



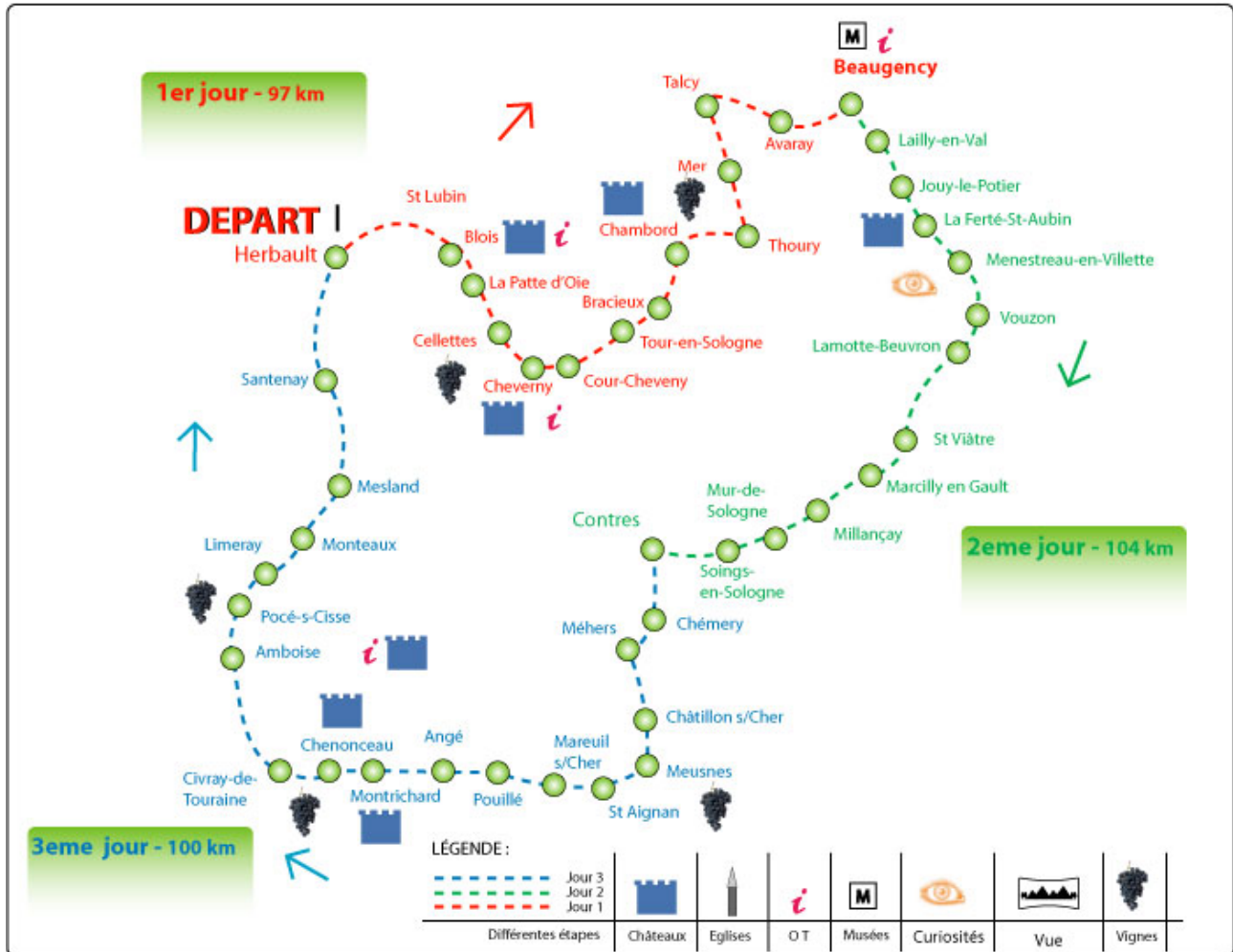
On the Renaissance paths between Loire and Cher Circuit N°31



Along this itinerary you will be impregnated with the magic of the Loire river châteaux.

