TAILOR-MADE PRIVATE TOURS OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

# STAY SAFE WITH FINDING FRANCE

You'll travel in a private minibus that is exclusively reserved for you during the entire trip. We pick you up at your doorstep and drop you off at the location of your choice. Your guide will be with you for the duration of the trip; he or she is also your private chauffeur. Physical contact is limited to the strict minimum. Workshops and meet-ups are organized exclusively for you and your group.

We follow all necessary procedures to ensure your protection and comply with all local and national sanitary regulations currently recommended: vehicle disinfected daily, masks, hydro-alcoholic gel, disinfectant wipes and gloves are provided by us as well.

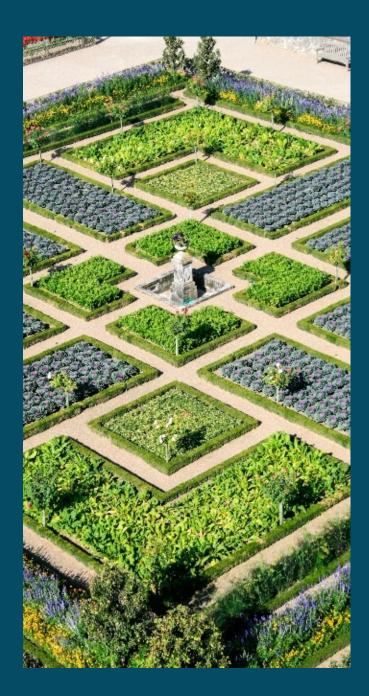
Any bookings cancelled due to Covid-19 will be refunded.

Châteaux of the loire valley

A perpetual state of wonder arises as one visits the many fabulous and unique castles nestled along the Loire river valley... Finding France matches the beauty of these marvelous works of masonry and art with the authentic discovery of local artisans and culinary expertise. Unveil the talent of French know-how and help keep it alive. Meet local producers and support them in their quest for perfection, that's what Finding France offers during this entirely customizable trip. With a time span of 1 to 6 days, we'll design your itinerary together with you to make sure you'll take in an unforgettable experience.

Here is what 3 days starting from Paris could feel like:

- DAY 1: Chamerolles and Sully-sur-Loire
- DAY 2: Chambord and Blois
- DAY 3: Amboise and Chenonceau





#### **3 DAY TOUR**

Discover the loire valley

Suggested itinerary for 3 days in the Loire valley. Departures depend on the availability of producers and artisans

### DAY 1: CHAMEROLLES AND SULLY-SUR-LOIRE

#### MORNING

- Discover the Château de Chamerolles, a true XVIth century jewel that was the property of the heirs of Sir Lancelot. King François the 1st stayed there twice.
- Amble through the stunning "Promenade des Parfums", a sensory experience within the castle. Admire the ornate interiors complete with XVIth to XVIIIth century furniture that demonstrate how perfume forged and changed society.
- Lunch in "eat local" mode with seasonal produce grown nearby.

#### AFTERNOON

- Visit the Sully-sur-Loire fortified medieval castle. The donjon and moat still filled with running water! were the property of the King of France Philippe Auguste in the XIIIth century.
- Meet another Philippe, organic livestock breeder, and visit his family farm in the Loiret. Learn how he cares for egg-laying chickens, cows and sheep in manners inspired by respect for nature and animal well-being.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Meet a local rhubarb grower in his farm. Taste his unexpected and original products: jams, nectar, rhubarb juice and even rhubarb syrup and soda pop!
- The Museum of Ancient Rural Crafts and Trades awaits your visit, where you'll visit the workshops of a clog maker, a barrel maker, and a blacksmith.
- Meet a producer of organic apple cider.
- Discover a rose garden that grows a unique collection of over 600 different rose tree varieties.
- Visit the Saffron museum.

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#### DAY 2: CHAMBORD AND BLOIS

#### MORNING

- Visit the fairy-tale Château de Chambord, the largest of all the Loire valley castles, housed deep into the largest fenced-in forest parc of Europe.
- Savor surprising biscuits and cookies in the Chambord pastry shop.
- Dine in a restaurant.

### AFTERNOON

- Visit the Royal castle in Blois, favorite residence of the Kings of France during the Renaissance. Go for a stroll in the peculiar royal gardens lain around the castle grounds.
- Meet Michel and his family on their own vineyard. Vintners for the past 5 generations, their high-quality wines rely on biodynamics to attain such levels of perfection.
- Walk through the ranks of grapevines and sample the best of their registered designation of origin wines such as the "Cheverny" and the "Cour-Cherverny".
- In the evening, Georges and Dominique will welcome you in their charming guest house for a quiet night on the Loire riverbanks.



