



See France by Bike!

The first trips we ever offered were bike trips in France, and they remain our most popular. Biking is the ideal way to enjoy the camaraderie of group travel, while having the independence and flexibility to travel at your own speed, lingering where you want, heading out with a group sometimes, by yourself or with one friend when you'd like a quieter day. As for France: No other country offers such a vast network of quiet roads, connecting such a wealth of natural beauty and historic sites. Choose from 5 trips, in 3 historic regions, of 5 to 8 days.

Price of each bike trip includes:

- * Comfortable hotels each night;
- * Services of two tour guides (one guide on certain trips with small groups);
- * All breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 5 dinners with wine included*;
- * Transportation for luggage — and tired riders;
- * A wine-tasting;
- * Use of bike (for trips in 2001);
- * Map, guidebook, and routes.
- * The 5-day Big Loire, Little Loir includes 1 lunch and 4 dinners.

Not included:

- * Airfare;
- * (Bike rental is \$50 extra on trips in 2000; bikes are included as of 2001.)

Start and end times: Each bike trip begins at 6:00 p.m. on the date listed, with a reception, orientation, and dinner. Early arrivals can join us for a get-acquainted walking tour at 4:00 p.m. Trips officially end after breakfast on the last day, but if you have tight connections you can depart as early as you like.

Valley of the Kings

The Loire chateaux span 2000 years of French history



For two centuries, French kings outdid one another as they built palaces amidst the meadows and forests along the Loire Valley. Our week begins in Blois, at a castle constructed over four distinct and romantic periods of French history.

Every day you'll discover the distinct personality of a new chateau, from the grandeur of Amboise to the elegance of Chenonceau and the enchantment of Azay-le-Rideau. Between stops, pedal along shady roads, through forests full of deer, and villages where time seems to have stopped.

Sept. 16 to 23, 2000, \$1,695.

May 28 to June 4, 2001, \$1,750

Optional Single Supp: \$300

Big Loire, Little Loir

Grand chateaux, peaceful canals, and quiet biking roads

The Loire river has a little brother: Le Loir, which weaves through a pastoral region past forgotten castles, enchanting villages, and broad meadows.

This Loir, too, has its historic chateaux and colorful gardens, all the more charming for their peaceful and uncrowded surroundings. Our trip gives you the best of both Loires, ending at the valley's most famous creation: Chateau Chambord, so enormous that King Francois I nearly bankrupted himself to get it built.

Sept. 10 to 15, 2000, \$1,250.

May 22 to 27, 2001, \$1,295.

(The May 22 trip is for gay men)

Optional Single Supp: \$300

