

HILLSIDES AND PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE LAYON VINEYARD



#AtlanticLoireValley #Angers #LayonVineyard #Savennières #Châteaux



Château de Brissac



Layon vineyard

Atlantic Loire Valley boasts:

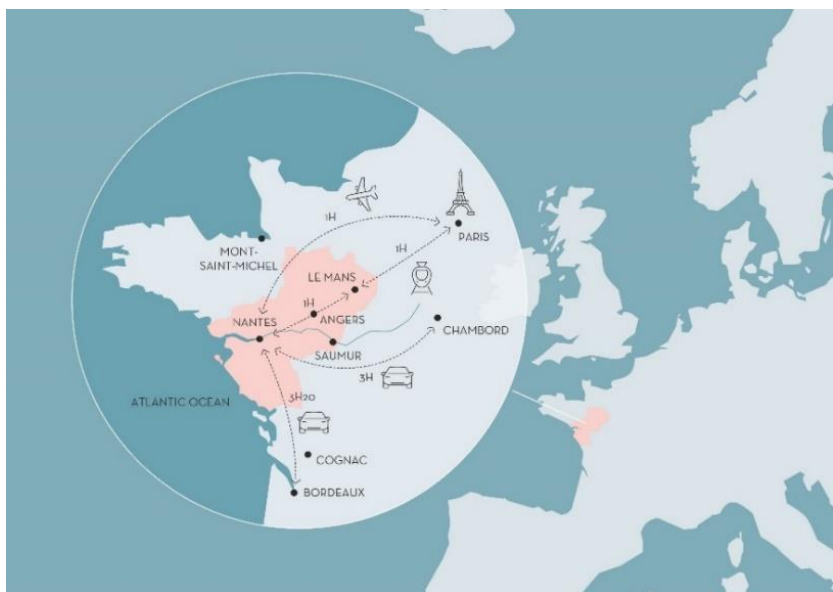
- **bustling cities** such as Nantes, Angers and Le Mans
- **still-inhabited châteaux** at the heart of the Loire Valley, listed on the UNESCO heritage list
- **winegrowers** eager to share their passion about **Loire Valley wines**, from world-class AOC-labelled wines and lesser-known gems
- **local 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:

- Angers, the city set by the Maine River, a very green city often awarded in quality of life ranking indexes, only at stone's throw of the vineyards
- Savennières wines, a truly best-kept secret, often considered as belonging to the finest Loire white wines
- Sampling Loire wines on a typical Loire boat!
- Walking in the countryside of the Layon vineyards and getting in love with its sweet deep or light golden yellow wines
- Experience "La vie de Château" visiting the Château de Brissac and staying at Château de l'Épinay
- Tickle your tastebuds discovering unexpected food & wine pairings mostly with local products



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DAY 1: FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER – AN INTRODUCTION TO ANGERS



Time	Activity	Address
Morning & afternoon	Arrival in Angers	Angers railway station
	Welcome to <u>Angers</u>. Arrival in Angers, located only 1h30 min from central Paris. Discover the city center.	Angers Tourism Board Olivier Bouchereau +33 (0)6 43 28 15 44
19:30 to 21:30	Dinner at gastronomic restaurant <u>Les Petits Prés</u>. Raised in Anjou, with a ten-year experience abroad including London & Tokyo, Chef Samuel Albert won Top Chef France TV program in 2019. His mantra is using local Anjou seasonal products and matching them with flavors gathered from his international experiences.	Les Petits Prés 6 place du Ralliement 49100 Angers +33 (0)2 41 88 42 87
22:15	Overnight at <u>Mercure Centre Gare</u> **** hotel Central location in Angers, close the Château of Angers.	Mercure Centre Gare **** 18 Blvd du Maréchal Foch 49100 Angers +33 (0)2 41 87 37 20



Unveiling the secrets of the Savennières wines and enjoying the Loire River spirit