Blois, Cheverny, Chambord, Amboise : as many prestigious names you will encounter while travelling through the valley of Cher vineyard.

<i>The travel book recommend the number of minimum days which can be devoted to the itinerary.</i>



Sancerrois, Orléanais, Touraine, splendid landscapes, prestigious castles on the river Loire banks (Chambord, Chenonceau, Blois, Amboise, Villandry, Langeais, Loches ou Chinon), lead the visitor on the kings of France's traces in an area providing a legendary pleasure.

Within a few hours from Paris, the region Centre will be toured through boundless horizons : la Beauce, Sologne ponds, the Val de Loire vineyards, peaceful Berry bocages.

Local Produce/Gastronomy : cheeses (goat Pouligny, St Pierre or Valençay, Sainte Maure, Selles sur Cher), fishes from the Loire river, lentils from Berry, tart Tatin, Pithiviers, mushroom beds, fresh water fishes (eels, shads, lampreys, pikes and carps), forestine de Bourges, croquet d'Issoudun.

Traditional Handicraft : china, basketwork, enamel works, outstanding gardens



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1 Day 1 :

The Moulins castle a XIIIth century standing at the heart of an immense park will offer a setting enriched with a noble elegance, coffer ceilings, monumental mantelpieces and period furniture.

Leave the castle park to reach the National forest of Blois and to sink in the King valley.

Louis XII, François Ier, Henri III and the Duke of Guise marked Blois and its castle. In the old Blois you will discover homes in the purest Renaissance style inserted between superb houses with white façades blue roofs and red chimneys.

At the heart of Sologne here is the Blois forest then the Russy one. The Beauregard castle appears outside the forest with its gallery of renowned characters. When arriving in Cheverny, its outline will ring a bell: it is the Moulinsart castle where Tintin and Milou would pay a visit to captain Haddock.

The harmonious stone façade of Bourré opens on an immense park which shelters the kennels of one of the last French packs of hunt with hounds.

Vines, prairies, ponds and forests follow each other until Chambord, a marvel from the Renaissance, a real craze decided by François Ist an art lover, probably set by Léonard de Vinci. When you cross the park you will discover the magic of the heather moors as well as the ponds in the shade of the melancholic large woods.

You will cross back the river Loire to discover Talcy, the castle of Cassandre's loves, recognized by par Ronsard.

Return to the banks of the river in order to reach your home for the evening at Beaugency.

1 Day 1 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
HERBAULT	D32	0.0	
SAINT-LUBIN-EN-VERGONNOIS	D32	0.0	
BLOIS	D956	15.0	
SAINT-GERVAIS-LA-FORET	D956	0.0	
LA PATTE D'OIE	D956	0.0	
BEAUREGARD	D956	0.0	
CELLETTES	D	9.0	
LA PICOISIÈRE	D	0.0	
CHEVERNY	D102	8.0	
COUR-CHEVERNY	D102	0.0	
BRACIEUX	D112	9.0	
CHAMBORD	D33	8.0	
THOURY	D22	7.0	
MUIDES-SUR-LOIRE	D112	6.0	
MER	D15	4.0	
TALCY	D70A	8.0	
CONCRIERS	D70	2.0	
SERIS	D70	0.0	
LUSSAY	D70	0.0	
AVARY	D	9.0	
LESTIOU	D	0.0	
TAVERS	D	0.0	
BEAUGENCY	D	8.0	

1 Day 1 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

. MAROLLES

Le Chant des Muses (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 5 rue de la Mairie - 41330 MAROLLES
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. TOUR-EN-SOLOGNE



La Belvière (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Route des Ponts d'Arian - 41250 TOUR-EN-SOLOGNE
Phone : 0254460831 - @ : info@belviniere.com

. HERBAULT

Château de Moulins (Hôtel) - Landes le Gaulois - 41190 HERBAULT
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. SAINT-LUBIN-EN-VERGONNOIS

La Crémaillère (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 74 route d'Orchaise - 41190 SAINT-LUBIN-EN-VERGONNOIS
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. BLOIS

