

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's our recommended itinerary for a 3-day and 2-night tour:

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





Chamerolles and Sully-sur-Loire Chateaux

DAY 1

MORNING

- Discover the Château de Chamerolles, a true XVth 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 XVth to XVIIIth century furniture that demonstrate how perfume forged and changed society.

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*

Instead of the suggested activities in the main itinerary

- 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!
- Discover a rose garden that grows a unique collection of over 600 different rose tree varieties.

*Please contact us for options rates



Chambord and Blois Chateaux

DAY 2

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.

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 generations, their high-quality wines rely on biodynamics to attain such levels of perfection.

AVAILABLE OPTIONS*

Instead of the suggested activities in the main itinerary

- Champagne tasting on the roof of Chambord chateau.
- Meet a beekeeper and taste his produce: honey, of course, but a unique-tasting gingerbread, too.
- Meet the manager of an ovine animal farm. Visit the facilities and witness the shearing of sheep.
- Discover the Cheverny castle, one of the very few that still retain their complete set of furniture.

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Amboise and Chenonceau Chateaux

DAY 3

MORNING

- Visit the Amboise chateau, or that of the Clos Lucé, the last residence of Leonardo da Vinci.
- Meet a master sommelier, owner of a XVIth century wine cellar, and former manager of a Michelin-star restaurant. Sample his exceptional wines.

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.

AVAILABLE OPTIONS*

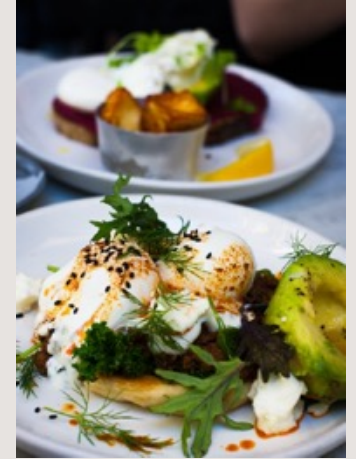
Instead of the suggested activities in the main itinerary

- 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.

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Lunching and Dining

At Finding France, we strive to provide you with exceptional dining experiences suited to your particular tastes. If you choose to include meals in your tour*, we will plan out together the types and standing of restaurants that you would like to try so that your experience is unforgettable!



Example of restaurants and experiences. Non-contractual photos.

*Breakfast is included in the price of all packages; lunch and dinner are optional.

Experience the French "art de vivre"

At Finding France, we offer you a unique selection of elegant boutique hotels.



Example of accommodation. Non-contractual photo.

Travel in intimate, private groups, starting from 2 persons.

Discover the France of your dreams – from the destinations we offer, you decide which to visit and how long your stay at each should last.

Booking your travel experience through Finding France ensures authentic relationships with local artisans and directly supports the local economy.

A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER...

CLÉMENT DECRÉ

Finding France arose from an intuition that visiting France in a more authentic and friendly manner was possible. Time is precious, and taking the time is the true meaning of leisure.

Whether you travel as a couple, as a family, or with friends, my endeavor to serve comes from the heart.

My goal is for you to create lasting memories – all in your own time.



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The health and safety of our guests is of utmost importance to us.

Our private tours are designed to preserve your social bubble against Covid-19.

We implement stringent safety measures to protect you against Covid-19.

Daily disinfection of the vehicle with a virucidal agent, face masks and hydro-alcoholic gel provided everyday, whenever requested. Once you are in France, we pick you up at your doorstep and drop you off after the tour at the location of your choice.

Physical contact is limited to the strict minimum.

Given the constant evolution of the epidemic, we recommend that all guests review their own country's local travel guidance and health advisories, as issued by health authorities, related to this outbreak.

Please click the link below leading to the France Diplomacy website. It details all entrance requirements for foreign travellers:

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coronavirus-advice-for-foreign-nationals-in-france/>