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Grand-Pressigny with the family



"In Chédigny friendship is like a garden: it should be cultivated!"







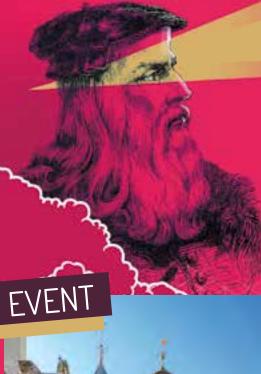




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Leonardo Da Vinci!





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1519-2019 500 years of the Renaissance

In 2019, the Centre-Val de Loire Region will celebrate 500 years of the Renaissance and will set up an exceptional festive, artistic and cultural programme throughout the territory. To celebrate this anniversary, over 700 events punctuate the year and highlight the treasures and the wealth of the region. Loches, in the South Touraine, is one of the Region's flagship destinations for this occasion: the city is home to many beautifully preserved Renaissance buildings, such as the Town Hall, Saint-Antoine Tower, the Chancery and the Royal Lodge. So many treasures to put Italian culture in the spotlight throughout the year 2019.

Loches in Italian colours

Rich with a Renaissance architectural heritage of Italian influence, Loches has several emblematic sites. This precious legacy is highlighted in an unprecedented way to illustrate the innovations of that era in Loches. Returning from Italy, architects then experimented with new techniques characteristic of the refinement of the Renaissance.

Throughout the season, the spirit of the Renaissance and the Italian influence are present in the context of exhibitions, cultural and gastronomic events, thematic tours, a retrospective of Italian cinema and Commedia dell'arte performances. A comprehensive programme for a unique Renaissance year in

Lansyer Exhibition, Canaletto and Piranese: images from Italy From May 1st to November 11st at the Lansyer House Museum, Loches

Exhibition "The Renaissance in Loches: Architectures from Italy" From April 1st to November 11th at the Chancellor's Gallery, Loches

Symposium on Ludovic Sforza

November 5th & 6th, at the Espace Agnès Sorel, Loches

Italian cinema series

6 sessions organised in partnership with Royal Vigny from March to November 2019, at the Royal Vigny Cinema, Loches More info: www.ville-loches.fr

Exhibition at the Royal City Ludovic Sforza: a patron in prison

After being the great patron of Leonardo da Vinci, Ludovic Sforza, Duke of Milan and a powerful man, ended his life in captivity in the dungeon of Loches. His journey between shadow and light is showcased in an exhibition at the Royal City of Loches as part of the celebration of 500 years of the Renaissance.

Adapted to a family audience, the exhibition is a reflection of someone who left his mark on Italian artistic and intellectual life. At the Royal Lodge, his Romanesque life is presented through works of art and graphic documents illustrating his commitment to the arts and his personality. Traces of his imprisonment in the keep still remain on the cell walls that he decorated with frescoes and give us a glimpse of his detention conditions. Thanks to Ludovic Sforza, Leonardo da Vinci completed one of the most remarkable works of the Italian Renaissance: The Last Supper.

From April 6th to September 22nd Royal City of Loches - Tel: +33 (0)2 47 59 01 32 www.citeroyaleloches.fr









500 years of the Renaissance in the South Touraine

Artistic Strolls

The "Beaux Lieux" in Beaulieu-les-Loches celebrates 500 years

The Renaissance theme lends itself to the "Beaux Lieux" exhibition, which has been enriched with 8 new contemporary creations related to this major event. The artistic pathway connects the Royal City of Loches to the Monastic City of Beaulieu by crossing the Prairies du Roy site, which is classified as a Sensitive Natural Area.

From June 8th to November 3rd, 2019, Association B2X in Beaulieu-lès-Loches Tel: +33 (0)9 54 67 26 55 www.expo-beauxlieux.fr

Vox Alchimia at the Corroirie du Liget

Immerse yourself in the mysterious world of the Corroirie's Castle-Monastery in the countryside of Montrésor by wandering around this superb site dotted with works of art. Dinner-shows, workshops and conferences will enrich your reflections.

From May 31 st to September 15th, 2019 La Corroirie Castle-Monastery Association Ô Fondation in Montrésor Tel: +33 (0)6 80 43 38 75 www.corroirie.com

Light and sound projections

In Montrésor : The Renaissance and echoes of the future at the « Nuits Solaires »

Invitation to voyage throughout summer at the "Nuits Solaires" evenings. The façade of Montrésor Castle comes alive every evening with a luminous projection inspired by the works of Leonardo da Vinci. This journey of light and sound will captivate you.

Every evening in July and August, Montrésor tells us about itself Tel: +33 (0)2 47 92 70 71 (Montrésor Tourist Information Office) www.montresorseraconte.com

Anniversary of the Collegiate Church

Montrésor: One of the Most Beautiful Villages is celebrating!

From Easter to October, Montrésor, one of the "Most Beautiful Villages of France" will come alive with a variety of cultural events to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the founding of the Collegiate Church of Saint-Jean Baptiste in Montrésor. The perfect opportunity to discover this remarkable Renaissance building and participate in the many festivities organized around this anniversary (concerts, medieval meals, painters' festival, illumination of the bell tower. etc.)

Association Foulques Nerra in Montrésor Tel: +33 (0)2 47 92 70 71 (Montrésor Tourist Information Office)







Royal Lodge

situate the different monuments of the Royal City.

Before crossing the threshold of the Royal Lodge, we stopped

in front of the archaeological table so that the children could

The Royal City of Loches with the family

Impressive transformation at the Royal City of Loches with the new interactive audio-visual tour at the Royal Lodge and the Keep where you will find yourself propelled into the heart of 5 centuries of history. This unique architectural complex testifies to the importance of Loches in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Like Sebastien, Pamela and their 3 daughters, Léanna, Anaé and Naëlle, tell us about your visit!

1 Jean-François, our guide, introduced us to Emeline and Amaury, characters whose voices accompanied us throughout the tour. They told us stories about the site and iconic characters such as Joan of Arc, Queen Anne of Brittany or the great builder Foulques Nerra.







and flora that are projected across the wall. The colours and designs were breathtakingly beautiful. We pressed the buttons several times to 3 Just after Anne of Brittany's Oratory, which is finely carved like

lace, is King Charles VII's bust. We had fun touching his nose. You never know, it may bring good luck!







