Two incredible experiences in one ultimate vacation!

Watch as Paris' proud historic landmarks become the background for the greatest race on earth! The 'City of Light' has something for everyone. Start with a stroll and spot famous landmarks including the Arc de Triomphe or Notre Dame - take time to visit the Louvre museum or venture to the top of the Eiffel Tower. Spend time savoring the wonderful sights and sounds of this romantic city and discover for yourself some of the cuisine which has made it internationally famous. Feel the ripples of anticipation as the racers arrive on the streets of Paris and cheer with the crowds as the passion of the race fills the heart of the city. There's no greater spectacle in sport, and there's no better place to witness the energy of the peloton than from your exclusive Trek Travel gala viewing event at the prestigious Automobile Club de France. C'est magnifique!

Then join us in the Loire Valley on a vacation fit for royalty. Like the kings and queens of long ago, you'll experience grandeur and glitz of the great Vallee Loire, France's most regal region. Each day a discovery of its own, you will delve into a myriad of diversions, from short leisurely rides among brilliant fields of sunflowers to afternoons spent exploring grand châteaux and renaissance history. There will be plenty of options to suit varied riding interests and to immerse yourself in the local culture both on and off the bicycle. Take a step back in time and come experience the best of the Loire.

TO BOOK THIS VACATION, OR LEARN MORE, PLEASE CALL KARI KRUCKOW AT 1-866-464-8735 EXT. 15617

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Hotel Style
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**TRIP WOWS**
- Renaissance retreat: Visit Chateau de Champchevrier, a private hunting lodge dating from 1728
- Private wine tasting: Experience the area’s best wines in the wine cellar at Domaine de Beauvois
- Visit magnificent chateaux: Including the sprawling acres of Chateau de Villandry, the 16th century Chateau d’Azay-le-Rideau, and the most photographed Chateau de Chenonceau
- Learn about the life and works of Leonardo da Vinci at the Chateau du Clos Luce, where he spent the final three years of his life.
- Sample world-famous chocolates from Chocolaterie Bigot, in the famous town of Amboise

### DAILY ITINERARY

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**ABOUT:**
- Spend day 1, and the morning of day 2, and day 3 taking full advantage of the shopping and activities that lie a few short steps outside your hotel’s front door along the world’s most famous avenue, the Champs-Elysees. Your Paris Pass will provide free entry to over 60 of Paris’ museums and attractions including the Louvre and Arc de Triomphe, free river cruise, hop on/hop off bus tour, fast track entry and more! Whatever you choose, be sure to save some energy for the last day’s exciting race viewing at our exclusive Trek Travel venue.
- 3 Nights Accommodation at a 4-star property in downtown Paris
- 1 Arranged dinner reservation at a hand picked unique French bistro
- 2-day Paris Pass to explore area attractions.
- Detailed list of our recommended area attractions and restaurants
- Dedicated travel coordinator to assist with connections and reservations for your entire Trek Travel trip at no additional fee.

**HOTEL:** Hotel Regina

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
- Daily Breakfast | Day 1 dinner is on your own

**EXCLUSIVE TREK TRAVEL PARIS FINISH VIEWING**

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**ABOUT:**
- Sleep in or take a morning stroll along the magnificent Champs-Elysees to watch as Paris prepares to honor cycling’s elite and the triumphant arrival home of the peloton. Race day in Paris offers a unique opportunity to savor the passion of this beautiful city, as its vibrant charismatic neighborhoods come alive and its proud historic landmarks become the background for the greatest race on earth! Savor the wonderful sights and sounds of this romantic city and discover for yourself some of the cuisine which has made it internationally famous. Later this afternoon, Trek Travel will escort you past the security lines to the prestigious Automobile Club de France for your exclusive Trek Travel gala viewing event. In this elegant venue on the magnificent Place de la Concorde, savor a celebratory glass of champagne and a lavish buffet while watching the final ceremonial laps. Feel the ripples of anticipation as the racers arrive on the streets of Paris and cheer with the crowds as the passion of the race fills the heart of the city. Witness the energy of the peloton as it sweeps past at over 30 miles per hour, catapulting another champion toward the podium. The fanfare, excitement and energy of the 103rd edition of the Tour de France is yours as you celebrate the glory of this epic race, the camaraderie of newfound friends and the cycling vacation of a lifetime in the glow of the City of Lights. C'est magnifique!

**HOTEL:** Hotel Regina

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
- Breakfast | Social Hour | Dinner
**Day 3**

**TODAY'S ACTIVITY:**
Explore Paris at Your Leisure

**DESCRIPTION:**
Choose to sleep in today or enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel. Then enjoy one last day exploring the City of Light before departing for the Loire Valley trip tomorrow. Join up with your group for dinner at one of Paris’ fabulous restaurants.