Le Plessis (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 195 rue Albert 1er - 41000 BLOIS
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Le Médicis (Hôtel) - 2 allée François 1er - 41000 BLOIS
Phone : 0254439404 - fax 0254420405 - @ : le.medicis@wanadoo.fr

La Petite Fugue (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 9 quai de Foix - 41000 BLOIS
Phone : 0254784295 - @ : lapetitefugue@wanadoo.fr

Côté Loire Auberge Ligerienne (Hôtel) - 2 place de la Grève - 41000 BLOIS
Phone : 0254780786 - fax 0254568733 - @ : info@coteloire.com

. CHEVERNY

Château du Breuil (Hôtel) - Route de Fougères - 41700 CHEVERNY
Phone : 0254442020 - fax 0254443040 - @ : info@chateau-du-breuil.fr
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. CHAMBORD

Hôtel Restaurant du Grand Saint Michel (Hôtel) - Place St Michel - 41205 CHAMBORD
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. MER

Le Clos (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 9 rue Jean et Guy Dutems - 41500 MER
Phone : 0254811736 - @ : mormiche@wanadoo.fr

. TAVERS

Le Clos de Pont-Pierre (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 115 rue des Eaux Bleues - 45190 TAVERS
Phone : 0238445685 - @ : closdepontpierre@wanadoo.fr

La Tonnellerie (Hôtel) - 12 rue des Eaux Bleues - 45190 TAVERS
Phone : 0238446815 - fax 0238441001 - @ : reservation@tonelri.com

. BEAUGENCY

L'Ecu de Bretagne (Hôtel) - Place du Matrol - 45190 BEAUGENCY
Phone : 0238446760 - fax 0238446807 - @ : ecu-de-bretagne@wanadoo.fr

L'ABBAYE (Hôtel) - 2 quai de l'Abbaye - 45190 BEAUGENCY
Phone : 0238446735 - fax 0238448792 - @ : labbaye@wanadoo.fr



Day 1 : Visits selected by french-itinerary.com

. BLOIS

La Maison de la Magie (Curiosité) - 41000 BLOIS
Phone : 0254552626

Château (Château) - 41000 BLOIS
Phone : 0254903332

. BEAUREGARD

Château (Château)
Phone : 0254703674

. CELLETES

Michel Contour (Viticulteur) - 7 rue de la Boissière - 41120 CELLETES
Phone : 0254704307 - fax 0254703668

. CHEVERNY



Château (Château) - 41700 CHEVERNY
Phone : 0254799563

. CHAMBORD

Château (Château)
Phone : 0254504000

. MONT-PRES-CHAMBORD

Les Vignerons de Mont-Près-Chambord (Viticulteur) - 816 la Petite Rue - 41250 MONT-PRES-CHAMBORD
Phone : 0254707115 - fax 0254707065 - @ : cavemont@club-internet.fr

. LASSAY SUR CROISNE

Château du Moulin (Château)
Phone : 0254838351

. BEAUGENCY

Hôtel de Ville (Monument) - 45190 BEAUGENCY
Phone : 0238445442

1 Day 1 : The Notebook practises of french-itinerary.com

. ORLEANS

Office de Tourisme - 6 rue Albert 1er - 45000 ORLEANS
Phone : 0238240505 - fax 0238544984 - @ : office.tourisme.orleans@wanadoo.fr

Cycles Bonnies (Location de vélos) - 176 faubourg Bonnies - 45000 ORLEANS
Phone : 0238439372

. BLOIS

Office de Tourisme - 3 avenue Jean Laiquet - 41000 BLOIS
Phone : 0254904114 - fax 0254904149 - @ : info@loiredeschateaux.com

. CHEVERNY

Office de Tourisme - 12 rue des Chênes des Dames - 41700 CHEVERNY
Phone : 0254799563 - fax 0254792390 - @ : chateau.cheverny@wanadoo.fr

. MER

MCV (Location de vélos) - 26 rue Jean et Guy Dutems
Phone : 0254810610

. BEAUGENCY

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2 Day 2 :

At Beaugency enjoy the monastic life in this former XVIIth century abbey. The meditation in these former monk cells is a privileged moment for the lovers of beautiful stones and history when facing this Val de Loire typical landscape with its river and a medieval bridge.