DAY 2: SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER – WINE PROPERTIES AND LOIRE RIVER BY BOAT



Traditional Loire boat



Wine samplings



Château Soucherie



Château de l'Épinay

Time	Activity	Address
08:45	Transfer to Bouchemaine , a village once inhabited by Loire sailors located at the confluence of the Maine and Loire rivers.	Anjou & Saumur wine federation Bastien Machefer +33 (0)7 87 67 02 04
9:15 to 10:30	Join a one-hour cruise on a traditional Loire boat with Batellerie de Loire , including a presentation of the Loire wines by Ludmilla Sapelkine	Batellerie de Loire Quai de la Noé 49080 Bouchemaine
11:00 to 12:15	Visit of Domaine du Closel , a wine property producing "Chenin" wines in biodynamy. It is run by women since the 19 th century.	Domaine du Closel Elise Merlet +33 (0)6 80 51 89 22 1 Place du Mail 49170 Savennières
12:30 to 14:00	Lunch at L'Audacieuse restaurant in Behuard , the only inhabited island on the Loire River. Combining tradition and modernity, the Chef offers market-inspired dishes.	L'Audacieuse Armelle Tardy-Joubert 20 Place de l'Église 49170 Béhuard +33 (0)6 45 22 45 75
14:00 to 14:30	Transfer to Beaulieu-sur-Layon	
14:30 to 17:00	Enjoy a panoramic view onto the Corniche Angevine before your visit of Château Soucherie wine property located 20 min south of Angers. They produce Savennières, Anjou, Côteau du Layon and Chaume wines. Organic wines since 2022. There is <u>a four-bedroom bed and breakfast</u> on the Domaine.	Château Soucherie Alexandrine Marie +33 (0)7 89 00 87 52 Lieu-dit La Soucherie 49750 Beaulieu-sur-Layon
17:00 to 17:30	Transfer to Saint-Georges-sur-Loire	
17:45	Check-in at Château de l'Épinay	
19:00	Transfer to Champ sur Layon	
19:30	Dinner at La Table de la Bergerie . 1 Michelin star restaurant located in the family wine property. The cuisine is inspired by the local "terroir" as well as the influences from the countries the Chef worked in for 10 years.	La Table de la Bergerie David Guiffon +33 (0)6 76 21 57 15 Lieu-dit la Bergerie 49390 Champ sur Layon
21:30	Overnight at Château de l'Épinay Set in a beautiful 17-hectare park, the Château hosts 24 elegant rooms, an in-house gastronomic restaurant & a spa.	Château de l'Épinay Patricia Dubreuil +33 (0)6 89 26 79 30 49170 Saint-Georges-sur-Loire



Loire River



La Table de la Bergerie



Château de l'Épinay





DAY 3: SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER – LOIRE & LAYON LANDSCAPES & HERITAGE

68 km



Domaine de Pied Flond



Layon vineyard

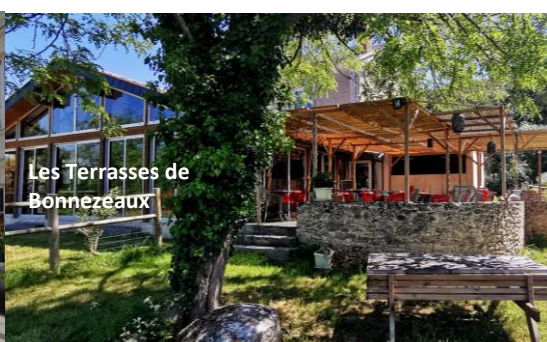


Château de Brissac

Time	Activity	Address
9:00	Transfer to Martigné-Briand – 1h	
10:00 to 11:45	Presentation of the Layon wines . Visit of Domaine de Pied Flond in the same family for 7 generations located at the heart of Coteau du Layon vineyard. Will you be up to a visit using a Solex? Short transfer to Bellevigne-En-Layon	Domaine de Pied Flond Zoé Bomard +33 (0)6 67 87 31 56 Martigné-Briand 49540 Terranjou
12:00 to 13:30	Lunch at Les Terrasses de Bonnezeaux , a bistro restaurant using local and seasonal products	Les Terrasses de Bonnezeaux Claire Lebars +33 (0)2 53 20 66 62 Route d'Angers 49380 Bellevigne-En-Layon
14:00 to 15:45	Visit of the Château de Brissac located 20 km from Angers. Still inhabited by the same family (7 th generation), it is the tallest chateau in France. Duke & Duchess of Brissac also produce their own wine. Wine tasting is ending the tour.	Château de Brissac Auphémie Anquetil 1 rue Jeanne Say 49320 Brissac-Loire-Aubance +33 (0)2 41 91 22 21
16:00 to 18:00	Join a hiking tour with Valérie from Les Vignes Selon Val and discover the Domaine de Haute Perche . Val organizes hiking tours for small groups and organizes encounters with winemakers.	Domaine de Haute-Perche Perrine Sage - +33 (0)6 32 12 01 46 60 Chemin de Haute-Perche 49 610 Saint-Melaine-sur-Aubance Les Vignes selon Val Valérie Aubergeon +33 (0) 6 51 28 26 52
18:00 18:30	Transfer to Les 3 Lieux hôtel – 30 min Check-in	
20:00	Dinner at the Brasserie de la Gare in Angers	5 Place de la gare 49 100 Angers +33 (0)2 41 88 48 57
22:30	Overnight in Les 3 Lieux hôtel , a charming *** hotel of 26 rooms and 2 suites offering a stunning view on the Loire with an in-house bistro restaurant (not open on Sundays)	Les 3 Lieux Marie & Alain Sabatier 2 Avenue Chesnaie 49130 Les-Ponts-de-Cé +33 (0)2 14 03 03 53



Les 3 Lieux



Les Terrasses de Bonnezeaux



Duke of Brissac

DAY 4: MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER – DISCOVER ANGERS

6 km



Angers half-timbered houses



Apocalypse Tapestry



Angers Medieval chateau

Time	Activity	Address
10:00 to 10:30	Transfer to Angers by minibus	
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
13:00	Lunch at La Brasserie du Ralliement	La Brasserie du Ralliement 7 Place du Ralliement 49 100 Angers



Street art



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La Maison Bleue



Angers along the Maine River



Place du Ralliement



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