



**From Anjou to Touraine, prestigious castles and vineyards  
Circuit N°32**



In the Angevine sweetness you will fully appreciate the landscape variety along this itinerary.

Forests, vineyards, prairies follow each other, travelling past them you will discover abbeys, châteaux, manors and historical cities.

<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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### Day 1 :

At Prieuré, an elegant Renaissance manor at the heart of an age-old tree park you will enjoy a unique view over the Loire valley.

Before reaching the banks of the river Loire, have a look at the Chênehutte-les-Tuffeaux church the Itinerary starting point.

Forests, vineyards, prairies and rivers follow each other. You will reach the Saumur labelled vineyards which stretch on the Loire and Thouet hills. As soon as Saint-Hilaire-Saint-Florent you will have the opportunity to visit cellars dug in the tufa where the producers of brut Saumur brut reveal the different steps displaying the elaboration of their wines.

The galleries dug into the tufa shelter another Anjou speciality : the Paris mushroom.

Discover the Saumur castle which towers above the town and the Cadre Noir of the National riding school, renowned worldwide.

The crossing of both Saumur-Champigny vineyard and an immense forest will lead you the Fontevraud abbey. Nestled in the bottom of the small valley, Fontevraud is one of the most important monastic units in France. Its chevet, a masterpiece of the XIIth century Roman art must be seen.

You will reach the Vienne valley, its cultures, its vineyard, its orchards and the medieval city of Chinon, witness of the History of France, with its immense ruins and its impressive ramparts.

You will cross the forest of Chinon to reach Ussé, the « Sleeping Beauty dormant » castle, the whiteness of which is emphasised by its verdant case. Before reaching the end of the journey you will discover the vineyard of Bourgueil.

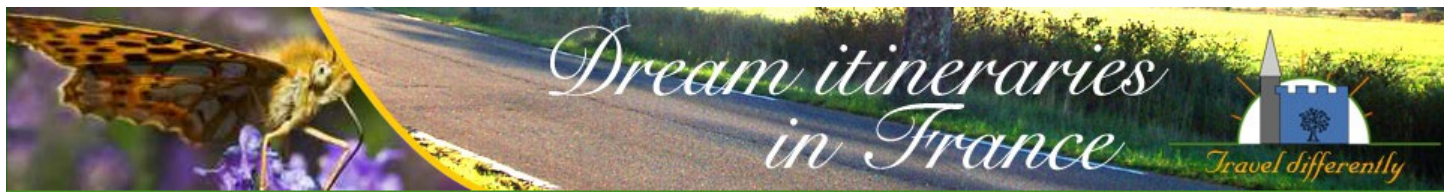


### Day 1 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
CHENEHUTTE-TREVES-CUNAUT	D751	0.0	
SAINT-HILAIRE-SAINTE-FLORENT	D751	0.0	
SAUMUR	D93	9.0	
VARRAINS	D93	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D205	5.0	
CHAMPIGNY	D145	3.0	
FONTEVRAUD-L'ABBAYE	D	6.0	
COUZIER	D	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D117	7.0	
LERNE	D117	0.0	
SEUILLY	D117	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D759	7.0	
LA ROCHE-CLERMAULT	D	1.0	
CROISEMENT	D116	3.0	
CHINON	D16	4.0	
CROISEMENT	D118	4.0	
SAINT-BENOIT-LA-FORET	D	5.0	
RIVARENNES	D7	1.0	
LA CROIX DE RIGNY	D7	4.0	
USSE	D7	0.0	
LE NEMAN	D7	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D749	12.0	
BOURGUEIL	D	6.0	
FOUGEROLLES	D	0.0	
RESTIGNE	D35	0.0	
INGRANDES-DE-TOURAINES	D35	0.0	
SAINT-PATRICE	D35	11.0	



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



#### **. MARCAY**

Château de Marçay (Hôtel) - 37500 MARCAY  
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#### **. GENNES**

Le Prieuré (Hôtel) - Chenenutte les Tuffeaux - 49350 GENNES  
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#### **. SAUMUR**

Le Clos des Bénédictins (Hôtel) - Chemin de l'Alat - Saint Hilaire /Saint Florent - 49400 SAUMUR  
Phone : 0241672848 - fax 0241671371 - @ : contact@clos-des-benedictins.fr