Amble in the side streets where the medieval homes and Renaissance buildings follow each other.

After having crossed the river you will pursue your journey through the vines and the prairies, the forests and the ponds of Sologne. Some castles stand out at the bend in the paths.

From time to time this tranquillity is disturbed by the village animation where its old quarters have kept the traditional brick houses and pans de bois. At la Ferté-Saint-Aubin you will admire the magnificent park in the English style which adjoins the castle and its red brick façades.

La Sologne, a fishing, hunting and breeding land produces excellent cheeses. The visit of the Ciran domain in Ménestreau-en-Villette will provide the clues to understand the balance of this precious ecosystem.

The forest of Lamotte-Beuvron is a vast hunting domain where you may encounter does, roe deers, wild boars or pheasants at the bend of a clearing. This town has been famous since the XIXth century, for its delicious tarts from the Tatin sisters.

Discover a pretty village such as Saint-Viâtre with its remarkable church, or the Moulins castle characterized by its buildings with lozenge bricks. Then you will reach your evening home at Contres.

2 Day 2 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
BEAUGENCY	D19	0.0	
LAILLY-EN-VAL	D19	0.0	
LES GACHETIERES	D103	8.0	
JOUY-LE-POTIER	D18	7.0	
LA FERTE-SAINT-AUBIN	D17	10.0	
MENESTREAU-EN-VILLETTE	D108	8.0	
VOUZON	D101	7.0	
LAMOTTE-BEUVRON	D923	6.0	
CROISEMENT	D123	9.0	
SAINT-VIATRE	D49	6.0	
MARCILLY-EN-GAULT	D122	8.0	
MILLANCAY	D122	9.0	
MUR-DE-SOLOGNE	D122	13.0	
SOINGS-EN-SOLOGNE	D122	6.0	
CONTRES	D122	7.0	

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. BEAUGENCY

L'Ecu de Bretagne (Hôtel) - Place du Matrol - 45190 BEAUGENCY
Phone : 0238446760 - fax 0238446807 - @ : ecu-de-bretagne@wanadoo.fr

L'ABBAYE (Hôtel) - 2 quai de l'Abbaye - 45190 BEAUGENCY
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. LAILLY-EN-VAL

Domaine de Montizeau (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Moncay - 45740 LAILLY-EN-VAL
Phone : 0238453474

. LA FERTE-SAINT-AUBIN

L'Orée des Chênes (Hôtel) - Route de Marcilly - 45240 LA FERTE-SAINT-AUBIN
Phone : 0238648400 - @ : info@loreedeschenes.com

Château Les Muïds (Hôtel) - RN20 - 45240 LA FERTE-SAINT-AUBIN



Phone : 0238646514 - fax 0238765008 - @ : info@chateau-les-muids.com

. CONTRES

Hôtel de France (Hôtel) - 37/39 Pierre Henri Mauger - 41700 CONTRES
Phone : 0254795014 - fax 0254790295 - @ : info@hoteldefrance-contres.com

Domaine de la Rabouillère (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Chemin de Marçon - 41700 CONTRES
Phone : 0254790514 - fax 0254795939 - @ : rabouillere@wanadoo.fr

Château de la Gandelain (Hôtel) - Château de la Gandelain - 41700 CONTRES
Phone : 0254790914 - fax 0254796492

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. BEAUGENCY

Hôtel de Ville (Monument) - 45190 BEAUGENCY
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. LA FERTE SAINT AUBIN

Château (Château)
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. MENESTRAU EN VILLETTE

Château du Moulin (Château)
Phone : 0238769093

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. BEAUGENCY

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. LA FERTE SAINT AUBIN

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3 Day 3 :

The Gaudelain Castle will offer absolute charm and peace as it is isolated between the Cheverny forest and the vineyard of the Cher valley.