4 After leaving the castle, we headed to the Keep where the interactive tour continued. We arrived within 5 minutes following a pretty little lane and what's more, on the day we visited, in front of the Collegiate Church, there was a beautiful antique car.



Keep

A change of scene and the wow factor!
The Keep, a gigantic stone monument is particularly impressive, it dominates the city and is 37 meters tall. The guide told us that it was built in the 11th century by Foulques Nerra. We just took a huge step back in time!









of this original experience that pleased the whole family.

We recommend it!

- **5** No need to hide the fact that there are quite a few steps to climb in order to reach the terrace, but the effort is fully rewarded by the breathtaking view. Above all, don't forget your camera!
- **6** In the rooms of the New Tower and the Martelet Tower, the girls tested the touch tables, a fun way to learn about the key moments in history. Léanna, Anaé and Naëlle were even more curious and concentrated than usual.
- 7 We ended up in the prisoners' cage in the dungeon to do a quiz as a family and count the points! The cage seemed very mysterious, yet two of the girls rushed inside, their less daring younger sister preferred to stay with us.

Find the contact info for the Royal City in our address book on page 52

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HistoPads at the Keep to go back in time

Embark on a journey back in time with a HistoPad.
Experience a virtual tour with 3D scenery and reconstructions for an immersion in to the past. With this next-generation touchpad, you can explore places

at your leisure and lift the veil on transformed or missing areas that have been reconstructed in their original condition. An ideal support for young visitors who can also find hidden objects in these virtual sets.





If you listened carefully during the tour, you will be able to easily answer these questions.

- 1 How many steps are there to get to the top of the Keep?

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 - 2 Who was King Charles VII's favourite?

O Joan of Arc O Agnès Sorel
O Louane

3 - What are the animals at the foot of Agnès Sorel's tomb in the Collegiate Church of Saint Ours?

O Mammoths O Dogs
O Lambs

4 - After being a fortress in the Middle Ages, what was the Keep used for from the 15th century?

O A prison
O A retirement home
O A farm for raising unicorns

- 5 Which tower can you see from the Royal Lodge?
 - O The Montparnasse Tower
 O The Infernal Tower
 O The Saint-Antoine Tower

**Swers: 100 S - Agnès Sorel 3 - Lambs

1 - 100 S - Agnès Sorel 3 - Lambs

4 - A prison 5 - The Saint-Antoine Tower

ВАСЖЖАЯВ

What are the names of the two monuments of the Royal City of Loches where you can find Emeline and Amaury?

To read the answer, go get a mirror!

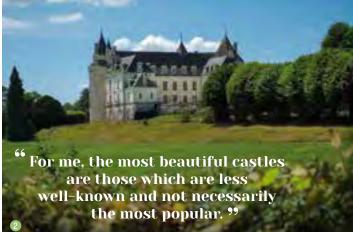
THE ROYAL LODGE AND
THE KEEP. EMELINE
AND AMAURY ARE TWO
FICTIONAL CHARACTERS
WHO ACCOMPANY YOU ALL
ALONG YOUR TOUR TO TELL
YOU THE STORY OF THE PLACES
AND PEOPLE WHO ONCE LIVED
THERE.

Where is Agnès Sorel's tomb?

O At the tourist office
O In the keep
O In the collegiate
church of Saint-Ours

The answer: In the Collegiate Church of Saint-Ours









Welcome To Lord Merton's home!



He has been acting in films and on television for almost 40 years, but the role that really made him famous was that of Lord Merton in the famous British series Downtown Abbey. Very tall and elegant, Douglas Reith speaks French perfectly. He chose to live in South Touraine where he likes to unwind between shoots.

Have you lived in France for a long time?

We have been living in Chapelle-Blanche since 2009. About ten years ago, I wanted some new experiences and I decided to move to France. I used to come with my parents when I was a child and I always dreamed of having a house here and getting to know the history of the country and its culture. My mother's family even has Norman origins going back to the 13th century! A friend recommended Touraine and we love this peaceful place.

What do you like about South Touraine?

The quiet! It's the ideal place to relax. And there is everything here. Castles, art, nature, history, museums, restaurants, it's very rich. Whatever your taste, here you'll

find everything a tourist could want. There are lots of activities, beautiful rivers and accommodation of all

What activities do you engage in here?

When I'm not on the set, I do a lot of sports. Every Sunday morning, I go to Loches by bike and take a break at the Poolish bakery, where I have a coffee while talking with Sophie, the owner, and I then return to Chapelle-Blanche. That's almost 40 kilometres! I also swim twice a week at the Naturéo Water Park and I appreciate the different pools and lanes to swim in. It's a beautiful place. Other than that, I also go jogging from my home to Mouzay and I go horse riding with friends in

Which are your favourite restaurants?

In Ferrière-Larçon where we often go for a walk, I recommend the Saint-Mandé. Otherwise, in Loches we go to Entracte or to George Sand. We also like to go to the "Presbytère" restaurant in the Saint-Ours garden for the superb view. We like taking our friends there.

Do you eat local products?

I'm a vegetarian so I don't eat "rillons" or potted meats, but I really like the wines of Touraine and my wife loves goats' cheese. We sometimes go to the market on Wednesdays but we do not have a favourite producer in particular. On the other hand, we always buy our eggs from the same place, from free-range chickens raised at Le Flèche private chicken farm, in Ciran.





1 Douglas Reith at home 2 Grillemont Castle in Chapelle-Blanche 3 The Keep at the Royal City of Loches 4 The South Touraine countryside is ideal for horse riding 🟮 Troglodyte dwellings in Ferrière-Larçon 📵 The natural pond at the Naturéo Water Park in Loches, where you can picnic or relax

Where do you like to go for a walk?

In Loches, I love to stroll through the Royal City and especially the Keep and the Collegiate Church of Saint-Ours. We often stop to take a break in the Saint-Louis garden for the panoramic view of the countryside. Coming back to town, it is the Chancellery and its splendid sculpted façade that attract us.

