



The Loire Valley

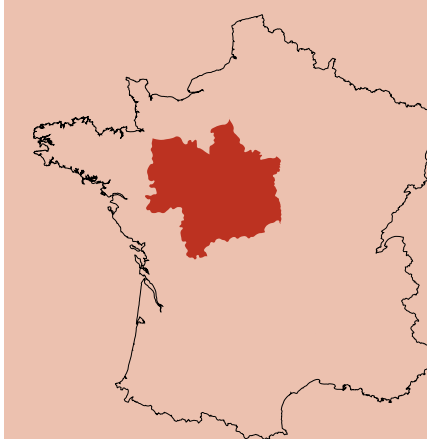
The 'Garden of France' is a region of lush meadows and meandering rivers, wooded river valleys and a thousand lakes. It's a haven for rare orchids, carnivorous plants and terrifyingly large birds of prey. Yet, despite the many natural wonders of the Loire Valley, the region's more famous charms come in two very different forms: architecture and wine.

The valley's architectural heritage includes the stunning old city of **Tours**, the St. Croix Cathedral in **Orléans** and the stone wine cellars near **Saumur**. But it's the breathtaking châteaux of the region that really spark the imagination – from the stunning fortified **Château d'Amboise** to the enormous traditional **Château de Chambord**. In fact, there are more medieval fortresses, manor houses and royal palaces than you can shake a Renaissance stick at.

As for the wine, you can't beat a fruity French white. Just picture yourself, with your loved ones, sipping **Sancerre** on the lawn of your very own Loire Valley holiday property. Sounds nice... doesn't it?



A big house with a big pond in lovely Langeais



Guestbook

What our customers said...

“This property was as near to perfect as we could hope for. The location is marvellous - easy to get to places of interest and tranquil if you want to have a day at the cottage.”

Mrs Weller
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SEE. DO. EAT.



SEE. Spend some time in the ancient city of **Orléans** – home to disgruntled teenage heroine Joan of Arc



DO. Experience the châteaux and plateaus of the **Loire Valley** from a different angle in a hot air balloon



EAT. The Loire Valley is world-famous for creamy **goats' cheese**, tasty **mushrooms** and cheeky **Sancerre**

A PERFECT DAY by our regional manager

*If you've got kids, I'd recommend a full day in **Parc du Futuroscope** – a multimedia theme park close to **Poitiers**. There's a laser show in the evenings! But if you're going with a partner or group of friends then spend a day exploring the beautiful **Château de Chenonceau** instead... you'll find a light show there too!*

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