In a refined setting you will savour the Solognote specialties and you will stroll in the forest lanes of the immense park which surrounds this former XVIIth century hunt house.

You will reach the banks of the river Cher while discovering the hidden treasures of a secret Sologne : the Cheverny castle a blend of half-medieval and half-Renaissance styles ; Saint-Blaise church and one panel of the altar piece made by Léonard de Vinci's school ; the gunflint museum in Meusnes. Here you are on the Touraine road of wines. From Saint-Aignan the peaceful villages on the banks of the river Cher follow the elegant façades of the Renaissance castles.

From the top of the keep in the Montrichard castle you will admire the bucolic landscape where the maisons à pans de bois and slate roofs are nestled around the Roman church.

The Chenonceaux castle built by a woman for women who became landladies expresses a romantic melancholy. After Catherine Briçonnet, her builder, Diane de Poitiers, Catherine de Médicis, Louise de Lorraine and Dupré will leave their print.

You will escape the valley of Cher by crossing the Amboise forest. In Amboise, you must visit the Clos-Lucé, a former Léonard de Vinci's home which has kept the atmosphere where he displayed his genius.

Dwaddle again along the river before leaving the Val de Loire to reach the Moulins Castle.

3 Day 3 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
CONTRES	D956	0.0	
CHEMERY	D63	9.0	
CROISEMENT	D59	2.0	
LE PEU	D	3.0	
CHATILLON-SUR-CHER	D	0.0	
MEUSNES	D17	8.0	
COUFFI	D17	0.0	
SAINT-AIGNAN	D17	9.0	
MAREUIL-SUR-CHER	D17	0.0	
POUILLE	D17	0.0	
ANGE	D17	0.0	
MONTRICHARD	D40	17.0	
CHISSAY-EN-TOURAIN	D40	0.0	
CHISSEAUX	D40	0.0	
CHENONCEAUX	D40	0.0	
CIVRAY-DE-TOURAIN	D81	11.0	
AMBOISE	D3	12.0	
POCE-SUR-CISSE	D1	3.0	
FOURCHETTE	D1	0.0	
LIMERAY	D1	0.0	
MONTEAUX	D65	10.0	
MESLAND	D	2.0	
CROISEMENT	D1	1.0	
VAULIARD	D1	0.0	
SANTENAY	D107	5.0	
HERBRAULT	D107	4.0	

3 Day 3 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

. NOIZAY

Château de Noizay (Hôtel) - Route Chançay - 37210 NOIZAY
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. SAINT-JULIEN-DE-CHEDON

Le Clos du Haut Villiers (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 2 allée de Villiers - 41400 SAINT-JULIEN-DE-CHEDON
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. CONTRES

Domaine de la Rabouillère (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Chemin de Marçon - 41700 CONTRES
Phone : 0254790514 - fax 0254795939 - @ : rabouillere@wanadoo.fr

Hôtel de France (Hôtel) - 37/39 Pierre Henri Mauger - 41700 CONTRES
Phone : 0254795014 - fax 0254790295 - @ : info@hoteldefrance-contres.com

Château de la Gandelain (Hôtel) - Château de la Gandelain - 41700 CONTRES
Phone : 0254790914 - fax 0254796492

. POUILLE

Château de la Voûte (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 2 rue du Bois Lainé - 4110 POUILLE
Phone : 0254710715 - @ : contact@lavoute.fr

. CHISSAY-EN-TOURAIN

Château de Chissay (Hôtel) - 41400 CHISSAY-EN-TOURAIN
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Château de la Ménaudière (Hôtel) - 41400 CHISSAY-EN-TOURAIN
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. CHENONCEAUX

Le Relais de Chenonceaux (Hôtel) - 10 rue du docteur Bretonneau - 37150 CHENONCEAUX
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Hôtel du Bon Laboureur (Hôtel) - 6 rue du Docteur Bretonneau - 37150 CHENONCEAUX
Phone : 0247239002 - fax 0247238201 - @ : laboureur@wanadoo.fr

