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2019

500 ans de Renaissance  
en Centre-Val de Loire



# 2019 : THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RENAISSANCE

AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED IN THE LOIRE VALLEY REGION



**1519** marked **the start of the Renaissance period** :

- ❖ The 1st foundations being laid for the Château de Chambord
- ❖ The death of Leonardo da Vinci at the Château of Clos-Lucé in Amboise
- ❖ The birth of Catherine de Medici in Florence, Italy

The Loire Valley region boasts numerous châteaux dating back to this period and is often considered **the birthplace of the Renaissance in France**.

To celebrate this period which stimulated such **artistic creation, philosophy, science and literature** in France and in Italy, the region is mobilising its partners around several projects in order to **make the buzz in 2019**.



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# THE MAIN FIGURES OF THE RENAISSANCE IN LOIRE VALLEY



Francis I of France

- Château royal de Blois
- Château royal d'Amboise
- Château de Chambord



Leonardo da Vinci

- Château du Clos-Lucé
- Château royal d'Amboise
- Château de Chambord



Henri II of France

- Château royal de Blois



Diane de Poitiers

- Château d'Anet
- Château de Chenonceau
- Domaine régional de Chaumont-sur-Loire



Catherine de' Medici

- Château royal de Blois
- Château de Chenonceau
- Domaine régional de Chaumont-sur-Loire



Anne of Brittany

- Château de Langeais
- Cité royale de Loches
- Château royal de Blois
- Château royal d'Amboise
- Château du Clos-Lucé



Dom Pacello de Mercogliano

- Château Gaillard
- Château royal d'Amboise
- Château royal de Blois

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Exhibitions

Music festivals

Contemporary art & artistic creation

Light & sound shows in cities and Châteaux

Major innovative and touring show

Film projections

Night shows



Loire Festival

Lectures







## Loire Valley: The (unmissable) Renaissance Chateaux

### Day 1

- Arrival in Roissy Charles-de-Gaulle airport and direct train to *Tours-Saint Pierre des Corps*
- Visit of the « **Château du Rivau** » (possibility of accomodation in luxurus rooms)  
(or transfer to Azay-le-Rideau : *Hotel\*\*\* Le Grand Monarque*)



### Day 2

- Visit of the « **Château d’Azay-le-Rideau** »
- Transfer to « **Gardens & Château of Villandry** », lunch at the restaurant « *La Douce Terrasse* » and visit of the gardens and castle
- Transfer to Amboise and night in Hôtel\*\*\* or \*\*\*\* in the city centre : *Le Clos d’Amboise\*\*\*\*, Au Charme Rabelaisien\*\*\*\*, Les Minimes\*\*\*\*, Le Manoir Saint-Thomas\*\*\**





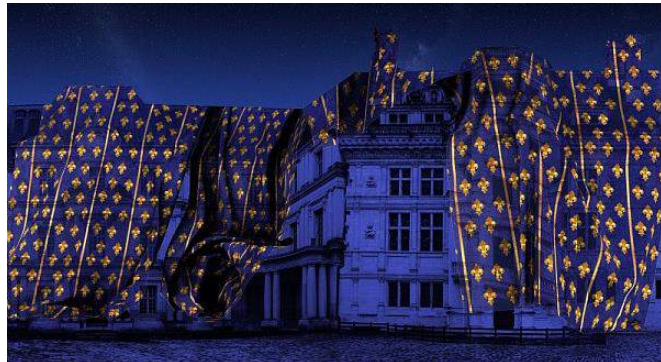
## Loire valley: The (unmissable) Renaissance Chateaux

### Day 3

- Visit of the **Château Gaillard** and the italian gardens pf Dom Pacello
- Visit of the **Château royal d'Amboise** and **Château du Clos-Lucé**
- Renaissance lunch in the *Auberge du Prieuré*
- Transfer to **Château de Chenonceau** and visit of the castle and the gardens *Diane de Potiers* and *Catherine de Médicis*
- Night in Chenonceau in Hotel\*\*\*\* « *L'Auberge du Bon Laboureur* » or « *Château de Chissay* »

