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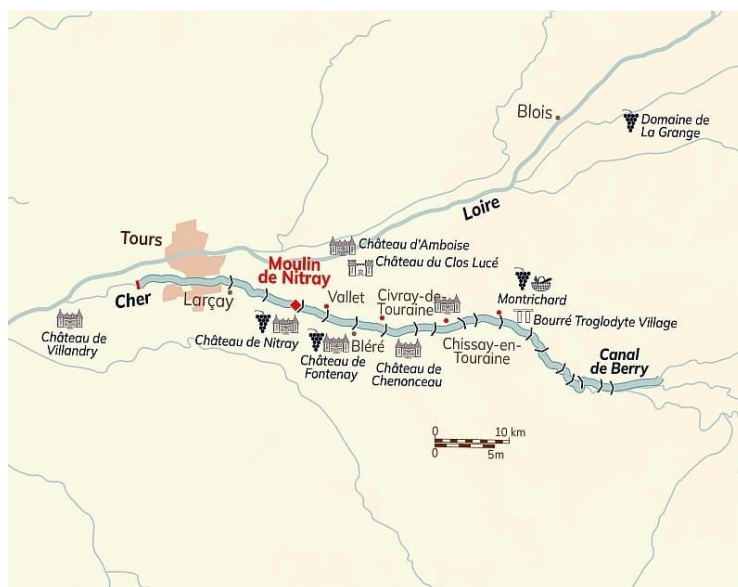
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## CLASSIC FRANCE CRUISE — LOIRE VALLEY

The Classic Cruise in the Loire Valley aboard the Nymphaea offers a week-long exploration of historic chateaux, gardens, and vineyards along the scenic River Cher. Starting at the 17th-century Moulin de Nitray, the cruise includes visits to Chateau de Villandry's famous gardens, Leonardo Da Vinci's home, and the striking Chateau de Chenonceau. Guests also experience the troglodyte village of Bourre and taste local wines at various vineyards. The journey concludes with a farewell dinner and a return to Moulin de Nitray.



### ITINERARY

#### Sunday, Day 1 Moulin de Nitray

Guests are met near Tours and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to hotel barge Nymphaea where the crew and a Champagne Welcome await you at our mooring opposite the 17th century Moulin de Nitray. Dinner on board.

#### Monday, Day 2 Moulin de Nitray to Vallet

After breakfast, we stroll up to Nitray to visit the chateau and rose garden. We taste their range of Touraine wine before returning to the barge and cruising up to the hamlet of Vallet. In the afternoon, we enjoy an excursion to Chateau de Villandry on the banks of the Loire. The chateau is world-renowned for its amazing array of ornamental, water, vegetable and herb gardens. Dinner on

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## Tuesday, Day 3 Vallet to Civray-de-Touraine

After a short morning cruise we enjoy a pre-lunch aperitif at Bruno Curassier's Domaine de la Grange before continuing our cruise to Civray de Touraine. After lunch on board, we tour the Chateau d'Amboise, a royal residence of the Kings of France for 200 years. We also visit Chateau du Clos Luce nearby, Leonardo Da Vinci's home for the last three years of his life. Dinner on board.

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the drop-off point near Tours.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

## Wednesday, Day 4 Civray-de-Touraine to Chissay-en-Touraine

This morning we cruise under the five-arch bridge of the impressive Chateau de Chenonceau before mooring at nearby. From here we take a short drive in the air-conditioned minibus to visit Chenonceau, often called 'the ladies chateau', after those such as Henry II's mistress, Diane de Poitiers, who added the bridge over the River Cher and the beautiful gardens. Evening cruise to Chissay-en-Touraine and dinner ashore at a local restaurant, La Boulaye.

## Thursday, Day 5 Chissy-en-Touraine to Montrichard

A morning cruise takes us towards the troglodyte village of Bourre and we moor near one of the more unusual dwellings, La Magnaneraie. The Coquillat family have grown up in this hillside troglodyte habitation, which has been in turn a wine cellar, a quarry for the tuffeau stone, and lastly, a silkworm nursery. After lunch, we drive to Valençay, one of the most splendid chateaux of the Loire. We then cruise to Montrichard where we moor for the night. Dinner on board.

## Friday, Day 6 Montrichard to Moulin de Nitray

Following breakfast, we explore the street market of Montrichard and the 11th century chateau overlooking the medieval town square, as well as the local vineyard of the Meriau family, to taste the regional Touraine vintages. In the afternoon, we cruise back downstream to Nitray before the Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

## Saturday, Day 7 Moulin de Nitray

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## YOUR SHIP: NYMPHEA

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| <b>YOUR SHIP:</b>          | <b>Nymphea</b>     |
| <b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>        | <b>Hotel Barge</b> |
| <b>LENGTH:</b>             | <b>81 feet</b>     |
| <b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b> | <b>6</b>           |
| <b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>  |                    |

Nymphea's Dutch design with its shallow draft makes her the ideal vessel for navigating the beautiful sandy reaches of the River Cher in the Loire Valley. Very few other vessels are able to cruise this magical waterway.

Her traditional interior, reminiscent of a classic yacht, features a warm decor of rich varnished hardwoods, stained glass and shining brass. The traditionally furnished saloon and dining area have a warm and welcoming country house atmosphere and there is an additional upper saloon area with more comfortable seating to relax in. Nymphea has three compact, but comfortable cabins, two twin staterooms and one twin or double stateroom, all with air conditioning and en-suite facilities.

Outside, the sun deck with its comfortable seating offers the perfect vantage point from which to admire the next picturesque waterside village, elegant chateaux, or stunning stretch of scenery as it slowly comes into view. You will even get to cruise through the arches of probably the most-photographed chateau in the Loire Valley, Chateau de Chenonceau - not once, but twice - a rare privilege afforded to very few boats! And if you wish to explore the River Cher's towpath and surrounding countryside, there are 6 bicycles available for your use.

Nymphea's crew of Captain/Tour Leader and Master Chef are most knowledgeable about the history, wine and cuisine of the region and they will be there to help make your journey through the 'Valley of the Kings of France' truly unforgettable.



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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



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## PRICING

**06-Jul-2025 to 12-Jul-2025**

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| Cabin | 5450 EUR pp |
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**27-Jul-2025 to 02-Aug-2025**

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| Cabin | 5450 EUR pp |
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**31-Aug-2025 to 06-Sep-2025**

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**07-Sep-2025 to 13-Sep-2025**

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**14-Sep-2025 to 20-Sep-2025**

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**21-Sep-2025 to 27-Sep-2025**

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| Cabin | 5450 EUR pp |
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**05-Oct-2025 to 11-Oct-2025**

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