La Roseraie (Hôtel) - 7 rue du Docteur Bretonneau - 37150 CHENONCEAUX
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. CIVRAY-DE-TOURAIN

Hostellerie du Château de l'Isle (Hôtel) - 1 rue de l' Ecluse - 37150 CIVRAY-DE-TOURAIN
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. AMBOISE

Domaine de l'Arbrelle (Hôtel) - Rue Ormeaux - 37530 AMBOISE
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Le clos d'Amboise (Hôtel) - 27 rue Rabelais - 37530 AMBOISE
Phone : 0247301020 - @ : contact@leclosamboise.com

Le Manoir les Minimes (Hôtel) - 34 quai Charles Guinot - 37530 AMBOISE
Phone : 0247304040 - @ : reservation@manoirlesminimes.com

Le Manoir Saint Thomas (Hôtel) - 1 mail Saint Thomas - 37530 AMBOISE
Phone : 0247232182 - fax 0247232496 - @ : info@manoir-saint-thomas.com

Manoir du Parc (Chambres d'Hôtes) - avenue Léonard de Vinci - 37530 AMBOISE
Phone : 0247301396 - @ : info@manoirparc.com

Château des Ormeaux (Hôtel) - Route de Noizay - Nazelles - 37530 AMBOISE
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. LIMERAY

Auberge de Launay (Hôtel) - 9 rue de la Rivière RN 152 - 37530 LIMERAY
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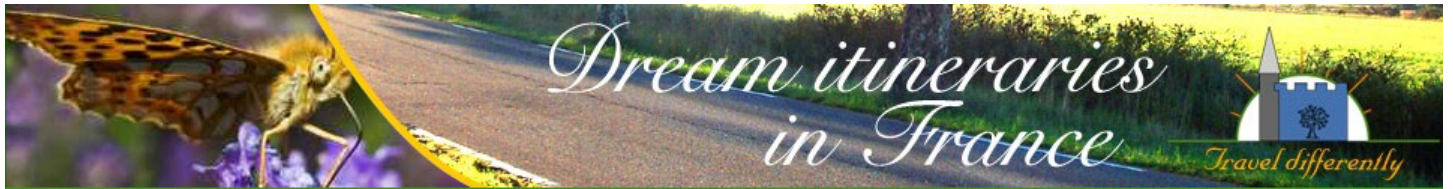
. HERBAULT

Château de Moulins (Hôtel) - Landes le Gaulois - 41190 HERBAULT
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. MEUSNES

GAEC (Viticulteur) - Le Musa - 41130 MEUSNES
Phone : 0254710189 - fax 0254717415



. POUILLE

Domaine Thierry et Joëlle Delaunay (Viticulteur) - 48 rue de la Tesnière - 41110 POUILLE
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. MONTRICHARD

SA Paul Buisse (Viticulteur) - 69 route de Vierzon - 41400 MONTRICHARD
Phone : 0254320001 - fax 0254713578

Donjon (Monument) - 41400 MONTRICHARD
Phone : 0254320510

. CHISSAY EN TOURAINE

Distillerie Fraise-Or (Curiosité)
Phone : 0254323205

. CHENONCEAU

SA Chenonceau Expansion (Viticulteur) - Château de Chenonceau - 37150 CHENONCEAU
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Château (Château) - 37150 CHENONCEAU
Phone : 0247239007 - @ : info@chenonceau.com

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domaine de la Gabilière (Viticulteur) - 46 avenue Gounin - 37400 AMBOISE
Phone : 0247233551 - fax 0247570176

Château (Château) - 37402 AMBOISE
Phone : 0247570098

Le Clos Lucé (Château) - 37402 AMBOISE
Phone : 0247570073

. LIMERAY

Domaine de la Prévôté
GAEC Bomigol (Viticulteur) - 17 rue d'Enfer - 37530 LIMERAY
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. AMBOISE

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