

2027

ROYAL CHATEAU OF AMBOISE



ALL ROADS LEAD TO AMBOISE



The imposing silhouette of the Royal Chateau of Amboise has shaped the life of the town since the Renaissance, when the French Court attracted the finest members of the nobility, scholars and artists. Among them was Leonardo da Vinci, invited by King Francis I who settled at the Clos Lucé, just 400 metres from the Royal Chateau. Over the centuries, the chateau has retained its vocation as a royal palace of the Kings of France.

In the heart of the Loire Valley, Amboise is a must-visit destination where French history, heritage and the French art of living come together. Ideally located on the banks of the Loire, Amboise is a perfect base for creating stays at the heart of the Loire Valley chateaux. Cultural visits, gastronomy, wine tasting and river cruises offer a wide variety of activities throughout the year.

Designed to welcome groups, the destination offers free coach parking close to the main attractions, dedicated drop-off areas and a tourist train, making it easy to get around and helping visitors make the most of their time. Accessible, welcoming and rich in discoveries, Amboise brings together everything needed for a memorable stay in the Loire Valley.



- ### COMING TO AMBOISE
- **By train from Paris:**
TGV → Tours (1h)
TER → Amboise (2h)
 - **By train from Tours:**
TER → Amboise (20min)
 - **By car from Paris:**
→ Amboise (2h30min)

LOIRE VALLEY AND ITS CHATEAUX



OUR SUGGESTED PROGRAMMES



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| <h3>1 Day</h3> <h4>The Origins of the French Renaissance</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the Royal Chateau of Amboise, residence of the Kings of France and burial place of Leonardo da Vinci. • Visit the Chateau of Clos Lucé, Leonardo da Vinci's final home. • Explore the Royal City of Amboise. | <h3>2 Days</h3> <h4>Leonardo da Vinci, from the Court of Amboise to the Dream of Chambord</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1 – Amboise: Visit the Royal Chateau of Amboise and the Chateau of Clos Lucé. • Day 2 – Chambord: Visit the Chateau of Chambord, a masterpiece of the French Renaissance. | <h3>3 Days</h3> <h4>Amboise, Chenonceau & Beauval</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1 – Amboise: Visit the Royal Chateau of Amboise and the Chateau of Clos Lucé. • Day 2 – Chenonceau: Visit the Chateau of Chenonceau, known as the “Ladies castles”. • Day 3 – Beauval: Visit the Beauval ZooParc, one of Europe's leading zoos. |
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AMBOISE, SHARE THE KINGS' EMOTIONS



THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PANORAMA IN THE LOIRE VALLEY

Suspended between the sky and the Loire, the royal chateau of Amboise's terraces form an exceptional balcony overlooking the UNESCO World Heritage landscape. Offer your clients this picture-postcard view, which will be the highlight of their trip.



THE RENAISSANCE PALACE OF THE FRENCH KINGS

Pomp, beauty, creativity, and extravagance... When the kings of France decided to create superb palaces inspired by the Italian Renaissance, their architects designed architectural jewels. Do not miss the opportunity to share a discovery of Amboise, the favourite chateau of king Francis I.

THE LOCATION OF LEONARDO DA VINCI'S TOMB

One of the most famous geniuses in the history of humanity rests in peace in the royal chateau of Amboise. A universal character, Leonardo da Vinci is the natural point of reference for all your clients, from France or other countries, when they imagine the Renaissance. Discovering his tomb will certainly be a key moment of their stay in the Loire Valley.



TO BE NOTICED

- Amboise, stopover and residence of the sovereigns of France from the 15th to the 19th century.
- The childhood garden of the princes and princesses of France.
- Burial site of Leonardo da Vinci.
- A destiny that merges with the History of France and European History.

THE SAINT-HUBERT CHAPEL

AN ARCHITECTURAL GEM

Duration of visit: 15 mins



Grave of
Leonardo da Vinci



The Saint-Hubert chapel shines brightly again.

After almost three years of a vast restoration project, the chapel reopened its doors to visitors. This jewel of Renaissance architecture houses the tomb of Leonardo da Vinci. The result of this restoration is absolutely fascinating: from the rediscovered dazzling whiteness of stones on the facades of the roof, whose gilding once again illuminates the arrow. We will not miss to observe the magnificent cover in lead whose deep tint contrasts wonderfully with the sky above the castle. And then, there is the carved stone lintel located just above the door: Take the time to admire it and appreciate all

the details. Inside, splendid stained glass windows bathed in light with decorations sculpted with incredible finesse, patiently restored by the best French craftsmen (more than 200 elements have been returned), the spectacle is total. This lacework of tufa stone features designs of great variety and delicacy: inspired decors religious obviously, but also numerous small animals (beetle, birds, monkeys, snakes, wolves, etc.). **In this setting, the tomb of Leonardo da Vinci constitutes more than never an essential step in a visit to the royal castle of Amboise.**

IN THE PRIVACY

OF THE SOVEREIGNS OF FRANCE

Duration of visit: 1h



The Great Hall

New
museography
19th century floor



Throne from the end of the
15th century, Great Hall

The death of Leonardo da Vinci
by François-Guillaume Ménageot,
king's bedroom



During the visit, discover an exceptional collection of Gothic and Renaissance furniture. Linger in the Great Hall where royal audiences and banquets were held, before taking the prestigious cavalier towers and admiring their architectural singularity, unique in the Loire Valley.



