

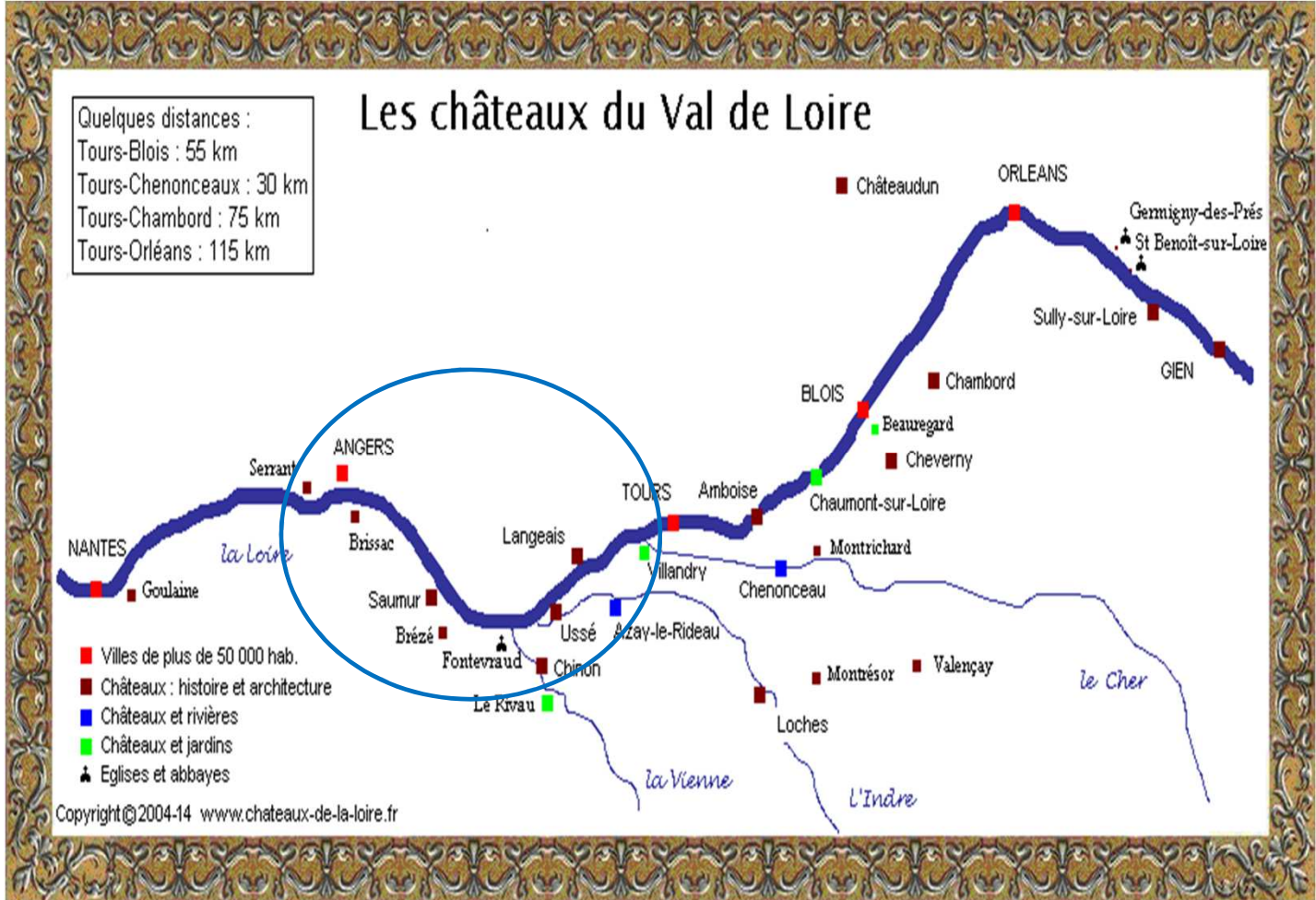
**PREVIEW OF THE
NEXT
JUMELAGE TRIP
IN FRANCE**

**OCTOBER
6th-13th 2018**





Located in the Anjou - Val de Loire Country



The Region of Greater Saumur in Anjou-Val de Loire

- **Some key attractive features**
- **Easy road access from Paris (3H 30)**
- **Region has exceptional wealth of history, castles, traditions and essential French cultural sites**
- **Variety of local visits including some “unmissable” sites and to suit different interests**
- **Typical local cuisine and famous vineyards**
- **Single hotel, centrally located for all visits by bus**
- **Local bilingual guides from the regional Tourist Office**
- **Quite reasonable budget**



Map of Greater Saumur showing some chosen sites within small distance



The very attractive
touristic city of
Saumur...

Famous for the
quality of its
wines in
particular the
« Saumur-
Champigny »
and the
« Crémant de
Loire »



The Saumur Castle overhangs majestically the Loire River



- **Fortress during the 13th century under the minority of Saint Louis then residence of the dukes of Anjou**
- **In 1480 Saumur returned to the estates of Louis XI, King of France, following the death of King René, the last duke of Anjou**
- **It houses the municipal museum since 1912.**



Museum of the Armored Vehicles of Saumur



- **The world's largest collection of armored vehicles**
- **A large number of units coming from all over the world**
- **A continuing historical overview since the tank's appearance on the battlefield 80 years ago**
- **The collection of tanks and vehicles now includes 1917 gear including 800 in full working condition**



The Royal Abbey of Fontevraud

At the meeting
point of 3
regions

Poitou, Anjou
and Touraine

... A VERY
UNIQUE SITE !