Further South, there is a village worth visiting - Ferrière-Larçon. It is quite picturesque and there is a path just behind the church, which leads to the fountain and to old troglodyte dwellings with charming little gardens. This is a bucolic place, where you can stroll around and have a lunch break at the restaurant I told you about. Sometimes we go for a walk on the path around the Louroux pond to watch the birds.

Which castle do you recommend?

Grillemont Castle. It's open only in the summer but that's where we like to take our English friends. You can see it from a distance across the countryside- it's a very romantic place. For me, the most beautiful castles are those which are less wellknown and not necessarily the most popular. The atmosphere is different there and sometimes we meet the owners who talk passionately about the history of the place.

What about your current cinema plans?

I have a role in Dumbo, Tim Burton's latest film, directed for Disney with Michael Keaton, Colin Farrell, Eva Green and Vito Danny. It will be shown in theatres in March 2019. After the Downtown Abbey

series, which was very successful, I have just finished the film, which is actually a sequel with the same actors, but I don't know yet when it will be shown in France...

> "There is everything here: castles, art, nature, history, museums, restaurants..."









By bike...

"Get on your bike" and cycle across unspoilt countryside on quiet roads following the different routes dotted throughout the Southern Touraine. Ride your bike on one of the 14 sign-posted cycle loop circuits that offer you freedom and the feeling of getting away from it all. Some of them are connected to the "Loire by bike" routes, "Indre by bike" routes and Santiago Pilgrimage routes. Perfect for an original vacation off the beaten track!

3 good reasons to Jump on your bike

Easy, marked trails that are off the beaten track
Bucolic landscapes and sites to visit
Disconnection and relaxation guaranteed
in the heart of unspoilt countryside

"Indre by bike"

Whether you are an experienced cyclist or a simple amateur, set off on the "Indre by Bike" route, alone, with the family or with friends. From Bréhémont to Chenonceaux via Loches, this marked trail stretches over 200 kilometres and extends to Jeu-les-Bois, South of Châteauroux. In the South Touraine, it crosses the Indre Valley and its typical landscapes: the river, mills, woods, meadows and hillsides. Pedal at your own pace along our country roads in the heart of a dense natural environment where every shade of green is visible. For a tourist stop, follow the programme: a stroll through Chédigny, a garden village with 800 rosebushes and the must-see Royal City of Loches and its thousand-year-old Keep.

Level: easy: adapted for families. Sign-posted

Photo break:

- Flowers: Village of Chédigny
- Heritage: Royal City of Loches
- Nature: The mills of the Indre Valley

Where to find them?

Cycle routes and topoguides for the "Indre by bike" routes are available at the Loches Tourist Office and at the Tourist Information Offices in Montrésor, Descartes and Grand-Pressigny and on the website at www.indre-a-velo.com



The "Indre by bike" routes are connected to the "Loire by bike" routes (www.loireavelo.fr)

Deep in the rolling hills:

Loop tour 56

Take note, fans of sports and unusual heritage sites! This 40-kilometre loop tour, away from the main roads, crosses the charming Manse Valley. Slightly hilly, this tour invites you to a small corner of the Touraine countryside, dotted with troglodyte dwellings, castles rising up from behind a wood and lush, green landscapes. There's nothing to stop you from continuing your journey by bike to Sainte-Maure-de-Touraine on the Santiago Pilgrimage route.

LEVEL: MODERATE

- Distance: 40 km 100% route
 Duration: 4 hrs
- Cumulative positive gradient: 325 meters

PHOTO BREAK:

- Unusual: Troglodyte dwellings in Sepmes and Draché
- Heritage: Grillemont Castle, Roche-Ploquin Castle-Hotel
- Nature: The hills of the river valley

The Three Rivers Route

Loop tours 9 and 10

On your bike along winding roads for a nature adventure; a good excuse to discover the Southern Touraine's natural environment! More family-friendly, the 3 rivers tour offers two relatively easy loops. Picturesque villages, winding rivers, art & craft workshops, and local producers, this itinerary is punctuated with beautiful surprises for a well-deserved escape.

LOOP TOUR 9 LEVEL: EASY

- Distance: 25 km 100% route
- Duration: 2.5 hrs
 Cumulative positive gradient: 225 meters

PHOTO BREAK:

- Gourmet: La Promenade Michelin starred restaurant in Petit-Pressigny
- Heritage: Grand-Pressigny Prehistory Museum

LOOP TOUR 10 LEVEL: EASY

- Distance: 14 km 100% route
- Duration: 1.5 hrs
 Cumulative positive gradient:
- 61 meters
 PHOTO BREAK:



Heritage: Saint-Pierre
Abbatial Church in
Preuilly-sur-Claise
Boussay Castle and village



Good to know: All the loop tours are interconnected and cyclists can invent their own routes with a global map, available at www.loches-loirevalley.co.uk and www.marandoavelo.fr.

HANDY MEMO



Montrésor, discovering legends

(Labelled: an excursion in Touraine)

For fans of short hikes and heritage, this is ideal! 8.5 kilometres to explore in the heart of the Indrois Valley. From Montrésor, labelled among the "most beautiful villages in France", via the Lake in Chemillé-sur-Indrois, trace your path through heritage sites, rivers, valleys and local legends.

LEVEL: EASY

Yellow markers

Duration: about 2.5 hrs

Low gradient

- Rare and Unusual: Gallo-Roman Aqueduct
- Nature: Lake in Chemillé-sur-Indrois





Frédéric, master chocolate-maker, assisted by Gaëtan, introduced his "special decorations" workshop. On the programme: recipes vou can easily make at home. After a quick overview of the cultivation of cocoa beans, we got down to work! We all put on aprons and toques to look like real chefs!

Frederic reviewed some misconceptions on properly melting and working chocolate: don't add water and don't exceed the right temperature. Standing in front of our bowls filled with little disks of chocolate was mouthwatering! When melted, the chocolate became smooth and shiny and we dipped our fingers in it!! We started out with a bang with a fun and original recipe: a chocolate bowl made using an inflated balloon.

