



## THE LOIRE VALLEY WINE ROAD 4\*

5 days, 4 nights

From 4 to 6 people

Departure from : Angers

Return from: Saint Pierre des Corps (nearby Tours)

### **Highlights of the route:**

This trip is based on 4 people travelling together.

- Discovery of small wine appellations and private meetings with passionate winemakers from Loire Valley
- River cruise on a traditional boat from the Loire
- Wine experience combined with the discovery of UNESCO classified heritage of the Loire Valley
- Accommodation in luxury Guest house and unique stylish hotels
- Circuit with an experienced driver-guide



## Day 1 :

- Angers.

• Your driver guide, a Loire Valley expert, will be waiting for you on the arrival at Angers train station and welcome you for a guided visit of the city.

Angers is a quaint city located in the Loire. Capital of the Anjou region, Angers is best known for its massive and ancient château with its incredible medieval tapestry

- Lunch in Angers city in one of the restaurant through the picturesque little streets of the old town . You will potter around the museum of fine art and wander around the pretty pedestrianized streets and enjoy shopping in the many boutiques

- After this gourmet break, continue with a first vineyard visit.

After a short transfer, arrive in Savennières. You will be welcomed by the Chateau estate owner and enjoy a visit of the vines. The view overlooking the Loire river is breathtaking ! The visit will be followed by a wine tasting from the estate.

- Later, arrive in Layon region, another great wine part of Loire Valley and settle in for the night.

You will be welcome in a **Château Soucherie** and spend the night in their luxury guest house right in the heart of the vineyard.

Before your dinner, your host will offer you a private wine tasting from the Estate.

- Continue your discovery of local flavors in a restaurant that will seduce you by its location in the heart of the vineyards. **La Table de la Bergerie** offers refined cuisine, both, authentic and contemporary, made from fresh local produce by a passionate chef and lover of wealth from its region. The fine food and wine will awaken your taste buds before a good night's sleep.



## Day 2:

- After breakfast, your driver will take you to Saumur for a unique cruise.

Enjoy a magic time aboard a traditional boat from the Loire. You will learn more about the wild landscapes of the Loire and enjoy a wonderful view of Saumur Castle and little quaint villages from the river.

A lunch composed of regional specialties will be prepared for you. Lunch will be accompanied by fine Loire Valley wines.

- In the afternoon, continue with the visit and wine tasting in a Château Estate between Saumur and Montsoreau on the road to Chinon. Visit of the wine estate with an expert agricultural engineer in winemaking, owner of the Château since 1976. You will taste AOC Saumur, Saumur Blanc, Saumur Champigny, Cabernet and Coteaux de Saumur.
- Later in the afternoon, arrive in the **Royal Abbey of Fontevraud**. Enjoy a private guided tour of the Abbey, unrivalled in terms of its rich history, closely linked to the history of France and even of Europe.
- Now time to relax and discover **Fontevraud Royal Abbey 4\* stylish hotel**. The ultra-modern hotel is located within the Royal Abbey.
- Spend a delightful time in the gastronomic restaurant of Chef Thibaut Ruggeri Bocuse d'or 2013, in the heart of the Royal Abbey. Be ready for delight in a contemporary and refined cuisine in the exceptional setting offered by the Abbey! And of course, all tuned perfectly with the wines of the Loire Valley.
- After nightfall, you can return to walk the cobblestones of the Abbey, deserted ... A unique experience.



### Day 3:

- After a night in the Royal Abbey, your driver guide takes will accompany you for a visit to a traditional family soap. A family run soap factory where you will discover the art of soap making according to the method of hot mashing as practiced in Marseille for centuries.
- On the way to Chinon, enjoy a wine stop!  
You will be welcomed by the Count himself for an exclusive visit of its Chateau Estate. His family owns the domain since 1643. You will discover the history of the Chateau and the soil richness offering Cabernet Franc and Chenin Blanc.
- The Count then invites you to his table in an idyllic location with stunning views of the castle for a picnic with local products. Lunch awaits you on a charming country table set with English china and sublime wine glass. All complemented by a panoramic view overlooking the beautiful vineyards of Cabernet Franc tray and a sublime food and wine.
- Transfer to Chinon. Breathe in the atmosphere of the medieval city of Chinon, built in cascade from the fortress until the river.
- To end the day, your guide will offer a last visit and tasting in Chinon or Bourgueil region according to your preference.
- Arrive in **your 4\* Hotel, Domaine de la Tortinière**. The hotel is located just a few minutes away from Tours city.

Dinner in the comfort of your hotel restaurant.