### Day 4

- Transfer to **Domaine Régional de Chaumont-sur-Loire**, visit of the castle and the *International Gardens Festival*
- Transfer to Blois, visit of **Château royal de Blois** and freetime in the city
- In the evening : **Sound and Light Show** « *Ainsi Blois vous est conté* » in the courtyard of the château
- Night in \*\*\* Hotel\*\*\* (*Holiday Inn, Ibis Blois centre*) or Hotel\*\*\*\* (*Mercure*)



## Loire valley: The (unmissable) Renaissance Chateaux

### Day 5

- Transfer to **Château de Chambord**, visit of the castle and the park
- Possibility of wine tasting in the Maison des Vins de Chambord
- Transfer to Blois and train to Paris  
or transfer to Tours-Saint-Pierre-des-Corps and direct train to Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport (TGV)





## Chartres and the Loire Valley

### Day 1

- Arrival in **Chartres**, visit of the city and the UNESCO cathedral
- In the evening : sound & light show in the city « **Chartres en Lumières** » (on Fridays at 10pm: “VIP Visit” of the crypt by candlelights!)
- Accomodation in *Hotels\*\*\*\* Best Western Grand Monarque, Timhotel Châtelet*

### Day 2

- Transfer to **Orléans**, visit of the city of Joan of Arc – option for visiting the contemporary art centre dedicated to architecture (FRAC)
- Lunch in Orléans
- Transfer to **Château de Chambord**, visit of the castle and the park
- Wine tasting in the **Maison des Vins de Chambord**
- Transfer to **Château de Beauregard**, visit of the castle
- Night in 4\*\*\* hotel *Château de la Rozelle* or *Relais des Trois Châteaux*







## Chartres and the Loire Valley

### Day 3

- Transfer to Valençay, visit of the **Château de Valençay**
- Wine and cheese tasting of Valençay
- Transfer to **Château de Chenonceau** and visit of the castle and the gardens *Diane de Potiers* and *Catherine de Médicis*
- Transfer to Tours, night in 3 \*\*\* *Grand Hôtel de Tours* or 4\*\*\* hotel *L'Univers, Novotel, or Château Belmont*

### Day 4

- Continuing the journey to the region Pays de la Loire, with the **Fontevraud abbey** and its contemporary art centre, **Château de Brézé** or **Château de Brissac**
- Other possibility: starting the tour in Paris region, with the **Château de Versailles**, **Château de Fontainebleau** and **Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte**, then continuing with *Chartres* and the *Loire Valley*





## UNESCO and Renaissance sites

### Day 1

- Arrival in **Bourges**, visit of the city, the **Palais Jacques Cœur** and the **UNESCO Cathedral**
- Night in 4 \*\*\* hotel Le Bourbon

### Day 2

- Transfer to **Chambord** via **Romorantin-Lanthenay**, the first modern city imagined by *Leonardo da Vinci*
- Drive through the natural landscapes of the **Sologne** with forests and ponds
- **Domaine national de Chambord**: visit of the castle, wine tasting in the Maison des Vins de Chambord, four wheel drive in the parc
- Night in 4\*\*\*\* hotel « *Le Relais de Chambord* » (NEW!)







