

Extend Your Cruise with 3 Nights in the Loire Valley

Overview

Enjoy three additional days in France, exploring the châteaux of the Loire Valley with guided tours of the region's most spectacular cities, estates and cathedrals including Orléans, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED:

- 2 hotel nights in the Loire Valley; 1 hotel night in Paris (as shown or similar)
- 4 meals: 3 breakfasts (B) & 1 dinner (D)
- 3 guided tours: Tours on Foot & Cathedral; Château Chenonceau & Amboise Orientation Walk; Château de Chambord & Orléans Walking Tour
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- All transfers

Itinerary

Day 1 - Loire Valley, France

Disembark your ship and travel to Tours, known for the Basilica Saint-Martin, the home of France's first silk industry and for its UNESCO World Heritage Site, Le Petit Paris, or "The Little Paris." Enjoy free time and lunch on your own, before setting out on a guided walk through the town center, seeing the cathedral dedicated to St. Gatian. After, transfer to your hotel and savor dinner with your fellow guests. (D)

Day 2 - Loire Valley, France

After breakfast, set off for a guided tour of Château Chenonceau. This grand castle was confiscated by Francis I, who enjoyed many festive times here. After serving as a hospital for the wounded during World War I, it has been completely restored, including the lovely formal gardens. In Amboise, enjoy a brief orientation tour and lunch on your own, or perhaps pay a visit to Leonardo da Vinci's tomb. Return to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3 - Loire Valley, France

Check out of your hotel and drive to Château de Chambord; built in the early 16th century, it is reminiscent of the Tuscan style, centered around a magnificent double spiral staircase. After your tour, enjoy free time to explore on your own before traveling to Orléans, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch on own, see the university, botanical garden and a recreation of the home where Joan of Arc stayed during the Siege of Orléans. Later, travel to Paris for your overnight stay. (B)

Day 4 - Paris, France

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and proceed to the airport for your return flight. (B)

Hotels

Loire Valley Hotels

Clarion Château Belmont Tours (or similar) is a historic hotel that dates back almost 400 years, the Clarion Château Belmont is located in a six-acre park in the heart of medieval Tours. Relax in nature amid lush greenery or indulge in a Cinq Mondes spa treatment in the wellness center. Savor traditional cuisine at La

Table, which serves regional classics.

Hotel Rochester Champs Elysées, Paris

Ideally located in one of the city's most lively districts, minutes away from the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre, this traditional hotel offers refined and well-appointed guest rooms as well as two dining options and a day spa.

NOTE:

Optional Shore Excursions: a selection of additional excursions may be available to enhance your extension experience. Optional excursions will be bookable in [MyVikingJourney.com](https://www.myvikingjourney.com) when your cruise shore excursions open for sale.

Extension is not available on all departure dates; confirm availability & seasonal pricing when booking. Pricing may vary by departure or activity date. Activity order may vary. Accommodations are subject to change depending on availability; if advertised hotel is not available, a similar hotel will be confirmed. Any included flights are economy class. Luggage restrictions may apply on intra-country flights. Specific details will be provided once program is confirmed. Shore excursions are subject to change and may vary by departure.

The following meals are included for all days as listed: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner