



# The Loire and Loiret

Go back in time





# 01 Château de Meung-sur-Loire

It has been nicknamed the "Château with two faces", with its pink face, facing south, dating from the 18th century, and its north face dating from the 12th century. It comes as a testimony to the evolution of French architecture. It features entertainment for young and old throughout the year!

02 Château de La Ferté -Saint-Aubin (Ferté-Saint-Aubin

Meung-sur-Loire (45)

castle)

This 17<sup>th</sup> century château, located along the Cosson, offers visitors one-of-a-kind tours for all generations. Enjoy the numerous activities: discovery course, electro music festival, life-size Clue...

La Ferté-Saint-Aubin (45)

### 03 Château de Beaugency

The Château de Beaugency, which

dates back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century, became a Digital Art Centre in 2021. Discover original digital creations in addition to permanent and temporary exhibitions.

Beaugency (45)

### 04 Château de Sully-sur-Loire

With its water-filled moats, its towers and impressive roof truss, the 15<sup>th</sup> century château displays a mighty defence system. Explore the history of France and the famous characters who made their mark here: Joan of Arc, the Duke of Sully, Louis XIV, Voltaire... Sully-sur-Loire (45)

### 05 Château de Chamerolles

This château charts the history of hygiene and perfumes from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to present day. As a landmark on the itinerary of the Route de la Rose, take a stroll around the aroma-filled gardens of the "Châ-







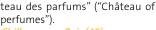












Chilleurs-aux-Bois (45)

### 06 Château de Chambord

The Château de Chambord is remarkable by its size, Italian style and French gardens, and is a must-see site in Val de Loire. A true symbol of 16<sup>th</sup> century French Renaissance, it is located at the heart of the Sologne region and the forest of the National Domain of Chambord.

Chambord (41)



### 07 Château Royal de Blois

The Château, which accommodated the French Kings during the Renaissance, mirrors 4 major eras of French architecture, from the Middle Ages to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. A Sound and Light show with special sound effects and giant images is projected

on the grand architecture.

Blois (41)

### 08 Château Royal d'Amboise

As the Palace of Kings Charles VIII and François Ier during the Renaissance, as well as Leonardo da Vinci's resting place, the château harbours remarkable medieval wings and a stunning collection of Gothic and Renaissance furniture. Proudly located on a rocky spur, it dominates the Loire.

Amhoise (37)

#### 09 Château du Clos Lucé

As the last residence of Leonardo da Vinci, the Clos Lucé displays the fabulous machines he conceived, and delves into the intimacy of the genius. A fun itinerary in the large park complements the discovery of the visionary artist.

Amboise (37)







# Did you know?

The Orleans metropolis is the perfect starting point for a stay at the heart of the Loire and Loiret châteaux! For instance, Sully-sur-Loire and Meung-sur-Loire are only 20 kilometres away from the centre of Orleans, and Chambord 50 kilometres away.



# 10 Château Gaillard

When he came back from Italy in 1496, King Charles VIII decided to recreate "the most Italian of all Châteaux de la Loire". A green oasis and the residence of Dom Pacelloda Mercogliano, designer of gardens for the Kings, it is famous for having acclimated the first orange trees in France.

Amboise (37)

# 11 Château de Chenonceau

The "Château des Dames" (Château of Ladies), which was built in 1513 and was cherished by Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de' Medici, is renowned for its elegant "Jardins Remarquables" (Remarkable gardens) and its galleries, which gracefully pass over the Cher river.

# 12 Château de Cheverny

The Château de Cheverny dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century and has

been inhabited by the same family for over 600 years, and is notable for inspiring Hergé in his depiction of Marlinspike Hall. A 3D exhibition is dedicated to the adventures of Tintin. The gardens and labyrinth are a must-see!

Cheverny (41)



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"Châteaux", "Culture", "Loire

and Canal" and "Parks, gardens and

forests".Please note some locations are

not open to the public





# Celebrate Christmas in the Loire and Loiret châteaux

In December, a number of châteaux come alive and are illuminated to please young and old and put stars in everybody's eyes!

### Cocorico Electro Festival

The alliance of the Château de la Ferté Saint-Aubin's historic setting, electro music and pyrotechnics creates an exceptional atmosphere for the yearly event, which is attended by numerous internationally renowned French DJs.

Not forgetting the numerous outings and events offered by the châteaux: "Weekend de la sieste" (Nap weekend) in Meung-sur-Loire, life-size Clue in La Ferté-Saint-Aubin, "Chevaux et Rapaces" show (Horses and Birds of prey) in Chambord, and many others!

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