Cultural and Local Activities

Daily Life in Tours & Events in the Region

Events and cultural activities

All year long, there is a wide variety of events happening at the University, in Tours, and around the Loire Valley: cultural, sporting events, scientific events...
Many events, especially University's ones, are free and open to all.

To find out what's coming up, take a look at the various event schedules:
University of Tours schedule: https://www.univ-tours.fr/campus/culture/agenda-culturel/
City of Tours agenda: https://www.tours-tourism.co.uk/see-and-do/diary
Touraine agenda: https://www.touraineloirevalley.co.uk/
Centre-Val de Loire schedule: https://www.loirevalley-france.co.uk/

Tourist Office of the City of Tours
78/82, rue Bernard Palissy, 37000 Tours (2 min from the Railway station)
https://www.tours-tourism.co.uk/
Touring around - by bike, trekking

Trails "Loire à Vélo"

For a day or a week: with family or friends, discover the "Loire à Vélo" at your own pace ...Along the royal river with changing shades, your bicycle makes its way ...900 km of bike routes - including 160 km in Touraine


https://www.loirebybike.co.uk/

Walks and Hikes

Five Grande Randonnée hiking trails cross the Touraine - including the famous GR655, leading to Saint-Jacques de Compostela, while 374 walking trails accredited by the French Hiking Federation criss-cross the local countryside, its towns and villages.

You can download the hiking circuits maps on:
Balades en Touraine. https://tours-metropole.fr/rando

Cinema

European largest independent film complex; the Studio Cinemas has been offering since the 60s, movies of all kinds, for all audiences, from all around the world, in their original version with French subtitles.

It includes documentary, dramatic films, animes, both feature length and short films, at very competitive prices
For further information: https://www.studiocine.com/les-studio.html
History - Gastronomy

Loire Valley Castles

At any time of the year, you can enjoy a drive along the Loire Valley and see most of the châteaux (castles).

Here is a list of some of the most majestic monuments of history.

- Château de Chenonceau
- Château de Chambord
- Château de Villandry
- Château d'Amboise
- Château d'Ussé

Tours - "International City of Gastronomy"

Discover the culture of good eating where giving guests a warm welcome is a tradition and living well an art.

Through his Culinary Guide, Tours city takes you on a gourmet journey that is sure to awaken all five of your senses. Have a look!

- Culinary Guide

Vineyards:

The Loire Valley overflows with grapes and wine varieties. Come and savour our Cabernet Franc or Sauvignon amongst others.

Best way to taste it? Going on a wine tasting obviously!

- Caves de Vouvray
- Les Caves du Père Auguste
- Syndicat des Vins de St Nicolas de Bourgueil
- La Maison des Vins de Bourgueil
One Year of Events in Tours

**SEPTEMBER**
- Grande Braderie
- Vignes Vins Randos
- Jazz International Festival
- Circus Festival
- European Heritage Days
- Marathon Tours Loire Valley
- Guinguette closure
- Paris-Tours: Bike Tour
- Science Celebration

**OCTOBER**
- Festival Emergences (Jazz)
- Festival des Langues
- Christmas Market Opening

**NOVEMBER**
- Christmas Celebrations

**DECEMBER**
- Rencontres Musicales de Tours: Classical Music Concerts

**JANUARY**
- Printemps des Poètes: Poetry
- Japan Tours Festival

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**MARCH**
- Chaumont-sur-Loire International Gardens’ Festival

**APRIL**
- Opening of La Guinguette

**MAY**
- Aucard Music Festival
- Music Day: 21st
- Vitiloire: Loire Valley Wines Festival
- Nuit des Studios
- Sainte Maure Goat Fair

**JUNE**
- Bourgueil Wines Festival
- Viva il Cinema!: Italian movies festival
- National Day 14th Day
- Terre du Son Music Festival
- Gay Pride
- American Tours Festival
- Basil and Garlic Fair

**JULY**
- Chinon Medieval Fair
- Les écrivains chez Gonzague: Books Festival

**AUGUST**
- Chaumont-sur-Loire International Gardens’ Festival
- Bourgueil Wines Festival
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