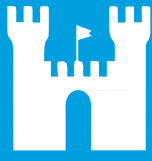


ALL  
INCLUSIVE  
DAY TRIP



#### EXPERT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Such a fairy day!

Discover the highlights of the magical Loire Valley aboard a comfortable air-conditioned minibus. Enjoy the best of France's majestic chateaux country.

**139 €** per person

#### CHILDREN'S RATES:

Under 7 **77 €**

Under 12 **131 €**

#### INCLUDING:

- The transportation in air-conditioned minibus (9:00 am – 6:00 pm). Meeting point at 9.00 am at the Tourist Office of Tours across from the train station of Tours
- The entrances to the chateau of Azay-le-Rideau, the chateau and gardens of Villandry, and the chateaux of Ussé and Langeais
- Lunch (drinks not included) in Villandry
- The booking charges

#### EXCLUDING:

- Drinks at lunch
- Guided visit in the chateaux
- Audio-guides
- Personal expenses



#### 9:00 am:

Start at the Tourist Office in Tours town centre, located just in front of the train station (3 minutes walk). Departure in an air-conditioned minibus for an all-day excursion that will take you to:

#### IN THE MORNING

#### Visit of the CHATEAU of AZAY-LE-RIDEAU.

Built in the 16th century on an island in the middle of the river Indre in the most beautiful countryside, this chateau is one of the best examples of Renaissance architecture we have. Punctuated by towers and turrets, the two right-angle wings show the perfect combination of traditional elements and features borrowed from Italian art.



#### Then, visit of the CHATEAU and GARDENS OF VILLANDRY.

They surround one of the last castle built on the Loire river edge during the Renaissance period (1536). Walk through one of the most beautiful gardens in France, constructed on three levels:

- The highest level, surrounded by lindens, has a large pool, where the water needed for the moat is collected.



- The middle level, at the level of the chateau, is divided into three parts: "the garden of love", "the music garden" and "the herb garden".

- Finally, at the level of the outbuildings, is the most original of the three gardens: the ornamental vegetable garden that covers 12,500 square meters, that is renewed twice per year.

Lunch (drinks not included) at the restaurant of the Chateau of Villandry.

#### IN THE AFTERNOON

Departure for the second part of your tour for :

#### The visit of the CHATEAU OF USSÉ.

The "Sleeping Beauty's Chateau" located in the green valley of the Indre river. It inspired Perrault for writing his famous stories and it remains a symbol of the medieval fairytale castle inhabited by brave lords, beautiful ladies and poets.

The major part of the chateau has been built between the 15th and 16th century, on the foundations of an 11th century fortress, but its successive owners, each with their personal touch, gave the chateau its

unique charm.



#### Then, visit of the CHATEAU OF LANGEAIS.

Built in the early XVth century, this chateau provides a perfect example of a late mediaeval castle, with a parapet walk and a drawbridge. In 1491, it was the site of the marriage between Louis XI's son, Charles VIII, and the young Duchess Anne of Brittany - an event which paved the way for the independent Bretons eventual union with France.

Its originality lies in its furnishings – furniture, woodwork, fabrics, sculptures, and paintings. Admire one of the jewels of the museum, a collection of Gothic and Renaissance tapestries.

6:00 pm: Back to the Tourist Office in Tours by air-conditioned minibus.