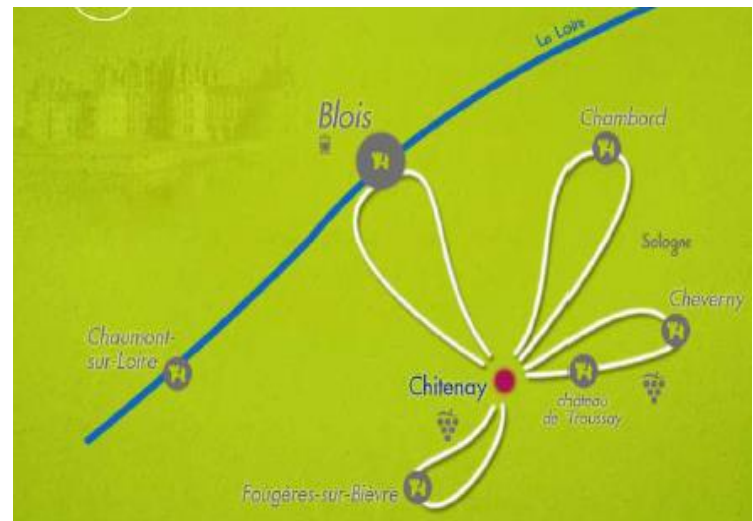


Cycling Europe

2019 FRANCE AMONGST THE CHATEAU OF THE LOIRE VALLEY

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. We have two options available to you for your stay. A deluxe hotel located in a small village just outside Cheverny, or a family run Auberge located in the rustic and peaceful village of Chitenay. Everyday there is something new to discover by bike. Cycle through enchanted forests and the banks of the Loire to picturesque villages, visit vineyards and explore the Loire's magnificent Chateaux gardens.



ITINERARY 1 - DELUXE

Day 1: Arrive Cheverny - Excursion to Chateau de Chambord – 39kms

Ride on dedicated 'Pays des Chateaux' cycling paths to the Chateau of Villesavin before reaching the illustrious Chateau de Chambord. This is the largest and one of the most opulent chateaux in the Loire Valley, and a fine example of Renaissance splendour. The Chateau de Chambord boasts no less than 440 rooms, landscaped gardens and the famous double spiral staircase, said to be designed by Leonardo da Vinci. Return to your Hotel.



Chateau
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Chambord

Double
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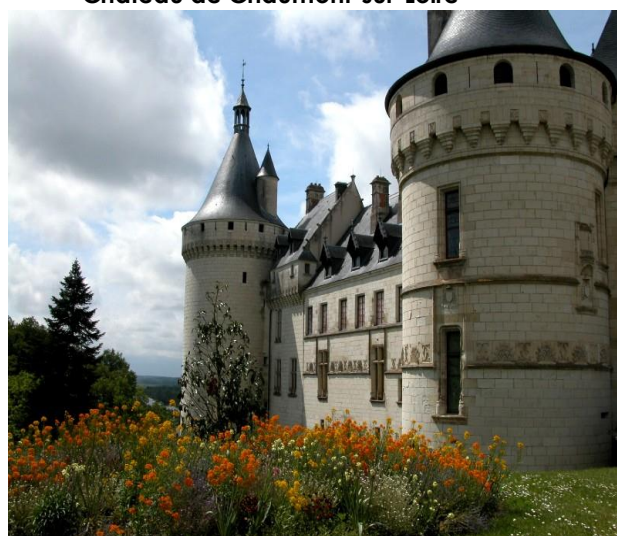
Chateau de Chaumont-sur-Loire

Day 2: Excursion to Château de Chaumont-sur-Loire – 62kms

Today cycle through the countryside and delightful villages to Chaumont-sur-Loire. Visit the Chateau. Its wonderful garden hosts a Garden Festival from April to October each year where amazing and creative interpretations of a common theme attract visitors from all over the world.

Day 3 : Excursion to Sologne region – 47kms

Today ride through the forested Sologne region with an abundance of waterways and lakes and sprinkled with lodges, mansions and chateaux. You are right in the heart of the Cheverny appellation so don't miss a wine tasting in one of the many local vineyards.



Day 4: Excursion to Blois – 47kms

Cycle through typical villages to Blois, worth visiting for its old quarter and chateau known for its Architecture dating back to the 17th century. Return through the forest of Russy.

Day 5: Tour ends after breakfast.

2019 DEPARTURE DATES

Any day from 01 March until 31 October.

