



Tourism & Business Events Loire Valley - Western France

26 - CHAMBORD GUIDED TOUR



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.

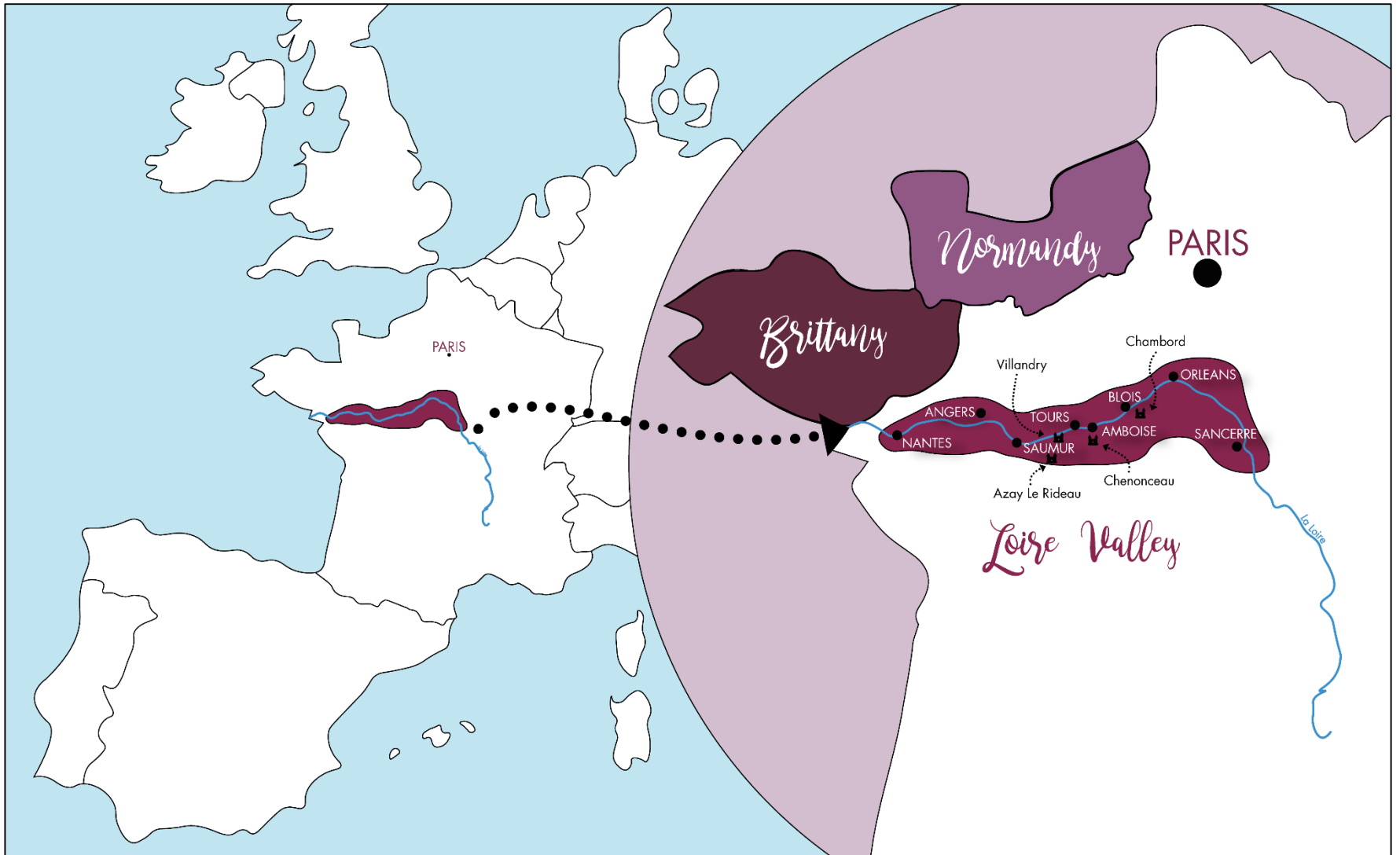
In 2000, the Val de Loire was awarded the status of UNESCO World Heritage Site in recognition of the exceptional cultural value of its landscapes and the quality of its architectural heritage.

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.

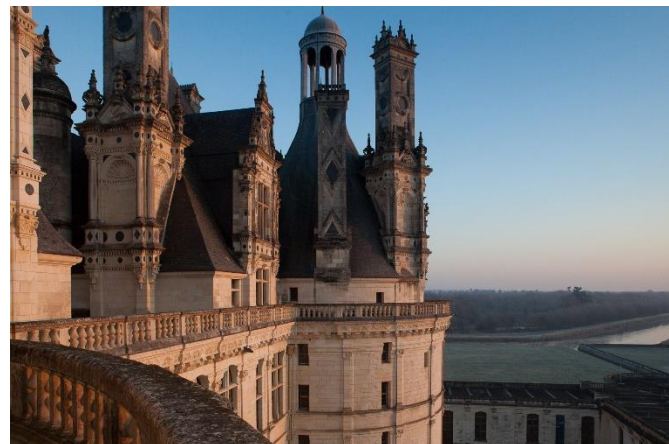
How do we do this? What do we offer?

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.





Chambord Château guided tour



Chambord castle

The castle of Chambord is a Renaissance masterpiece. Today, this glorious symbol of history is featured on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Begun in 1519 as a weekend hunting lodge by François I, it quickly snowballed into France's most ambitious (and expensive) royal architectural project. When construction finally ended 30-odd years later, the castle boasted some 440 rooms, 365 fireplaces and 84 staircases, all built around a rectangular keep, crossed by four great hallways and flanked at the corners by circular bastions. Up through the centre of it all winds Chambord's crowning glory, the famous double-helix staircase designed by Leonardo da Vinci, with two intertwining flights of stairs leading up to the great lantern tower and rooftop, from where you can survey the landscaped grounds.



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