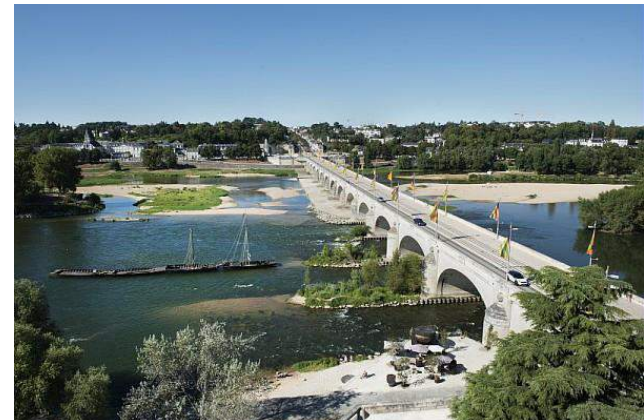
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### Day 3

- Transfer to **Domaine régional de Chaumont-sur-Loire**, visit of the castle and the international garden festival
- Traditional boat trip on the Loire
- Transfer to Amboise, visit of the **Château royal d'Amboise** and **Château du Clos-Lucé**
- night in 3 or 4 \*\*\*\* hotels in the city centre: *Le Clos d'Amboise, Au Charme Rabelaisien, Les Minimés, Le Manoir Saint-Thomas*

### Day 4



- Transfer to **Tours**
- Visit of the city with option for visiting the contemporary art centre (CCCOD)





## The Veloscenic & St Jacques à Vélo



-  The Veloscenic
-  St Jacques à Vélo





## The Veloscenic & St Jacques à Vélo

### Day 1

- Arrival in Maintenon train station (50 min from Paris Montparnasse)
- Visit of **Château de Maintenon**
- Maintenon → Chartres by bike *20km*
- Visit of **Chartres City** : Cathedral, Chartres Light Show...
- Night in Chartres



### Day 2

- Chartres → Illiers-Combray by bike *33 km*
- Visit of Illiers-Combray : Maison de Tante Léonie (famous house where the young Marcel Proust would spend his holidays)
- Illiers-Combray → Bonneval by bike *21 km*
- Visit of Bonneval (electric boat tour on the Loir) and night



### Day 3

- Bonneval → Châteaudun *19 km*
- Visit of the **Château de Châteaudun**
- Train back to Paris (1h30 to Paris Austerlitz)

