjoy a welcome dinner at <u>La Maison Bagarre</u> that combines a mix of contemporary decor and market-fresh bistro dishes based on seasonal products. Dinner with Xavier Théret, Head of International Promotion & Relations at Le Voyage à Nantes	La Maison Bagarre 6 rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau 44000 Nantes +33 (0)2 40 56 79 09
21:30	Overnight at Grand Hôtel Mercure **** , in the heart of the city	Grand Hôtel Mercure **** 4 rue du Couëdic 44000 Nantes +33 (0)2 51 82 10 00



Key Figures about Nantes' vineyard

- 450 winegrowers
- A single grape variety – Melon B « Melon de Bourgogne »
- 6 AOCs and 10 village appellations
- 1 PGI Val de Loire
- 8 000 hectares under vine designated AOC
- 40 million bottles imported in 90 countries

• Source : www.muscadet.fr



DAY 2: SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER – CLISSON AND NANTES VINEYARD

40 km



Château du Coing



Château-Thébaud belvedere



La Garenne-Lemot park

Time	Activity	Address
9:00	Check out and transfer to Château du Coing	Bus pick up at the hotel
10:00	Visit and wine tasting at Château du Coing , a historical chateau located at the confluence of two rivers. Some of the exceptional Muscadet wines are grown by the women of the Günther-Chéreau family. Learn how to pair white wines and cheeses	Le Vignoble de Nantes tourist office Jérôme Bosger +33 (0) 6 76 54 93 16 Château du Coing Aurore Gunther - Le Coing 44690 Saint-Fiacre-sur-Maine
11:30	Stop at the Château-Thébaud Belvedere , permanent artwork by Emmanuel Ritz belonging to the Estuary itinerary artwork collection. From this major artwork, 43 meters-high above the Maine valley, enjoy a stunning view of the Muscadet vineyards	Porte-vue de Château Thebaud Townhall – Place de l'Eglise 44690 Château-Thébaud
12:30	Lunch at Auberge de la Madeleine in Gétigné. Local fresh products carefully sourced by the Chef.	Auberge de la Madeleine 3 rue de la Navette 44190 Gétigné
14:00	Guided tour in La Garenne-Lemot park created at the 19 th century by M. Lemot. It was inspired by Tivoli park near Rome as well as historical landscapes by great painters. From there the view on the town of Clisson and its château is spectacular!	La Garenne-Lémot Avenue Xavier Rineau 44190 Gétigné
15:00	Cast under the spell of Clisson , a medieval town set in the heart of the Muscadet vineyard . Its architecture and landscape have a strong Italian flavor. Guided tour with Thierry	Town of Clisson
16:30	From Domaine de la Chauvinière , go on a tour in the vineyards by e-scooter with Trott'in Nantes (30 min-tour)	Domaine de la Chauvinière La Chauvinière, 44690 Château-Thébaud 02 40 06 51 90
18:30	Check-in at Best Western Villa Saint-Antoine**** This 43-room hotel, located by the Sèvre river banks, offers an amazing view over the castle, in the deep heart of Clisson.	Best Western Villa Saint-Antoine **** 8 rue Saint-Antoine 44190 Clisson
20:00	Dinner at the hotel	Best Western Villa Saint-Antoine **** 8 rue Saint-Antoine 44190 Clisson