Château de Verrières (Hôtel) - 53 rue d'Alsace - 4940 SAUMUR  
Phone : 0241380515 - fax 0241381818 - @ : contact@chateau-verrieres.com

Anne d'Anjou (Hôtel) - 32 quai Mayaud - 49400 SAUMUR  
Phone : 0241673030 - fax 0241675100 - @ : contact@hotel-anneanjou.com

#### **. FONTEVRAUD-L'ABBAYE**

Hostellerie de l'Abbaye Royale de Fontevraud (Hôtel) - 38 rue Saint Jean de l'Habit - 49590 FONTEVRAUD-L'ABBAYE  
Phone : 0241517316 - fax 0241517550 - @ : contact@hotelfp-fontevraud.com

Hostellerie de la Croix Blanche (Hôtel) - 7 palce Plantagenets - 49590 FONTEVRAUD-L'ABBAYE  
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#### **. LERNE**

Domaine du Château de Chavigny (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 37500 LERNE  
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#### **. SEUILLY**

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#### **. CHINON**

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#### **. RESTIGNE**

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#### **. LANGEAIS**

Château de Rochecotte (Hôtel) - St Patrice - 37130 LANGEAIS  
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### **1 Day 1 : Visits selected by french-itinerary.com**

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Ecole Natinale d'Equitation (Curiosité) - 49400 SAINT HILLAIRE- SAINT FLORENT  
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#### **. SAUMUR**

Château (Château) - 49400 SAUMUR  
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#### **. FONTEVRAUD**



Abbaye (Eglise) - 49590 FONTEVRAUD  
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**. LA DEVINIERE**

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**. CHINON**

Maison de la Rivière (Curiosité) - 37500 CHINON  
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Château (Château) - 37500 CHINON  
Phone : 0247931345

**. USSE**

Château (Château)  
Phone : 0247955405

**. BOURGUEIL**

Maison Audebert et Fils (Viticulteur) - avenue Jean Couseret - 37140 BOURGUEIL  
Phone : 0247977006 - fax 0247977207 - @ : maison@audebert.fr

**. RESTIGNE**

Caves des Grands Vins de bourgueil (Viticulteur) - 16 rue des Chevaliers - 37140 RESTIGNE  
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**. ANGERS**

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**. LA DAGUENIERE**

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**. TOURS**

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**. SAUMUR**

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**. CHINON**

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### 2 Day 2 :

The Rochecotte castle offers the gentle pleasure of life. This was the prince de Talleyrand's mansion. Pediment in the antique style, terrace in the Italian style, gardens in the French style and the setting in the sitting-room and the bedrooms create a subtle balance between charm and good taste.

You will resume your journey inside the valley and through the countryside of the Natural Regional Park Loire-Anjou-Touraine. The Langeais castle is a massive and austere fortress. Its walls shelter a pleasant garden where a very beautiful Renaissance façade stands out.

The Cinq-Mars village on the bank of the river Loire has a castle as well as a « pile », a sort of Gallo-Roman mausoleum from the mid Vth century. On the other side of the river you will discover Villandry and its Renaissance gardens. Terraces, ornamental ponds, maze of the ornamental garden and decorative vegetable garden will lead you through a wonderful Itinerary.

In the Indre valley you will discover Azay-le-Rideau, one of the Romanticism jewels.

Travelling upstream you will reach the fortress of Montbazou then the former Cormery abbey.

You will get lost through the interlacing of maize and flowers which characterize this region when crossing the charming Truyes village. This natural setting originated the idea of a theme park for a few years. It was inspired by XVIIIth century drawings.

You will leave the Indre to approach Vienne crossing a countryside scattered with groves, prairies, ponds and helmets. You will find your evening refuge on the edge of the Creuse.