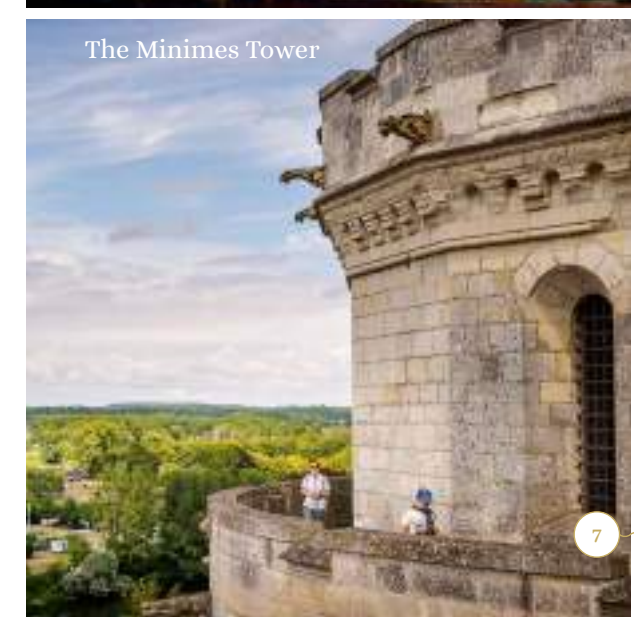
Necklace of
the Order of
Saint Michael



Bust of Louis-Philippe the First



Great
bedroom



The Minimes Tower

THE GARDEN

MEDITERRANEAN-INSPIRED

Duration of visit: 30/45 min.



Classified as a “remarkable garden” in 2019, the gardens of the Chateau of Amboise combine beauty and best practices. They reflect the art of living in the Loire Valley.

New: Since 2025, two new gardens are to discover.

The garden of the seven virtues

Located in the now extinct building of the same name, offers a new panoramic view point overlooking the town, the Chapel and the Chateau under the mulberry trees.

The garden of Naples

Where Dom Pacello created the first Italian garden as requested by Charles VIII, now completely redesigned and planted with Mediterranean species.



- National classification “Remarkable Garden”
- “The birds of the park” tour
- French Bird Protection League Refuge (LPO)
- Reasoned and eco-responsible management
- Eco-grazing
- Waste sorted for recycling



EVENTS

CHRISTMAS

A new **theme** every year!



FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

A magical moment in the cradle of the Kings of France!

Spend an afternoon being whisked away to a fairy-tale world: a tour of the chateau, enchanting by its Christmas decorations, activities for children, a gourmet afternoon tea, and a meet-and-greet with Father Christmas, who will hand out presents in a fairy-tale setting. A unique experience where history and wonder come together to create unforgettable memories!

“Christmas, childhood dreams” Sharing magical memories

At the royal chateau of Amboise, the young Renaissance princes celebrate the Nativity festivities. Now 500 years later, this tradition continues. Each year, in december, the magical “Christmas childhood dreams” decorations arrive to enhance the permanent collections. It’s an opportunity for all

generations to come together and celebrate Christmas memories and festive imagery. Magnificent scenography installed throughout the visitor path.

Visitors can enjoy this spectacle every day for one month (except the 25/12 and 1/01) with no additional cost.

“CHRISTMAS IN THE LAND OF THE CHATEAUX”

During one month, seven of the greatest Chateaux (Amboise, Azay-le-Rideau, Chinon, Chenonceau, Langeais, Loches et Villandry) celebrate christmas with exceptional visitor path and entertainment.

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Stay in the **Loire Valley**



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TAILOR

YOUR VISIT



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in the chateau
entrance
fee

The latest generation **HistoPad** technology makes it possible to spectacularly enrich the discovery of the Royal Chateau of Amboise with 3D recreations of the buildings and interior décors, and the 360° recreation of court life scenes.

- For group guided visits: the **HistoPad Pro** can be used by our lecturer guides or by your tour leaders (with pre-training).
- For your individual or group clients: a **HistoPad Solo** will be issued at the ticket office (Booking required for groups).

Average duration of visit : 90 min (possibility of scheduling the 45-minute express route for groups, to be specified when booking)

Written commentary in 12 languages

Visit of the Royal Loggia and the St. Hubert Chapel

(Leonardo da Vinci's tomb) - 1 hour

- **Visit with HistoPad**
(Booking required for groups)



- **Visit with visitor guide**
(adult guide available in 16 languages)



(visitor guide for children,
from 3 to 6 years old in 2 languages)



- **Commentated visit** with a lecturer/
guide of the Loggia and the chapel
in 6 languages (supplement payable,
booking required)



EXPERIENCES

Combined guided visit of the chateau and the underground

- 1 h 30

- **Guided tour of the royal lodge and behind the scenes of History**
Exclusive access to the underground passages and to the towers of the medieval fortress situated under the Renaissance Lodge in 6 languages (with supplement, booking required, max. 18pp per group)



Themed guided tours

(gardens, architecture, Christmas...) - 1 hour

- Reservation required.

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Tour of the royal
residence and
Saint-Hubert Chapel



Behind the scenes
of History

Wine tasting and local
produce in the gardens
of the chateau







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