

# Cycling Europe

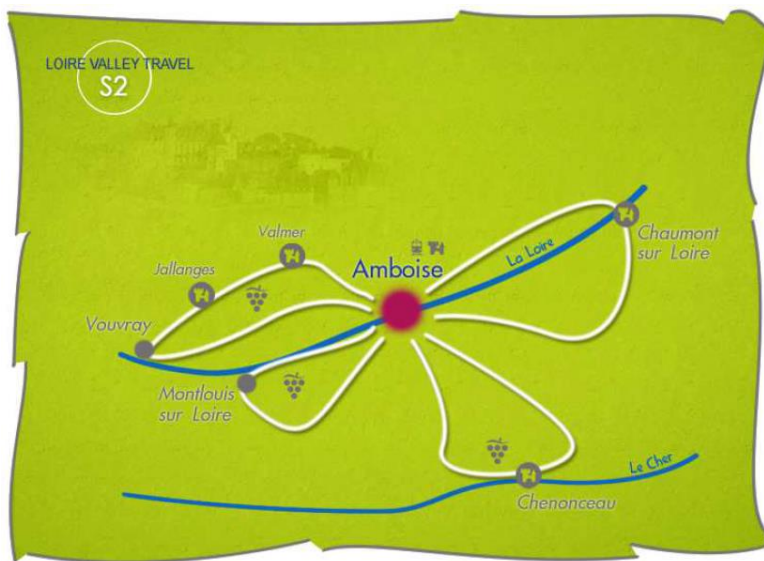
## 2020 FRANCE

### AMONGST THE CHATEAUX OF THE LOIRE VALLEY & THE ROYAL CITY OF AMBOISE

#### Self-Guided Cycling 5 days/4 nights

The Loire Valley is carpeted with fertile fields, rivers and hundreds of spectacular chateaux. On this 5 day stay-put you enjoy the surrounds that have been home to French nobility for centuries. Stay in the heart of the royal town of Amboise, where you can visit the various Touraine vineyards, discover treasures of history, architecture and culture on a range of excursions and explore the Loire's magnificent Chateaux gardens.

We have put together a deluxe cycling stay which includes château visits and a wine tasting in Amboise.



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrive Amboise - Excursion to Montlouis – 33kms

An excursion through the heart of the **Montlouis vineyards**, offering the possibility of a visit to the Aquarium de Touraine and the magnificent Château de la Bourdaisière and its gardens, before returning to stroll round Amboise and visit the **Manoir du Clos Lucé**, where **Leonardo da Vinci** lived for the last 3 years of his life! Return to your Hotel.

### Day 2: Excursion to **Chateau de Chenonceaux** – 43kms

Once you have crossed the forest of Amboise, you will come to the famous **Château de Chenonceau**, straddling the Cher River, which was the scene of a famous rivalry in French history: that of Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Medici.



### Day 3 : Excursion to **Chaumont-sur-Loire** – 45kms

Today cycle through the countryside and delightful villages to Chaumont-sur-Loire. Visit the 15<sup>th</sup> century chateau which proudly dominates the town and the river. Its wonderful garden hosts a Garden Festival from late May to October each year, where amazing and creative interpretations of a common theme attract visitors from all over the world.



**Chateau de Chaumont-sur-Loire**

### Day 4: Excursion to **Vouvray** – 45kms

Today you will leave the banks of the Loire River to reach the **picturesque Vouvray vineyards**, surrounded by troglodyte houses and famous for its **fine and elegant white wines**! On the way you will admire superb **Renaissance private châteaux** such as **château de Valmer** (remarkable for its Italian and vegetable gardens), and the beautiful **château de Jallanges**. Don't hesitate to stop for a visit to a **local wine producer** to sample a glass of Vouvray wine!



### Day 5: Tour ends after breakfast in Amboise.

### 2020 DEPARTURE DATES

Any day from 01 March until 31 October.

### CHATEAUX PACKAGE

Entrance fees to Chateau of Amboise, Parc Leonardo Da Vinci in Amboise, Château of Chenonceaux, Domaine de Chaumont-sur-Loire (Château and Garden Festival), a wine-tasting in a cellar in Amboise (3 wines)

**GRADE:** Moderate, and occasional climbs

## 2020 COST PER PERSON IN EURO, including 'Château Package' above

	<b>4* Deluxe</b>	<b>Superior</b>	<b>Standard</b>
4 nights Double/Twin room with breakfast	€920	€705	€ 522
Single supplement	€445	€315	€ 155
Extra night with breakfast	€130	€ 85	€ 60
Single supplement	€ 110	€ 70	€ 30
Half Board supplement (4 dinners - Excludes drinks)	€150	€ 128	€ 113
Hybrid Bike – 4 day hire with helmet	€ 70		
Electric Bike – 4 day hire with helmet	€ 140		

### 2020 COST INCLUDES :

- Accommodation: 4 nights with breakfast
- 1 dinner
- **Chateaux Package**
- Maps and itineraries – 1 set per room
- City Taxes
- 7 day Service Hotline.

### COST EXCLUDES :

- Drinks, lunches, 3 dinners
- Bike Rental.



### GETTING THERE :

Train from Paris to Amboise: **Gare d'Austerlitz** ( journey time varies from 1 hour 47 minutes to 3 hours 15 minutes depending on the connection, regular daily services).

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