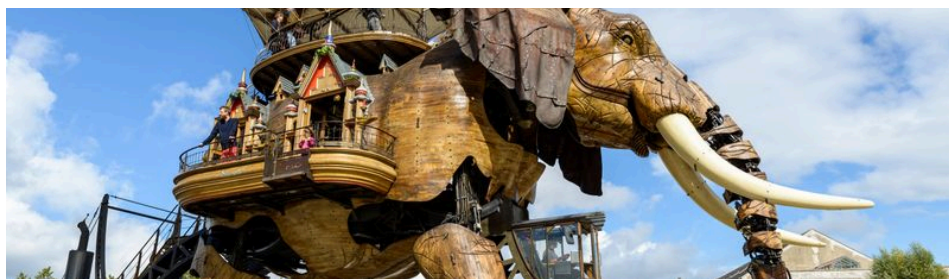


CRUISE OF 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS - REF. NSN_PP

The Loire Valley, a Royal legacy (port-to-port cruise)

FRANCE

Embark on a cruise on the Royal Loire River whose beauty is legendary. Visit Nantes and The Machines of the Isle of Nantes, a gallery that recreates the imaginary world of the famous writer Jules Verne. Discover Saint-Nazaire (6) and admire its shipyard and the Escal'Atlantic which immerses you in the world of steamships from the beginnings of their gigantic construction to life on board. Soak up the magical castles of the Loire such as Brissac, the highest castle in France whose monumental facades rise up from its large landscaped park.



HIGHLIGHTS

- EXCLUSIVE TO CROISIEUROPE the Loire from above(1-2)
- Offered full-day excursion to the castles of the Loire Valley: Guided tour of the castles of Azay-le-Rideau, Villandry, and its gardens.
- Wine-tasting in the cellars of the Brissac castle(1-4)
- The Saint-Nazaire(1,6) shipyard, embodiment of French pride
- The wine route of the Muscadet(1) through the vineyards of the Nantes region
- Cruise on board a paddle steamer

THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - Gala dinner and evening - Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

Day-by-day itinerary



DAY 1

NANTES - SAINT-NAZAIRE(5)

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail before dinner.



DAY 2

SAINT-NAZAIRE(5) - NANTES

This morning, join us for an optional CLASSIC / DISCOVERY excursion: Saint-Nazaire (6), a seaside town. We'll begin our visit with Escal'Atlantic, which traces the history of Norman and French ocean liners. We'll then visit the actual Saint-Nazaire shipyard as it is today. Once the birthplace of the most outstanding French transatlantic liners, it is now the construction site for modern, elegant cruise ships. While following a tour designed especially for understanding the complexity of constructing these veritable floating palaces, you'll discover the immensity of this site (267 acres), the stunning logistics, and the high technology put in place to build the ships (This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport in order to book the excursion and gain access to the shipyard).



DAY 3

NANTES

This morning, join us for the optional excursions proposed: - CLASSIC: Guided tour of Nantes and the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany. - DISCOVERY: Nantes, the Machines de l'Île(2), secret courtyards and covered passageways. This afternoon, join us for the optional CLASSIC / DISCOVERY excursion proposed: The Muscadet Wine Route and the medieval village of Clisson. We'll pass through many of the villages attesting to the region's vigorous wine culture. We'll continue toward La Chapelle Heulin and stop at the Château Cassemichère (or similar site). This exceptional site invites you to discover its history-filled vineyards, visit its cellars and taste the dry, light, fruity and aromatic wine. Our next stop will be Clisson, a charming medieval city with 15th century ruins and an Italian flair.