**HOTEL:**
Hotel Regina

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast

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**Day 4**

**TODAY'S RIDE:**
Chateau de Luynes Loop
Approximately 12 miles with 480 feet of climbing

**TODAY'S ACTIVITY:**
Visit Roman ruins and Chateau de Luynes

**DESCRIPTION:**
Your guides will meet you at Hotel Regina at 9:00AM. After a three hour shuttle, we will arrive at our hotel, Domaine de Beauvois. We’ll enjoy a poolside picnic lunch and discuss the rules of bike safety and specific cycling tips for riding in France. After familiarizing you to your Trek bicycle and ensuring that you and your bike are the perfect fit, we’ll enjoy a warm-up ride through the countryside surrounding the hotel. We’ll follow nearly deserted, winding roads, passing old Roman ruins, and some of the best scenery in the Loire Valley. Back at Domaine de Beauvois, feel free to explore the many hiking and walking trails that wind through the grounds. Jump in the pool for a swim before we gather for drinks and a discussion of the week at hand. Afterward, we will relax over a delicious meal at the hotel’s elegant Michelin-starred restaurant, celebrating your arrival in the Loire.

**HOTEL:**
Domaine de Beauvois

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

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**Day 5**

**TODAY'S RIDE:**
Luynes to Chateau de Champchevrier to Chateau de Gezier
Approximately 39 miles with 1,171 feet of climbing

**SHORT OPTION:**
Chateau de Champchevrier Out and Back
Approximately 17 miles with 300 feet of climbing

**AVID OPTION:**
Avid Luynes to Chateau de Giseaux to Lac de Pincemaille Loop
Approximately 59 miles with 1,673 feet of climbing

**DESCRIPTION:**
Beautiful quiet roads with lovely views await! After a short morning spin, we’ll arrive at the Chateau de Champchevrier. A private hunting lodge dating from 1728, we’ll enjoy a private tour of this Renaissance retreat, marveling at its vivid, well-preserved architecture and surrounding landscape. If we’re lucky, we’ll catch a glimpse of the dozens of hunting dogs that call this castle home. Afterward, you will be treated to a resplendent picnic lunch complete with local specialties. This afternoon you can enjoy lounging by the pool, or a casual game of tennis. At the day’s end, we’ll gather in the hotel’s wine cellar for a private tasting of the area’s best wines; then enjoy a more relaxed menu at Le Louis 13, the hotel’s restaurant.

**HOTEL:**
Domaine de Beauvois

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner
Day 6

TODAY'S RIDE:
Luynes to Chateau de Villandry
Approximately 33 miles with 885 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:
A leisurely ride from Domain de Beauvois will take us past the Chateau d'Usse and on to Chateau de Villandry. Lose yourself in its sprawling acres of vegetable, herb, and fruit gardens, or climb to the top of the chateau for a stunning birds-eye view. A short pedal away is the 16th century Chateau d'Azay-le-Rideau. Perched delicately on the waters of the Indre River, this stunning Renaissance chateau begs to be explored. Armed with recommendations from your guides, you are free to explore and enjoy lunch in Villandry or Azay, depending on the pace of your day. Late in the afternoon you'll take a private shuttle following the Loire river to your next destination, Manoir les Minimes in the riverside town of Amboise, which was once home to the French royal court. tonight we will meet for a casual dinner at a local bistro in town.

HOTEL:
Manoir les Minimes
VISIT WEBSITE
INCLUDED MEALS:
Breakfast

Day 7

TODAY'S RIDE:
Amboise to Chenonceau Loop
Approximately 16 miles with 650 feet climbing

AVID OPTION:
Amboise to Chenonceau to Chaumonts
Approximately 47 miles with 1,850 feet climbing

DESCRIPTION:
Today we'll visit one of the most photographed, and loved, chateaux in the Loire, the Chateau de Chenonceau. Often referred to as the Chateau of Six Women, this architectural delight is surrounded by parkland and gardens, and spans the swirling Cher River. Unquestionably one of the most interesting castles in the region, we'll take a private tour of its stunning interior before enjoying lunch in one of the many cafes in town, or perhaps at the Chateau itself. The afternoon offers plenty of time to explore the medieval town of Amboise, a village dominated by its namesake chateau rising from the hillside overlooking the Loire River. Lovers of science and art alike will enjoy visiting Clos de Luce, the home where Leonardo da Vinci spent his final years. If you'd rather, stroll along the narrow cobblestoned lanes of Amboise, or sample world-famous chocolates from Chocolaterie Bigot. Afterward, the enchanting town of Amboise is yours to explore—enjoy dinner at your leisure at one of the many outstanding cafes or restaurants in Amboise.

