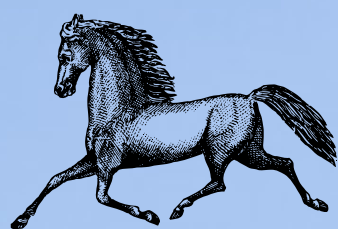


ACTIVE



RIDING TRIPS

FRANCE'S
LOIRE VALLEY INN TO INN





Ride back into French history – and spend 7 amazing days in and around the most famous castles of the Loire.

Chambord, Beauregard, Cheverny, Blois, Chenonceau, Amboise... These wonderful Renaissance castles bring us into the very heart of French History.

Your week of riding begins by riding in the favorite hunting forests of the Renaissance French kings, then takes you along the wonderful banks of the river Cher and finishes with the chestnut trees of the Amboise forest. And all along the way you see these glorious chateaux and arrive and leave as the early French did – on horseback – this is a magnificent trip and truly a luxury experience not to be missed!



duration:
7 DAYS



2-10
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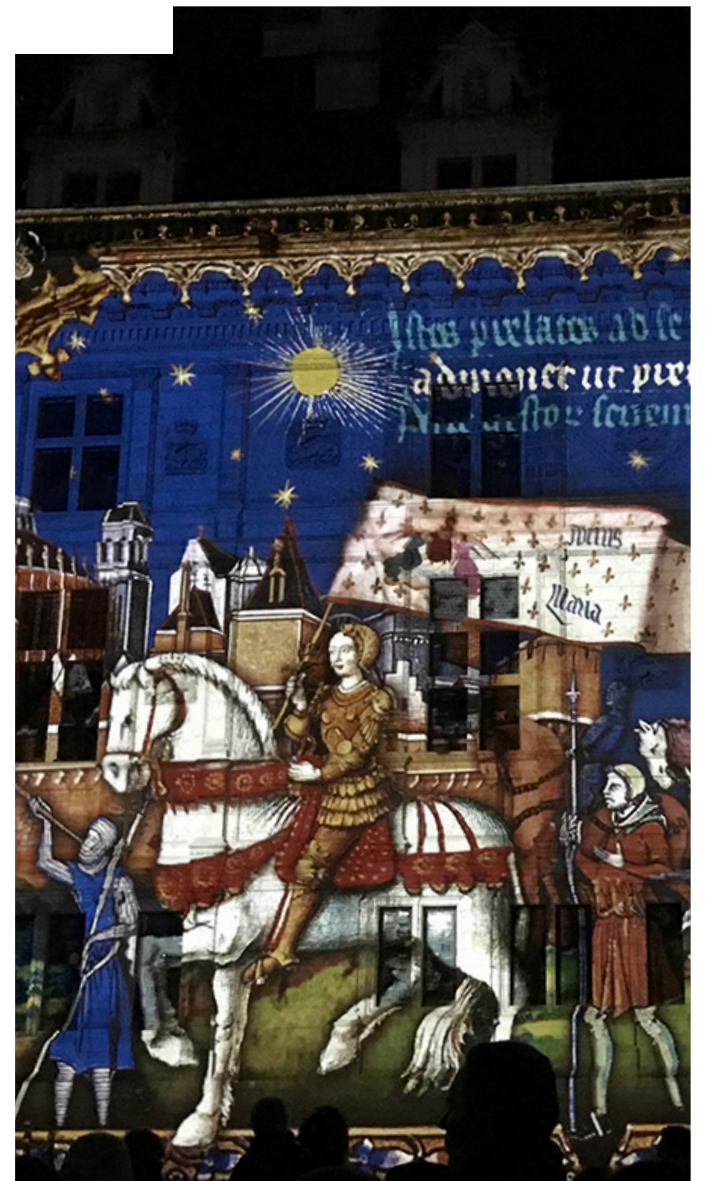
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accommodation
HOTEL



all meals
INCLUDED



Suggested ITINERARY

Day 1

Arrival to Chateau de la Borde ****, in the fertile Loire Valley for 2 nights. Dinner and briefing.