DAY 4

ANCENIS - The Châteaux of the Loire Valley - CHALONNES-SUR-LOIRE(4)

Today will be dedicated to an offered full day's excursion to the Châteaux of the Loire Valley. Departure by coach towards the Château d'Azay-le-Rideau. Built on an island in the middle of the Indre River, the structure as it stands today was erected during the reign of Francis I by a wealthy financier, Gilles Berthelot, who sought to combine Italian innovations with French architectural art. Listed as a historic monument, the Château d'Azay-le-Rideau embodies all the refinement of an early French Renaissance château. Continuation to Villandry for lunch. In the afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the gardens of the Château de Villandry: spread over three levels, they combine aesthetics, diversity, and harmony. Then, visit the Château de Villandry. Through its furniture, décor, and atmosphere, it stands as a living testament to French heritage. The estate of Villandry has evolved over the centuries. Acquired by Jean Le Breton, it transitioned from a medieval fortress to a residence enriched with Renaissance elements. In the 18th century, the Marquis de Castellane transformed it into a comfortable and luminous place, reflecting the art of living of the time. In the 19th century, it was saved by Joachim Carvallo and Ann Coleman, who restored it to its Renaissance state. Today, Henri Carvallo continues this legacy by combining preservation with the enhancement of the site. (The coach transfer time is estimated at approximately 4 hours round trip.) We'll return on board in Chalonnes-sur-Loire.

**DAY 5****CHALONNES-SUR-LOIRE(4) - Angers(1) - ANCENIS - NANTES**

In the morning, optional excursions proposed: - CLASSIC: Visit the historical sections of Angers and see the legendary Apocalypse Tapestry(7). Capital of the Anjou region, Angers has many artistic and historic treasures and has become famous as much for its rich heritage as for its modernity and excellent quality of life. We'll visit the Château d'Angers, which dominates the old town, and admire the extraordinary Apocalypse Tapestry(7), one of the most important collections of medieval tapestries in the world. And we'll finish up with a tour of the cathedral area, combining Roman art ruins and rich Gothic-style architecture. - DISCOVERY: Tour of the Château de Brissac and wine tasting (3). We'll leave by coach for the Château de Brissac and visit the seven-story, 204-room splendid residence. The castle's spectacular decorations and the breathtaking Belle Époque theater are definitely not to be missed! At the end of our tour, we'll discover the castle cellars and enjoy a wine tasting. We'll return on board. We'll spend the afternoon cruising to Ancenis. Tonight is our gala evening. We'll be cruising to Nantes.

**DAY 6****NANTES**

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

Excursions

Included excursions (1)



DAY TOUR CASTLE OF THE LOIRE

🕒 11h 🚩 Classic 🚢 JOURNEE

Optional excursions (7)



ST NAZAIRE SHIPYARD AND ESCAL ATLANTIC

🕒 4h30 🚩 Classic 🚢 MATIN



ROAD OF THE MUSCADET WINE

🕒 5h 🚩 Classic 🚢 PM



NANTES THE MACHINES DE L ILE

🕒 4h30 🚩 Discovery 🚢 MATIN



Guided tour of Nantes and the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany

🕒 4h30 🚩 Classic 🚢 MATIN



ANGERS GUIDED TOUR

🕒 4h 🚩 Classic 🚢 MATIN



BRISSAC CASTLE

🕒 4h 🚩 Discovery 🚢 MATIN



EXCURSIONS PACKAGE NSN

🕒 1 day

🚢 Classic

Our price includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - onboard drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom - assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala dinner - onboard entertainment - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change. For the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary. As the Loire is a wild river, variations in water levels are anticipated. Depending on navigation conditions, some stops may be cancelled. CroisiEurope is committed to implementing the necessary solutions to ensure passenger comfort and the continuation of the sightseeing programme. (1) Optional excursions. (2) The Machines de l'Île are closed on Mondays, it will be replaced by the classic excursion. (3) The Château de Brissac is closed on Tuesdays, replaced by the Discovery Angers excursion (4) The stopover in Chalonnes-sur-Loire may be replaced by Ancenis. (5) The stopover in Saint-Nazaire may be replaced by Paimboeuf. (6) The shipyard tour is only accessible to children aged 4 and over. (7) The Apocalypse Tapestry is closed on January 1st, May 1st, November 1st and 11th, and December 25th. Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.

Our price does not include

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - cancellation and baggage insurance - transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - personal expenses.

Practical information

REQUIREMENTS

Valid passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.