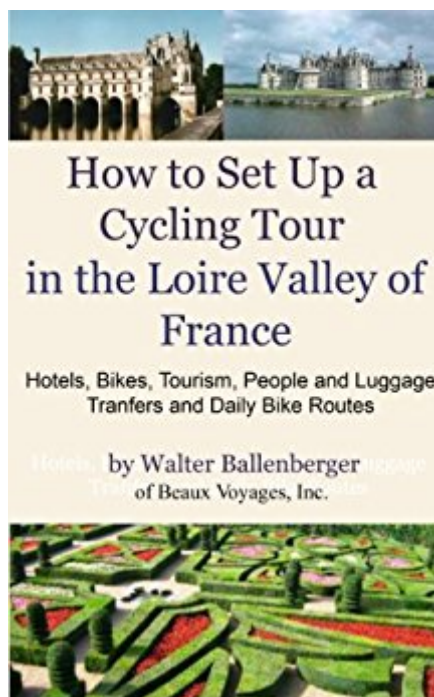


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How To Set Up A Cycling Tour In The Loire Valley Of France- Hotels, Bikes, Tourism, People And Luggage Transfers And Daily Bike Routes



Synopsis

This concise book can save thousands of dollars for people who are interested in taking a bike tour in France as compared with booking a guided bike tour. You can set up your own self-guided weeklong bike tour by sending out less than a half dozen emails, and booking your plane and train reservations. How to accomplish the latter is also explained very clearly. The daily bike routes that are in the book were utilized by the author and his family when they led bike tours throughout France for 10 years for their family business. The Loire Valley was one of the most popular destinations. The bike routes and directions take you to all the major venues from the superb gardens of Villandry eastward to Cheverny and the spectacular châteaux near there. The hotels recommended are those used by the author when leading his bike tours, and they all have four-star ratings, so this is set up to be a high-end trip. Much more economical hotels are also listed, however, so there are a wide range of options. The traveler's luggage will need to be transferred to different hotels a couple of times throughout the week, and the book points out how to get this done quickly and easily. There is also a lot of other information, including such things as a suggested packing list, safety considerations, dealing with a foreign language, what kind of weather to expect, where to purchase maps and what to do if it rains. Bike riding in France is not for everyone, but for those who might be interested, this is a superb resource. It would even be a good guide for people who wish to tour the area and get around in a rental car.

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A lazy effort from the author for a 10 dollar book. Took 20 minutes to read the whole thing. Pearls of insider travel wisdom like "the [sole mentioned] hotel doesn't have a restaurant, so go into town and find one," and "the gardens are beautiful, take lots of pictures!"

A great guide to cycling in France. Some good advice that helps you make choices about where to go, what to take and when to go.

If you plan to do his exact 5 day route (which of course you don't know until you get the book), the detail on route directions is useful. However, the 66 pages is padded. First there's maybe 1/2 a page worth of words per page and much time is wasted telling you things you don't need to know from him, for example several pages of a few French words and phrases. Instead, go to free sites like Maggie Lacoste's on Bicycling the Loire, and definitely check out the Loire a Velo website with its great maps and a wealth of information, again free.

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