



Tourism & Business Events Loire Valley - Western France

## 19 - CHINON TOWN, PERFUMER'S WORKSHOP AND TEA TIME



# 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.

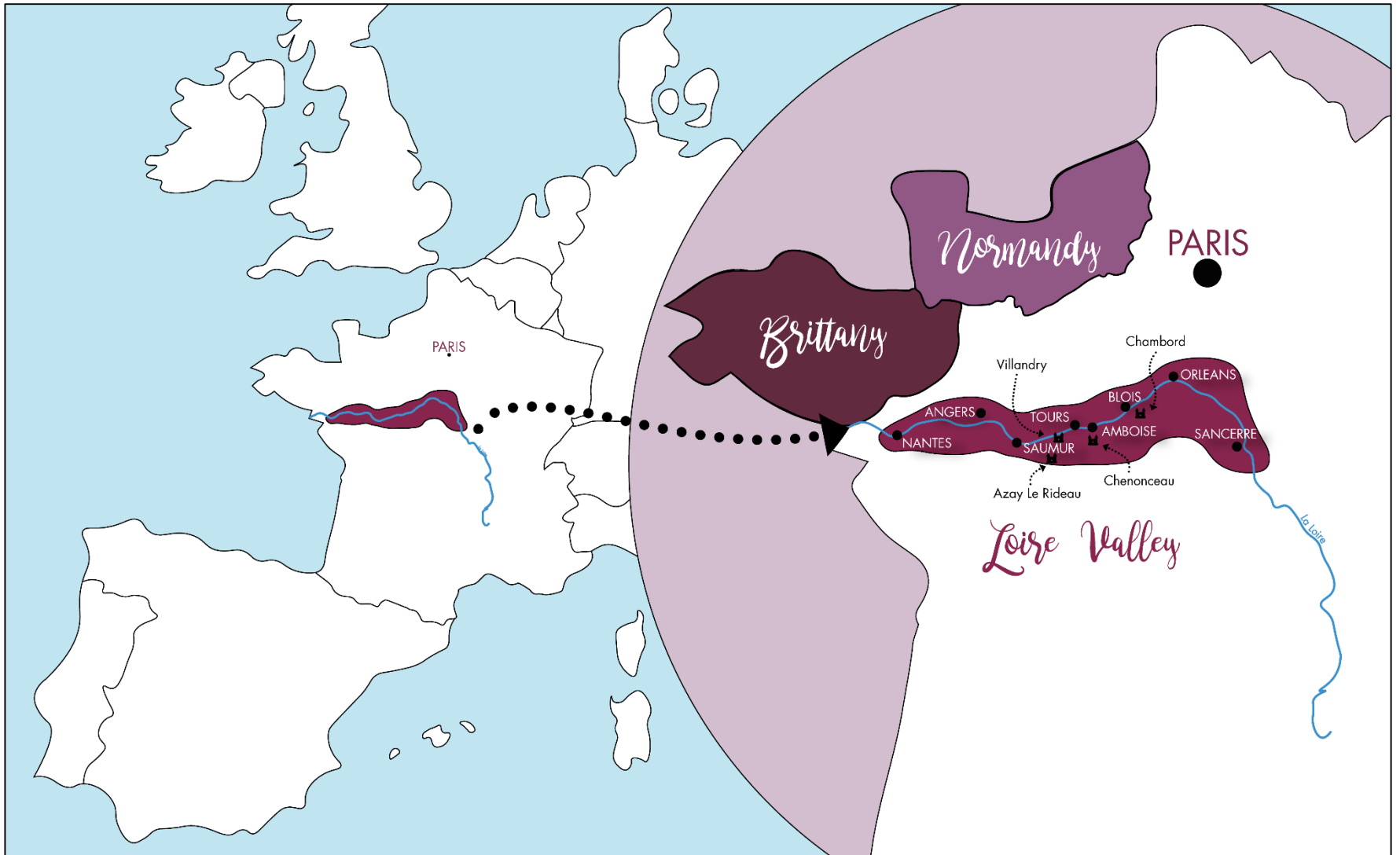
In 2000, the Val de Loire was awarded the status of UNESCO World Heritage Site in recognition of the exceptional cultural value of its landscapes and the quality of its architectural heritage.

## 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.







Chinon town guided tour







Perfumer's workshop



# Chinon town & Perfume workshop

With your driver-guide, start with the guided tour of **Chinon medieval little town**.

Chinon is a picturesque Loire Valley town. You will be charm by its quaint streets and impress by its huge Fortress dominates the town.

Free time for lunch.

In the afternoon, live a unique experience with a renowned **French perfumer**, an exceptional personality in the world of perfumes.

Having studied sociology and political science the master began his career as a diplomat and even received the Historical Award by the prestigious "Académie Française" before beginning his career in perfumery in 1992.

He welcomes you in his personal home and **workshop**, overlooking the Loire River, near Saumur and Chinon.

During a private session the professional perfumer initiates you into the art of creating personal fragrances. Under the attentive eye of your mentor, learn how to handle the rarest and most precious essential oils (agar wood, different roses, jasmine, tuberose, sandalwood, civet, ambergris etc.) which he keeps fresh in his safe like a treasure.

In your host's kitchen your experience continues with an aromatic **tea time** harmonizing local specialties and fragrances like rose, jasmine or sandalwood perfume...



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