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Leonardo Da Vinci, Chateaux & Wines

Full day in the Loire Valley including visit to Leonardo Da Vinci's last home, chateaux and wine-tasting

Meet with your driver-guide in the lobby of your hotel located in the Loire valley region and enjoy a day-trip starting in Amboise with a visit to the Manoir de Clos Lucé or the chateau of Amboise, the chateau de Chenonceau and a Vouvray wine-tasting

Make it by night!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for a special optional venue: Enjoy a night walk in the enlightened parks of the chateau de Chenonceau
Please see the last page for more information

Make it by the river!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Embark for a 50 minute river cruise on the Loire River
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The Loire Valley

9.00 am: Meet your **English speaking guide-driver** at the lobby of your hotel located in the Loire valley.

This morning visit the nearby **Manoir du Clos Lucé where Leonardo Da Vinci spent the last three years of his life.** Visit Leonardo Da Vinci's apartments and see the models of the marvelous machines that he invented. Leonardo Da Vinci was honored with the King's benefaction. The master was given the "Clos Luce Manor", nearby the Royal Castle of Amboise. The King Francois I asked for nothing in return, only the pleasure of listening to Leonardo Da Vinci conversing.

We suggest an optional visit to the **Château of Amboise** where Leonardo Da Vinci is buried. Amboise, **beloved by Catherine de Medici** that raised her children there, was the first royal castle built in the Loire during the Renaissance period. It was in a strategic position looking over one of the few bridges that allowed people to cross the Loire. The decoration was originally of French inspiration but later profited from the collaboration of the Flemish and Italian artists. **Amboise is the chateau to be visited if you want to have an overview of the historical Loire Valley.**

For lunch, we suggest a **local restaurant "Le Bon Laboureur"** in the Loire valley, near Chenonceaux. Since 1786, this restaurant has been a reputed, not-to-be-missed table for visitors to the Chateau of Chenonceau.

The restaurant favors **genuine traditional French cuisine** that has been updated.

Top quality seasonal products and produce from the Inn's vegetable garden contribute to the authenticity of the preparations and aromas. Simple, tasty dishes are fundamental.

In the afternoon you will visit the **Château de Chenonceau**: built on a bridge over the Cher River, with the unique beauty of its renaissance architecture reflected by the water, the Château de Chenonceau is the masterpiece of the Val de Loire. This enchanting castle may be smaller in comparison to others, but what it lacks in size it makes up in charm. It is certainly one of the most romantic Châteaux in the Loire Valley

Continue on to the **vineyards of Vouvray**, famous for its sparkling white wines, to visit a couple of cellars and taste the wines

Back at the hotel at the end of the afternoon





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*NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or all year long.
We suggest you to check with our Production Managers*

This package includes

- Deluxe Sedan or Minivan which can carry up to 6 passengers
- Professional English speaking guide-driver who will chauffeur you on your sightseeing tour and is licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as into museums and monuments
- Découvertes fees
- Emergency 24 hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also suggest:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites.
- Lunch reservations



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Make it Optional

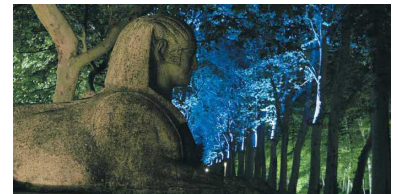
Make it by night!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an exclusive optional venue

Beyond the visit of the chateau de Chenonceau, which will always remain a memorable experience for visitors, the vast Domain of Chenonceau offers the possibility of discovering the two renowned and magnificent gardens of Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Medicis. They are ornamented with a myriad of shrubs, hundreds of climbing and stemmed roses.

Enjoy a true night dream throughout a romantic walk in the park of the chateau de Chenonceau with the beautiful music of Corelli. (*available only during the summer*)

Please contact us for more information and price. Upon request and availability.



Make it by the River!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue

The Loire valley is renowned for the Chateaux and the scenery. What better way to appreciate the natural beauty of Europe's last untamed river than a gentle, 50 minutes cruise aboard an agreeably furnished and protective river cruiser?

You will embark aboard the only passenger boat in Touraine offering unique view of the limestone cliffs and troglodyte house of Rochecorbon and this landscape declared World Heritage Beauty site by UNESCO.

Please contact us for more information and price. Visit available everyday. Upon request and availability.

