

## TOUR CLA

**Tour Highlights:**

- Guided visit of Chambord Castle
- Guided visit of Cheverny Castle
- Guided visit of Chenonceau Castle

**Tour Season:**

- Apr. 1 - Oct. 31: Everyday
- Nov. 1 - Mar 31: Tues. Thurs. Sat. & Sun

*(Dates, pick-up times and locations may vary depending on season; more information available upon request)*

**Tour Length:**

- 12 hours

**Tour Includes:**

- Guided sightseeing tour by a qualified guide-interpreter
- Entrance ticket to 3 castles
- Round trip transfer by luxury, air-conditioned coach

## Paris

**Loire Castles**

This excursion will give you an idea of “castle life” and the essence of the royal lifestyle since the Renaissance.

First stop on the tour will be the Chambord Castle, one of the most recognizable châteaux in the world because of its very distinct French Renaissance architecture that blends traditional French medieval forms with classical Italian structures. Chambord, initially meant to serve only as a hunting lodge, was built by King François I. The Castle was conveniently located near to his mistress the Comtesse de Thoury, a member of a very important family of France.

The next stop will be the Cheverny Castle. This castle has a long history of many owners but in 1914 the final owner opened the chateau to the public, one of the first to do so. The family still operates it, and Château Cheverny remains a top tourist attraction to this day, renowned for magnificent interiors and its collection of furniture, tapestries, and objets d’art. A pack of some seventy dogs are also kept on the grounds and are taken out for hunts twice weekly

Lunch in a typical restaurant (optional) or spend some free time strolling the village of Cheverny

After lunch, your final visit will be to the Chenonceau Castle, known as the “Château des Dames” (“Ladies Castle”). The castle was built in 1513 by Catherine Briçonnet, then embellished by Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Médicis, and later Madame Dupin managed to save it from the rigours of the Revolution. Indeed, Chenonceau owes part of its charm to the many women who owned it.

**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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