# **AVAILABLE OPTIONS**

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- Meet a beekeeper and taste his produce: honey, of course, but a unique-tasting gingerbread, too.
- Discover a farm where duck foiegras is produced.
- Meet the manager of an ovine animal farm. Visit the facilities and witness the shearing of sheep. Let the sheepdog impress you with a demonstration of his droving expertise!
- Unique evening light show on the facade of the Blois castle.
- Discover the Cheverny castle, one of the very few that still retain their complete set of furniture. This is the castle that inspired comic-book author Hergé when he created the manor of Captain Haddock in the Tintin series.



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### DAY 3: AMBOISE AND CHENONCEAU

#### MORNING

- Visit the Château d'Amboise, or that of the Clos Lucé, the last residence of Leonardo da Vinci.
- Meet Pascal, a master sommelier, owner of a XVIth century wine cellar, and former manager of a Michelin-star restaurant. Sample his exceptional wines.
- Choose from a range of local specialties for lunch.

#### AFTERNOON

- Visit the iconic Château de Chenonceau, one of the most stunning examples of Loire valley architecture, with the astonishing gallery spanning over the Cher river. Nicknamed the Château des Dames – the Ladys' Castle – it was successively owned by many women of power and influence, among which Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Médicis.
- Dine in a restaurant.
- Rest in an exceptional guest house for the night.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Float above the meandering Loire river and forests and admire the Loire valley castles from a different point of view in a hot air balloon.
- Learn French Cuisine in a class, cooking fresh and local produce.
- Ride a bicycle on comfortable lanes plotted along the Loire riverbanks.

Experience the French "art de vivre"

At Finding France we offer a unique selection of elegant, family friendly B&B's.







## RATES FOR A DAY TRIP DEPARTING FROM PARIS (8 AM TO 8 PM):

Starting at **\$250 USD** (VAT included) per person for a 4-person reservation. What's included:

- Private bilingual chauffeur-guide (English French).
- Transportation in a top-notch air-conditioned vehicle, Wifi included.
- Travel to and from your place of residence in Paris + pick-up and transfer from Roissy CDG, Orly, or Le Bourget airports.
- Lunch.
- Tasting and samples when visiting local producers (wine, cheese, pastries...)
- Unlimited bottled water.
- All entrance fees and VIP access to all events and activities described in the itinerary.
- Fees for a local guide when visiting certain historical sites.
- Finding France 24/7 emergency assistance.

Starting at **\$500 USD** (VAT included) per person per day for a 4-person reservation. Lower rates for larger groups. Add-on for single room lodging: starting

at \$150 USD (VAT included) per person per day.

**DEPARTING FROM PARIS:** 

What's included:

RATES FOR AN ALL-INCLUSIVE TRIP

- Night stays in quality, labeled guest houses or typical hotels.
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner).

All wines from our excellent selection (excluding vintage years and Grand Crus) at meal time.

All non-alcohol beverages, including unlimited bottled water (replenished daily). All tasting and samples when visiting local producers (wine, cheese, pastries...) All entrance fees and VIP access to all events and activities described in the itinerary. Private driver-guide.

Transportation in a top-notch air-conditioned vehicle, Wifi included.

Fees for a local guide when visiting certain historical sites.

Private vehicle for pick-up and transfer to or from Roissy CDG, Orly, or Le Bourget airports.

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### A WORD ABOUT YOUR GUIDE...

Bonjour ! My name is Clement, I look forward to introducing you to the wonderful sights, skilled artisans and places I love throughout our journey. During the trip I will share with you the rich history of the places that we visit, introduce you to the local cuisine and, if you are interested, some of our most beloved French songs too! Every step of the way, I will do my best to meet all your needs and expectations.

All-inclusive private tours from anywhere in France

Accommodation in privately-owned châteaux or charming boutique hotels

#### $\diamond$

Exceptional local culinary experiences

Reservations at Michelin-starred restaurants

Private bilingual chauffeur-guide (English/French)

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Comfortable air-conditioned vehicle with WIFI



# DREAMING OF DISCOVERING FRANCE?

Each region bequeaths us with a unique cultural heritage, unparalleled talent and craftsmanship, and gourmet specialty cuisine that cannot be found anywhere else.

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Traveling in France is, above all, striving to meet the soul of a land. Cared for by passionate men and women.

#### $\diamond$

*We offer an unforgettable and prestigious trip customized to match your dreams.* 

Get in touch with us right now!

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