The first step was very simple: the base! Which would be used to place the chocolate bowl on. We just poured a spoonful of melted chocolate on parchment paper. Two balloons were inflated and then half-dipped in the melted chocolate before being placed gently on the base. We set them aside to cool at room temperature and moved on to making the biscuits. Fredéric gave us some tips on keeping our chocolate at the right temperature while we continued with the workshop.

It was a little difficult to make a cone with parchment paper. We did it twice to be able to remember how to do it again at home. Once we had filled the cone, we cut the tip and then tried to do the decorations. It was time to unleash our creativity! We traced out letters, made flowers, hearts and whatever came to mind.

At the end of the workshop we left with our creations and were able to proudly announce "I made this" before enjoying our efforts with the family. There is no need to worry as the method is simple, the ambiance friendly and everyone can do it. The workshops are for adults and also for children. A truly original gift idea for all gourmets!

Manthelan



The team of apprentice chocolate-makers gathered around their masterpieces

Heritage: In Montrésor, take the path along the "Balconies of the River Indrois", for the panoramic view of the village and the "aquatic mirror" effect

about the techniques

used thousands of

years ago, touring

strolling around the

the museum and

village, we didn't

have time to get

bored! Here is the

story of our busy

discoveries.

day, full of beautiful

Find the contact info for the

Prehistory Museum in our

address book on page 52



1 On the table covered with an animal skin, a few squares of tufa limestone, powdered ochre and pieces of charcoal were set out for the workshop. Victorine. Léandro. Toméo and Flavio were impatient to start. We began by applying a mixture of yellow ochre and water on the tufa limestone with a piece of skin, because we exclusively used the techniques of the prehistoric era.

With the help of Valérianne, the cultural mediator, our children using a piece of flint... and some help from dad! Proud of their results, they to bring out their etchings. They were even allowed to take their work home

The fire lighting workshop: more impressive than using a match!

Rubbing a stone to produce sparks is like magic and our children did not miss one detail. Valérianne did a demonstration for us with a piece of marcasite. Sparks appeared and the children were wideeyed with surprise! The next step was equally astonishing because we placed these precious sparks on the grated flesh of the interior of a tinder fungus, a woody mushroom known since prehistory for being quick to ignite.

We saw red glimmerings. To make it kindle, we formed a nest with dried grass and slipped the embers into it by shaking them slightly. It worked! Victorine and Léandro couldn't get over it! Some flames appeared and we managed to make a fire! To continue playing Cro-Magnon men, we could even continue the experiment by cooking a meal, said Valerian. So, we will try this at home - it will be an opportunity to see if we are able to live like people lived in prehistoric

Touring the Museum

2 Megaceros, a steppe bison, and the woolly mammoth set the tone as soon as we arrived in the courtyard of the Grand-Pressigny Museum. The children rushed to take pictures and touch the life-size animals.

Inside the Museum, it was the Cro-Magnon camp that captivated them. They asked lots of questions - they wanted to know everything! Their habits, their food, hunting, their homes - everything! The camp is very realistic, with the tent covered with reindeer skins, the characters, the spears for hunting, flint... It felt like we were there!

Let's go for a stroll in the village

3 4 To wind up our day, we found Mr. Palleau, a local resident who was very knowledgeable about the history of his charming village. He told us how the castle used to be, with its doors, its ramparts, its moat and its walkway. The children had a hard time imagining all this, so Mr. Palleau showed them a map. We continued down the street, descending a narrow staircase to visit the village oven. We arrived directly in the room where the bread was baked. Toméo was surprised and wondered why the locals did not bake their bread at home in their own ovens!

PREHISTORY ANECDOTES

The Reignoux rock shelter: a secret never revealed

The Grand-Pressigny museum displays some magnificent flint scrapers made 50,000 years ago by Neanderthals who lived in the "Reignoux rock shelter". But where is this shelter? It was discovered in the late 19th century by François Reignoux, a locksmith in Grand Pressigny, who always refused to reveal the location, but it was probably near the town of Abilly. The shelter has more than likely been hidden by landslides.

A precious treasure that is well protected

About 5,000 years ago, in the area of Grand-Pressigny, craftsmen made long blades of flint for cutting meat and harvesting plants. In 1970, at the site of "La Creusette", (Barrou, Indre-et-Loire), a deposit containing 135 of these blades was exposed during ploughing. To protect this deposit from possible looting, the finders spent the night in a car parked above the area where the blades were hidden.





Etching stone like prehistoric men

began to etch animals on the stone re-applied the charcoal on the lines and keep a beautiful memory of this moment with the family!

Free guided tour of the village with Mr. Palleau on thursdays mornings throughout the summer in partnership with the Loches Touraine Châteaux de la Loire Tourist Office. By reservation only. Guided tours on request according to availability. **Information**: Grand-Pressigny

Tourist Information Office at + 33 (0)2 47 94 96 82



of a female and her calf are on display in the museum courtyard.

Pound of butter... in flint

About 5,000 years ago, in the region of Grand-Pressigny, flint blades sometimes measuring more than 35 cm in length were shaped from large flint slabs using a very specialised method. After the blades were extracted only the heart of the block remained. This sizeable piece of waste stone is known in the region as a "pound of butter" because of its resemblance to butter buns, which, up to the beginning of the 20th century, were made by pressing them into wooden moulds. These "pounds of butter" were found by the thousands.

A dagger from Grand-Pressigny on the other side of the world

The long blades from Grand-Pressigny, sometimes transformed into daggers, are among the most prestigious productions of the prehistoric era. As such, one of these daggers is on display at the new Louvre Museum in Abu Dhabi. It is one of the 600 pieces selected to tell the history of humanity.

Kid's replies

Which cereal did the first prehistoric farmers eat?

What was pottery used for during Prehistoric times? To make pots.



1 - Is the Grand-Pressigny Prehistory Museum built on a prehistoric archaeological site?

O Yes O No

2 - Prehistoric men hunted dinosaurs

O Yes O No

3 - You have to rub two pieces of flint to make fire

O Yes O No





to test your knowledge of prehistory by answering the following questions?

4 - People in prehistoric times used flint on a daily basis. But what is flint?

> O A tool O A weapon O A stone

5 - All the tools in prehistoric times were made of flint

O Yes O No

To find out more, visit the Grand-Pressigny Prehistory Museum, where you will discover the animals and people that inhabited our region 20,000 years ago and participate in activities offered on weekends and during school holidays.

