

# Roam along the Loire Valley on a new motorcycle

5 riding days to discover the full richness of French heritage : from Bordeaux Grand Crus to the notorious Loire castles, follow the roadbook and enjoy this unforgettable trip on a prestigious motorcycle!



# Your motorcycle tour in short

<b>Type of tour</b>	Self-Guided Tour
<b>Period</b>	April – June – July – August – September - October
<b>Departure / Arrival</b>	Bordeaux / Paris
<b>Duration</b>	7 days, 6 nights
<b>Journey</b>	Total distance: 850 km, 530 miles Daily distances: 100-290 km, 112-180 miles The number of kilometers traveled each day correspond to an average distance which can vary. The itinerary, as well as the hotels indicated can be modified in the case of unexpected events.
<b>Accommodation</b>	*** or **** Hotels, breakfast included
<b>Difficulty</b>	Easy
<b>Included Insurance</b>	GOLD - <i>Deductible for Damages: 1 000€ or 1 500 CAD</i> - <i>Deductible for Theft / Fire : 1 000€ or 1 500 CAD</i> - <i>Deductible for Flat tire / Towing : 100€ or 150 CAD</i>
<b>Security Deposit</b>	1 000€ or 1 500 CAD



# Discover the most beautiful French castles with Universal Riders

Cheverny, Chambord, Blois, Versailles... Do these names ring a bell? Have you always dreamed of visiting France's most beautiful castles and of roaming the country's prettiest roads on a prestigious motorcycle?

Then go to our [local Bordeaux Universal Riders agency](#) to discover the lovely **Bordelais region**, the **treasures of the Atlantic Coast** and the notorious **Loire castles**. Our **motorcycle tour** from Bordeaux to Paris ends of course with a visit of the Palace of Versailles and of Paris, the City of Lights.

Open your eyes wide and allow yourself to be charmed by **the most magnificent landscapes** of our country in order to take full advantage of this trip and all these amazing sites. You will also have the opportunity to **taste some local delicacies** and to savor, in moderation, **a few great French vintages**.

In the spring, the summer or the fall, this **7 day tour** through Western France is **a must for any motorcycle driver**: you will go home full of unforgettable memories!



# Day 1 - Beginning of the trip in Bordeaux (0 mi)

**Bordeaux** is the starting point of this motorcycle trip to Paris. Come and join us at our local Universal Riders agency to finalize your trip and discover your fancy ride for the next 6 days.

If necessary, a **free shuttle service** is available to pick you up at the train station or the airport and take you to our agency.

After a brief runover of the trip formalities, our team will show you how to take control of your bike. You will then be able to check in to your hotel room before setting out to **discover the beautiful city** and its **rich history**.

1 night in a 3 or 4 star hotel in the center of Bordeaux.



# Day 2 : Bordeaux – Royan (81 mi)

Leave Bordeaux via road D209, then D2, which trail the Garonne river and the Gironde estuary and head toward Pointe de Grave, where you will board the ferry to Royan.

On your way there, you will cross one of the biggest fine wine vignards of the world. The Bordelais region accounts for **60 different designations of origin** and covers nearly 112 000 hectares: every wine enthusiast's dream! Margaux, Latour, Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac, Saint-Estèphe and their castles have a few surprises for you.

During a visit of some of these vignards, you will have the opportunity to purchase a few bottles, either to offer your friends as a souvenir or to drink them in the evening, once your motorcycle is safely parked at the hotel.

1 night in Royan.



# Day 3 : Royan – Saumur (180 mi)

On this 3rd day your trip, **the treasures of the Atlantic Coast** await you with open arms. You will follow the **wild coastline** of the Arvert peninsula, heading North, and then cross the forest of La Coubre until you reach **Île d'Oléron**.

You will then discover the city of **La Rochelle**, a thousand year old city full of history and dazzling architecture, in addition to being **France's 8th biggest commercial port**.

Late morning, it will be time to leave the coast. You will then take smaller county roads and cross the **Marais Poitevin nature park**, as well as the Deux-Sèvres county until you reach the Loire valley and the beautiful city of **Saumur**. This city is especially known for its cavalry school, its castle and its wines.

1 night in Saumur.



# Day 4 : Saumur – Amboise (75 mi)

During this brief leg of only 75 mi (120 km), you will roam through the **regional Loire-Anjou-Touraine nature park** and begin your visit of some of the Loire's most beautiful castles, which should interest any history buffs and old stone enthusiasts.

In the morning, you will travel to the city of **Azay-le-Rideau** and visit the local Renaissance-era castle, surrounded by moats. Then, after lunch, you will discover the remarkable **Château de Chenonceau** and all of its wonders.

Finally, you will reach **Amboise** in the middle of the afternoon, where you will be able to explore the city at your leisure and discover the **local castle**, the “**Porte de l’Horloge**” gate and the “**Clos Lucé**”, Leonardo da Vinci's home which now houses a permanent exhibit of the artist's work.