### 2 Day 2 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
SAINT-PATRICE	D	0.0	
SAINT-MICHEL-SUR-LOIRE	D125	3.0	
PONT BOUTARD	D125	0.0	
LES ESSARDS	D15	5.0	
LA ROCHOUZE	D15	0.0	
LANGEAIS	D	9.0	
CINQ-MARS-LA-PILE	D88	5.0	
BERTHENAY	D88	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D	6.0	
SAVONNIERES	D7	2.0	
VILLANDRY	D7	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D39	7.0	
VALLERES	D39	0.0	
AZAY-LE-RIDEAU	D84	7.0	
ARTANNES-SUR-INDRE	D17	10.0	
MONTS	D17	0.0	
MONTBAZON	D17	0.0	
CORMERY	D17	20.0	
COURCAY	D17	3.0	
REIGNAC-SUR-INDRE	D58	0.0	
MALICOME	D21	4.0	
SAINT-BAULD	D	1.0	
LE LOUROUX	D	0.0	
LE CARROIR JODEL	D	0.0	
SAINTE-MAURE-DE-TOURAIN	D	18.0	

### 2 Day 2 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

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Château de Rochecotte (Hôtel) - St Patrice - 37130 LANGEAIS  
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#### **. AZAY-LE-RIDEAU**

Le Grand Monarque (Hôtel) - 40 route Nationale - 37190 AZAY-LE-RIDEAU  
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Le Gerfaut (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 37190 AZAY-LE-RIDEAU  
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Hôtel des Châteaux (Hôtel) - 2 route de Villandry - 37190 AZAY-LE-RIDEAU  
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Château de l'Aulée (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 37190 AZAY-LE-RIDEAU  
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#### **. MONTBAZON**

Le Château d'Artigny (Hôtel) - 37250 MONTBAZON  
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#### **. SAINTE MAURE DE TOURAINE**

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#### **. LANGEAIS**

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#### **. SAVONNIERES**

Grottes Pétrifiantes (Curiosité)  
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#### **. VILLANDRY**

Château (Château) - 37510 VILLANDRY  
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#### **. AZAY LE RIDEAU**

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### 3 Day 3 :

Les Hauts de Sainte-Maure is a XVI th century coaching inn looking like a small castle, with a flowered garden and a collection of old automobiles inside the outbuildings.  
Before leaving Sainte-Maure-de-Touraine, savour one of the local goat cheeses, the market glory of this town which is held under a magnificent XVII th century covered market.

You will cross the river Vienne at Parçay and its Roman church fitted with a XIIth century gate.

The Rivan castle deserves a visit. Built in the XIIIth century and fortified in the XVth century, it displays a harmony between the medieval and Renaissance styles. In the Veude valley you will discover the shimmering coloured stained-glass windows in the Holy Chapel of Champigny. This piece of art made by the « passeurs de verres » ( glass messengers ) in the XVIth century represents some Passion scenes plus 34 portraits of the Bourbon-Montpensier.

Upon leaving Richelieu and its castle you will cross the Poitevin bocages then Loudun town and its streets lined with elegant private mansions built with stones from the XVIIth and XVIIIth centuries.

After having crossed the Dive canal you will find back the verdant banks of the river Thouet The river crosses the medieval town of Montreuil-Bellay with its narrow side streets, its old houses, its walls and the fortified doors, its austere looking castle.

The Brossay forest harbours the romantic ruins of Asnières abbey in a small valley. You will find back the charming village of Chênehutte in travelling down the hills covered with vines.

### 3 Day 3 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
SAINTE-MAURE-DE-TOURAIN	D760	0.0	
NOYANT-DE-TOURAIN	D58	3.0	
POUZAY	D58	3.0	
CROISEMENT	D18	0.0	
PARCAY-SUR-VIENNE	D18	0.0	
L' ILE-BOUCHARD	D760	9.0	
TAVANT	D760	0.0	
SAZILLY	D	7.0	
LEMERE	D	0.0	
CHAMPIGNY-SUR-VEUDE	D	8.0	
CHAVEIGNES	D	0.0	
RICHELIEU	D61	5.0	
LOUDUN	N147	20.0	
LES TROIS-MOUTIERS	D49	7.0	
CROISEMENT	D48	5.0	
MORTON	D166	1.0	
DOUVY	D166	2.0	
CROISEMENT	D178	0.0	
BALLOIRE	D166	3.0	
MONTREUIL-BELLAY	D175	5.0	
MEIGNE	D117	12.0	
CROISEMENT	D214	2.0	
CLERMONT	D214	0.0	
CHENEHUTTE-TREVES-CUNALT	D214	10.0	

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**. CIZAY**

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Saint Chapelle (Eglise)  
Phone : 0247957146

**. RICHELIEU**

Château (Château) - 37120 RICHELIEU  
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**. LOUDUN**

Tour Carrée (Monument) - 86200 LOUDUN  
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Le Château (Château)  
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