HOTEL:
Manoir les Minimes
VISIT WEBSITE
INCLUDED MEALS:
Breakfast

Day 8

TODAY'S RIDE:
Vouvray Loop
Approximately 14 miles with 560 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:
Avid Vouvray Loop
Approximately 26 miles with 755 feet climbing

DESCRIPTION:
Scenic vistas and varied terrain are the hallmark of today's leisurely pedal through Vouvray's famous vineyards. Quiet winding roads lead us to the village of the same name known internationally for the quality of its Chenin Blanc grapes. Learn about the art of wine-making on our private tour of a small vigneron's caves (wine producer's cellar) and enjoy a bountiful picnic lunch highlighting the area's best Vouvrays and local cuisine. Contact us to book your trip 866-464-8735You may choose to shuttle back to the tranquil setting of Le Manoir des Minimes, or continue exploring this “Garden of France” by bike with an optional ride to the Chateau de Chaumont-sur-Loire, the consolation prize for Diane de Poitiers who was unceremoniously expelled from Chenonceau by Queen Catherine de' Medici. Our last evening together is a memorable fine dining experience at a culinary gem in Amboise. After dinner feel free to head the Chateau d'Amboise for the night-time performance depicting the splendor of life at the French court during the reign of Francois I.

HOTEL:
Manoir les Minimes
VISIT WEBSITE
INCLUDED MEALS:
Breakfast | Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner
**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:**
**Departure**

**DESCRIPTION:**
Grab your last cafe au lait, say goodbye to your guides and hop on an early morning shuttle for the three hour drive to the Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris.

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast

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**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

For us, the details matter most

Every moment of a Trek Travel bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It’s the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that’s how we help you create more memories.

**What’s Included**
- 5 nights of accommodation at handpicked hotels
- Two experienced guides to provide local knowledge, support, and camaraderie
- Daily route support with both guides and our support van
- Daily breakfast, some lunches and dinners
- Social hour of drinks and hors d’oeuvres
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7, Trek’s newest Electric-Assist, or a Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Snacks and drinks for each day’s ride
- Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Each bike is equipped with a Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer, flat pack, front and rear Bontrager Flare R lights, a Bontrager saddle and pedals (Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals)
- All gratuities for drivers, local experts and hospitality staff
- All luggage transfers and transportation during your trip
- A personalized photobook of your trip
- Entrance fees for all activities, private tours and events

**Gear**
- Trek Domane SL 7 carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid bike
- Trek Electric Assist XM700+ also available in a limited quantity
- Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals
- Bontrager helmet and saddle
- Bontrager front and rear Flare R lights and a flat pack
- Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer
- Upgrade your bike to include carbon wheels (+$200)
- Coupon valued up to $500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Your coupon will be delivered via email prior to your trip.
- You may bring your own pedals and saddle on the trip. Your guides will install your gear on the first day during your bike fit.

**THANK YOUR GUIDES, BY TIPPING**

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price for the guide team. Local currency is preferred and unless you want to tip separately, guides will divide tips amongst themselves. Please tip your guides at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care and service.

**What’s Not Included**
- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
• Some meals are not included. Trek Travel invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.
• Gratuities for your Trek Travel Guides may be given at your discretion in response to their professionalism and leadership. Industry standard is for each individual guest to tip the guide team 7.5-10% of the trip price.

HOTELS

HOTEL REGINA LOUVRE
PARIS, FRANCE
The prestigious Regina Hotel offers an intimate, sophisticated haven for those fond of French style and luxury. The Regina remains the most exquisite Art Nouveau hotel in Paris.
*You will stay at Hotel Regina for 3 nights while in Paris

DOMAINE DE BEAUVOS
LUYNES, FRANCE
This classic French château has everything you’d expect from a luxurious hotel—elegantly decorated rooms, an outdoor pool, and walking paths through its forested grounds.

LE HOTEL MANOIR LES MINIMES
AMBOISE, FRANCE
Le Hotel Manoir les Minimes, Amboise, France
Le Manoir is a beautiful 4-star property located by the River Loire near the heart of the old town of Amboise.

MEETING & DEPARTING

How To Get There
We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend that you fly directly into Paris. All of the major U.S. airlines and Air France offer nonstop flights from major U.S. cities.

Meeting Time And Location
Hotel Regina Louvre | Paris, France
To ensure you have the flexibility to make this experience everything that you desire, there will not be a Trek Travel guide accompanying you during the Tour de France Paris Finish portion of your trip. You will receive comprehensive trip literature prior to departure, and Mac and Lisa will be in touch to coordinate activities. In addition, we will provide you with the contact information of Trek Travel guides in Paris should any questions or issues arise.

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at Hotel Regina at 9:00 AM on July 28th, 2015. Once everyone has arrived, we will depart for the 3 hour shuttle to Domaine de Beauvois. After a picnic lunch and changing into cycling gear, we will fit you to your bicycle and enjoy a short afternoon ride from the hotel.

If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guides. You will receive an email a week before the trip start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel, Domaine de Beauvois (+33 2.47.55.50.11), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. You may take a taxi to Domaine de Beauvois for approximately 65 Euros.

