### ROUTE 5

- 🔆 1 DAY 👳 25 KM – DEPARTURE FROM LA CHARTRE-SUR-LE-LOIR

# VALLÉE DU LOIR: CYCLING IN THE VINEYARDS

In the Loir Valley, south-facing vineyards produce the best from their grape varieties. Coteaux du Loir and Jasnières reveal remarkable talents, with a palette ranging from white to red via 'gris' (grey) and rosé. Far from the bustle of cities, the Loir Valley is a land of picturesque villages of vineyards and orchards, troglodytic dwellings dug in tuffeau rock.

> HIKE AND TASTE LOIRE VALLEY WINES AT ECHAPPÉES EN LOIRE EVENT \* \*Every first week-end in September

Chartre-sur-le-Loi

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Day 1



#### Morning

Electric bicycles rental at the **tourist office in La Chartre-sur-le-Loir**, to effortlessly enjoy the beautiful landscapes.

**Bicycle ride on the wine route,** crossing vineyards landscape and little villages such as Lhomme.

Lunch at Restaurant Saint-Pierre, Ruillé-sur-Loir

#### Afternoon

Wine tasting and visit of cave dwellings at the wine estate **Domaine Lelais**, located in Ruillé-sur-Loir on the banks of the Loir River. The 5th generation of this winegrowers family settled down in Ruillé in 1984. Their Jasnières and Coteaux du Loir are worth a stop!

A few kilometers away, visit the **Château de Poncé and its park**. Admire the Renaissance staircase, the large 18th century dovecote and the remarkable listed garden.

Dinner at **Le Relais de Ronsard** in La Chartre-sur-le Loir. Fine dining and fine wines or brasserie bites and chilled drinks. The Hotel de France is a foodie paradise!

Night at the **Hotel de France**\*\*\*. This independently-owned boutique hotel has a unique and rich motoring heritage, with racing drivers, celebrities, politicians and socialites escaping here throughout the 1950s and '60s.

## ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS

### ACTIVITIES

• 1 Château du Lude, Le Lude

• Wine estate **Domaine Gigou**, La Chartre-sur-le-Loir

## RESTAURANTS

• 2 Les Mères Cocottes, Beaumont-sur-Dème

- Le Silex, Chahaignes
- B le restaurant, La Chartre-sur-le-Loir

### HOTELS

• 3 Château du Grand Lucé\*\*\*\*\*, Le Grand Lucé