1 night in Amboise.



# Day 5 : Amboise – Blois (62 mi)

Another day of rich discoveries which will include the visit of three flagships of French history and culture.

We will begin with the **Château de Cheverny**, made famous by Hergé. He was inspired by this castle when creating the Château de Moulinsart, where Captain Haddock lives at the end of "The Adventures of Tintin", the well-known comic book.

We will then visit the grandiose **Château de Chambord**, commissioned by François 1er in the 16th century. This castle is a true architectural treasure, as shown by its magnificent double spiral stairwell and Italian-style terraces.

Finally, the day will end with a visit of the **château royal de Blois**, whose construction began in the 12th century.

1 night in Blois.





# Day 6 : Blois – Versailles (112 mi)

For this 6th day of the trip, ride your brand new motorcycle along the Loire river. You will take a first break mid-morning to visit the **Meung-sur-Loire** castle. Built in the 12th century, this castle was alternatively used as a home for the bishops of Orléans and as a prison.

You will then head North toward the capital for the last surprise of this high-end motorcycle tour: **Versailles**, the most monumental palace built in France.

Known for its long **Hall of Mirrors**, its vast 815 hectare park, its Trianons, its Orangery, the **former residence of Louis the 14th**, the 15th and the 16th is world famous and greets millions of international tourists every year.

1 night in Versailles.

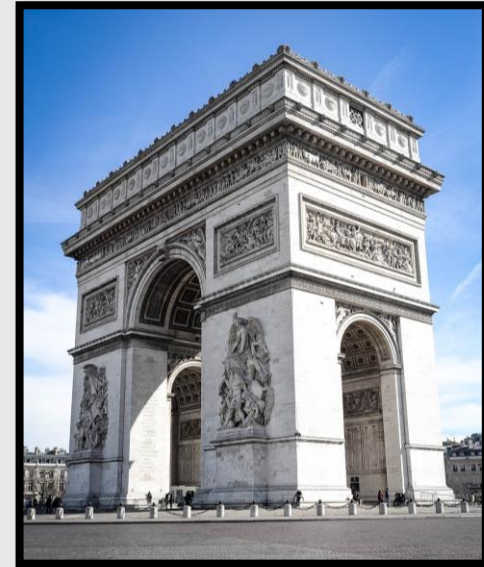


# Day 7 : Arrival in Paris (19 mi)

This trip ends with a bang in the **City of Lights**, which you will have the opportunity to visit at your leisure. The Louvre, Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Montmartre and its Sacré-Cœur... all these emblematic monuments will unveil all of their secrets to you!

You are leaving **Paris** by train or plane? Our free shuttle service will be at your disposal to take you to the train station or the airport!

You wish to prolong the experience and take advantage of your high-end motorcycle to continue your visit of our beautiful country? Then prolong your motorcycle rental for a few more days! With Universal Riders, you can easily travel to any one of our agencies or even **sign up for another motorcycle tour**.



# Included service for the Self-guided Tour

- Motorcycle rental, with unlimited mileage (*departure from 2:00pm onwards on the first day and return before 12:00pm on the last day*)
- Helmets, both for the pilot and his / her passenger
- Rain suits, both for the pilot and his / her passenger
- 1 security cable
- 1 GPS system, with the entire tour already uploaded
- 1 printed roadbook with suggestions (*about remarkable and historic sites and landmarks to visit, restaurants, cultural spots, etc.*)
- 6 nights in comfortable 3 or 4 star hotels
- 6 breakfasts
- 1 comprehensive insurance with “GOLD” coverage
- Roadside assistance in case of a flat tire, a breakdown or an accident (*roadside repairs and towing of the motorbike*).
- Free shuttle service between the hotel, airport, or train station and our rental location (*limited to 25 kms*).

# Non-included services

- Any services not mentioned as “included”, as well as any service or item of personal nature,
- Fuel,
- tolls
- Plane or train tickets,
- Meals and drinks (lunch and dinner)
- Extra hotel fees (telephone, laundry, etc.),
- Travel insurance

# Optional services

- Cancellation insurance
- Additional rental options (*additional luggage for the motorbike, jacket...*)
- Additional self-guided motorcycle tour on request and subject to availability (before or after this tour)

# Would you like to go on a guided tour?

You are part of a group made up of at least 7 experienced pilots, who would like to travel all together with a professional tour guide?

Feel free to contact us to get more information and determine when you would like to go on this motorcycle tour. Depending on availability, our team should be able to give you a detailed quote and properly organize a guided motorcycle tour for you and your fellow pilots, according to the itinerary described within this brochure.

To get in touch with our customer service, you can either:

- Call: **+33 (0)9.71.09.10.90**
- or
- Send an email to: **serviceclients@universalriders.com**

# Available motorcycles for this Tour

## Harley Davidson



## Indian



## Triumph



## BMW

