

LOIRE VALLEY

DISPERSED ACROSS A LARGE AREA OF FRANCE STRETCHING FROM ORLÉANS IN THE EAST TO ANGERS IN THE WEST, ALONG DIFFERENT RIVERS, THE CHÂTEAUX OF THE « LOIRE » ARE JEWELS OF FRENCH HERITAGE.

A COMPREHENSIVE VISIT TO THE REGION, TO VISIT SOME 30 CHÂTEAUX AND 66 MONUMENTS THAT PUNCTUATE THE VAL DE LOIRE, REQUIRES AT LEAST THREE DAYS OUT OF PARIS. HOWEVER, IF YOU ONLY HAVE ONE DAY WHILST STAYING IN PARIS, ACCOMPANIED BY YOUR ODYSSEE-PRESTIGE DRIVER-GUIDE AND SEATED COMFORTABLY IN ONE OF OUR UPSCALE SEDANS OR VANS, A LONG DAY OF 10 TO 12 HOURS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO EXPERIENCE 3 OR 4 CHÂTEAUX AS WELL AS A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE SURROUNDING BEAUTY OF THIS REGION. HERE FOLLOWS A PRESENTATION OF THE PRINCIPAL CHÂTEAUX :

CHAMBORD : IS THE LOIRE CHÂTEAU OF SUPERLATIVES — THE BIGGEST (383 FEET) THE LONGEST (511 FEET), THE HIGHEST AND FOR MANY THE MOST BEAUTIFUL.



AMBOISE : DOMINATING THE LOIRE AND THE TOWN OF AMBOISE, THE CHÂTEAU OF AMBOISE OFFERS A SPECTACULAR VIEW OF THE RIVER.



CHENONCEAU : RIGHTLY CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF THE LOIRE CHÂTEAUX, CHENONCEAU CAN BE CHARACTERIZED BY ITS ELEGANCE, ITS DELICACY AS WELL AS ITS GRACEFULNESS AND ORIGINALITY...ALL PERFECT WORDS FOR THE RENAISSANCE PERIOD OF ARCHITECTURE AT ITS BEST.



VILLANDRY : CHÂTEAU WAS BUILT IN 1536 AND IS REPUTED FOR ITS FINE STRUCTURE, CHARACTERIZED BY SQUARE TOWERS NOT ROUND, AS WELL AS THE ARRANGEMENT OF ESPLANADE AND MOATS.

