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Ronsard's residence, La Riche



Since its foundation in 1092 until the 18th century, the community of canons living in the priory of Saint Cosme welcomed pilgrims on their way to St-James of Compostela. The history of the place is still marked by the presence of Pierre de Ronsard, who became prior in 1565. One can see the prior's residence erected in the 15th century, as well as vestiges of the Romanesque church including the chevet, the monks'refectory and the hostelry. A contemporary touch on the site is found in the refectory with the creation of stained glass windows especially designed by Zao Wou Ki.

Château and Gardens of Villandry



The château is remarkable for the harmony of its architecture and gardens. It was the latest of the great Loire Valley châteaux to be built during the Renaissance time. The site owes its renown to its outstanding display of gardens that encircle the château. They are arranged in three terraces: the 18th century water garden with its large reflecting pool, the ornamental flower garden outlined with box and yew trees, and the ornamental kitchen garden, in which colours alternate to give the illusion of a multicoloured checkerboard. To complete your visit, discover the oriental inspired "Jardin du Soleil", a haven of peace and meditation, the green maze and the children's play area. The inside of the château, converted in the 18th century style, can also be visited. This conversion contributed to create a cheerful and lively atmosphere.



Château of Langeais



The oldest Romanesque keep, dating from the 10th century, and the 15th century fortress of great architectural homogeneity, make up one of the most important châteaux in the west of France. From the outside, it looks like a feudal fortress with its high walls, towers, a crenellated and machicolated sentry walk and a drawbridge over the former moat. The inner façade is more suggestive of a residential house. It contains outstanding furniture and tapestries. The waxworks museum presents the marriage of Charles VIII and Anne of Brittany in 1491. The first millennium park with medieval style scaffolding the keep and a tree house in the park's largest cedar tree delights children.

Château of Azay-le-Rideau



Built in the early 16th century on a small island in the Indre river, the château was constructed on an L-plan. It is one of the most elegant creations of the early French Renaissance period and the grand staircase, within the main part of the mansion, is a masterpiece. The furniture and tapestries are from the 16th century. The landscaped garden affords visitors a fine view of the château from all sides, not forgetting its reflection in the pretty little pond. The Indre river winds through the park and gives off a calm, melancholy atmosphere.

Royal Fortress of Chinon



The fortress occupies an exceptional site on a blocked spur dominating the Vienne river and the threshold of Anjou and Poitou. Its remarkable fortifications extend over more than 500 metres, and are composed of three stoneworks separated by a moat: to the east, the St Georges fort, to the west the Coudray fort and in the middle the "Château du Milieu" containing the royal apartments. Thanks to six years' reconstruction work, the defensive aspect of the fortress of yesteryear can once again be seen and offers a new visitor trail enhanced by numerous interactive elements.



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Tours-Candes: 67 km
Tours-Chinon: 59 km
Tours-Azay: 34 km



Legend

- Shops
- Eating place
- Picnic area
- Point of interest
- Castle
- Information center
- Accommodation
- Museum
- Toilet-Running water
- Crossing of roads of normal traffic
- Campsite
- Car park
- Railway station
- Port
- Inflation station
- Reception area for motorhomes
- Merry riverside restaurant
- Alternative route
- Shared track
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- Les bardeaux de l'Indre

