

The Chateau Experience

A week of grandeur, beauty, and elegant country.

April 12-17, 2023

Merci for your interest in this custom experience of the Loire Valley. This week will be a discovery of some of the most beautiful architecture in the world and up-close insight into this important French region.

We hope you will join us on this special week as we witness life in fairytale-like villages and take in spectacular scenery. You will experience fabulous French food and wine (of course!), be surrounded by exquisite interior décor, shop the local markets, and be given special entrées to parts of this heaven-on-earth not accessed by most tourists.



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The Week Ahead

- *Fabulous* shopping at local markets & unusual boutiques
- World-class chateaux
- Cooking class
- Optional visit of Leonardo da Vinci's home
- World-class garden visit
- High-end dining in authentic inns and restaurants
- Winery visit and wine tasting
- Special cheese tasting
- Art Show
- Picnic in extraordinary setting (weather permitting)
- An unforgettable private cruise on the Loire River
- Sumptuous lodging
- A visit to a rare troglodyte home
- Toasts and treats!



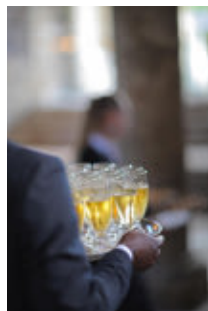
Our Time Together

We will be a small group of women who enjoy the good life and who appreciate the particular treasures to be discovered in France. Your host will be Barbara Bussey of The Treasured Home, and your guide will be Jill Mitchell, owner of le Trip.

Both women have a love of France and take delight in creating memorable, magical journeys there. The Loire Valley, world-class region know for its Renaissance chateaux, is our playground this time. While two chateaux will be visited as a group, you will also have the opportunity to take in more chateaux on your free time, due to a strategic decision to base the group in a historical royal city that is also very walkable for visitors. The pace will be neither slow nor fast, but just right so we are able to take in some top notch offerings, not be so rushed so that we take our time and be present with the gentle pleasures of life in this part of France.

We will indulge in fine dining, fine wining, fabulous boutique and market shopping, and the palatial architecture that the Loire Valley is reputed for world-over. We hope to score some fine vintage pieces, however, the focus of this tour is not on vintage acquisitions! We are planning a private visit to a family that still resides in a chateau, a day in dreamy chateau gardens, and an unforgettable private river cruise that will give you a perspective like no other, of this exceptional place.

And there will be more! Once we have responses back from our potential travelers, a full itinerary with exact pricing can be supplied. Please be in touch with Barbara as soon as you have an inkling that you may want to be part of this so we can start our blueprint and secure our spots in the Loire this spring!





The Lodging

We have our sights on a four star hotel that was once a family chateau, built in the 1600's. It is within walking distance of several world-famous monuments, and is in the center of the beautiful city of Amboise. This locale will allow for independence, as the city is just beyond your door, while you can also luxuriate in the property grounds and join the group when we head out daily.

The tour will be priced with flexibility so that those wanting to upgrade may do so, while the base price may help those keeping to a budget.

If you think you might be one of this small group, please reach out to Barbara at your earliest convenience so we can go forward with securing our lodging!

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Tour includes:

- 6 days'/5 nights' high-end accommodation
- Ground transportation
- 5 meals
- Winery visit and winetasting
- World-class Garden visit
- 3 chateau monuments
- Optional visit to Da Vinci's residence & museum
- Guide & interpreter services

- Cooking class

Tour does not include:

- Airfare
- Train fare to the Loire Valley region

The destination airport is CDG or Orly in Paris. The destination train station is Tours.

Appointments and activities subject to availability of our hosts. We will substitute activities of equal caliber in case of change.

Per person cost starts at approximately \$3075 double occupancy (give or take \$140. More cost details will be confirmed once we book lodging which is based on participant response.)

To secure your spot, there is a non-refundable deposit of \$750. Travel insurance is recommended.

Your deposit won't be cashed until all the details and policies of the tour have been signed off by you. However, the order in which your deposit is received will be noted so those who respond first will be assured a spot.

Le Trip has been making American visitors feel at home in France since 1999, with a focus on vintage shopping, wine and food themed journeys, and warmth & fun as the priorities. Be prepared for open-armed welcomes and beauty beyond imagination.

