

THE LOIR VALLEY VINEYARD TREASURES



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Vineyards in Marçonn



Château du Grand Lucé

Atlantic Loire Valley boasts:

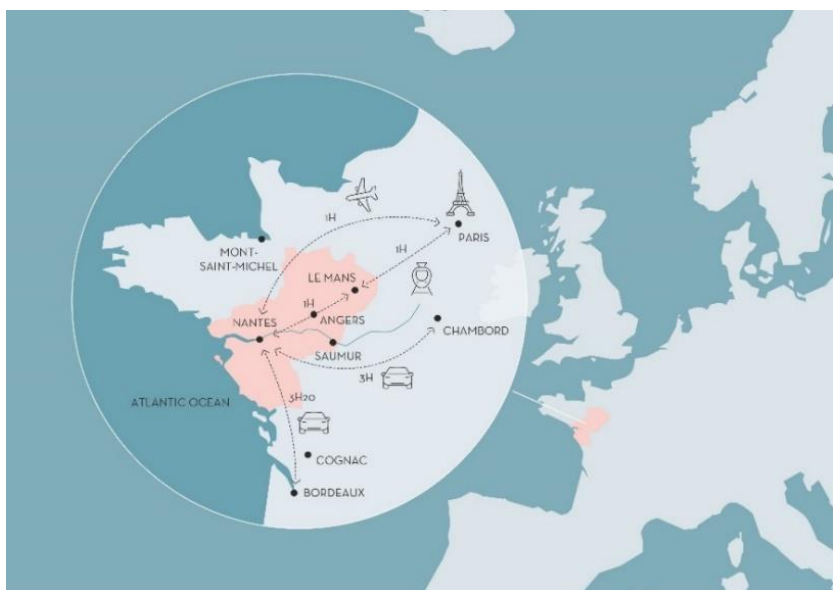
- **bustling cities** such as Nantes, Angers and Le Mans
- **still-inhabited châteaux** at the heart of the Loire Valley, listed on the UNESCO heritage list
- **winegrowers** eager to share their passion about **Loire Valley wines**, from world-class AOC-labelled wines and lesser-known gems
- **local 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 Le Mans, just one-hour south of Paris by high-speed train, travel back in the Middle-Ages
- Get ready for a mysterious tasting at the Distillerie du Sonneur. A truly unique experience!
- The Loir (without the “e”) Valley vineyard will not fail to impress you with the Jasnières exceptional white wines and red and rose Côteaux du Loir.
- A land of chateaux, picturesque villages set in lush countryside settings with many heritage sites on the way.
- Follow the footprints of the drivers and racing teams of the 24Hour of Le Mans endurance car race in the village of La Chartre-sur-le-Loir!



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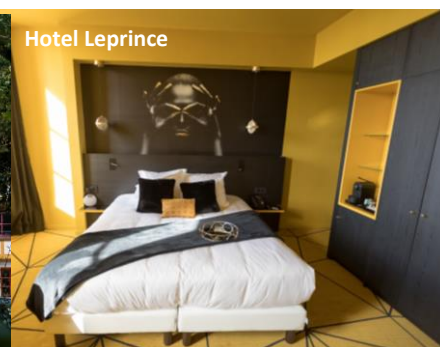
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Discover Le Mans – its astonishing historical center and a secret distillery



DAY 1: FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER – LE MANS



Time	Activity	Address
Morning	Welcome to Le Mans ! Transfer by tramway to the hotel Leprince and check-in. Self-tour of the historical center La Cité Plantagenêt with a concentration of 100 half-timbered houses with a city map.	Le Mans railway station Hôtel Leprince**** 5 Allée Leprince d'Ardenay 72000 Le Mans +33 (0)2 72 16 81 77
14:50 to 15:50	Board the touristic train. Don't miss the majestic Roman ramparts, cobbled streets, the Cathedral. This amazing setting is often used as a film location.	Les Petits Trains du Val de Loire +33 (0)6 63 18 45 68
17:30 – 17:45	Meet Adeline in the lobby for a presentation of the hotel and depart for the cheese shop (12 minute's walk)	
18:00 to 19:00	Cheese and wine tasting with Fabien Degoulet, world's best cheese monger 2015	Fabien Degoulet - 107 quai Ledru Rollin 72000 Le Mans +33 (0)2 43 52 37 45
19:15 to 20:30	Guided tour of the Distillerie du Sonneur . Producing classic and original liquors with the fruits of their own orchards. A very unexpected place! Liquor and sweet local products pairing	La Distillerie du Sonneur Claire Peuvion 7 rue du Vert Galant 72000 Le Mans +33 (0)2 72 91 56 74
21:30	Walk back (5min) and overnight at Hôtel Leprince **** Nestled in a former convent from the 18 th century, this hotel features 18 rooms with contemporary decoration.	Hôtel Leprince**** 5 allée Leprince d'Ardenay 72000 Le Mans +33 (0)2 72 16 81 77





DAY 2: SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER – HEADING TO THE LOIR VALLEY & ITS VINEYARDS 50 km



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Bike tour in the Loir Valley vineyard



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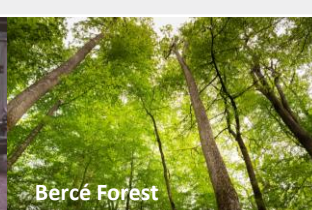


Château du Grand Lucé

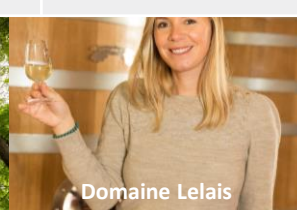
Time	Activity	Address
9:30	Depart for Le Grand-Lucé	
10:30	Visit of <u>Château du Grand Lucé</u> ***** hotel a historical place located 40 minutes south of Le Mans. Guided tour of this high-standard accommodation and description of possible activities such as cooking classes (no cooking class during the pretour).	Château du Grand-Lucé Lisa Boyer 7 Place du Château 72150 Le Grand-Lucé +33 (0)7 85 80 45 88
12:00 to 14:30	Lunch at the Grand-Lucé gastronomic restaurant. Inspired by the morning harvests, the menus are reflecting the season and the mood of the Chef who is keen on showcasing the diversity of the local "terroir".	Château du Grand-Lucé
14:30 - to 15:15	Transfer to the <u>Loir Valley</u> and enjoy views of the <u>Bercé forest</u> – a former royal forest that bear the label "Forêt d'exception" for its centuries-old oaks. Some of these noble woods are used for the restoration of historical monuments (e.g the wooden base of Notre-Dame cathedral's spire!)	Forêt de Bercé (via Rond du Clocher)
15:30	Depart from the tourist office for a cycling tour (<u>Dionysos Bike – Wine cycling Tours</u>) in the Jasnières and Côteaux du Loir vineyards near La Chartre-sur-le-Loir. +33 (0)6 64 41 79 80	Loir Valley Tourist Office Véronique Richard 13 Place de la République 72340 La Chartre-sur-le-Loir +33 (0)6 76 49 55 12
16:15	Wine tasting at the family-owned Domaine des Gauletteries, a spectacular cave-dwelling cellar!	Domaine Lelais Claire Lelais 41 Route de Poncé 72340 Ruillé-sur-Loir +33 (0)2 43 79 09 59
19:30	Check-in and apéritif at Hôtel de France	Hôtel de France*** 20 place de la République 72 340 La Chartre-sur-le-Loir
20:00	Dinner at <u>Relais de Ronsard</u>, Hôtel de France's restaurant French classics with a contemporary twist with products locally sourced. Obviously matching with Loir Valley wines!	Relais de Ronsard 20 place de la République 72340 La Chartre-sur-le-Loir
22:00	Overnight at <u>Hôtel de France</u> *** This mythical hotel has a strong motoring heritage. It has hosted the most famous teams (Aston Martin, Ford) and drivers of the 24Hour endurance car race of Le Mans as well as many celebrities!	Hôtel de France*** 20 place de la République 72 340 La Chartre-sur-le-Loir



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Bercé Forest



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Château du Grand Lucé

La Chartre-sur-le-Loir, a paradise for antiques lovers! Around, go on wine tasting and marvel at the chateaux



