



**GASTRONOMY , CULTURE , RIVERSIDE , WINE**

**type :** Electric bike option Self-guided Family Cycling Easy cycling Classic Cycle Routes of France Centre Based

**hybrid :** ●●○○○○

**e-bike :** ●○○○○○

**duration :** 5 days

**comfort :** ●●●○○○

**period:** Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct

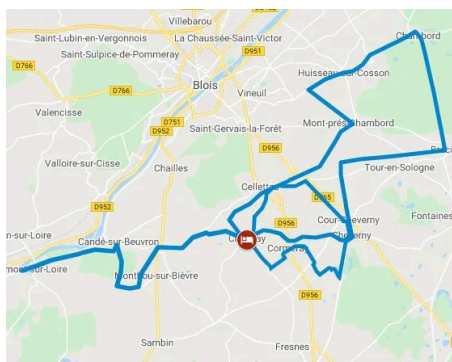
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## Loire Valley - Cycling around Chitenay

5 days, € 605

### Introduction



**Travelling by bicycle** is the perfect way to explore the many sites and towns of the renowned Loire Valley. Based in a delightful hotel in the small village of **Chitenay**, you will discover the surrounding forests, vineyards and medieval towns and the famous **chateaux of Cheverny and Chambord**. In the evenings, soak up the warm atmosphere of the hotel and garden and sample the excellent local cuisine and wine.

#### Highlights :

- Cycle through the heart of the Loire Valley
- Explore the "Grand Chateaux"
- Experience the market places and rural delights of the region

- Enjoy the culinary specialties - 3 dinners included
- Sample some of the many excellent wines in local 'caves'

If you would like more inspiration, check out this article: [\*\*5 best cycling routes in France\*\*](#)

## Day to Day

### Day 1 **Arrival in Chitenay**

You travel independently to Chitenay. The hotel is situated in the centre of the village where there is a bakery and bar. If you have rented a bike, it will be ready for your arrival on day 1 or by 9 am on Day 2. During your stay, 3 dinners are included and you can choose to take your first dinner tonight.

### Day 2 **Cycling roundtrip to Cheverny**

From your base in Chitenay there are 5 different self-guided cycling excursions that you can choose from for each day, to explore the neighbouring chateaux, vineyards and forests. You could choose for example for your first day: a route to Chateau de Cheverny, which allows you to travel cross-country through fields and vineyards and some quaint villages. There is ample time to explore the sumptuously furnished Chateau which inspired Hergé's vision of Marlinspike Hall in the adventures of Tintin.

*Challenge : 25 km, 74 m ascent, 77 m descent*

### Day 3 **Cycling roundtrip to Chambord**

Do you want to discover one of the most famous Chateaux of the Loire Valley? Cycle through the rich "Domaine de Chambord" forest, where a stop is essential to visit the most famous and majestic château in the Loire Valley: Château Chambord. In its Renaissance splendour this castle boasts no less than 440 rooms.

*Challenge : 63 km, 174 m ascent, 176 m descent*

### Day 4 **Cycling roundtrip to Chaumont sur Loire**

Today your destination is Chaumont sur Loire! Passing through the beautiful countryside you cycle to the banks of the Loire at Chaumont sur Loire, where you can visit the picturesque chateau overlooking the river. An annual 'Garden Festival' takes place in its majestic park from Jun-Sep, featuring different interpretations of artistic garden composition based on a common theme.

*Challenge : 39 km, 149 m ascent, 148 m descent*

### Day 5 **Departure from Chitenay**

After breakfast, end of the trip...or why not extend your trip and book some extra nights? Just let us know.

## Prices, Data, Booking

## Practical Info



4 Nights included



3 Star Hotel



Breakfasts and 3 Dinners included during the trip : 1 'gastronomic' and 2 'bistro'



Maps and tourist information on all the places of interest



24/7 Bilingual Emergency hotline



No Luggage transport. You are based at the same hotel for 4 nights



For time tables and further information check the [website of SNCF](#) or [rome2rio](#) for all French National trains (SNCF).

We strongly advise you to [download the sncf mobile app](#) prior to departure. If you want to travel on a train with your bike, you can find more information [via this link](#).



Parking possibilities at the hotel



GPS tracks are available on request