

## 2. Chenonceau to Amboise (3 nights), France

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### Accommodation

Accommodation is elegant small hotels, often converted from châteaux and other ancestral homes. Sometimes you will stay in guest rooms in the grounds, rather than in the main château itself.

Stay two nights at Château de l'isle and one night at Château de Pray.

Château de l'isle is an 18<sup>th</sup> century family manor house with just four guest rooms and set in mature wooded gardens.



Château de l'isle



One of the bedrooms at Château de l'isle

Château de Pray lies in the heart of the Loire, about a mile from the centre of Amboise. Inside the chateau you will find antlers, hunting trophies and a panelled drawing room with a fireplace and a collection of antique oil paintings. There are 19 guest rooms, each with their own en-suite bathroom.



Château de Pray

### Itinerary

#### Day 1

Afternoon arrival at Château de l'isle, where you will stay for 2 nights.

If travelling by train, a taxi will be pre-booked to transfer you from Amboise station to Château de l'isle. The taxi is payable locally and you should aim to arrive between 5.30pm and 7pm.

On arrival, be shown to your room. Later there will be dinner and ride briefing.

The following is the planned itinerary, which should be used as a guideline. Weather and other unforeseen circumstances can sometimes cause the itinerary to change, but always with your best interests in mind.

Overnight at Château de l'isle for 2 nights.  
[www.chateau-delisle.com](http://www.chateau-delisle.com)

#### Day 2

This morning you ride in the direction of Château de Chenonceau. Ride along the banks of the beautiful Cher River. [www.chenonceau.com](http://www.chenonceau.com)



Approaching Château de Chenonceau on horseback



Château de Chenonceau



The formal gardens at Chenonceau



The maze at Château de Chenonceau

Visit the Château and gardens on arrival. After lunch, set off on horseback to Château de Nitray. Later, visit the caves, cellar and wine museum of Château de Nitray. [www.visit-Château.com](http://www.visit-Château.com)

Dinner and overnight at Château de l'isle.

### Day 3

Ride in the direction of Pagode de Chanteloup. This oriental inspired seven storey folly is all that remains of the original Chateau. [www.pagode-chanteloup.com](http://www.pagode-chanteloup.com)



The Pagode de Chanteloup

Ride through vineyards and into Amboise forest. Enjoy a beautiful picnic in the gardens of the Pagode.

This afternoon ride to Château d'Amboise via the old town of Amboise. It is a special experience to arrive at the château on horseback through "le porte des Lions".

Later, have a guided visit of Château d'Amboise where Leonardo da Vinci is buried. [www.Château-amboise.com](http://www.Château-amboise.com)

Dinner at Château de Pray in Amboise.



### Day 4

Final breakfast at Château de Pray.

If travelling by train, a pre-arranged taxi (payable locally) will take you to Amboise station. Depart between 8 and 11am.