#### **Day 4:**

- After breakfast, your driver guide will take you to Château de Villandry and its lush gardens.
- Villandry is one of the jewels of the Valley of the Loire. It was built in harmony with nature and stone, making gardens of remarkable beauty, witnesses of the time working methods and a knowledge French protected for landscaping.
- Lunch near Villandry in a typical local Auberge. A haven of peace, the chef offers to taste some of the delights of the regional gastronomy, with local and tasty food.
- After a short transfer, arrive in a Vouvray vineyard and enjoy a visit and wine tasting.

The Estate was founded in 1931 and offers a unique atmosphere. Stroll through the troglodyte caves carved into the tufa limestone hillsides and learn more about the vineyard history while tasting some fine wines.

Free time at your Chateau hotel. We would suggest to explore the park or relax by the pool or in the Sauna.

#### **Day 5:**

- After breakfast, your guide takes you to Tours city Centre. To end your stay on a "delicious" note, meet your local and food enthusiast guide for a market tour. Start your grocery shopping for your lunch in the heart of Tours old covered market, a unique site!  
Unearth beautiful fresh local produce to develop your menu and continue your morning in your guide house to develop your cooking skills under her watchful eye!
- Finally, enjoy your home made lunch before your transfer back to Saint Pierre des Corps train station.

END OF SERVICES



**Add one or more options in the program:**

- Whether you are wine lovers, we can adapt the areas visited by your wine preferences.
- Hot air Balloon flight
- Bike ride
- Spa

**This tour BASED ON 4 PERSONS SHARING includes:**

- Transfers in minivan or luxury sedan with driver- guide
- Entrance fees to visits & places mentioned in the program
- Private wine tasting mentioned in the program
- 2 gourmet picnic lunches
- 1 dinner (3 courses, 3 glasses of wine)
- 1 gourmet dinner at Fontevraud Abbey restaurant (5 courses and wine agreement)
- 1 culinary workshop
- 2 hours boat cruise
- 1 night in a double room with breakfast, in a guest house
- 1 night in a double room with breakfast Royal ABBAYE de Fontevraud Hotel \*\*\*\*
- 2 nights in a double room "Elegance" with breakfast and dinner (drinks not included) in a 4\* Chateau hotel

**This tour does not includes:**

- Transport to and from Loire Valley (to Angers on arrival and from St Pierre des Corps train station on your last day).
- lunches not mentioned in the program
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance

*We reserve the right to change the program depending on the availability of partners on the dates of your stay.*

All our suggested packages are completely flexible and designed to give you some ideas and inspiration of what we can offer. We can tailor make the tour for you adding more nights or activities. Price subject to availability at time of booking



## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

Any cancellation, either partial or total, made by the client (except force major as specified in paragraph 4), involves the application of the following charges.

Clients and Company will be notified of any cancellation charges applied by service providers above the percentage level specified below which will be deducted from all refunds except from the 10% OF fees

### **5.1 TOTAL PROGRAM CANCELLATION (EXCEPT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS GIVEN BY SUBCONTRACTORS)**

D= starting date of program

Basis = total amount of services as it is listed on the ORDER FORM

- Between 45 & 30 days = 20% of total amount of the services as it is listed on the ORDER FORM
- From D-30 to D-21 = 25% of total amount of the services as it is listed on the ORDER FORM
- From D-20 to D-15 = 50% of total amount of the services as it is listed on the ORDER FORM
- From D-14 to D-09 = 75% of total amount of the services as it is listed on the ORDER FORM
- Less than 8 days = 100% of total amount of the services as it is listed on the ORDER FORM

In case of total cancellation of a program for any reason including “ force majeure ” more than 46 days before arrival the supplier’s will be entitled to claim an amount of 10% administrative fees above supplier’s cancellation penalties. These 10% will be calculated on the total amount of services as it is listed on the ORDER FORM to cover time spent on development of the program.

**5.2 PARTIAL CANCELLATION-Penalties charged except special suppliers’ conditions (applying only to individual costs per person and not lot cost due in total whichever number is)**

**EXCEPT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS GIVEN BY SUBCONTRACTORS**

- Cancellation up to 60 days before the first day set for the performance of service:
  - ι The client may cancel 20% of the amount of the service without penalty.
  - Beyond this percentage, compensation equal to 50% of the cancelled budget will apply,
- Cancellation between 59 and 30 days before the first day set for the performance of service:
  - ι The client may cancel 10% of the amount of the service without penalty.
  - Beyond this percentage, compensation equal to 60% of the cancelled budget will apply
- Cancellation less than 30 days before the first day set for the performance of service:
  - ι The client may cancel 5% of the amount of the service without penalty.
  - Beyond this percentage, compensation equal to 80% of the cancelled budget will apply
- Cancellation less than 8 days before the first day set for the performance of service  
Compensation fees equal to 100%.