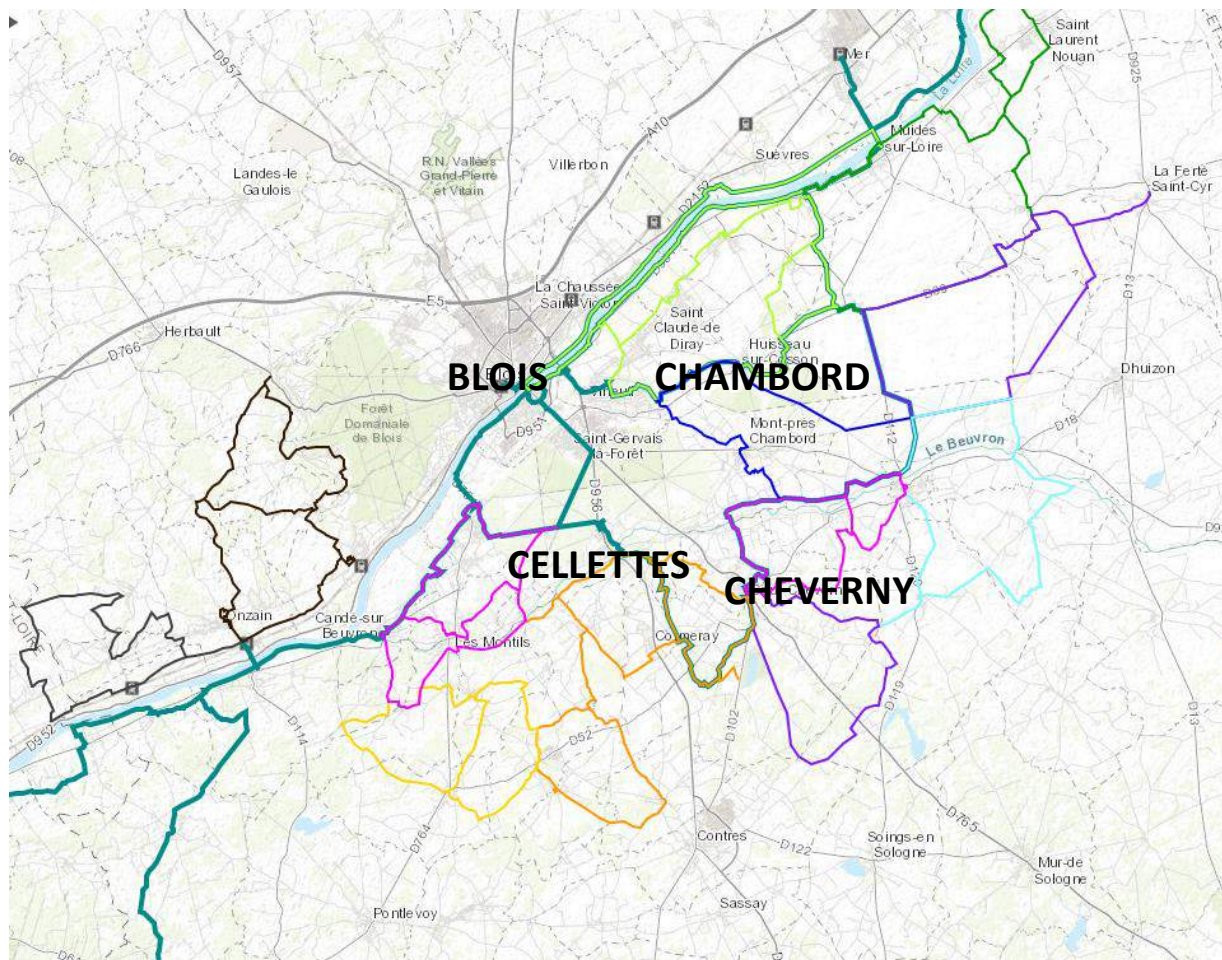




Les  
Châteaux  
à vélo



## Les Châteaux à Vélo & Loire by bike







## Les Châteaux à Vélo & Loire by bike

### Day 1

- Arrival in Blois-Chambord train station (1h30 from Paris Austerlitz or Montparnasse)
- Visit of the city of Blois and **Château Royal de Blois**
- Blois → Chambord by bike **21km**
- Visit of **Château de Chambord, gardens and nature reserve**
- Chambord → Cheverny by bike **21km**
- Visit of **Château de Cheverny**
- Night in Cheverny : Relais des 3 Châteaux\*\*\*\*



### Day 2

- Cheverny → Cellettes by bike **9 km**
- Visit of **Château de Beauregard**
- Cellettes → Blois by bike **11 km**
- Free time in Blois
- Train back to Paris



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## Loire by bike (Loir-et-Cher & Touraine)







## Loire by bike

(Loir-et-Cher, Touraine)



### Day 1

- Arrival in Blois-Chambord train station (1h30 from Paris Austerlitz or Montparnasse)
- Visit of the **city of Blois** and the **Château Royal de Blois**
- Blois → Chaumont-sur-Loire by bike **21 km**
- Visit of **Château de Chaumont & the International Garden Festival**
- Chaumont-sur-Loire → Amboise by bike **22 km**
- Night in Amboise



### Day 2

- Visit of **Château d'Amboise, Château du Clos-Lucé, Château Gaillard gardens**
- Amboise → Tours by bike **28 km**
- Visit of the **city of Tours & CCCOD**, contemporary art center
- Night in Tours



### Day 3

- Tours → Villandry by bike **22 km**
- Visit of **Château de Villandry & gardens**
- Back to Tours (by bus) and train to Paris (1h10 to Paris Montparnasse)



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## Indre à Vélo (Touraine)







## Indre à Vélo

### Day 1

- Arrival in Tours train station (1h10 from Paris Montparnasse)
- Tours – Chenonceau by bus (45 min) or by train (30 min)
- Visit of **Château de Chenonceau**
- Chenonceaux – Chédigny by bike **18 km**
- Visit of **Chédigny**, a « village-garden »
- Chédigny – Loches by bike **15 km**
- Night in Loches



