# Cycling holidays on the Loire for families

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS, APPROX. 205 KM BOOKING CODE: FR-LOBB6 FAMILY TOUR







## Your tour

A cycling holiday on the Loire is a must! Year after year, the unique scenery of the Loire Valley with its vineyards and rolling hills attracts almost a million cyclists. Around every corner, a breathtaking castle seems to be waiting for visitors. Bigger, more beautiful, more grandiose: each of the castles such as Chenonceau, Chambord, Amboise, to name but a few, is unique and seems to have come out of a storybook. The demands on cyclists are not great. There are a few climbs, but they can be managed well by the inexperienced and children. The signposting and cycle paths are very good. Pack your family, enjoy the cycling holiday on the Loire and feel like king and queen!

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Day 1	Individual arrival to Blois
Day 2	Blois – Amboise, approx. 45 km
Day 3	Excursion to Chenoncheaux, approx. 35 km
Day 4	Amboise – Chitenay, approx. 45 km
Day 5	Chitenay – Blois, approx. 30 km
Day 6	Excursion to Chambord, approx. 40 km
Day 7	Individual departure

## Travel time

<b>Season A</b> 04.05. – 07.09.	
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Arrival Saturday 04.05. – 07.09.2024

#### Services

- → 6 nights with breakfast, national 3\* / 4\*-level
- → Digital travel documents
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, max. 20 kg / piece
- → City tax
- → Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. 08.00 p.m.)

#### Basic price per person

Double room	759,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	389,-

## Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	269,-
Children's trailer**	85,-
Children's bike* (20 - 24 inch)	99,—
Child seat**	free
Rental bike (27-speed)*	109,-

\*including rental bike insurance

## Exemplary hotel list

Blois	Novotel Blois Centre Val De Loire	www.accorhotels.com
Amboise	Novotel Amboise	www.accorhotels.com
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Chitenay	Auberge du centre Chitenay	www.auberge-du-centre.com
Blois	Novotel Blois Centre Val De Loire	www.accorhotels.com
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# Child reduction on basic price

0 - 5 Years

Reduction for children is valid for accommodation in room with two full-paying guests.

#### Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

## Additional note

→ All bookings are on request.

→ Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

## Equipment of our rental bikes

- → 1 x handlebar bag per room
- → Comfortable saddle
- → Bike lock
- → Luggage rack
- → Odometer
- → Air pump
- → Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- → Unflat Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres or comparable
- → Waterproof pannier

#### Journey to Blois

- → Nearest airports: Paris
- → Train station: Blois

#### **Parking in Blois**

- → Public parking garage, cost approx. 30 € per week.
- → No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.

#### Stages description

# Day 1: Individual arrival to Blois

Your journey to the castles of the Loire begins in Blois. The special centerpiece of this small town built on hills is the castle on the right bank of the Loire. Perched on a hilltop, it evolved from a castle complex and served as the residence of French kings until the 16th century. Immerse yourself in the world of yesteryear during a tour of the castle and enjoy a fruity wine from the Loire Valley at the end of the day.

#### Day 2: Blois – Amboise, approx. 45 km

You cycle along the Loire through the Valley of the Kings. In the relatively small town of Amboise, you can visit the royal castle, which offers one of the most remarkable views of the Loire Valley. About 500 metres away is the cute Clos Lucé castle made of pink sandstone. Leonardo da Vinci is buried here, having spent several happy years at the castle before his death. In the evening, take a stroll through the sometimes steep and very narrow streets of Amboise's old town centre.

## Day 3: Excursion to Chenoncheaux, approx. 35 km

The cycle path takes you through beautiful forests, wide fields of wheat and barley to the castle with the illustrious name of Chenonceau. The moated castle is the most visited castle in France after Versailles and is also known as the castle of the ladies. Among others, Catherine de Medici resided here and remodelled the castle for her pleasure. The parks are extensive and lovingly laid out. It would not be surprising if you spent the whole day strolling through the castle grounds. The return journey to Amboise is also possible by train (not included in the tour price).

## Day 4: Amboise – Chitenay, approx. 45 km

You pedal hard right at the start of the stage, then the strenuous part is over and you cycle through wheat and poppy fields in the historic province of Touraine. The area is also known for its wine-growing. Of course, there is also a castle to visit today, Fougères sur Biévre. The small fortress was built at the end of the 15th century and is excellently preserved.

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# Day 5: Chitenay – Blois, approx. 30 km

The first stop on this short stage is the cute little town of Cellettes. Beauregard Castle, which is also one of the castles of the Loire, is a former hunting lodge of King Francis I. The 40-hectare landscaped park is also home to one of the largest rose gardens in the Loire Valley. The gallery is also impressive: 327 portraits provide an overview of national and international political history from 1328 to 1643. You get back on your bike, cycle through the beautiful woodland of Roussy and return to the Loire and Blois.

## Day 6: Excursion to Chambord, approx. 40 km

A final excursion takes you to one of the most famous and majestic castles in the Loire: Chambord is the castle of superlatives. Emperor Charles V, who visited the still unfinished castle, said that the castle "epitomises what human art is capable of producing". Planned and built by King Francis I from 1519, the Renaissance-style château combines feudal and Italianate ideas. The area on which Chambord is located is almost as large as Paris. After an exciting day, you return to Blois.

## Day 7: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.