



VISITING



TOURS



WELCOME TO TOURS

Welcome to Tours, the heart of the Loire Valley!

This city is the perfect gateway to explore its renowned castles, visit vineyards, wander through its charming city center, and much more.

Known as the birthplace of the French Renaissance and the final resting place of Leonardo da Vinci, Tours boasts a rich heritage that continues to evolve and reinvent itself.

This guide aims to present you the different places that you can visit if you wish to add a few days to your journey. Of course, this is a non-exhaustive list.

Enjoy your reading!

OVERVIEW

PART 1

CITY CENTER

Tours is a multifaceted city, very pleasant to live in but also to visit. It is perfect for a weekend or a short trip. In addition to its rich heritage, it offers a wealth of gastronomic delights that we invite you to discover.

PART 2

CHATEAUX

The Loire valley is famous for its many chateaux all along the river. Take advantage of your stay to discover a chateau close to Tours and accessible by public transport.

PART 3

VINEYARDS

You can visit some vineyards directly from the city center. The Loire Valley is very rich in different types of wines. A number of wineries are located in the city. We invite you to discover their diversity.

PART 4

RECOMMENDATIONS

To help you prepare for your trip and the conference in Tours, we have compiled a list of recommended restaurants and hotels located near the CESR.

VISITING THE CITY CENTER OF TOURS



The Tours train station is conveniently located near the city center, making it easy to explore on foot during your stay.

We recommend taking a stroll through the city's main landmarks, where you can discover its rich history and architecture. Additionally, a walk along the Loire River offers beautiful scenery and stunning views of the city.

While in Tours, you can also take the opportunity to shop in the charming Vieux Tours district or along Rue Nationale, where you'll find a variety of boutiques and local stores.

Main places to visit in the city center:

MUST-SEE

- Place Jean Jaurès
- Rue Colbert
- Place Plumereau
- Rue Nationale
- Place Anatole France
- Jardin des Prébendes

TO VISIT

- Saint-Gatien Cathedral
- Tours Chateau
- Fine Arts museum & garden
- Saint Martin's Basilica
- Centre de Création Contemporaine Olivier Debré



We have selected a few places that you can visit and we created a Google Maps List : [VIEW](#)

A map of the region made by the Tourist Office available here : [VIEW](#)

Tips :

If you want, you can book through the tourist office of Tours a guided walking tour, a cruise on the Loire river or a guided train tour.

Here the link to [BOOK](#)

A FEW EATERIES RECOMMENDED BY THE



PRIMA TEAM



BISTROT LES BELLES CAVES

The bistro offers a wide range of wines, carefully recommended by the restaurant team, as well as refined, generous, seasonal dishes.

We invite you to discover the different flavors of Les Belles Caves!

23 Rue Du Commerce, 37000, Tours

KARAMARA

Traditional Ethiopian dishes to share. You will discover dishes based on meats, stews and vegetables carefully spread on a slice of injera.

A must-visit vegetarian restaurant in Tours!

151 Rue Colbert, 37000, Tours

LE TURON

The Turones are a Gallic people (meaning “the swollen, the strong”). The ethnonym is the origin of the current names of Touraine and the city of Tours.

The local chef offers tasty home-cooked cuisine based on regional products and flavors from elsewhere.

94 Rue Colbert, 37000, Tours

TUTU

This refined wine bar offers a fine wine list accompanied by a variety of tapas featuring high-quality local produce. Its downtown location is perfect, and the atmosphere is relaxed!

7 Place Gaston Paillhou Les Halles, 37000, Tours

LE BON TEMPS

This traditional bouillon will allow you to discover the full range of French cuisine. There is something for everyone. Fast service and affordable dishes.

5 Avenue de Grammont, 37000, Tours

CRÊPERIE BILIEN

France's best crêpier offers a well-stocked menu of Breton galettes, as well as delicious desserts. Crêpes are a classic of French cuisine.

64 Rue Colbert, 37000, Tours

More details about your visit at the [Tourist Office of Tours](#): From Monday to Saturday: 8.30 am · 7.00 pm | Sundays and bank holidays: 9.30 am · 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm · 5.00 pm

CHATEAUX

Tours' areas are full of architectural jewels. Coming to Tours is also an opportunity to discover one or more of the region's Chateaux. Here are those accessible from Tours:

- Chateau of Chenonceau: 35 min  4 min 
- Chateaux of Amboise: 40 min  20 min  (3 chateaux in the city).
 - Royal Chateau
 - Chateau Gaillard
 - Clos Lucé - Leonardo Da Vinci Park
- Chateau of Azay-le-Rideau and Chateau of Islette: 1h  25 min and 15 min 
- Chateau of Blois: 45 min  10 min 



Tips :

If you want, you can book through the Tourist Office of Tours a half-day or full-day excursion

Here the link to [BOOK](#).



The train tickets are available on the [SNCF website](#)

VINEYARDS

Visiting the Loire Valley is not only about discovering its rich architectural heritage but also about experiencing its renowned culinary delights.

We recommend going on a wine boutique in Tours to taste and bring back with you a souvenir from the region.

Some recommendations:

- [Les Belles Caves](#)
- [Ma Réserve](#)
- [V&B](#)
- [Les Halles de Tours](#)
- [22 sur Vins](#)

VISITING A WINE-GROWING ESTATE

The region offers plenty of wine-growing estates all along the Loire Valley. Therefore, we recommend that you visit one of them. Close to Tours and accessible by public transport, you can find the following estates:

Some recommendations:

- [Domaine des Aubuisières](#)
- [Domaine Aubert](#)
- [Domaine Le Capitaine](#)
- [Maison Lacheteau - Grandes Caves Saint Roch](#)

To get to these estates:



Bus line number 54 from *Porte de Loire* (city center)

MORE DETAILS



RECOMMENDATIONS

Some hotels near the CESR

Small budget

- [The People Hostel](#)
- [Ibis Budget](#)
- [Hôtel Saint-Eloi](#)
- [Hôtel des Châteaux de la Loire](#)

Premium range

- [Le Grand Hôtel](#)
- [Best Western Central Hôtel](#)
- [Hôtel Kyriad Tours centre](#)
- [Novotel Tours Centre Gare](#)

Some restaurants near the CESR

- Les Halles de Tours (offer various caterers and bakeries)
- [La Bigouden - Crêperie](#)
- [Chez Pia - Pizza](#)
- [Chez Madie - Bistrot](#)
- [Le Café de Paula](#)
- [Tia Gourmet - Asian food](#)
- [KAWA Club - Brunch](#)
- [Santosha - Thai food](#)
- [Le Jaja - Bistrot](#)
- [Le Mastroquet - Bistrot](#)



Have a nice trip to Tours
