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Spa in a château of the Loire Valley!

To take care of you, to restore harmony between body and spirit, to find the natural beauty of your skin

3 days / 2 nights' program

One dinner, two nights in a superior room at an elegant château of the Val de Loire, one care in the spa of the chateau

Make it by Balloon!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for a special optional venue: you will fly over the Loire valley landscapes and chateaux aboard a hot air balloon

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Make it Poetic!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Visit the romantic Saint-Cosme Priory, former home of the poet Ronsard

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Day 1: Transfer and Hotel

Take a TGV train from Paris to Tours (tickets not included)

Meet your driver at the TGV train station in Tours and drive towards your 4 star hotel.

Enjoy this day at leisure in your hotel.

You will be accommodated at a **majestic and elegant castle famous** for its stunning landscaped gardens and magnificent architecture.

With a vast array of activities and facilities available, from golf and fishing to Jacuzzis and saunas, you're guaranteed a memorable break.

As it vies with the great châteaux of the Loire, who would guess that the chateau is a 20th-century tribute to a penniless Corsican orphan who went onto become a newspaper proprietor, politician and parfumeur?

His name was François Coty, and it is sad that he never lived to see his concept completed. Its extravagance belongs to an earlier age.

The château was always intended as a **palace of indulgence**; and so it is, with a 65-acre estate, formal gardens, opulent drawing and dining rooms, gourmet food, palatial bedrooms, and cellars containing over 20,000 wines mainly from the Loire region.

You will **dine in the elegant dining room of the chateau on the Menu de Loire** and its Inventive regional cuisine based on products from the area known as "France's garden". Taste the delicate wines of the magnificent wine cellar which includes over 20.000 bottles.

You will be accommodated in a superior room with view on the gardens, river or woods.





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Day 2: Spa and chateaux

After a copious buffet breakfast **enjoy a holistic care in the spa**: a true escape thanks to the qualities of marine salt crystals and lavender flowers. Revitalised skin and relaxation guaranteed for the face and the body. (75 minutes care).

You may wish to enjoy other cares in the spa (added at extra cost)

Enjoy lunch at leisure at your hotel.

2.00 pm Meet your guide-driver at the lobby of your hotel.

During the afternoon you will visit the **Château of Amboise** where Leonardo da Vinci is buried. Amboise 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.

Drive towards 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.

Come back to your hotel at the end of the afternoon.

Day - Transfer

After breakfast meet your driver at the lobby of your hotel.

Private transfer with an English speaking driver to TGV train station in Tours to take your train to Paris. (Tickets not included)





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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

- **On day 1 and day 3:** Private transfers train station – hotel – train station, with an English speaking driver in a Deluxe Sedan or Minivan
- 2 nights accommodation in a four star hotel in the Loire Valley – Breakfast included
- **On day 1:** Dinner at your hotel
- **On day 2:** Spa treatment in your hotel
- **On day 2:** Half day tour in a Deluxe Sedan or Minivan with a 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

- TGV tickets from and to Paris
- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner not described in the itinerary

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 Balloon!

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Can you imagine drifting slowly over these architectural masterpieces in a hot air balloon guided by the winds? The Loire Valley has become our most popular ballooning base, where we take off from the Chateaux of Chenonceaux, Blois or Chaumont to name but a few. You will have the unique opportunity to fly over the Loire Valley for one hour and weather permitting, see the most famous chateaux of the Loire Valley.

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



Make it Poetic!

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Visit the priory of Saint-Cosme that was founded in 1092. The history was marked in the 15th and 16th centuries by the royal presence in Touraine, and especially by the arrival of Pierre de Ronsard, one of the most influential French poet of the Renaissance. In 1565, the founder of La Pléiade received Catherine de Médicis and his son Charles IX. Offering a favourable environment to poetic creation and simple pleasures, the priory was the last residence of the poet who died in 1585.

Do not miss the Prior's house with the poet's workroom, the refectory and the church apse where Pierre de Ronsard lies buried. The rose gardens pay an appropriate homage to the poet and offer a romantic promenade.

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