- **One of the largest surviving monastic cities from the Middle Ages**
- **A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000**



House of Balzac museum at Saché

The atmosphere
of the 19th
century in a
house where the
great writer
produced a few
of his major
novels



■ Balzac
1799/1850



AZAY LE RIDEAU

An icon of the new art of building in the Loire Valley in the 16th century, often visited by Balzac



Old places and
fine restaurants :
L'Auberge du
12^{ème} siècle



Troglodyte
restaurant : A
dinner of typical
« fouées » at
Les caves de
Marson



- The « Fouée », a very typical local food cooked in the chimney fire

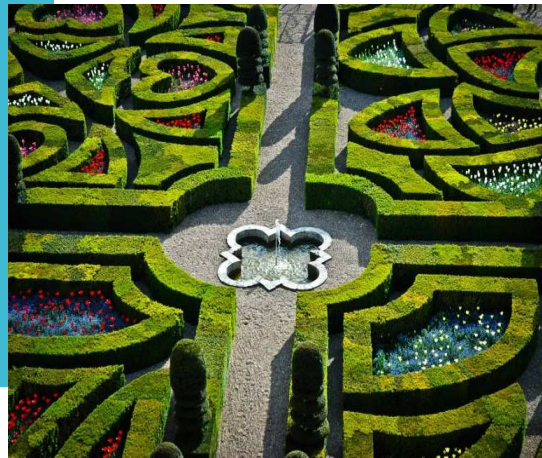


The gardens of the Villandry castle

restorated by
Joachim
Carvallo
and his
American wife
Ann Coleman



- The gardens are extending on 3 level terraces, each one offering a very different type of garden: the Vegetable garden, the Water garden et the Ornament garden



Guided Tour at “Cadre Noir” of Saumur

The French National Riding School



- **We will follow the “matinale” guided tour by the ecuyers during which we will discover the history of the school, the main arena, the Prestige stable and tack room and we will learn about the work performed with the young horses**



Brézé castle

An historical fortress belonging to the same powerful family over 9 centuries, surrounded by vineyards

We will lunch in the stables



- Built between the 11th and 19th centuries in the heart of a vineyard with an area of several dozen hectares
- One of the most intriguing castles of the Loire, partly due to its underground fortress and tunnels



**Visit to some
beautiful French
villages:
First to Candes
St Martin**

**where Saint
Martin cut his
coat to share it
with a poor man**



Then to the
village of
Montsoreau

both among the
most beautiful
villages of
France



- **Montsoreau**



St-Hilaire-St-Florent:

A couple of amazing & Strange museums

- « Pierre et Lumière » miniatures



- Mushroom museum

Guided tour of the Brissac castle



**Home of the dukes of
Brissac, the highest
castle of France
raises its
monumental facades
from its large
landscaped park with
dazzling décor and
precious furniture...**



Initiation to the game of “Boules de Fort” at the Saumur Circle

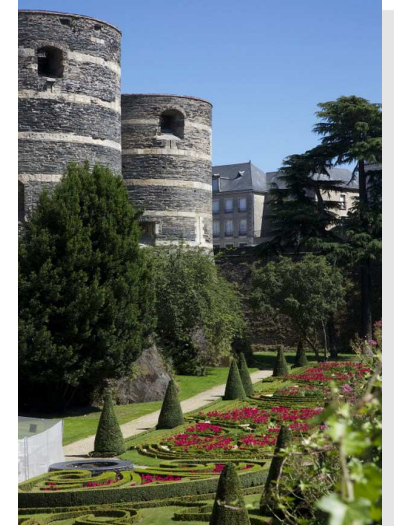


**We will enjoy this great local entertainment....
The game is played on a curved bowling lane with a wooden ball, circled in steel, half flat, built with a concave « weak » side and the other convex « strong » site (the « Fort ») therefore its French name. The idea is to reach the « master » which is a small ball made in boxwood.... Not so easy with the surprising motions of the ball !!**

Trip to Angers

Its 13th century
Fortress with
17 towers

Its famous
“Apocalypse”
Tapestry



And...
Free time in
town...



Guided tour of the Ackerman caves

and closing
Gala dinner
in their
reception
« caveau »



- **Founded in 1811, Ackerman is the oldest producer House of fine bubbles in the Loire Valley**
- **We will visit the monumental tuffeau stone caves and move on to the Gala dinner...**



Comments on
travel & meeting
arrangements
for this 7 days
trip

October 6/13



- We will start from Saint Germain-en-Laye on **Saturday October 6** at 9:00 am
- We also plan for a short stop on the way for a box lunch organized at a chosen site of interest...
- Distances are short, the program will include a board meeting, and probably an official Reception in the Saumur's city hall
- We plan to come back to Saint Germain-en-Laye from Saumur during the morning of **Saturday October 13**



**Our Hotel in
Saumur: The
Best Western
« Adagio » *****

- **Located on the Saumur island on the Loire river.**
- **5 minutes away by foot to the town center**
- **Breakfast buffet each morning with a panoramic view over the Loire.**
- **At 500 meters from the train station, and 15 minutes by foot from the Saumur castle**
- **A room is available for our board meeting .**



We do hope to
share all this
with you
next year !!



END OF TOUR PREVIEW - THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

