



Tourism & Business Events Loire Valley - Western France

4 - WINE AND GOURMET 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.

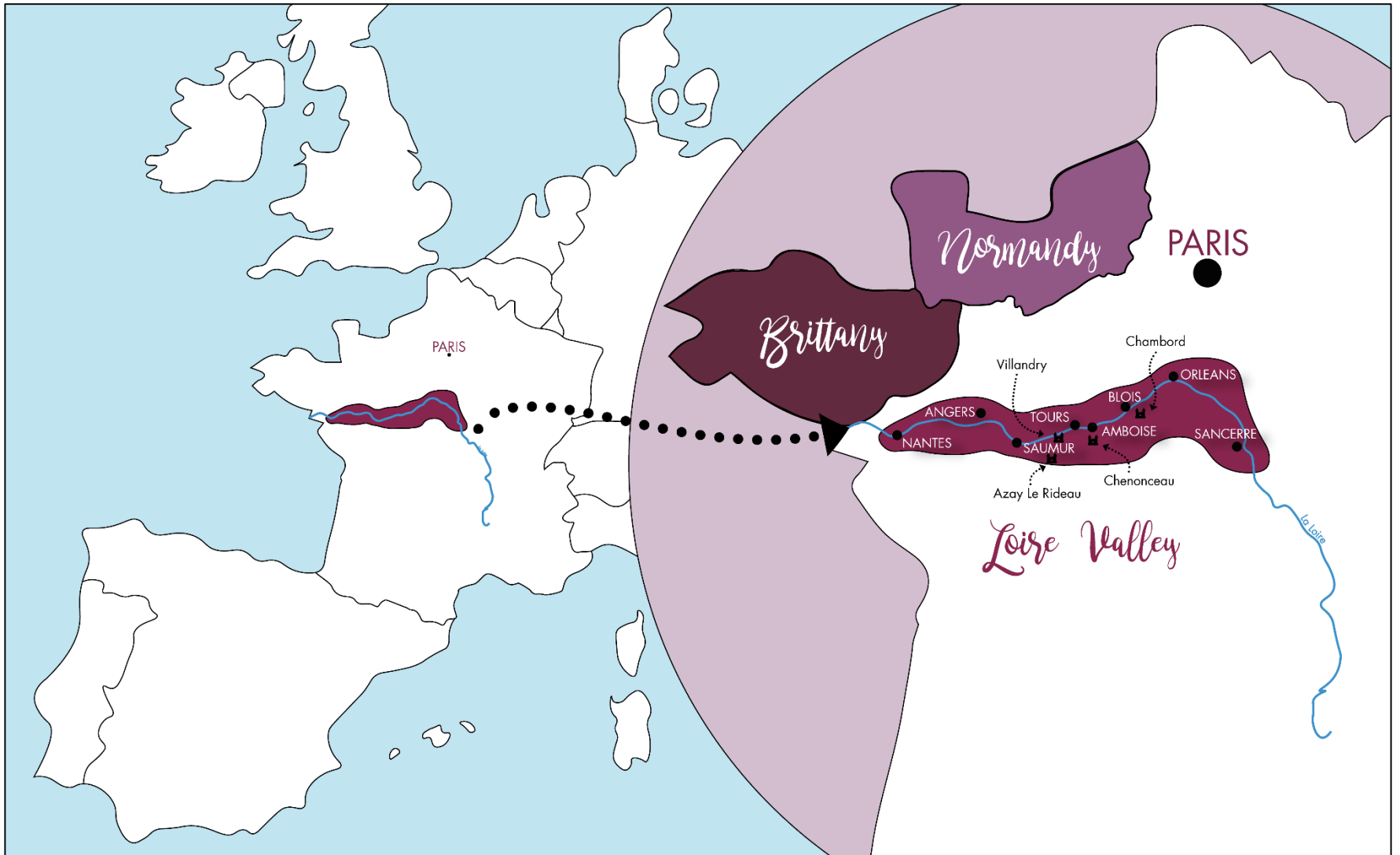
In 2000, the Val de Loire was awarded the status of UNESCO World Heritage Site in recognition of the exceptional cultural value of its landscapes and the quality of its architectural heritage.

