

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 one, are free and open to all.

To find out what's coming up, take a look at the various event agendas:
University of Tours agenda:

<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 agenda <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 speed. Along the royal river with changing shades, your bicycle makes its way ...900 km of bike routes - including 160 km in Touraine

<https://www.tours-tourism.co.uk/en-ot-tours/en-principal/see-and-do/trails-loire-velo>

<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)
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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](#)

Fall - Winter Yearly Events



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
- Autumn Classical Music Concert



NOVEMBER

- Festival Emergences (Jazz)
- Festival des Langues
- Christmas Market Opening
- Saint Martin Celebration



- Christmas Celebrations
- Christmas Magic at the Châteaux

DECEMBER



JANUARY

- Rencontres Musicales de Tours : Classical Music Concerts

- Printemps des Poètes: Poetry
- Japan Tours Festival

FEBRUARY



Spring - Summer Yearly Events



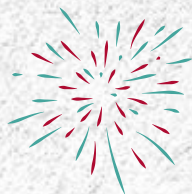
MARCH

- Chaumont-sur-Loire International Gardens' Festival



MAY

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



JULY

- Chinon Medieval Fair
- La Forêt des Livres : Books Festival

- Bourgueil Wines Festival
- Viva il Cinema!: Italian movies festival



APRIL

- Opening of La Guinguette and Tours Plage
- International Competition for Choral Singing



JUNE

- National Day 14th Day
- Terre du Son Music Festival
- Pride
- American Tours Festival
- Basil and Garlic Fair



AUGUST

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Welcome Desk & Inclusion of individual international students

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