



Château de Chaumont-sur-Loire

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



DAY 01 ARRIVE IN CHAUMONT

Arrive at your riverside hotel in Chaumont, the **Hostellerie du Château** where there's a lovely pool if you fancy a dip before dinner (included).

DAY 02 CHAUMONT TO CHENONCEAUX

15KM/9.5M/3HR

Take advantage of our optional 2-night extension in Chitenay (see right) or transfer to Bourré, before walking alongside the River Cher. Visit the *Cave des Roches*, then continue on to bustling Montrichard. Follow the GR41 through Chissay-en-Touraine to Chenonceaux with its iconic chateau. You stay at the **Hôtel la Roseraie**, with dinner included, for two nights.

DAY 03 AT CHENONCEAUX

Explore the superb Château de Chenonceau, with its famous arches spanning the river. Maybe taste the chateau's wines or take a pleasant riverside walk. Alternatively, head by train to explore the lively city of Tours.

DAY 04 CHENONCEAUX TO AMBOISE

17.5KM/11M/4HR

After a transfer to Veretz-Montlouis today's route takes you along quiet back roads, through open fields and vineyards. Stop for wine-tastings en route to fascinating Amboise. The **Hôtel Le Pavillon des Lys**, where you'll spend the next two nights, is located in the heart of Amboise. Pay locally for evening meals here.

DAY 05 AT AMBOISE

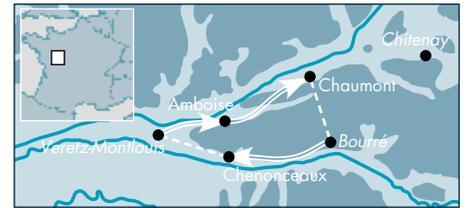
Discover Amboise with its narrow streets and attractive buildings. Visit the da Vinci museum and the fascinating C12 church of Saint-Denis. A must-see is the Son et Lumière display at the massive chateau.

DAY 06 AMBOISE TO CHAUMONT

21KM/13.5M/4HR

Head south-east along the GR3 trail towards the charming village of Souvigny-de-Touraine. Continue to some fabulous Loire wineries, then follow part of the Camino de Santiago route back to Chaumont and the **Hostellerie du Château** for your final evening meal (included).

DAY 07 LEAVE CHAUMONT



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Gentle, off-the-beaten-track walking on flat routes beside the rivers Loire and Cher
- France's finest châteaux: Amboise, Chenonceau and Chaumont-sur-Loire
- Quality hotels offering great regional cuisine and outstanding wines



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This trip is also available as an 8-night tour, which includes two nights in Chitenay. Visit Les Montils and Seur, as well as some of the famous Loire châteaux.

AT A GLANCE

Trip code **W06LR**

Departures every two days from 11th May to 8th October 2018



Leisurely/Moderate

★★★★★ customer rating

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- 6 nights hotel-to-hotel accommodation in a mix of *** and **** hotels
- All breakfasts and 4 evening meals
- Services of your local Representative
- Route directions and maps
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- Walking transfers
- Wine Collection Service (see page 106)

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

- First Class rail available
- Sole occupancy of a double room - please enquire
- Room upgrades at selected hotels
- Extra nights in Chaumont or Chitenay
- City break add-ons in Paris

WHERE YOU STAY

Hostellerie du Château
***Hôtel la Roseraie
***Hôtel Le Pavillon des Lys



Riverside Amboise

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



DAY 01 ARRIVE AT CHISSAY

Arrive at the **Château de Chissay**, steeped in history and set in 25ha of parkland. Enjoy a swim before dinner (included) in the stately dining room (once the guard room).

DAY 02 CHISSAY TO ST-OUEN-LES-VIGNES

29KM/18MI

Pedal gently along the banks of the Cher to the superb Château de Chenonceau with its famous arches that span the river. Head through the shady Amboise forest and on to the sleepy village of St-Ouen-les-Vignes. You spend two nights at the **Hôtel L'Aubinière** with further gastronomic delights included.

DAY 03 AT ST-OUEN-LES-VIGNES

Explore the narrow bustling streets of Amboise today - visit the flamboyant Royal Palace and Leonardo da Vinci's home at Clos Lucé. Alternatively, head to Vouvray for wine-tastings.

