



Tourism & Business Events Loire Valley - Western France

12 - TRUFFLES EXPERIENCES



Welcome to the Loire Valley!

In the beautiful region of Western France, the Loire river runs through one of France's richest regions. Known as the Garden of France, the Loire Valley boasts many important sites and historical châteaux, royal hunting grounds for the Kings of France.

Producing original, varied and exquisite wines, the region is divided into smaller appellations (such as Anjou, Bourgueil, Saumur, and Touraine, to name but a few) spread over 1000 for kms; with 54 appellations, there is a wine for every taste and every occasion.

This region is also well-known for its many historical figures, from Joan of Arc to Richard the Lionheart and Leonardo Da Vinci.

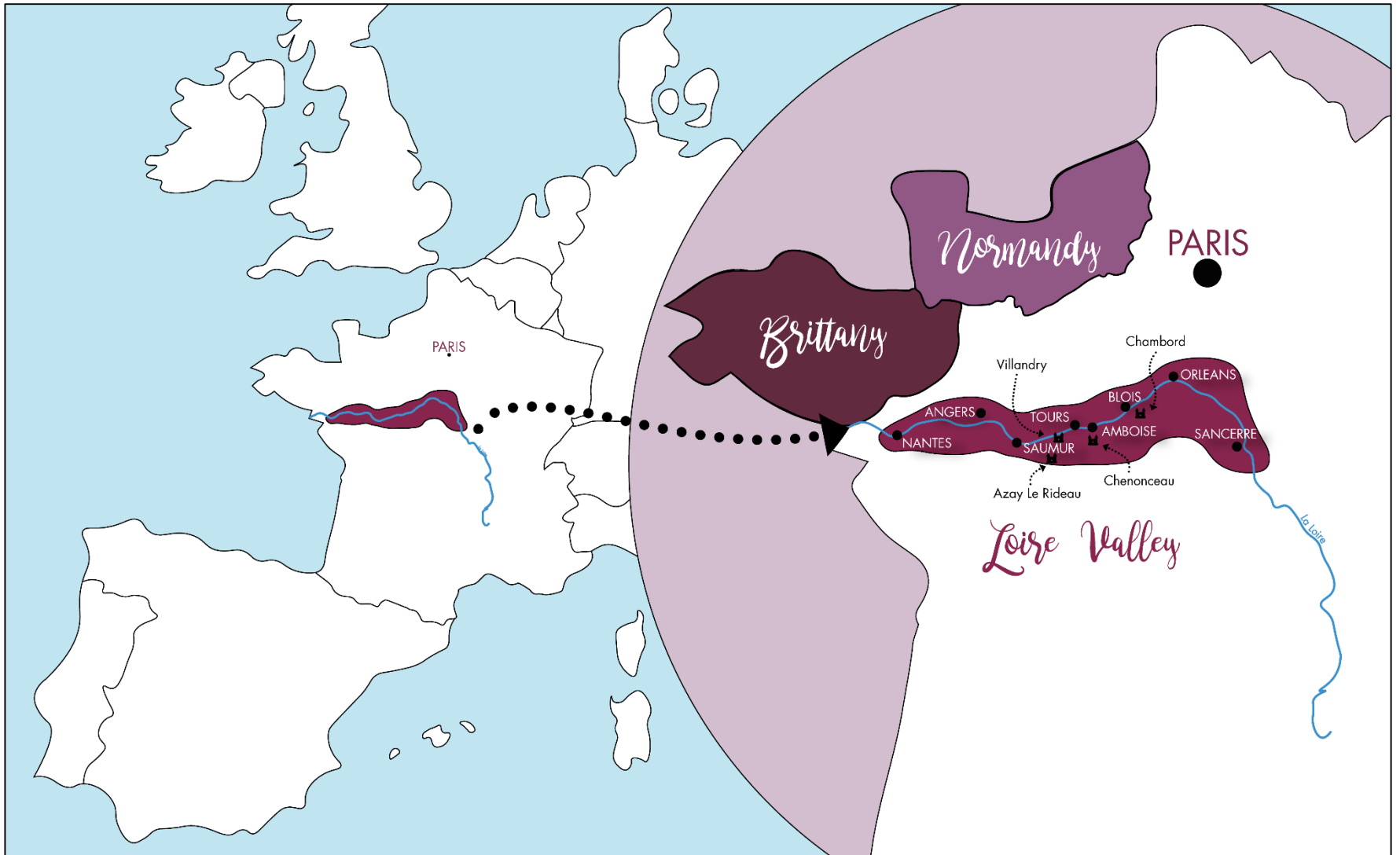
In 2000, the Val de Loire was awarded the status of UNESCO World Heritage Site in recognition of the exceptional cultural value of its landscapes and the quality of its architectural heritage.

Why travel with Loire Secrets?

We are a small local organisation, born and bred in the Loire Valley, we know our région, we are passionate about it and we want to share this passion with you. Being locals, we have an inside knowledge of the very best places to go, people to meet and ways of getting around. Our main aim is to provide you with an unforgettable experience, an experience adapted to your unique needs and special wishes.

How do we do this? What do we offer?

Private and exclusive tours with your own English– Spanish– Portuguese– German- speaking driver guides. These private guides will accompany you everywhere, will adapt to your every wish and generally take care of you from the start of your trip to the very end.





■ Truffles experiences



Truffle hunting

LOOKING FOR THE BLACK DIAMOND

TRUFFLES, THE ULTIMATE LUXURY FOOD

There are mushrooms and there are truffles but...truffles are indeed mushrooms ! **Black truffles are one of the best luxury food products** whose exotic nature has been enjoyed since ancient Roman times. Today, the famous mushrooms (Tuber Melanosporum) are still a mystery, but **they are grown by a handful of enthusiasts such as the « Baron de la Truffe ».**

As the truffle season takes place at the end of the year, truffles are also a perfect treat for a trip into the Loire Valley.

Live a unique experience in Loire Valley countryside.

Go searching for the "Black Diamond" in the company of "Baron de la truffe". On a stroll through the truffle field, the **truffle-farmer is your guide** and reveals the secrets of truffles: how to create a truffle field and how to maintain it, its size and its particular flora. The « Baron de la Truffe » and his dogs take you around the « truffières » and give you an idea about how to look for this incredible mushroom. Get ready to **become a real truffle expert !**

After the morning's exertions, enjoy a **truffle butter tasting with some fine Chinon wines.**



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