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.



OPTION 1

France is the ultimate destination for a **wine-tasting tour** and any **wine lovers** will love to experience it!

The Loire Valley is known for its magnificent historical chateaux, old villages, beautiful gardens and wild river. But did you know that it is also the 3rd biggest wine-growing region in France!

Discover these French **vineyards** with their **greatest** diversity of **wines** from red, rosé, white, sparkling and sweet wines! So you never get bored discovering new tastes here!

You will discover the Touraine region, sometimes called the "Garden of France." was where kings and nobles built many of the chateaux that make the Loire Valley one of France's most popular tourist destinations. Wines of the region include many famous appellations, including Vouvray, made from Chenin Blanc and Chinon, Bourgueil and St Nicolas de Bourgueil, all made from Cabernet Franc. The Touraine appellation also includes excellent examples of Sauvignon Blanc, Gamay and Malbec (locally known as cōt) that combine excellent quality with competitive prices.

Be part of an **exclusive wine** tour exploring the Loire and enjoy a **full day private guided tour** in the Touraine wine region with your expert wine guide and chauffeur.

Pick-up & drop-off can be made from Saint Pierre des Corps (Tours) train station or Hotels in Tours or Amboise area. For other locations and/or transfer from Paris, please ask us for a quote.

In the morning, start with the visit of an **authentic winery in Vouvray** wine region. You will **tour the troglodyte cellar** and enjoy a wine tasting. Vouvray is famous for its fantastic sparkling wines !

Continue further west and arrive in **Bourgueil and Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil wine region**. Two great and famous red wine appellations of the Touraine region in the Loire Valley.

Enjoy a visit and wine tasting in an authentic winery.

You will enjoy a good lunch in a local restaurant where they'll make you feel at home!

You will be welcomed by the Chef, Vincent. The place is a unique **country restaurant** in a beautiful setting surrounded by vines. A stunning old farmhouse set in its own grounds welcoming only 10 to 12 people per sitting.

Almost all ingredients and meats are produced directly in the farm.

A tour of the vegetable garden is a nice way to end your gourmet experience there!

Later in the afternoon, enjoy a visit to a family-run winery in **Chinon region**. The visit will be followed by a wine tasting.

Before heading back to your hotel. Stop in Chinon medieval town for a short sightseeing visit.

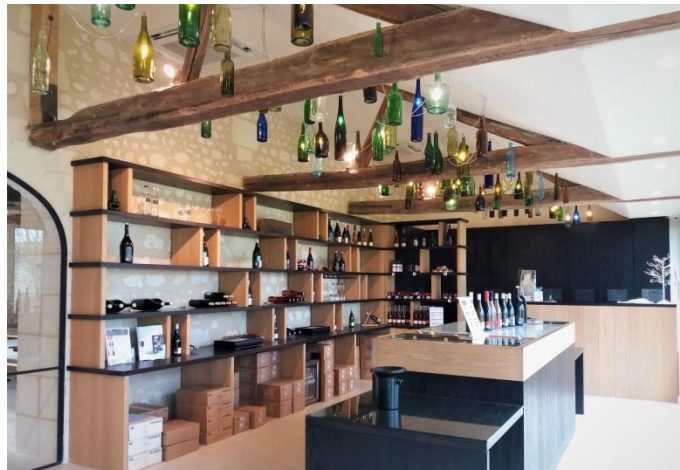


Winery in Vouvray wine region





Winery in Bourgeuil wine region





Lunch at Vincent's, country chef





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In the afternoon, continue with the visit of an authentic winery in Touraine-Amboise wine appellation. After touring the cellar, you will relax with a wine tasting.

Before going back to your hotel, with your guide, enjoy a stop in picturesque Amboise town.

This little town is settled by the river bank and home to the Chateau d'Amboise, overlooking the Loire river.



Winery in Vouvray wine region





You will meet the makers of exquisite wines and lunch in the vineyard





Amboise AOC wine tour





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