DAY 04 ST-OUEN-LES-VIGNES TO CHITENAY

37KM/23.5MI OR 43KM/27MI

Peaceful cycling today through open countryside to Autreche and on to Chaumont and its spectacular château, host to the International Garden Festival (May-Oct). A riverside stretch takes you via pretty villages to Chitenay. Enjoy two nights at the **Auberge du Centre** and evening meals (included) on the terrace.

DAY 05 AT CHITENAY

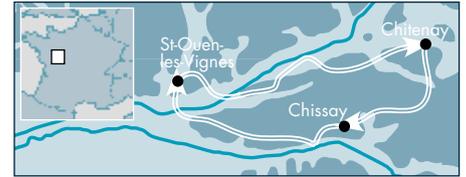
Visit the C17 château at nearby Cheverny, with its wonderful white stone façade. Alternatively, head to the magnificent fairytale Château de Chambord and surrounding parkland with a 54km round trip.

DAY 06 CHITENAY TO CHISSAY

32KM/20MI

Head south, past well-tended vines and sleepy hamlets, to the fortified château of Fougères-sur-Bièvre. Freewheel down to the River Cher, mediaeval Montrichard and on to **Château de Chissay** for your final gastronomic dinner (included).

DAY 07 LEAVE CHISSAY



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Easy, flat cycling and short distances - perfect if you've not cycled for years
- Superb hotels, all with pools, including a bijou waterfront hotel and a luxurious château
- France's finest châteaux: Amboise, Chambord, Cheverny, Chenonceau



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- All breakfasts and gastronomic evening meals
- Services of your local Representative
- High quality bikes
- GPS route directions and maps
- RideWithGPS navigation app
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- Wine Collection Service (see page 106)

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

- First Class rail available
- Sole occupancy of a double room - please enquire
- Room upgrades at selected hotels
- Extra nights in Chissay
- City break add-ons in Paris

WHERE YOU STAY

Château de Chissay
ComfortableHôtel L'Aubinière
****Auberge du Centre



Château de Chenonceau

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Arrive in Chissay where your fabulous château hotel awaits, the **Château de Chissay**. There's time for a swim before dinner (included).

DAY 02 CHISSAY TO CHAUMONT

45KM/28MI

Today head through the Forêt d'Amboise to the bustling town of Amboise. Explore the narrow, cobbled streets and Leonardo da Vinci's home then continue on through vineyards to Chaumont and the quirky **Hostellerie du Château**, for two nights. Evening meals are included.

DAY 03 AT CHAUMONT

Visit the impressive château, previously owned by Catherine de Medici, and the superb themed Garden Festival (May to Oct). Alternatively, cross the river and take the train to lively Tours.

DAY 04 CHAUMONT TO ST-DYÉ-SUR-LOIRE

36KM/22MI

Cross the river and head to Blois to explore the château, Houdini's House of Magic, the cobbled streets and arcaded squares. Continue through vineyards to St-Dyé-sur-Loire and the **Manoir Bel Air**, where you'll spend the next two nights and evening meals are included.

DAY 05 AT ST-DYÉ-SUR-LOIRE

Explore the village and its old ramparts then pedal through the Forêt de Boulogne to the huge fairytale château at Chambord, with its 440 rooms and surrounding national nature reserve.

DAY 06 ST-DYÉ-SUR-LOIRE TO CHITENAY

40KM/25MI

Highlights today include Château de Villesavin, the richly decorated Château de Troussay and its ancient trees in surrounding parkland. Head along quiet rural roads to the pretty village of Chitenay. Here you stay for two nights at the **Auberge du Centre** where evening evening meals (included) are taken on the terrace overlooking the gardens and pool.

DAY 07 AT CHITENAY

It's very tempting to stay in Chitenay and relax by the pool or enjoy wine-tastings in the village. Alternatives include trips to the immaculate Château de Cheverny or C16 Château de Beauregard.

DAY 08 CHITENAY TO CHISSAY

44KM/27MI

Head south to the fortified Château de Fougères-sur-Bièvre, then continue past Sambin to the superb Château de Chenonceau with its famous arches majestically spanning the river. It's an easy cycle to the **Château de Chissay** for a well-earned dip in the pool before dinner (included).

DAY 09 LEAVE CHISSAY



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Perfect cycling routes: traffic-free lanes, majestic forests, vineyards, poppies and sunflowers
- Hand-picked hotels in fabulous locations, three with swimming pools
- Splendour of Renaissance Chenonceau - 'jewel in the Loire crown'



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***Manoir Bel Air
***Auberge du Centre