Château du Coing



Muscadet vineyard



Clisson





DAY 3 : SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER - NANTES WINE FEDERATION & THE ÎLE DE NANTES



38 km



Château Cassemichère



Château de la Frémoire

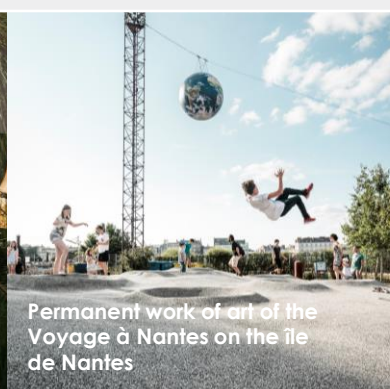


Machines de l'île – Grand Elephant on the île de Nantes

Time	Activity	Address
9:15	Check-out and transfer to Château de Cassemichère	
10:00	Visit the wine property of Château Cassemichère (built in the 17 th century) followed by wine-tasting. This is the place where the name "Muscadet" was born. Prestigious ones can be sampled there.	Château Cassemichère 44330 La Chapelle-Heulin
12:00	Transfer to Château de la Frémoire – 30 min	
12:30	At Château de La Frémoire learn about the AOC wines known as "Vins de Nantes". Muscadet wines – white dry wines - are a natural match with products from the Ocean such as oysters, seafood...	Château de la Frémoire Head office of the Nantes wines federation 44120 Vertou
13:00	Lunch with sea and wine pairings.	
15:30	Back to Nantes, drop your luggage at the hotel and embark on a guided tour of the famous "Machines de l'île". Following the green line on the former cruise shipyard encounter the mechanical creatures that are the result of the combination of Jules Verne's imaginary world with Leonardo Da Vinci's universe. The "Grand Elephant" the city's VIP as well as many other land or marine creatures. Truly amazing encounters in this part of the city with surprises and works of art at every corner.	Meet the tour guide in the hotel lobby Les Machines de l'île Parc des Chantiers Boulevard Léon Bureau 44200 Nantes
19:30	Dinner at La Cigale, an Art Nouveau brasserie designed by ceramics architect Emile Libaudière, opened in 1895. The building is listed as a Historic Monument	La Cigale 4 Place Graslin 44 000 Nantes
21:30	Overnight at Grand Hôtel Mercure **** At the heart of the pedestrian streets in the historical centre. An ideal central location to discover Nantes following the green line.	Grand Hôtel Mercure **** 4 rue du Couëdic 44 000 Nantes +33 (0)2 51 82 10 00



Machines de l'île



Permanent work of art of the Voyage à Nantes on the île de Nantes



La Cigale



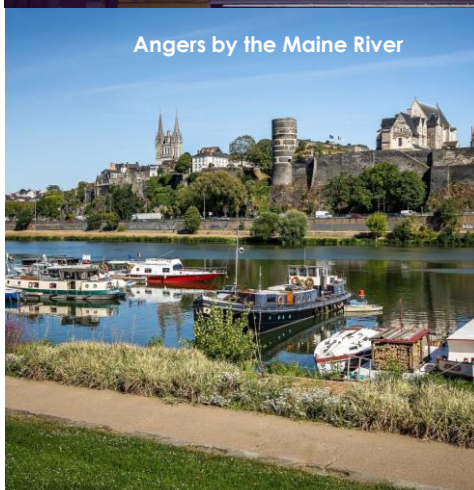
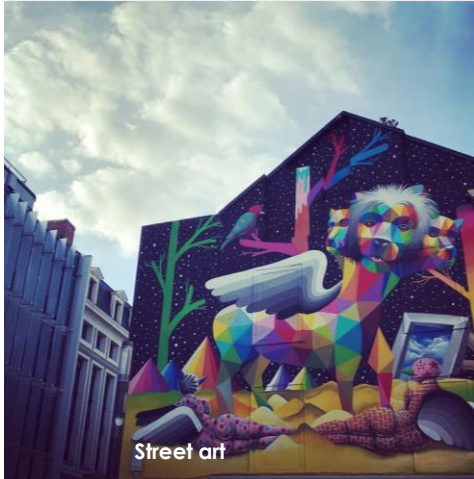
Grand Hôtel Mercure

DAY 4: MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER – DISCOVER ANGERS

87 km



Time	Activity	Address
8:30 8:45	Check-out and luggage tags Transfer to Angers by minibus	Bus pick up at the hotel
10:30	Arrival in Angers	Place de L'Académie 49100 Angers
11:00	Guided tour of Angers followed by lunch The capital of Anjou is renowned for: – Its Chateau : the Loire Valley's biggest medieval fortress is home to the Apocalypse Tapestry, listed on the UNESCO world heritage. – Its medieval architecture , museums, half-timbered houses and cobbled streets – Its Cointreau liquor & Anjou wines – Its quality of life and greenery	Angers Tourism Board Olivier Bouchereau +33 (0)6 43 28 15 44
12:30	Lunch at La Brasserie du Ralliement	La Brasserie du Ralliement 7 Place du Ralliement 49100 Angers





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