

A TASTE
of
PARIS

Loire Valley

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"My soul comes alive when I'm in France, that's why I started ATOP to share my passion with others and so travelers can bring a little bit of France back to their homes." - Lorie

Meet your Guide

"Food brings people together. This truth is like a glittering thread that runs from the beginning, binding me to all the people I love. When food is shared around the table, magical things happen. That's why I started ATOP, so I could share my love of food and France with you, and make a little magic!"- Lorie

As a teaching chef and founder of A Taste of Paris™ Culinary Excursions, I share my passion for French food and culture through cooking classes, television appearances, writing, and speaking engagements. My award-winning blog, *Le Rapport*, celebrates food, travel, and the joy of bringing people together around the table.

France's rich culinary heritage has captivated me for a lifetime. Over the years, I've had the privilege of cultivating friendships with talented French chefs, vintners, and food artisans. It's a joy to open those doors for travelers—sharing the hidden gems, cherished traditions, and unforgettable flavors that make France so special.

What I love most about the French way of life is the reverence for simple pleasures: a beautiful market, a perfectly ripe melon, a table set for friends, a bottle of wine opened without hurry. These moments linger in your memory long after the journey ends.

My love affair with France began many years ago, and the sights, flavors, and discoveries continue to draw me back. Each visit reveals something new to savor, and I can't wait to share that joy with you.

The Loire Valley is a lavish feast for the eyes, palette, and spirit. Let's explore it together.



Taste

THE FOOD. THE WINE. THE CULTURE.

Delight in the flavors of France with A Taste of Paris™ food and wine-centric excursions. French cuisine is the gold standard accepted around the world. Unlock the secrets of iconic French dishes with private cooking and wine tastings expertly curated for outstanding content and warm hospitality. Enjoy a convivial atmosphere as you unravel the mysteries surrounding a wine-making industry that dates back to the 5th century. Your spirit will be nourished and your taste buds will sing.

ENJOY Loire Valley, the garden of France, is home to some of the best wine varietals in the world. Learn about winemaking, from vine to bottle in charming Troglodyte caves. Experience 4 Loire Valley appellations and savor the flavors of superb whites, rosés, reds, and sparkling wines. Walk among the vines with generations of wine-makers. Partake in the time-honored practice of bread making in a delightful class where the results will be devoured along with our lunch, prepared with herbs and vegetables, picked from the garden. Relish the results of a traditional 3-course French cooking taught by a local legend in their home kitchen. Witness miraculous mushroom cultivation in caves deep underground, a site to behold. Explore a goat farm where cheese artisans will show you how their products are created, and indulge in a cheese-tasting of local varieties.

DELIGHT in a French picnic, an ATOP signature experience and relish extraordinary regional cuisine where French comfort foods rule the day.



Discover

DISCOVER FRANCE. DISCOVER THE TREASURES.

The epitome of French splendor, and once home to the royal court, the Loire Valley abounds with glittering fairytale castles, flower-filled meadows, and rolling hills covered with vines that reach to the heavens. The fertile river valley is sprinkled with hundreds of France's most magnificent aristocratic estates that attest to thousands of years of rich architectural and creative history. Stand on the paths once traveled by 14th-century nobility in a storybook setting. We will wander lively lanes, explore manicured gardens, marvel at sumptuous interiors, and discover hidden treasures as we experience château life firsthand. The Loire is a lavish feast for the eyes, mouth, and spirit.

BEHOLD *"The Valley of One-thousand Châteaux,"* holds many castle thrills. Explore elegant Amboise and Château Amboise, the grand 15th-century residence of King Charles VIII complete with incredible royal chambers, manicured gardens, and underground passageways. Experience Château du Clos Lucé, Leonardo de Vinci's home, including a museum with models of his designs. Drink in Château Chambord, the largest château in the Loire Valley, a stunning example of French Renaissance architecture. Visit the magnificent Château Chenonceau known as the Ladies' Château, because of the many women who owned, renovated, and left their mark on its 500-year history. Spanning the river Cher, this lavish royal residence is a marvel. Experience the town and fortress of Chinon, sitting high on the river Vienne, this royal residence is a stunning medieval landmark sure to enchant.



Be Inspired

BY THE FOOD. BY THE VIEW. BY THE CULTURE.

Immerse yourself in the French way of living as A Taste of Paris™ gives you a behind-the-scenes look at the way the French eat, live, and cultivate delicacies from the very land they live on. Experience first-hand the food and wine-centric culture of France. Explore local markets, break bread where the French do, hunt for one-of-a-kind treasures, and behold the breathtaking countryside and vineyards. The Loire Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is recognized because of the exceptional cultural value of the landscape, the architectural heritage, and the historical influence of the region itself. Let the French culture ignite your palate, spark your creativity, and prepare to be inspired for a lifetime.





"Traveling with a Taste of Paris was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me. Learning from Lorie and engaging with such a lovely group of ladies combined with French culture and food was so inspiring. Belly and heart are full! I cannot recommend this trip more."

Lauren Palmer

"In Lorie, you must TRUST, Lorie goes way beyond just A Taste of Paris!"

Stacey Kirkham





"The ATOP trip to Paris exceeded my expectations on every level. For the first time in my travels, I experienced a cultural immersion not just a tourist view. I cannot wait for my next trips with A Taste of Paris and Lorie!"

Susan Meyer

"The Provence trip was a true reawakening of my spirit. I am thrilled I had the experience with Lorie!"

Harriet Stoneham

"I can't wait to travel with YOU!"

Lorie Fungio



A Week in the Loire Valley

4 - Course French Cooking Class with a renowned chef

Formal Wine Tasting Picnic in the Village

Bread Making Workshop including Lunch Dish

Learn Wine Making from Vine to Bottle

Wines of Vouvray, Touraine, and of Cheverny

Wines of Chinon and of Bourgueil

Visit a Mushroom Cultivation Cave

Visit and Cheese Tasting at Local Goat Farm

Amboise Market

Château Chambord, including Vegetable Garden

Château de Cheverny, and Château Chenonceau

Village of Chinon

Château du Clos Lucé

Château Amboise

Villandry Gardens

Included in Your Trip

You will be Personally Guided by Lorie Fangio, French Food, Wine, and, Culture Expert, for all the Best Sites, Views, and Tastes the Loire Valley has to Offer

Guide & Driver with Deep Knowledge of the Area in Luxury Coach

6 Nights in a Charming 4 Star Hotel

Entry into all Sites with No Waiting and Guided Visits

Transfers from Amboise TGV or Tours TGV

2 Travel Tell All's with Lorie Including *Let's Get Oriented and Ready, Set, Go!*

Loire Valley Essentials and Packing Tips

**Trip is based on double occupancy, single supplement is available upon request*

Not Included:

Airfare

To allow travelers flexibility, 3-4 meals are not included

Taxi fare as desired.

Trip Fee \$5,995.00

Several payment options are available

Join us in the Loire Valley



*Your fare is non-refundable and travel insurance is recommended.
Many travelers have used Allianz and Travel Guard*



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