

TOUR LV2

Tour Highlights:

- Guided visit of the Royal Castle of Blois
- Lunch at a local winery in Cheverny
- Guided tour of Château of Cheverny
- A tour of the Château de Chambord, a highlight of the Loire Valley

Tour Season:

- Tues & Fri. - Year round

Tour Length:

- Full Day

Tour Includes:

- Transportation in a comfortable full option minivan
- Private English speaking escort guide
- Entrance tickets for visits to the Chateaux of Blois, Cheverny and Chambord
- Visit and tasting at a cellar cave
- Lunch at the winery, drinks included

Note: The tour does not include: personal expenses. If request for pick-up at Hotel add an additional charge.

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**Châteaux & Wines around Chambord Blois / Chambord / Cheverny**

The tour begins with a guided visit of the Royal Castle of Blois. The four wings of the castle courtyard (Medieval, Flamboyant Gothic, Renaissance, and Classical) offer a great survey of the architecture in the Loire Valley. Through the XIX century restorations, you will be amazed by the surprising colours of a chateau during the French Renaissance as well as by King Henry III's bedroom, theatre of one of the most tragic events of the wars of religion, the murder of the Duke de Guise.

Next, on to Cheverny. Here you will have lunch at this local wine producer's winery, enjoying his wines, cheeses and charcuterie. The "Cheverny" appellation produces elegant red wines from pinot noir and gamay as well as fruity white wines from chardonnay and sauvignon. You will enjoy this moment to taste a wine for real connoisseurs: the "Cour Cheverny Appellation", a stunning white wine made from a grape called Romorantin, imported by King François I into the Loire Valley.

After lunch you will take part in a guided tour of the Château of Cheverny, which has been owned by the same family since the XIII century. The Marquis Hurault de Vibraye, thanks to some of the most beautiful furniture in the Loire Valley, has succeeded in giving warmth and life to his chateau. The chateau, which led to the creation of Moulinsart in the famous comic book Tintin, is also famous for the tradition of the horse-back hunt and its impressive pack of 100 dogs. You may have a chance to witness the spectacular daily event of "the dogs' soup".

Drive to the Estate of Chambord, a national game reserve as large as the town of Paris. The Château de Chambord (guided tour) is a unique monument

**France to Discover**

One of the oldest nations in Europe, France - which the Romans called Gaul - is also a country with a very rich cultural and environmental heritage. The climate in France is quite varied, but generally west European - on the whole a bit warmer than the UK, a bit cooler than Spain. Don't expect to find summer in winter in the South of France!

While travelling through historical cities and quaint towns of France a tourist will experience authentic French treasures such as castles, towers, cathedrals, rural buildings, vineyards, mountains and beaches...just to name a few.

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by its architecture and proportions. Leonardo da Vinci probably took part in the conception of the project. With more than 400 rooms and its double spiral staircase, Chambord is a highlight of the Loire Valley

Tour Ends at 6:30p.m. where your guide will drive you back to Tours or Amboise Tourist Office.

Include an Overnight Stay

This tour can be combined with an overnight stay at one of the following hotels (*additional cost will apply*).

**Hotel de l'Univers ******

Set in a fashionable shopping area one kilometre from the Old Town, this hotel has been the most prestigious address in Tours since 1846. Many large personalities of the Europe and the New World stayed in this best hotel of Tours.

**Hotel Le Château de Noizay ******

In heart of the Loire Valley castles and Vouvray vineyards, the castle of Noizay was the stronghold of the Protestants during the conspiracy of Amboise in 1560. After improvements in 1989 it has become a charming private residence, preserving its bygone splendor.

**Holiday Inn Tours *****

Situated in the heart of the "Vallée des Rois", Holiday inn Tours City Centre offers many advantages. Close to the hotel you can discover the historical district of the city, the typical "Plumereau" square bordered with half-timbered houses, the Saint Martin Basilica and several museums.