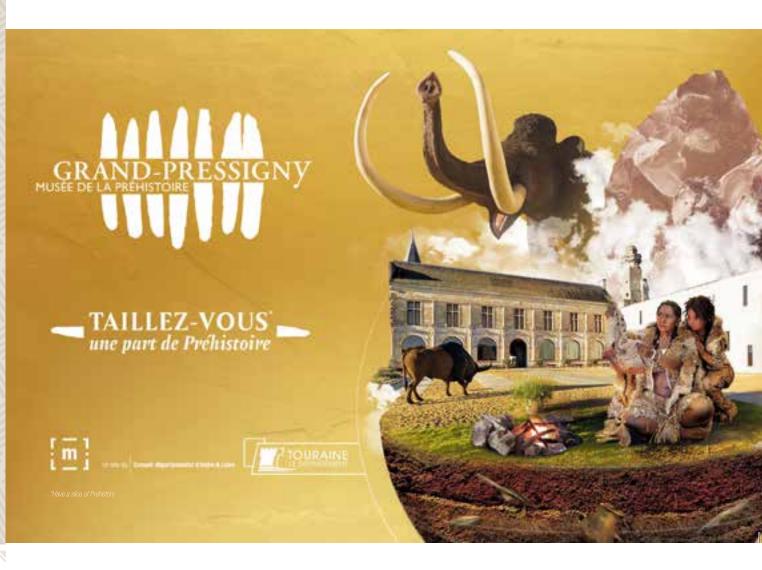
which have rarely been preserved up to our era. make a fire. 6 - It is a stone rich in silica that can easily be broken. The pieces thus produced have sharp edges. They were used as tools or as weapons. 5 - No, prehistoric men also used other stones, such as basalt or quartz, but also wood and bone. people never met 3 - No, rubbing two pieces of filint does not produce the hot sparks needed to make a fire. To get to know to the right methods, go on weekends and during the school holidays to the Prehistory Museum for demonstrations on how to Answers: 1 - No, the museum is located in the middle of a region rich in flint, a material used by prehistoric man for at least 100,000 years. 2 - No, the dinosaurs disappeared 63 million years before the first prehistoric people appeared. Dinosaurs and



Like an archaeologist

In the summer, live the life of an archaeologist at the Grand Pressigny Prehistory Museum. A brand new laboratory for scientific experiments will enable you to understand, in a fun way, this essential step in laboratory analysis. Come and observe, touch and handle all this right next to the nomadic hunters' camp from 20,000 years ago.







A breath of fresh air in the Forest of Loches

Loches Forest is one of the 5 most beautiful national forests in France. On foot, on horseback or by bike, you can enjoy it in every season. In the autumn, it is a firework display of different colours and the ideal season for long walks and for gathering mushrooms.



Ornithological expedition to Le Louroux Lake

Take out your binoculars and watch an array of bird species in their native environment from the observatory during workshops with the Bird Protection League (LPO). A unique and informative moment, a source of wonder and many beautiful surprises.



Nature ramble in the Labyrinth of the Tours-**Preuilly Forest**

At last, a real labyrinth! A tip: read the entrance panel to solve the riddles. Two loop trails are offered, one for children and the other for adults, to discover the history of the forest and its inhabitants in an entertaining way.



Watch the little insects at Prairies du Roy

This Sensitive Natural Area is a link between Loches and Beaulieu-Lès-Loches where you can stroll around in peace. From April to October, enjoy their programme of nature excursions.



A dose of adrenaline at Clic'Lac **Adventure Park**

Play the adventurer crossing the lake in Chemille-sur-Indrois suspended from a giant zip line or having fun on the tree-top adventure course.





Isabelle's Strolls... in South Touraine

read all about them a www.lochesvaldeloire.com





I met up with Quentin at the Descartes Recreation Park early in the afternoon where I was offered several different trips and as it was a beautiful sunny day I didn't hesitate: I opted for a 3-hour canoe trip from La Guerche, in total tranquillity.

An old fortified village, La Guerche and its imposing castle on the banks of the River Creuse impressed me. We launched our canoes and kayaks at the foot of the bridge, a little upstream from the castle. The riverbed is really very wide and lined with trees. I slipped into my boat and it took me a few moments to get used to the pitching and to handle the paddle properly to go straight ... Panic on board!

After a few minutes, I began to feel comfortable and I avoided moving too much so that the canoe did not rock. There were no strong currents, the river was very calm which made learning easier... I ended up finding my rhythm and I remained speechless for a moment in front of La Guerche Castle, searching for the best angle to take a picture. Not easy when you're not on solid ground! When the photo session was over, we went for a 3 hour paddle along

The heat made us want to dive in to cool off, but swimming is prohibited. It did not prevent us from plunging our feet in! It was a moment of total disconnection, conducive to observation on these calm, soothing waters. It was silent except for our paddling. We paddled at our own pace, taking time to rest and to enjoy the silence. After more than 3 hours, I saw the arches of the Descartes Bridge. Phew! Paddling a canoe is nevertheless a sport!



Fun for everyone

A canoe trip is not difficult and can be enjoyed by young and old alike without any experience. When it's particularly hot; don't forget your sunscreen and your hat to avoid looking like a lobster! Depending on what you want to do and the time you have, you can choose from 3 different trips.

"In Chédigny, friendship is like a garden: it should be cultivated!"

A unique village labelled a "Remarkable Garden" in France, Chédigny is a paradise for people who love roses. This wonderful spot in the South Touraine brings together passionate gardeners, artists and fans of good food... all of whom love their village. Encounters.



Chédigny With Françoise & Christian Louaul and Jacky Gaudion

A handful of locals, like Françoise and Christian and their neighbour Jacky, have their roots in Chédigny. For them, the village is a kind of communal community" where they know everyone. Françoise's garden reflects the village's image and visitors often stop in front of their gate "in springtime, I place young plants in front of my door so that visitors can take them home."

"We appreciate the friendliness here and people are always ready to lend a hand."

