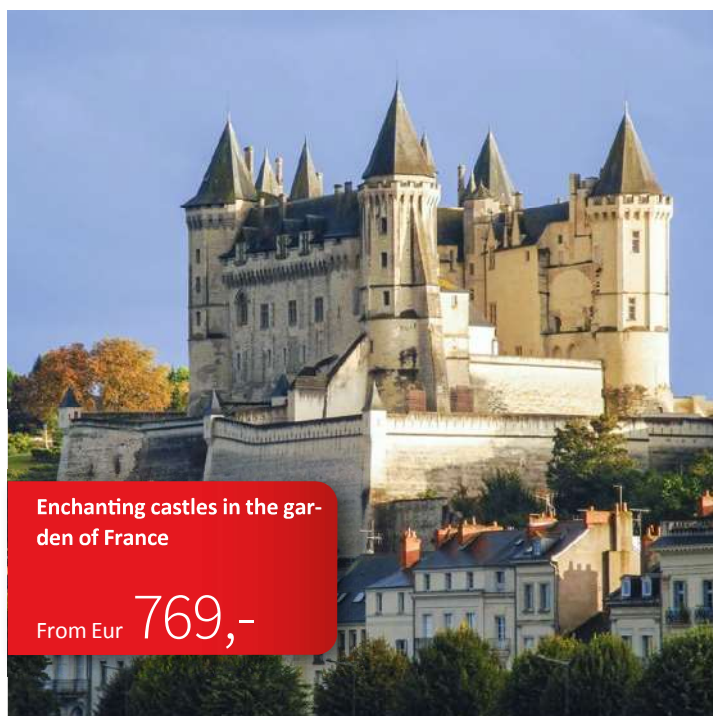


# Cycling Tour along the Loire

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 275 KM  
BOOKING CODE: FR-LOOS7

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●  
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Enchanting castles in the garden of France

From Eur 769,-



## Your tour

On this cycle tour along the Loire from Orléans to Saumur, you can experience a unique combination of breathtaking scenery and the castles, manor houses and estates embedded in it. Let yourself be transported into a fairytale world in which the high nobility of the time made their own personal vision of a small home come true. Today, the entire Loire region is recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and has thus retained its very special charm.

## Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	Individual arrival in Orléans	
<b>Day 2</b>	Orléans – Beaugency / St. Dyé, approx. 25 / 45 km	
<b>Day 3</b>	Beaugency – Blois, approx. 60 / 40 km	
<b>Day 4</b>	Blois – Amboise, approx. 45 km	
<b>Day 5</b>	Amboise – Tours, approx. 50 km	
<b>Day 6</b>	Tours – Chinon, approx. 55 km	
<b>Day 7</b>	Chinon – Saumur, approx. 35 km	
<b>Day 8</b>	Individual departure	

## Travel time

<b>Season A</b>	04.05.	07.09. – 28.09.
<b>Season B</b>	11.05. – 15.06.	24.08. – 31.08.
<b>Season C</b>	22.06. – 18.08.	

Arrival Saturday 04.05. – 28.09.2024  
additionally on Sundays 07.07. – 18.08.2024  
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

## Services

- 7 nights with breakfast, national 2\* / 3\*-level (Cat B)
- 7 nights with breakfast, national 3\* / 4\*-level (Cat A)
- Digital travel documents
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Saumur, max. 20 kg / piece
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

## Not included services

- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person	Category B	Category A
Doubleroom, Season A	769,-	869,-
Doubleroom, Season B	899,-	999,-
Doubleroom, Season C	949,-	1049,-
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Additional night prices per person	Category B	Category A
Orléans DBL / BB	69,-	69,-
Orléans SGL / BB	125,-	125,-
Saumur DBL / BB	75,-	75,-
Saumur SGL / BB	119,-	119,-

## Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	279,-
Mietrad (27-Gang)*	119,-
Return transfer excl. bike (Sat, from 2 persons)	95,-
Return transfer incl. bike (Sat, from 2 persons)	125,-

\*including rental bike insurance

## Exemplary hotel list Category A

Orléans	Parc Hôtel Orléans	<a href="http://www.orleansparchotel.com/">http://www.orleansparchotel.com/</a>
Beaugency / St. Dyé	Le Manoir De Bel Air Saint-Dyé-Sur-Loire	<a href="http://www.manoirdebelair.com/">http://www.manoirdebelair.com/</a>
Blois	Novotel Blois Centre Val De Loire	<a href="http://www.accorhotels.com">www.accorhotels.com</a>
Amboise	Novotel Amboise	<a href="http://www.accorhotels.com">www.accorhotels.com</a>
Tours	Le Grand Hotel Tours	<a href="http://www.legrandhoteltours.com/">http://www.legrandhoteltours.com/</a>
Chinon	Best Western Hotel De France Chinon	<a href="http://www.bestwestern.com/">http://www.bestwestern.com/</a>
Saumur	Adagio Saumur	<a href="http://www.hoteladagio.com/">http://www.hoteladagio.com/</a>

