



LOIRE VALLEY TIME TRAVEL

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can you pick me up at my hotel in Paris?

A: No. It takes at least 3 hours to drive from Paris to Tours by motorway in a vintage car. The same trip by train takes 1 hour, which allows you a lot more time in the Loire Valley. We can't book your rail tickets for you, but we can give you advice on how to make the process easy.

Q: I would like to see somewhere not shown on your sample tours. Is that possible?

A: [Email](#) or call us and we will plan a tour around what you want to see and do. We are flexible - this is your special holiday, not ours.

North American clients can telephone us on (0860) 484 7744;
in Australia use (02) 6100 7744.

Q: Why do other one and two day tours visit more Chateaux than shown on your sample tours?

A: We know you might not have a lot of time in France, but we believe you will enjoy a visit to a chateau more when you can see it without having to rush, and a journey between chateaux where you can stop and enjoy the views. We like to surprise clients with short stops at wonderful but not well known sites along the way too.

Q: I have special dietary requirements. Is this a problem?

A: Restaurants nowadays are aware of health and ethically based dietary requirements and can cater for them. If you have particular requirements contact us and we can arrange a special menu for you at one of our regular restaurants.

Q: Can you arrange accommodation for me in the Loire Valley?

A: No, we are not allowed to, but we are happy to suggest hotels and chambres d'hotes (B&Bs) that we know from personal experience or because our clients have enjoyed them.

Q: Is the car airconditioned?

A: No, it's an authentic classic French car, so it has no aircon, and no effective heating. It rarely gets hot enough to make airconditioning absolutely essential, and the routes we take are often along roads cooled by forests. When it is cold we supply a blanket. Likewise, the car doesn't have seatbelts; being the first of the widely available cars of monocoque construction, it is difficult to fit seatbelts without compromising the structural integrity of the car.

Q: Can I take one of your tours at any time of the year?

A: It is worth visiting the Loire Valley at any time of the year, but because of the possibility of snow and the discomfort of travelling in a car with poor heating we suggest taking one of our tours between mid-March and mid-November.

Q: I like to get off the standard tourist routes, can you do this?

A: You sound like our kind of travellers - looking for something different in addition to the iconic places. On most tours we will leave time to show you something unexpected.

Q: How much will my tour cost?

A: The cost for each tour will vary, depending on the château visited and the distance travelled. When we reply to your initial enquiry we will provide you with options for two or three tours, based on what you tell us you would like to see. This will be accompanied by a firm price for each option.

Q: There are more than 4 of us in our group – is this a problem?

A: We have two classic Citroen Traction Avant cars. Depending on the date of your tour we may be able to organise a second driver and use both cars. Telephone for more details.