Departing Time And Location
Le Manoir les Minimes | Amboise, France
You will say farewell to your guides at 6:00 AM at the Le Manoir les Minimes. You’ll depart by private shuttle for Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris.
Paris is home to many of the world's best-known monuments and museums. A backdrop of many famous photos, the Arc de Triomphe sits majestically at the top end of the Champs-Elysées. You can go to the observation deck for an expansive view down the world-famous boulevard from Napoléon's huge triumphal arch—the largest in the world. Other monuments with impressive vistas include the view from the white dome of the Basilique du Sacré-Coeur de Montmartre, or from atop the 56 floors of the Tour Montparnasse, and of course at the summit of the most famous monument in Paris—le Tour Eiffel.

The city also boasts some of the world's best museums. At the top of the list is the Musée du Louvre where you can visit one of the world's greatest art collections that include such famous works as the Mona Lisa, the Venus de Milo and the Winged Victory of Samothrace. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre and post-trip hotel:

**LA MAISON FAVART**

La Maison Favart is a small gem of a boutique hotel located in the heart of the Right Bank, convenient to shopping, the Opera, nearby bistros and the Metro. This Beaux Art building was recently renovated to provide you with the utmost in comfort and convenience. Make yourself at home in one of the 37 luxuriously appointed guest rooms featuring small refrigerators, iPod docking stations and flat-screen televisions with satellite programming. Wireless internet access is complimentary, and fitness facilities include a sauna and small indoor pool.

5, Rue de Marivaux | +33 (0) 1 42 97 59 83 | http://www.lamaisonfavart.com/ | ~$350

**HOTEL DE L'ABBAYE SAINT-GERMAIN**

In the heart of Saint-Germain-des-Pres, renowned for its abundant cafés, restaurants, clubs and cinemas, the peaceful Hôtel de l'Abbaye offers a pleasant contrast to this famously lively part of Paris. A rare treat in the city center, the enchanting, peaceful atmosphere is an invitation to daydream in the sunshine, far away from the bustling streets of Paris.

10 rue Cassette | +33 (0) 1 43 59 35 45 | www.HotelAbbayeParis.com | ~$275

**HOTEL LANCASTER**

Hotel Lancaster is a boutique hotel built in 1889, just 100 yards from the Champs-Elysées. It offers a classic and elegant atmosphere and its own Michelin star restaurant. Rooms and suites at the Lancaster are furnished in luxury fabrics and grouped around a central Zen garden. Some rooms have a separate lounge, a private patio or views of the Eiffel Tower. Additional facilities include a 24-hour front desk, free Wi-Fi and a fitness center with a sauna. The hotel also offers a car rental service and private parking on site. The George V Metro Station is a 3 minute walk away and provides direct access to the Louvre museum and the chic Marais district.

7 Rue de Berri Paris | +01 40 76 40 76 | www.Hotel-Lancaster.com | ~$400

* Hotels listed above are local properties we love. We do not have special rates available.

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**FAQS**

**Trip Changes**

Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer each and every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.

**What are the daily rides like?**

- Rider Type | 1
- Average Daily Mileage | 25
- Terrain | Undulating
- Average Daily Elevation | 815

On all of our vacations, Trek Travel strives to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. The Loire Valley is best suited for our Type 1 Riders. Our Trek Travel guides can also easily accommodate riders who seek less mileage or fewer uphills, with a boost in the van. Those who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability may want to try our electric bike option—you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider. Type 2 Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer. The terrain is a mix of rolling hills and flats. See day by day itinerary for specific daily ride distance and elevation options.
What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

On most Trek Travel trips, we offer non-riding options for riders who want to take the afternoon off, or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Expenses and/or related transportation to these activities may not be included in the trip price. See Included In The Trip Price for more information. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Hike or walk the trails at Domaine de Beauvois
- Enjoy a dip in one of the beautiful pools at our hotels
- Private wine tasting at Domaine de Beauvois
- Visit the many spectacular chateaux in the region
- Explore the medieval town of Amboise or sample world-famous chocolates from Chocolaterie Bigot
- Visit the hotel spa or shop in nearby villages

What is the weather going to be like?

From May through September, average temperatures in the Loire Valley range from the mid 70s to mid 80s. Rain is always a possibility, so be prepared with the proper rain gear in order to best enjoy your vacation.

WHAT IF I HAVE TO CHANGE OR CANCEL MY TRIP?

We understand things happen in life and sometimes you have to cancel or change your bike tour. We want to make it as easy as possible to do so and below you will find our timeline. If you ever have a question, just give us a call, 866 464 8735. Read our cancellation policy.

GENERAL FAQS

Didn't find what you were looking for? Check out our General FAQs section. You will find answers to all the most common questions that don't necessarily pertain to a specific trip.