CHATEAUX PACKAGE

Entrance fees to Domaine de Chambord (Château and Gardens), Château de Cheverny and 'The Secrets of Marlinpike Hall' exhibition, Domaine de Chaumont-sur-Loire (Château and Garden Festival), a wine tasting in Cheverny AOC.

GRADE: Moderate, and occasional climbs

2019 COST PER PERSON IN EURO, including 'Château Package' above

	4* Deluxe
4 nights Double/Twin room with breakfast	€885
Single supplement	€250
Extra night with breakfast	€135
Single supplement	€ 55
Bike – 4 day hire	€ 70
Electric Bike – 4 day hire	€ 115

2019 COST INCLUDES :

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

COST EXCLUDES :

- Drinks, lunches, 2 dinners
- Bike Rental.

ITINERARY 2 – SUPERIOR

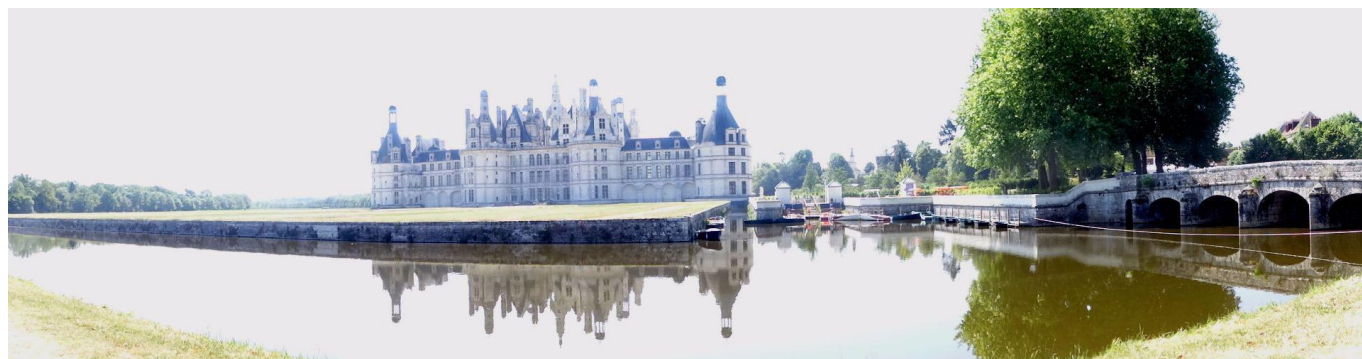
Day 1: Arrive Chitenay – Excursion to Cheverny – 23kms

Cycle via the small renaissance Chateau de Troussay, onto the quaint village of Cheverny, an area famous for its wine, wildlife and chateaux. Visit the Chateau de Cheverny, which inspired Herges vision of Marlinspike in the Adventures of Tintin!



Day 2: Excursion to Chateau de Chambord – 56kms

Ride through the enchanted Sologne forest and on to reach the illustrious Chateau de Chambord. This is the largest and one of the most opulent chateaux in the Loire Valley, and a fine example of Renaissance splendour. The Chateau de Chambord boasts no less than 440 rooms, landscaped gardens and the famous double spiral staircase, said to be designed by Leonardo da Vinci. Return to your Chateau.



Day 3: Excursion to Blois – 33Kms

Today cycle through the forest to the lovely town of Blois on the banks of the Blois. See the Chateau dating back to the 17th century and a fine example of French architecture.



Day 4 : Excursion to Château de Fougères-sur-Bièvre – 24kms

Visit the Chateau of Fougères-sur Bièvre – a unique example of 15th century feudal style architecture. You are right in the heart of the Cheverny appellation so don't miss a wine tasting in one of the many local vineyards.

Day 5: Tour ends after breakfast.

2019 DEPARTURE DATES

Any day between 01 March – 31 October.

CHATEAUX PACKAGE

Entrance fees to Domaine de Chambord (Château and Gardens), Château de Cheverny and 'The Secrets of Marlinspike Hall' exhibition, a wine tasting in Cheverny AOC.

'Auberge': A charming family run 'Auberge' with lovely decorated comfortable rooms and huge fireplaces. Enjoy the local 'fare' in its elegant restaurant, not to mention the swimming pool!