DAY 3 : SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER – TRAVEL BACK IN TIME IN THE LOIR VALLEY



60 km



Time	Activity	Address
9:00	Walking tour of the lovely village of <u>La Chartre-sur-le-Loir</u> famous for its antiques dealers. 15 of them gather treasures from the past.	Maison Courtin Grégoire Courtin 18 rue Nationale 72340 La Chartre-sur-le-Loir +33 (0)6 76 61 47 54
9:15	The visit of <u>Maison Courtin</u> 's cabinet of curiosity is an absolute MUST!	
10:05	Wine tasting at La Maison "Voyages et Vignes" en Vallée du Loir. Learn more about the AOC Côteaux-du-Loir and Jasnieres.	Maison "Voyages et Vignes" en Vallée du Loir 72340 La Chartre-sur-le-Loir Véronique Richard +33 (0)6 76 49 55 12 Sandrine Pairel
11:15	Transfer 60 min	
12:30 to 13:45	Lunch at the <u>Moulin des 4 Saisons</u> gastronomic restaurant in La Flèche. In a 16 th century building on the river banks enjoy seasonal food sourced at the local market prepared by a Maître Restaurateur	Le Moulin des 4 Saisons 14 rue du Maréchal Gallieni 72200 La Flèche
14:00	Stop-off to visit La Flèche Zoo Safari <u>Suites and Lodges</u> 20 lodges and 12 luxury suites with direct view onto the lions, cheetahs, lemurs, wolves or bears. Presentation of the "keeper for a day" activity.	Safari Suites and Lodges Zoo de La Flèche Le Tertre Rouge 72200 La Flèche
16:00	Transfer 30 min	
16:30 to 18:00	Guided tour of the <u>Chateau du Lude</u> and free time in the remarkable gardens followed by refreshment and snacks. Privately owned by the same family since 260 ans. An example of 400 years of French architecture!	Château du Lude 4 rue Jehan de Daillon 72800 Le Lude +33 (0)2 43 94 60 09
18:00	Transfer 30 min	
20:00	Dinner at La Table de Laurène	La Table de Laurène 13 Place de la Libération 72200 La Flèche
21:30	Overnight in <u>La Templerie</u> and <u>Les Chambres de la Varenne</u> Bed & Breakfasts	La Templerie : 41 bis rue de la Tour d'Auvergne +33 (0)6 87 84 34 06 Les Chambres de la Varenne : 72 Grande Rue +33 (0)6 79 81 90 87 72200 La Flèche



DAY 4: MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER – DISCOVER ANGERS



Angers half-timbered houses



Apocalypse Tapestry



Angers Medieval Chateau

Time	Activity	Adress
9:00	Transfer to Angers by minibus	
10:30	Arrival in Angers. Place de l'Académie	
11:00	Guided tour of Angers 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	Brasserie du Ralliement Place du Ralliement 49000 Angers



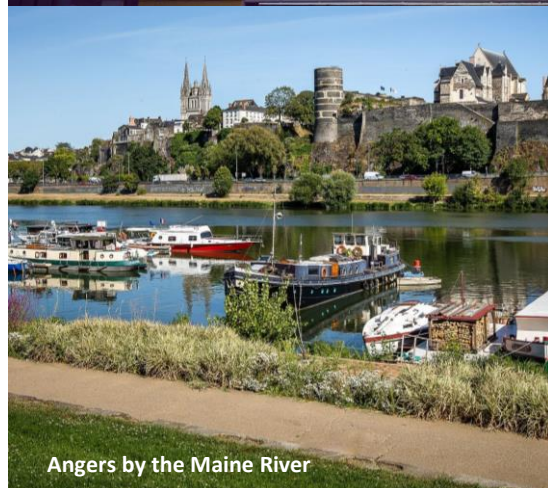
Street art



Musée des Beaux-Arts



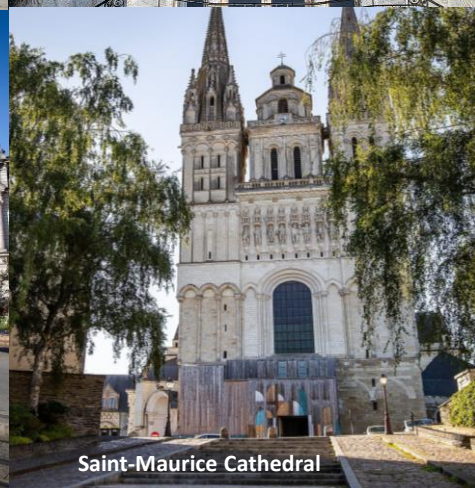
La Maison Bleue



Angers by the Maine River



Place du Ralliement



Saint-Maurice Cathedral



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