## Exemplary hotel list Category B

Orléans	Parc Hôtel Orléans	<a href="http://www.orleansparchotel.com/">http://www.orleansparchotel.com/</a>
Beaugency / St. Dyé	Hotel De La Sologne Beaugency	<a href="http://www.hoteldelasologne.com/">http://www.hoteldelasologne.com/</a>
Blois	Anne de Bretagne, Blois	<a href="https://www.hotellannedebretagne.com/en">https://www.hotellannedebretagne.com/en</a>
Amboise	Hotel Le Blason Amboise	<a href="http://www.leblason.fr/">http://www.leblason.fr/</a>
Tours	Hotel Criden Tours	<a href="http://www.criden-tours.com/fr/index.php">http://www.criden-tours.com/fr/index.php</a>
Chinon	Hotel Le Plantagenet Chinon	<a href="http://www.hotel-plantagenet.com/en/">http://www.hotel-plantagenet.com/en/</a>
Saumur	Hotel Kyriad Saumur Centre	<a href="https://saumur-centre.kyriad.com/en-us/">https://saumur-centre.kyriad.com/en-us/</a>

## Child reduction on basic price

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.
- In France, helmets are compulsory for children up to the age of 12. However, for safety reasons, we generally recommend wearing a helmet.
- Return journey to Orléans: Optionally by minibus (only on Saturdays), duration: approx. 2 hours, must be specified when booking, minimum number of participants: 2 people.
- Alternatively on your own by train, connections several times a day, duration approx. 2 hours, 1 change of trains.
- 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 Orléans

- Nearest airports: Paris, Rennes
- Train station: Orléans, Saint-Nazaire

## Parking in Orléans

- Parking garage in Orléans, about 10 € per day. No reservation possible through Radweg Reisen.

## Luggage transport

- Luggage pick-up from 09.00 a.m., delivery to the next hotel by 06.00 p.m. at the latest, labeling of luggage is 1 x for the whole tour. No restriction on the number of pieces of luggage, but max. 20 kg per piece of luggage.

## Stages description

### Day 1: Individual arrival in Orléans

Orléans is located at the northernmost point of the course of the Loire River and is one of the oldest cities in France. After arriving for your bike tour to the Atlantic Ocean, there will certainly be time to stroll through the city center. Orléans is best known for Joan of Arc, the legendary Maid of Orléans, who is revered as a national heroine in France to this day.

### Day 2: Orléans – Beaugency / St. Dyé, approx. 25 / 45 km

This stage takes you along the Loire to the first cultural highlight, the cathedral of Cléry St André. The route continues to the castle of Meung-sur-Loire and Château Dunois. You cycle through a landscape characterised by water and rural culture. At the end of the day, it is worth taking a stroll through the medieval centre of Beaugency and the old river port of St. Dyé.

**Day 3: Beaugency – Blois, approx. 60 / 40 km**

Today you will first cycle to Chambord Castle, which is located away from the Loire. The 380 chimneys and the huge park surrounding the estate are particularly impressive. The route continues through the forests of Boulogne to Cheverny. The castle of Cheverny is located just outside near a lake. The last stretch leads via Celettes through the forest of Roussy to the town of Blois, today's stage destination.

**Day 4: 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 5: Amboise – Tours, approx. 50 km**

Today, the route leads through the forest of Amboise away from the Loire to the castle of the three ladies-in-waiting in Chenonceau on the River Cher. The castle is particularly famous for its gardens. You then follow the course of the river to Tours, today's destination. If you wish, you can take a break en route at Nitray Castle with its famous wine cellars.

**Day 6: Tours – Chinon, approx. 55 km**

You will experience two more magnificent castles on today's stage of your bike tour from Orléans to the Atlantic Ocean. You follow the Cher River and soon reach Villandry Castle. Stroll through the six magnificently landscaped gardens – one more beautiful than the other. Continuing along the banks of the Loire River, you will reach Langeais and thus the second castle of today. From the fortified tower you will enjoy the magnificent view over the river and the surrounding countryside. After this relaxing break, you will roll leisurely to Chinon.

**Day 7: Chinon – Saumur, approx. 35 km**

Today's bike tour from Orléans to the Atlantic Ocean takes you first to Montsoreau. It is one of the most beautiful villages in France, not only because of its magnificent castle built of tufa stone and the flower-filled village alleys. You pass Souzay-Champigny, famous for its cave dwellings, and soon reach Saumur – the pearl of Anjou. From the town's chateau you have a beautiful view of the medieval old town and the Loire Valley. In the evening, treat yourself to a glass of the region's excellent red wines!

**Day 8: Individual departure**

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