Often referred to as 'Garden of France' the Loire Valley is a colourful tapestry of vineyards, flowers and rolling green hills dotted with hundreds of castles and chateaux.

Vineyards cover the local landscape with vines all along the Loire from Sancerre to the Atlantic Ocean. Famous wines such as Saumur, Chinon, Muscadet, Layon, Touraine and Vouvray are produced in abundance here. During your stay you will discover local grape varieties, vineyards, appellations and wines with the vine growers themselves who offer a variety of different visits to vineyards, tourist cellars, museums or the Maison des Vins. Most of these locations boast the "Vignobles & Découvertes" (Vineyards and Discoveries) label, guaranteeing a high quality oenological journey to 3 top Loire Valley vineyards! Last but not least, there is no wine without heritage! Here, Loire châteaux and cities and villages full of local character are never far from the vineyards. Our hotel will be in the beautiful historic city of Tours and as we journey out each day we will see many picturesque villages and fairytale looking castles in romantic wooded hillside settings. Our itinerary includes a guided tour of one of the last large castles built along the Loire and renowned for its spectacular gardens.

A tour not to be missed!

11-15 May 2020

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Day By Day

Day 1. Our journey begins at Wymondham Central Hall and we travel by luxury air conditioned coach to Dover. The ferry crossing gives us ample time to take our main meal of the day as we cross to Calais. We then travel south through Normandy to our first night stopover.

Day 2. We continue south arriving mid-day in Loire Valley. Where we will spend the afternoon at Langlois-Chateau, Saumur for our first vineyard tour. After tasting their products we travel the short distance to our hotel in Tours.

Day 3 includes very little travelling. Our morning begins with a very short drive to Villandry Chateau and its world famous gardens. Here we will be given a guided tour of both chateau and gardens. After lunch it's just a short drive to Chinon where we will spend the afternoon at the second of our 3 vineyards.

Day 4. After checking out from our hotel we begin the drive home. But before we head north we travel we go south a little way to spend the morning at our final vineyard in Touraine. Our homeward journey is broken with a night at a stopover location.

Day 5. After travelling north through the gentle Normandy landscape and, crossing the channel again we should arrive back at Central Hall mid-evening.

Includes:-
- Return luxury coach travel
- Return ferry crossing
- 2 nights Hotel stay in Tours
- 2 nights stay in stopover locations
- 4 breakfasts
- 2 evening meals
- Chateau entrance & English speaking guide
- Entrance, tour & tasting at 3 vineyards

Price
5 days, 4 nights for £400