Christian and Jacky and other locals have also replanted a small vineyard. At the beginning of the 20th century, there were 250 hectares of vineyards behind the church. Today, the plot

is modest, but it is also a good excuse to meet up, help one another and share a moment that always ends in good humour around a little white wine. "In Chédigny, friendship is like a garden: it should be cultivated!" added Françoise with a smile.

With Alain Biard his career to them. Touraine in 2007, he discovered that Chédigny had changed... into a garden! Every week, Alain

Biard strolled around the village to take photos of the roses and the perennials. He now shares his knowledge during his "floral walks". These are nature rambles with no frills through the village and the garden of the presbytery during which Alain passes on his tips on size, planting and care. Don't forget to take your notebook to jot down the names of the plants and all of Alain's gardening secrets!

Reservations for Floral Walks:

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It was love at first sight for a house and the village in 2012 and since then, Bertrand Cardon feels right at home here. His house is like the

spirit of true friendship and it's easy to build relationships."

village: welcoming, with the living accommodation, "In Chedigny, workshop and gallery all rolled in to one making casual there is a exchanges simpler. The village inspires him and has nourished his artistic vision: "My work is solely artistic, more in abstraction and feeling, to communicate emotions through photos." Every year in August he organises a modest photography biennial with other artists in Chedigny. Throughout our visit to the village's workshops and galleries we discover the artistic vision not only of the

artists from here, but also elsewhere.

Bertrand Cardon Gallery-Workshop: 2 rue de Soleil Levant 37310 Chédigny Telephone: + 33 (0)6 60 49 97 90

"For over 40 years, bonds have been woven among the locals during the shows and festivals.





"Community life is the DNA of Chédigny! Here, we like doing things together." Monique Boitard is one of the pillars of the village. President of the Rose Festival, which is held every year in May, she has also been involved for 6 years with Odile Lebrun and other volunteers, in the Word of Mouth Festival to create the hearty dishes of yesteryear and turn this village into a giant garden. New for 2019, a baroque weekend the 29th & 30th June with concerts and other surprises!



Montrésor, one of the most beautiful villages in France

Hop over to Montrésor, one of the most beautiful villages in France that has preserved its unique charm and authenticity. Here, time seems to stand still... a delicious parenthesis to experience as a couple or a family!



Gemmail Exhibition. Halle des Cardeux 14 Rue du marché 37460 Montrésor Tel.: + 33 (0)2 47 92 70 71

Montrésor, the capital of gemmail

Enclosed in a glass setting, like a gemstone in its case, gemmail looks like stained glass. Made of juxtaposed and superimposed coloured glass, these impressive paintings, illuminated with light, have found the ideal place to be displayed. Described by Jean Cocteau as the Art of Glass and Light, gemmail was initiated in the thirties at the Atelier Malherbe in Paris. Thirty of these works by famous artists such as Tofoli, Braque, Rouault and Cocteau are exhibited on the first floor of the Halle des Cardeux.

Must-see Unclassifiable and original, this visit is worth the detour as much for the works of art as for the 18th century covered market where they are exhibited.

GOUR

Beaugrand Bakery 23 Rue du Marché 37460 Montrésor Tel.: +33 (0)2 47 92 64 02

Taste the macaroons

Unique: this is the perfect definition of Montrésor's macaroons! Nothing to do with the multi-coloured macarons in different flavours that are popular today. Those of Montrésor are a pretty, golden honey colour with a softness that encourages you to swallow several in a row... The origin of the recipe dates back to the Middle Ages and the pastry chef Olivier Beaugrand jealously guards the secret. The fame of this delicacy, based on egg whites, icing sugar and powdered almonds, has travelled far beyond Montrésor!

Good advice: Take some home to your friends and family - they keep for several days!

A castle like no other

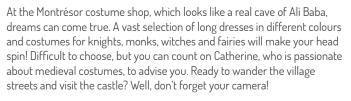


Montrésor Castle Tel.: +33 (0)2 47 19 27 50 www.facebook.com/chateaudemontresor

The castle, a must-see monument of the village, with its silhouette overlooking the river, seems to have come straight from a fairy tale. Restored in the 19th century by a Polish Count, Xavier Branicki, it has retained its quaint charm and intimate atmosphere that cannot be found anywhere else. Fully furnished and endowed with an astonishing collection of works of art, the castle bears the imprint of the past, plunging the visitor into the history of this Polish family to which it still belongs. The romantic park, particularly pleasant for strolling, offers a superb view of the village.

To extend your visit: Stroll through the narrow streets of the village and push open the door of the Collegiate Church where you will find the alabaster tomb of Imbert de Batarnay, owner of the castle in the 15th century.

Become a princess or a knight for the day



Costume Shop (by appointment) 32 Grande rue 37460 Montrésor Tel.: + 33 (0)6 08 05 39 64

Why would you want to do this? Guaranteed laughs for an absolutely unforgettable timeless experience. You can also rent costumes for a masked ball or a party.

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"Nuits solaires"... enchanted evenings

Every evening in July and August from 10 pm to midnight, come and stroll along the "Balconies of the River Indrois" to experience a magical and luminous night by the river. Projections on the castle walls around the life of Leonardo da Vinci, a sound and light journey, a mini-dance floor and board games will turn your evening into a moment of Zen and bucolic relaxation. Let yourself be transported into this poetic universe thanks to the route along the river, which enables you to discover the village and the castle in a new light. Enchanting for children too!

Our Favourites: free access to events on Wednesday evenings between July 14th and August 15th and to the art contest on the Balconies of the River Indrois.

Once upon a time there was... a lizard!



It is said that Prince Gontran and his squire dozing at the foot of a rock, noticed that a lizard scurrying into a cavity came out dripping with gold, revealing the presence of a fabulous treasure that would be the origin of the name of the village... Decode the sentence opposite to discover the place where the lizard was hiding,

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INVITATION TO TRAVEL with the Mariposa

Nestled in a walled garden, the Mariposa caravan is located close to the centre of Loches. This homely Romany caravan entices you to travel and daydream. The light wood interior has been furnished in a pure bohemian style and the touches of bright colour provide a real warmth. It has a cosy feel and every detail brings an additional charm to this original immaculate accommodation. Mariposa is the result of a beautiful story that Isabelle, the owner, will certainly tell you. The Romany caravan is perfectly suited to the free spirit for an original experience.

