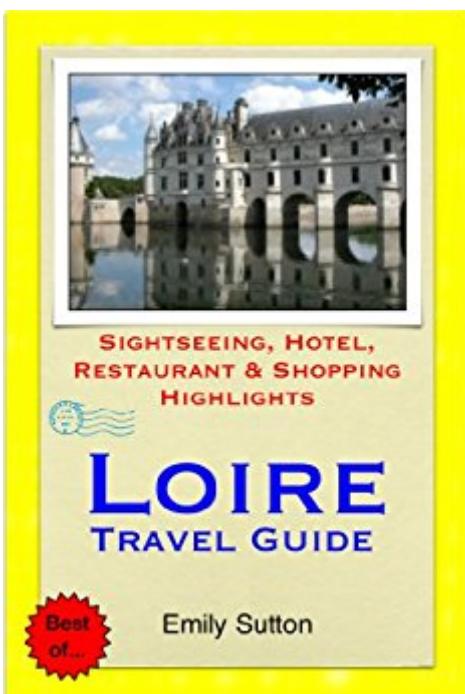


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# Loire Valley, France Travel Guide - Sightseeing, Hotel, Restaurant & Shopping Highlights (Illustrated)



## **Synopsis**

The Loire Valley is famous for its impressive chateaus and wines in its well-known towns that include Orleans, Tours, Chartres and Bourges. Two of the largest and most beautiful examples of French châteaus are Chambord and Chenonceau. To preserve the history and tradition these two châteaus have been bought by the French government and open their doors to tourists year-round. Chenonceau recently celebrated its 500th anniversary (1513 – 2013). Overview - Culture - Location & Orientation - Climate - Sightseeing Highlights - Tours - Saint Gatien's Cathedral - Chartres - Chartres Cathedral - Orleans - Loire Valley's Famous Châteaux - Amboise Chateau - Chenonceau Chateau - Château Villandry - Chambord Chateau - Chateau of Cheverny - Hot Air Balloon Ride - Monmousseau Wine Caves - Troglodyte Village (Rochemenier) - Donkey Discovery - Maurice Dufresne Museum - Museum of Prehistory - Sweet Treats - L'Odyssee - Water Park - Extravagance Cabaret & Dinner - Bercé Forest Nature Walk - Bourges Cathedral - Recommendations for the Budget Traveler - Places To Stay - Hotel Saint Aigan - The Luccotel - Hotel Mirabeau - Hotel Du Ballay - Axotel - Places To Eat & Drink - Le Dôme des Mets - Auberge Ecurie - Made In Café - La Bigouden - La Pataterie - Places To Shop - Place d'Arc - La Chaise Longue - Wickerwork & Pottery

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The digital world is two-dimensional and so is this book. It is half the price of the Lonely Planet digital chapter on the Loire, but only 10% as useful. There is nothing in this book that is not on the web, as far as I can tell. Apparently, the author has simply distilled bits of it to save you the trouble. One might argue that the problem lies in the readership. People want the basic facts. They are in a hurry. But is that true of the average customer? Generally speaking, they are a little more cerebral than most folks, and obviously, they like to read! So how about a little more historical and architectural detail about the chateaux? Knock us out. A resourceful author can quarry all sorts of intriguing, even antiquarian, embellishment from 19th century books on the Loire Valley without infringing copyright or stealing someone's thunder (No, I'm not suggesting plagiarizing from Victorians; rather I am encouraging authors to consult those dusty hardbacks that are better researched and better written than our contemporary rubbish, i.e. Rick Steves). This is a digital book! The publisher should not complain that more historical detail means the author has to trim her restaurant list. Ironically, a two-dimensional publication format should in fact allow depth that was not so easily found when the production costs of paper books limited an author's range. But, to be fair to Emily Sutton, the publisher may have stipulated that these new digital works should be designed as electronic reference guides rather than genuine literature. Bottom line: the 19th century was better in every way. Everything went to Hades in August 1914. If you don't believe me, go to Google Play and check out the late 19th century British travel guides.

Great, and useful.

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