

# CYCLE TOURS IN FRANCE

Searching for an **unforgettable cycling** vacation in France?

Bike slowly or at your own pace and savour the sites & sounds of rural France. Choose from cycling trips that feature the region's **most scenic countryside** and small roads. Whether it is for 5 days or a week, these bicycle tours focus on world class vineyards, fields of lavender, Roman ruins, deluxe accommodations and wonderful French cuisine.

The self-guided tours are suited for a range of riding levels.

On a bicycle tour in France you'll be introduced to the **culture**, the **people**, and the **history** of the regions you cycle through. There are tours in France's Loire Regions, Normandy, Burgundy, Brittany and the Dordogne.

## ***The Grand Loire***

Follow in the footsteps of the great kings of France. Explore the magnificent Gothic and Renaissance architecture of the 15th & 16th centuries. See the last home of Leonardo da Vinci, the grand chateaux, exquisite and complex gardens, and some of France's most beautiful rivers. These are just a few reasons the Loire Valley is one of France's most revered destinations. Every turn in the Loire presents a feast for the eyes. If you tire of chateaux, the charming villages offer a casual atmosphere. Visit wine caves, museums, churches, and artisans at work. Or simply enjoy a cafe, a croissant, and a peaceful garden. History will accompany you throughout your trip with echoes of Joan of Arc and Leonardo da Vinci.



## ***Burgundy***

With its chateaux, its wines, but also a series of landscapes. This is an area well worth taking the time to appreciate an authentic rural environment with a whole network of country roads and lanes to explore.

## ***Dordogne***

The Dordogne River cuts through layers of limestone plateaus east of Bordeaux. Our Dordogne bicycle tour includes rides on the plateau and along the river on some of the best rural bicycling routes in the world. Famous for wines, castles, excellent food, and friendly people, the southwest of France offers an intriguing mélange that captures the hearts of all visitors. While Bordeaux is world famous, a lesser-known part of this region is just waiting to be discovered - an area brimming with vineyards, forests, and a rich legacy of walled towns, abbeys, and medieval castles.

## ***Normandy***

In the great Normandy landscapes, between green pastures and apple tree fragrances, half timbered manor houses and streams babbling on the Cote Fleurie seaside: a journey where traditions and authenticity will guide you along your discoveries. Discover the inland Pays d'Auge area with its 16<sup>th</sup> century manor houses.

## ***Brittany***

A tour to discover the heart of Brittany - a land of numerous sights where villages and castles, shores and bocages are in total harmony with the land and sea. Passing through the world wonder of Mont Saint Michel to the pirates town of Saint Malo, along the marvellous Emerald Coast.



Prices range from NZD 750 to 3,200 per person - Tour lengths from 4 days up  
Information and rates as at November 2004 : rates are a guide only, subject to tariff & exchange variance.



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## An example of one of the cycling tours ...



## Discover the three rivers : Loire, Indre & Cher

*In the heart of a tranquil and beautiful area planted with vineyards and orchards, blessed with manors and châteaux, we propose you a journey cycling along the rivers Loire, Indre & Cher to discover the splendid sceneries of the Loire Valley château country.*

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Day :</b> Arrival in <b>Joué les Tours</b>.</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Day :</b> <b>Joué les Tours - Montbazon 50 km</b> A stage with the opportunity of discovering the famous gardens of Villandry crossing the Indre Valley and the château of Azay le Rideau situated in a nice setting of water and green. <i>Option : accommodation in a superior category, a 4* chateau hotel classified by "Grandes Etapes Françaises"</i></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Day :</b> <b>Montbazon - Montrichard 45 km</b> Cycling along the Indre Valley, passing via the famous château of Chenonceau built on the river Cher.</p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Day :</b> <b>Excursion 33 or 66 km</b> An itinerary allowing the discovery of charming Châteaux of Montpoupon and Montrésor.</p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Day :</b> <b>Montrichard - Ouchamps 45 km</b> An itinerary through the countryside and vineyards passing by small châteaux before cycling towards the famous château of Cheverny.</p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Day :</b> <b>Excursion 57 km</b> After Cheverny and Villesavin, you will enjoy visiting the prestigious château of Chambord and the Château of Beauregard.</p> <p><b>7<sup>th</sup> Day :</b> <b>Ouchamps - Amboise 35 km</b> Cycling along the Loire river via Chaumont sur Loire and its chateau before reaching the nice town of Amboise overlooked by its Royal Château.</p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup> Day :</b> <b>Amboise - Joué les Tours 40 km</b> Your last stage cycling through the countryside and vineyards. Departure.</p>	<p><b>Easy to moderate !</b></p>  <p><b>DEPARTURE DAYS</b> On request</p> <p><b>VALIDITY</b> March to October</p> <p><b>DURATION</b> 8 days / 7 nights</p> <p><b>ACCES S</b> . By road : RN 152, A10 motorway . By train : Tours railway station Paris / Tours, TGV high speed train link (Paris Montparnasse)</p>
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### 2005 rates (subject to variation for exchange rate):

<b>Rate per person</b>	In double room : <b>V1 = NZD 2450 // V2 = NZD 2,700</b> Single supplement : <b>V1 = NZD 700 // V2 = NZD 850</b>
<b>Extra night in ½ board basis in Joué</b>	In double room : <b>NZD 250</b> Single supplement : <b>NZD 100</b>
<b>Bike hire</b>	<b>NZD 170</b>

V1 = Accommodation in Montbazon (Day 2) in a 3 star château hotel  
V2 = Accommodation in Montbazon (Day 2) in a 4 star château hotel

<p><u><b>This program includes :</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Accommodation : on half board basis 6 nights in *** &amp; 1 night in **** star (day 4) manor &amp; chateaux hotels, double room with shower and toilets.</li> <li>➤ Transfer of luggage from hotel to hotel.</li> <li>➤ Maps and itineraries. Tourist information.</li> </ul> <p><u><b>This program excludes :</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Drinks, lunches and personal expenses.</li> <li>➤ Rental bike.</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>Children Reduction:</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ 1<sup>st</sup> category : 50 % - Until 4 year old in the parent room</li> <li>~ 2<sup>nd</sup> category : 20 % - From 5 to 12 year old in 3 bed room with parents.</li> <li>~ 3<sup>rd</sup> category : 10 % - From 5 to 12 year old if children in twin room.</li> </ul> <p><u><b>Bike:</b></u> 21 speed men's and ladies' bike, equipped with one saddlebag, a water bottle, an anti-theft device and a repair kit. Adjustment by a cycling specialist.</p>
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