### Day 2

- Visit of **Cité royale de Loches**
- Loches – Montbazon **40 km**
- Night in Montbazon



### Day 3

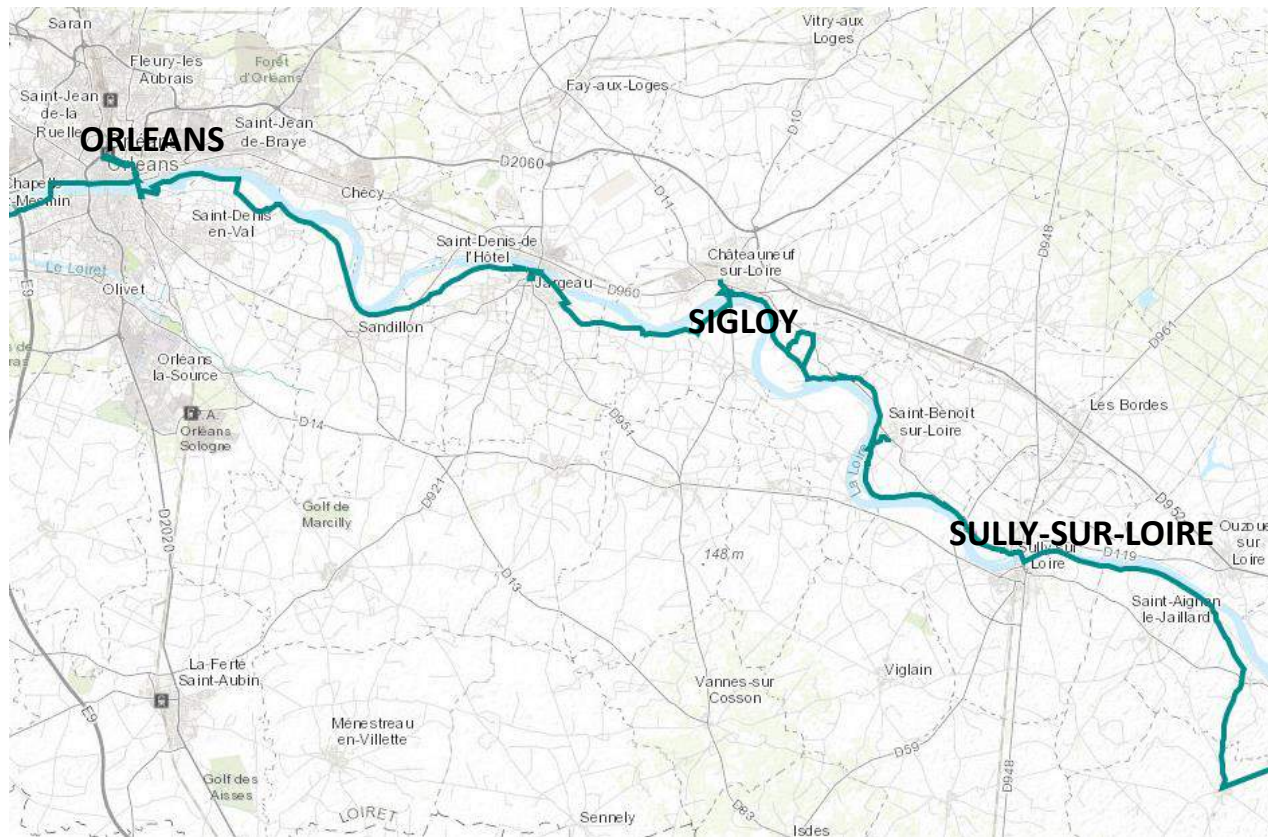
- Montbazon - Azay-le-Rideau by bike **22 km**
- Visit of **Château d'Azay-le-Rideau**
- Azay – Tours by bus (or by bike 30 km) and train back to Paris



*The Indre à Vélo route continues towards Châteauroux (+ 100 km from Loches).*



## Loire by bike (Loiret)







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### Day 1

- Arrival in Orléans train station (1h from Paris Austerlitz)
- Visit of the **city of Orléans** and **FRAC, contemporary art center**
- **Festival de Loire** in Orléans september 2019 (*celebrating the 500th anniversary of Renaissance*)
- Night in Orléans

### Day 2

- Orléans – Châteauneuf-sur-Loire by bike (32 km)
- **Tour on a traditional boat** on the Loire river in Sigloy (*Passeurs de Loire*)
- Sigloy – Sully-sur-Loire by bike (20 km)
- Night in Sully-sur-Loire

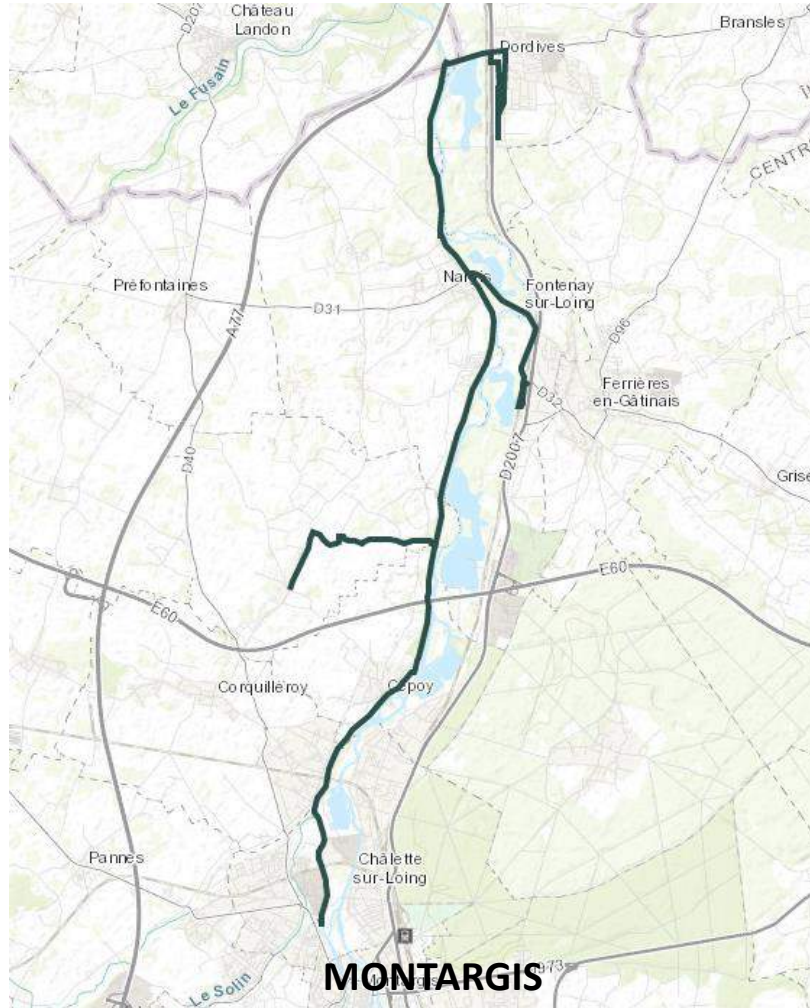
### Day 3

- Visit of **Château de Sully-sur-Loire**
- Bus back to Orléans
- Train back to Paris





## Canal du Loing by bike







## Canal du Loing by bike

### Day 1

- Arrival in Montargis train station (1h from Paris Bercy)
- Visit of the city and the **Château de Montargis**
- Bike ride along the Canal du Loing (round trip)
- Night in Montargis

### Day 2

- Visit of **Musée Girodet**
- Visit of **Tanneries d'Amilly** (contemporary art center)
- Train back to Paris





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