2019 COST PER PERSON IN EURO, including 'Château Package' above

	3* Superior (Auberge – Chitenay)	
	<u>Mar, Apr, Oct</u>	<u>May to Sept</u>
4 nights Double/Twin room with breakfast	€ 585	€660
Single supplement	€ 205	€258
Extra night with breakfast	€ 67	€ 78
Single supplement	€ 40	€ 45
Bike – 4 day hire	€ 70	
Electric Bike – 4 day hire	€ 115	

2019 COST INCLUDES :

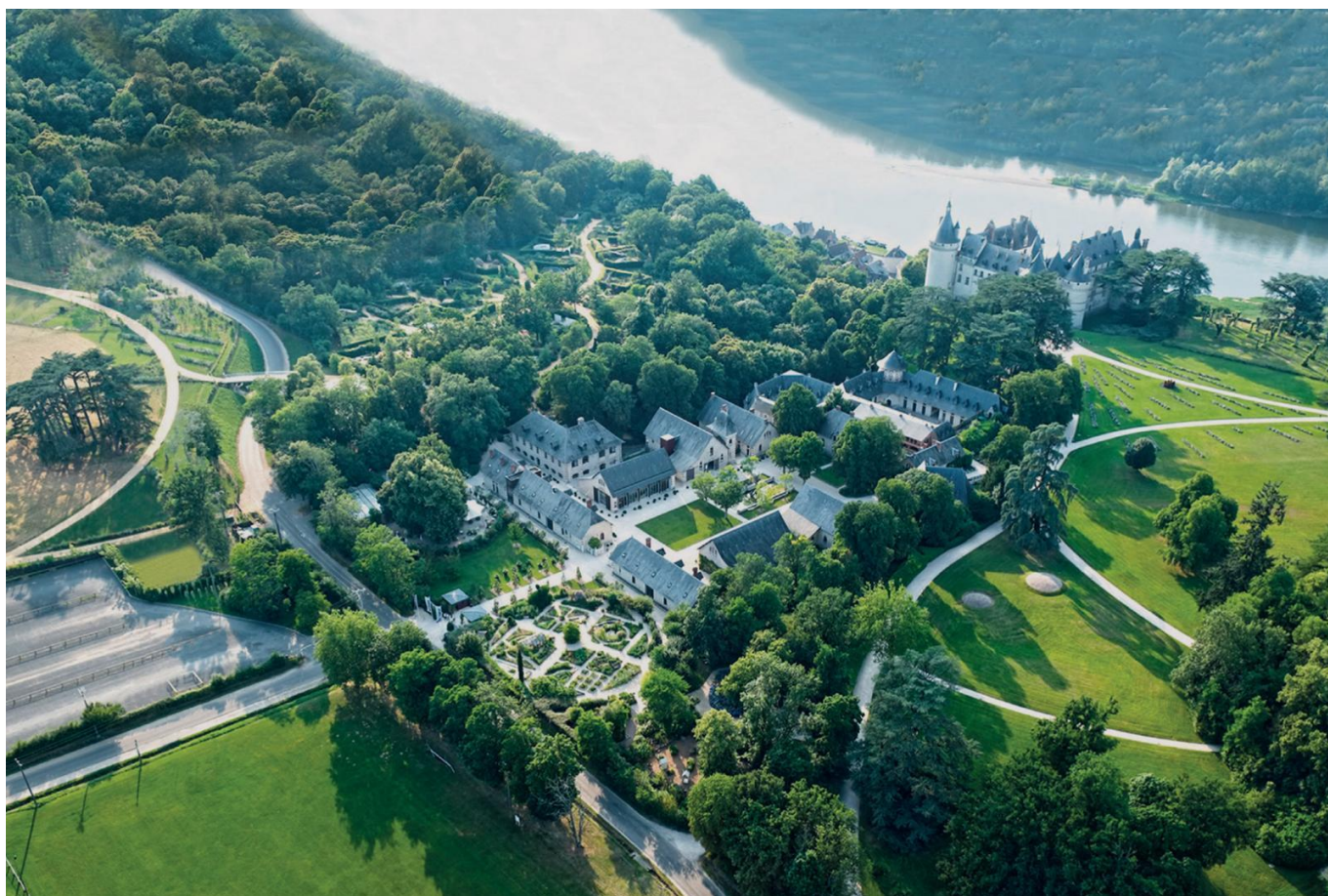
- Accommodation: 4 nights with breakfast
- 2 dinners at the Auberge
- **Chateaux Package**
- Maps and itineraries – 1 set per room
- City Taxes
- 7 day Service Hotline.

COST EXCLUDES :

- Drinks, lunches, 2 dinners
- Bike Rental.

GETTING THERE :

Train from Paris to Blois: **Gare d'Austerlitz** (about 2 hour trip, regular daily services). It is easiest to catch a taxi from Blois train to the Hotel (16kms) or the Auberge (13kms). A taxi costs approx. €40 on week days and €65 at night or bank holidays.



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