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The story of the Mariposa told in an album that gives soul to the Romany caravan and the violet syrup for a sweet welcome.

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NATURE IMMERSION at the Domaine de la Roche Bellin

At the Domaine de la Roche Bellin in Descartes, it's not easy to choose your accommodation! A house on stilts or a log cabin, a grass hut, yurts, Romany caravan, or a tent lodge... you'll want to try them all! Add an idyllic natural setting surrounded by meadows, woods, ponds and streams and you'll find a true paradise... perfect for relaxing. Sheep, geese, Géline de Touraine chickens, donkeys and Percheron horses also inhabit this site, to the delight of children. You'll fall asleep in the silence and wake up gently to the chirping of the birds. An amazing cocooning experience in a relaxing environment. The perfect break.



The details that make the difference: the (very) warm welcome and the picnic baskets made up of local products prepared by Sébastien, who was a chef in another life. A feast for your tastebuds...

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SEVENTIES STYLE at the Caravane Palace

If you liked the spirit of the seventies, go to the Caravane Palace in Cormery, a place that really is like no other. It is a traditional campsite where you can also rent authentic retro caravans that have regained their former glory. For those of you who are nostalgic, it's a real return to the past! No detail is missing - fabrics, decor, amenities - you could really believe you were back in the 70s! These rare pearls even have names such as "princess" or "delicacy" that suit them so well. To prolong the plunge back in time, a stroll around the village of Cormery to discover the old abbey is essential.

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Pitches in the shade of the weeping willows and Emily's smiley welcome.

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Fancy a stay in the heart of a vineyard in one of the most beautiful villages in France? For a timeless holiday in a 'faraway land' why not choose Thierry and Nelly's yurt or traditional caravan at the Domaine de la Grenadière in Montrésor? Open to the sky, the Mongolian yurt and its colourful traditional furnishings create an exotic atmosphere. A few meters further on, just next to the vineyards, the painted iron caravan and its authentic 1900 axle will not fail to surprise you. The stroll along the 'Balconies of the River Indrois' in this picturesque village is the perfect way to unwind. Not to be missed!



Nelly's tips and advice for tours and activities around Montrésor and its history.

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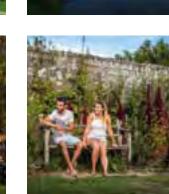