Day 2: Chateau De Chambord

AM – about 3 hours on horseback
Beginning of the ride from Chambord along “the Grand Canal” with spectacular views on Chateau de Chambord, then in the large alleys of the Boulogne forest around Chambord.

Back to Château de Chambord on horseback : A Royal Entrance!
Lunch in Chambord.

PM
Visit of Chateau de Chambord. Gourmet dinner and night at Chateau de la Borde.

Day 3: Chateau De Beauregard – Chateau De Cheverny

AM – about 3 hours on horseback
Beginning of the ride from Chambord to chateau de Beauregard by the Boulogne forest. We have the privilege to enter by the front path of the chateau: a truly unique experience! Guided visit of chateau de Beauregard. Picnic with foie gras in chateau de Beauregard.

PM – 1 hour 30 on horseback
We leave to head to the chateau of Cheverny on horseback by the countryside and the Cheverny vineyards. Visit of Château de Cheverny.

Dinner and night in Relais des trois châteaux **** in Cheverny

Day 4: Chateau De Fougères – Chateau De Chaumont Sur Loire

AM – about 2 hours 15 on horseback
Ride in the countryside of Sologne to the medieval chateau of Fougères sur Bièvre. Visit of the medieval château of Fougères sur Bièvre. Lunch in Fougères sur Bièvre

PM – about 3 hours on horseback
Beginning of the ride to Chaumont sur Loire in the countryside until Candé on Beuvron, then following the Loire River to the renaissance château of Chaumont sur Loire. Visit of renaissance château of Chaumont sur Loire or garden festival.

Night in charming Hostellerie du Chateau *** on the bank of river Loire in Chaumont sur Loire.



Suggested ITINERARY

Day 5: Chateau De Chaumont Sur Loire – Chateau D'amboise

AM – about 2 hours 30 on horseback
Beginning of the ride to Amboise by the bank of the river Loire, and the Touraine countryside. Lunch in a local restaurant in Mosnes, a charming village “toureangeau”.

PM – about 2 hours 30 on horseback
Ride to chateau d'Amboise through the countryside – Special arrival to Chateau d'Amboise on horseback by “la porte des Lions” - the medieval king's door! What an amazing way to end our days of riding before bidding Adieu to our horses!

We then enjoy a private guided visit of the very historical Château d'Amboise where Leonardo da Vinci is buried. Gourmet dinner and night at Chateau de Noizay**** located across the river Loire from Amboise.

Day 6: Visit Of Chateau Du Clos Lucé And Chateau De Chenonceau

AM– Visit of Clos Lucé - last home of Leonardo da Vinci, and its exhibitions. Free time in the charming old center of Amboise. Lunch in Amboise

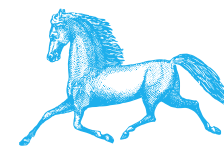
PM– Visit of the fantastic Château de Chenonceau and its gardens.

Gourmet dinner and night at the Chateau de Noizay ****.

Day 7

Departure after breakfast.

Route or days may be amended due to weather or items otherwise out of our control.



RIDING LEVEL:

Solid intermediate and stronger - capable at long canters, some very forward going. You ride experienced horses, in all gaits including posting trot and canter. You can manage yourself and your horse ethically and safely, you are comfortable with riding outdoors. You ride English regularly.

TERRAIN:

Wooded paths, open meadows, long farm tracks, some rolling hills

HORSES:

Pure or cross bred Paint, Arabian, Thoroughbred or Warmblood – fun and solid on trail.

TACK:

English all purpose, very comfortable for trail riding. Saddlebags included.



Additional INFORMATION



INCLUDED:

6 nights accommodation
4 days of riding
All meals
Tours of all the chateaux
including 1 full day of tours
Guiding services
Horse and all tack
All local taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare
Travel insurance
Alcoholic beverages
Airport/Train Station transfers
Gratuities for the riding staff
at the end of the stay

