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*Escapade...*

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## "Short Escape to the Chateaux Country"

2 persons . 4 days - 3 nights . 2008

### DAY 1: Tours / Azay-le-Rideau..... 🚲 ..... 35 km

We will meet you in our shop in Tours and we will give you your road books, your bikes and any information you might need. This itinerary takes you on the "Loire à Vélo" bike track, along the **Cher River**. See the **Château de Villandry** which offers the best example in France of formal Renaissance gardens. You travel through the country towards **Azay-le Rideau**, a pretty little town which delicate Renaissance castle seems to float in the Indre River.

### DAY 2: Azay-le-Rideau / Chinon..... 🚲 ..... 40 km

Today you ride back through the country towards the **Cher River** which you follow up to **Langeais**, a 15th Century fortress which overlooks the village. You soon reach the **Château d'Ussé**, the enchanting castle of Sleeping Beauty. You pass through the woods and the **vineyards** of the Chinon area - wine tasting is possible and recommended en route! You arrive in the medieval town of **Chinon** which enormous fortress overlooks the Vienne River. Chinon is very well known for its red wines.

### DAY 3: Chinon / Chinon..... 🚲 ..... 45 km (long option +18 km)

You leave Chinon following a pretty small road across a picturesque landscape enamelled with old villages, private chateaux... here you are in the heart of the Touraine County. Reach the village of L'Île-Bouchard and ride along the lovely protected **Manse valley**. For a longer option: go to **Crissay-sur-Manse**, one of the Most Beautiful Villages of France. Come back to Chinon following the "**Route des Vins**", across the vineyards and discover the making of the Chinon red wine...and taste it!

### DAY 4: Departure from Chinon

You leave the bikes at the hotel and you go to the train station.

## 2008 RATES

4 days - 3 nights / based on a double occupancy

**274 euros per person**

**TOTAL for 2 persons = 548 €**

Of which: Total for accommodation is 222 €\* and Total for Détours de Loire is 326 €

\* rooms and breakfast should be paid directly to the concerned hotels which require prepayment upon reservation (we will send you a Hotel Registration Form).

### What is included?

- 2 high quality bikes (TREK), helmets (on request only), repair kit, pump and locks.
- Technical assistance 7 days/ 7, from 8:00am to 8:00pm.
- Road-book including: daily maps with your itineraries clearly marked and with detailed routes flyers, all documentation on what to see along the way, and all our favourite addresses.
- Luggage transfer.
- Accommodation: 3 nights on double occupancy, including breakfasts – 2\* family hotels.

### What is not included?

- Entrance fees for Châteaux & Monuments.
- All dinners, all lunches and all drinks.
- Wine / cheese tasting if any.
- Transfer to Tours upon arrival and from Chinon upon departure.
- Insurances against theft and/or any damages caused to the bikes, as well as personal insurance in case of accident.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

Rates have been established according to the economical situation on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. They could be modified if there was an excessive raise of the rates of gas and/or if the hotels change their rates.

As all our tours are "on request", acceptance of a reservation is bound to the number of places/rooms available.

### RESERVATION & CONFIRMATION POLICIES

DETOURS DE LOIRE is not a Travel Agency. However, we are authorized to design and sell packaged bike tours, for which payment for accommodation has to be made directly to each concerned hotel.

**1-** As soon as we agree on a tour, we send you our contract for you to sign up and to return with the required deposit for DETOURS DE LOIRE. The remaining balance for DETOURS DE LOIRE will have to be paid at least 15 days prior to arrival.

**2-** Upon reception of our deposit, we will send you another contract regarding **hotel reservations**, which you would need to sign up and to return to us. When we receive it, we give all hotels authorization on your behalf to charge full prepayment on the credit card information you gave us.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

- Up to 40 days prior to arrival: DETOURS DE LOIRE and the hotels will keep 10% of the deposits.
- Between 40 days & 20 days: DETOURS DE LOIRE and the hotels will keep 100% of the deposits.
- Between 20 days & 0 days: the entire price for both DETOURS DE LOIRE and the hotels is due.

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