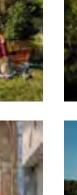


Umwimd... in the little gardens of Beaulieu-les-Loches





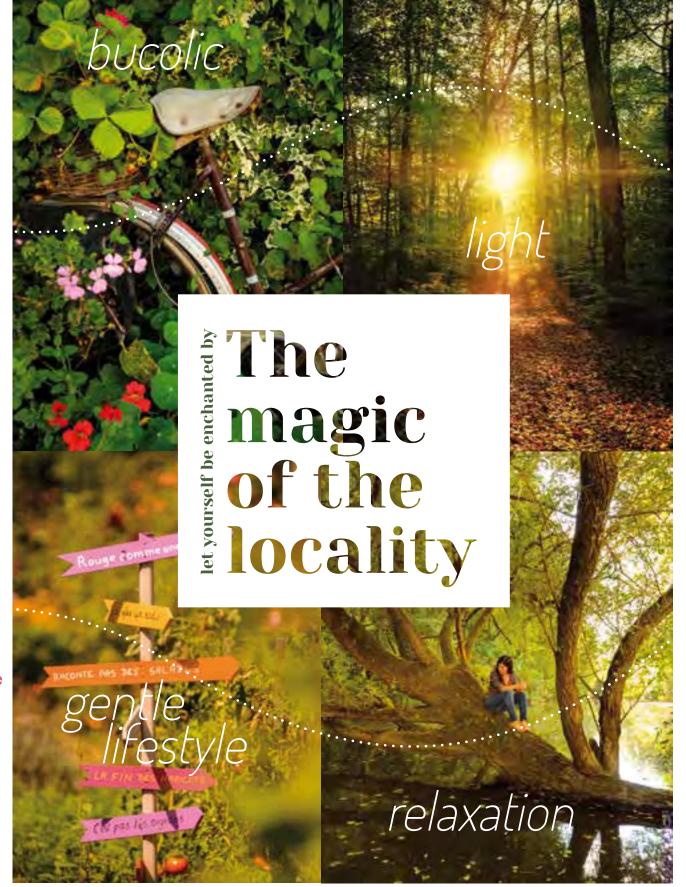


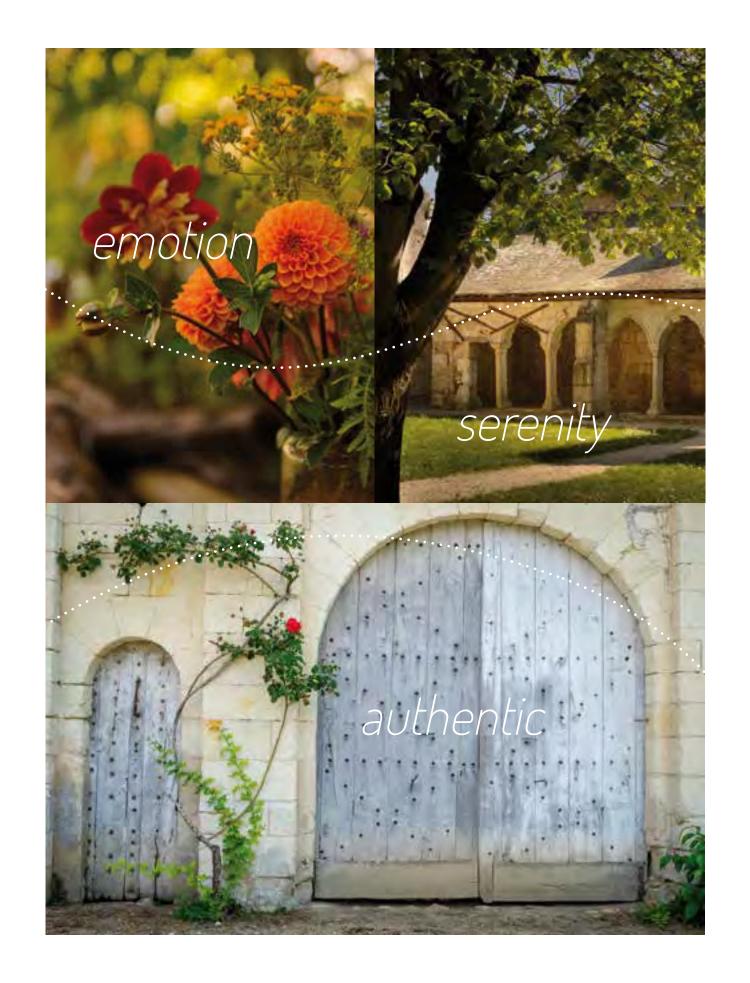






Escape...
on a bike along the South
Touraine's country roads





here, Life is relaxed and peaceful



Rebecca Rocher, expert advisor at Loches Touraine Châteaux de la Loire tourist office in Montresor adopted the South Touraine as her home twenty years ago, first because she was won over by love, but then out of conviction.

Charming little villages

I'm from the South coast of England, so when I first arrived in the South Touraine I found the countryside vast with so much space between each town, and the villages extremely small. Another noticeable difference was the houses, as here they are mainly constructed from the white tuffeau stone, whereas the area I lived in you see a wide variety of houses: red brick, half-timbered, thatched and quite a few with brightly coloured front doors! The contrast was striking!

I love the public gardens in Descartes!

From my very first holiday, the public gardens became a firm favourite of mine. I would take my daughter to feed the goats, they used to be where the rose garden is today. She would then play on the swings, whilst I would read a book. It is a place I still go to regularly to relax, I love to walk through the gardens, smell the roses and generally unwind. The park resembles a perfectly manicured garden with an array of magnificent trees, such as the blue cedar or ginkgo biloba (maidenhair). It's an ideal location to take family photos and a park I am looking forward to taking my grandson to!



I like to imagine life back in the old days in Ferrière-Larcon

My father-in-law was from this village and I was fortunate to discover it with him. I love taking friends and family for a stroll to this gem, it's so picturesque. Discover the troglodyte dwellings in the street 'rue des caves'; I like to try and imagine the lives of the people who lived in them centuries before. Behind the beautiful church, there is a fountain to discover, which locals say, has healing powers.

My favourite castle is Le Châtelier

A detour via the hamlet of Le Châtelier to see this castle is, in my opinion, really worth it. It is an impressive medieval castle with a moat that overlooks a handful of houses. Its wooden drawbridge still works, even if today we enter via the stone bridge. Once across, you will be enchanted by the discovery of the castle itself and the 'Grange des Protestants' 16th century barn, which has exceptional acoustics.

I can't go without 'rillettes' anymore!

I am a rillette convert! I absolutely love this meat product, which reminds me, in flavour, to the dripping my Mum used to serve on bread for Sunday tea! Overall though, I am not keen on very strong flavours!

I feel at home

The locals are very welcoming and it's partly because of them that I have always felt at home here.

Time to relax

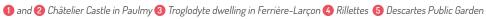
I appreciate the varying landscapes and the expanse of the beautiful countryside. People have space around them and are not on top of each other, which gives an overall impression of relaxation and harmony. I personally enjoy sitting down and eating good food with friends and family, it is important to me and conducive to my well-being! We really know how to appreciate the good things in life here and can indulge ourselves easily as there are so many fantastic local producers. Life here is wonderful!













Royal City of Loches

Go back in time and discover one of the most beautiful fortified cities of France. The story is revealed at the Royal Lodge and in the imposing 37 metre high keep through the interactive tour that plunges you into the heart of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. An exciting and fun experience to share with the family.



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Escape Game at the Lansyer Museum in Loches

The last will and testament of the painter Lansyer has disappeared! You have been commissioned by the curator of the museum to find the original will hidden in the painter's family home. You have 60 minutes to solve the puzzles and decipher the codes left by the artist!



Naturéo Water Park in Loches

On the programme: diving, waterslides or a few laps for fitness in the sports pool. At Naturéo Water Park, you'll forget about the weather outside! The best placefor fun with your family and generally having a great time. When the weather is nice, enjoy a beautiful, natural outdoor pool at Naturéo



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Finding a date in my agenda for some well-deserved pampering... rather tempting! So I went to rejuvenate at Les Bains Douches Spa to be spoilt with a massage.





As soon as you walk through the door it feels as though you are entering another world: sumptuous, cosy, calming. I'm in the mood for a relaxing traditional oriental massage using Argan oil. This massage is gentle and rather slow, perfect for unwinding. Choose the package that best suits your needs from one of the many treatments proposed.

I'm shown upstairs by Marjorie, who is going to take care of me. I love the atmosphere of the room: candles, soft light, orange blossom fragrances and Zen music. I don't need to be asked twice to lie down and am able to guickly relax, knowing I'm in expert hands. As the minutes slip by I feel totally cocooned. Her slow movements are precise and beneficial and I drift away in a bubble of well-being. As I let go of all the built-up tension in my body, I just wish time would stand still!

Why not prolong your visit and take advantage of the sauna, steam room or the pool and finish your experience enjoying a cup of delicious 'quatuor de fruits rouges' herbal tea. Forget about the stressful week, meetings and race against time. Take time for yourself at Les Bains Douches spa, it's good for morale.



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July

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Contemporary Music Festival. Free

Les Nuits Médiévales

Medieval market and events

July and August

Les Nuits solaires

Montrésor Sound and light trail along the Balconies of the River Indrois

August

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Medieval market and events

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Costumed Guided Tour 32 Grande rue 37460 MONTRESOR +33 (0)6 08 05 39 64 www.montresorseraconte.com

Sculptures and Land **Art around La Corroirie Castle-Monastery** Route de Loches (4.5 kms from Montrésor) 37460 MONTRESOR +33 (0)6 80 43 38 75

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Walking circuit No. 19 The Valley of the River Indrois

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Walking circuit No. 21 Le Louroux Lake

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Exploring The Orfonds Trail

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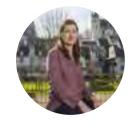
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