Welcome





How to leave the cottage for a visit

Start from the top of the lodging, then descend to the right or left. You are on the Tours-Vierzon road (30 minutes from Tours - 30 minutes from Beauval).





Welcome

In choosing our cottage, you'll be staying in the heart of a region steeped in history.

A way of life, a unique sense of place, international links and a lot of tourist attractions are all on offer.

Secret Dream, located in the countryside, has a maximum capacity of 9 people.

For a few days, a week or a weekend, come and discover the Valley of the Kings, stand at the heart of our region and listen to the beating heart of the Château des Dames.

Located 10 minutes from Chenonceaux, 20 minutes from Amboise, 30 minutes from Beauval and 30 minutes from Tours, come and enjoy a wide panorama of activities.

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Move over, Paris!

The heart of the French Renaissance beats right here in Touraine.

This enchanting region is a captivating blend of culture, art, and a timeless romance. Touraine exudes the charm of a smaller Tuscany, infused with the same lively energy and passion.

Just as the world falls in love with France, you'll fall for the allure of Touraine.

HOUSE RULES:

We would like to remind our guests:

- Non-Smoking: Our cottages are smoke-free environments.
- No Parties: Parties are not permitted on the property.
- Respectful Neighbors: Please be mindful of noise levels and respectful of our neighbors.
- Bathroom: Please do not dispose of wipes or sanitary towels down the toilets.
- Linens: Please leave all towels, bed linens, and washcloths where you found them.
- Furniture: Please do not move furniture or bedding (except for umbrella beds and cots). Please return them to their original positions upon departure.

Pet Requirements:

- All pets must have up-to-date vaccinations, be microchipped or tattooed, and be dewormed.
 Please send copies of their vaccination records in advance of your stay.
- Pet Comfort: For your pet's comfort, please bring their own bed, blankets, and any familiar items from home.
- Pet Clean-Up: Please promptly clean up any waste your pet may leave behind.
- Responsible Pet Ownership: We want our four-legged friends to be welcome, so please
 ensure they are well-behaved and supervised during your stay.

Cleaning:

- The cleaning fee includes cleaning of surfaces and sanitary facilities. Bed linens and towels are not included.
- Guests are responsible for cleaning dishes, utensils, glasses, and plates before departure.

Heating:

• Please do not adjust radiators controlled by thermostats.

Recycling:

• Please separate yellow bags and plastic bins for proper waste disposal.

Garbage Disposal:

• Please take your garbage out on the designated collection day (Monday).

Inventory:

An inventory check of all fixtures and furnishings will be conducted upon arrival and departure.
 Please notify us immediately if anything is unclear.

Security Deposit:

 Any theft, damage, or breakage not reported during your stay may result in the forfeit of your security deposit.

General Usage:

• We kindly request that all guests treat the property and its contents with respect.

Thank you, dear customers, for your understanding!



Let's all do our part for the planet!

We kindly ask that you help us conserve resources by minimizing water, electricity, and gas usage during your stay.

We encourage recycling! Please use the yellow bags provided for designated recyclable items

Here's a quick guide to waste disposal:

Garbage collection: Mondays

Bins available:

- Compost bin: This bin is for vegetable scraps and other organic materials.
- Food scraps bin: Leftovers and other food waste go here (to be fed to our chickens and rabbits).

In the heart of the Loire castles, be our guest.

We have so much to share and so much for you to discover: gastronomy, sightseeing, water sports, air sports, hiking, cycling paths...



For visits to the various sites and other activities, two tourist offices allow you to buy group tickets at preferential rates.



Nos cottages Secret Dream & Dream too sont au Perfectly situated, our cottage is within easy reach of all the main attractions. Many are just a few kilometers away, reachable within a 30-minute drive.

Let us guide you, and discover ideas for visits and good addresses by geographical and tourist area.



ZOOPARC BEAUVAL

Open daily from 9am to 6pm, this worldrenowned zoo offers endless exploration for animal lovers.

(Note: Due to its size, many recommend dedicating two days to fully explore the zoo.)

** Useful tips: Arrive shortly before opening to avoid traffic congestion at the Saint-Aignan bridge.

In the area of... Chenonceaux



Immerse yourself in the magic of Château des Dames!

Situated just 600 meters from the drawbridge (pont levis) across the river, Secret Dream offers a unique vantage point of this iconic castle spanning a tributary.

Explore the charming village of Chenonceaux on foot. A short stroll from the chateau car park, La Maison des Pages (bakery-teahouse) beckons with delicious pastries, viennoiseries, and hot or cold beverages. You can also support local businesses by picking up fresh groceries and regional specialties (this is a hidden gem, not just a tourist stop!).

In the area

Visiting the Wine Cellars of Our Communes:

Julien and Frédéric Moreau: Young Winemakers with a Passion for Organic Wines.

In Francueil, young winemakers Julien and Frédéric Moreau are taking on the exciting challenge of crafting organic wines. Their dedication to sustainable practices and exceptional quality is evident in every sip.

Cave Coopérative de la Gourmandière: A Haven for Wine Enthusiasts

Saved by a passionate négociant, the Cave Coopérative de la Gourmandière in Francueil welcomes you with open arms. Their friendly team is eager to share their knowledge of the region's diverse wines, ranging from the Cher and Loire valleys to the Pays Nantais. Embark on a delightful journey through the world of local flavors.

Les Caves du Père Auguste: A Legacy of Winemaking Excellence

For seven generations, the Vignerons of Les Caves du Père Auguste in Civray de Touraine have been upholding the highest standards of winemaking. Their dedication to excellence shines through in their exquisite selection of white, red, rosé, and sparkling wines. As you savor each glass, you'll be touched by the heartwarming presence of my winemaker's grandmother, whose portrait graces every bottle.





Immerse yourself in history and charm!

Explore the majestic castle and Clos Lucé, Leonardo da Vinci's inspiring residence.

- Unwind with a delightful picnic on the scenic banks of the Loire River.
- Alternatively, enjoy a delicious lunch at the Salamandre restaurant.
- Take a stroll through the shopping streets.
- · Market days are Friday and Sunday mornings.

Tours



Immerse yourself in art history: Explore the treasures housed in the Fine Arts Museum, and delve into the fascinating world of craftsmanship at the Companionship Museum.

Savor the local scene: Indulge in a drink or a leisurely lunch on the vibrant Place Plumereau, then lose yourself in the charming streets of Tours' historic center.

Embark on a wine adventure: Discover the cellars of **Montlouis and Vouvray,** two esteemed producers locked in a friendly rivalry. Sample their exquisite wines and discover the unique characteristics of each region.

a little further west

Step Back in Time with Majestic Touraine Castles!

- Explore the grandeur of the Loire Valley: Immerse yourself in history with visits to the captivating castles of Villandry and Azay-le-Rideau.
- Journey through time at the Maurice Dufresne Museum: Discover a hidden gem
 the Maurice Dufresne Museum. This fascinating collection showcases the rich heritage of Touraine, thanks to the dedication of its founder, Maurice Dufresne.

in the area of... Montrichard

Montrichard

Explore, Savor, and Relax!

- Delve into history: Discover the mysteries of the local dungeon, a captivating piece of the region's past.
- Treat your taste buds: Savor a delightful meal at Les Tuffeaux restaurant, a traditional brasserie renowned for its delicious fare.
- Indulge in culinary delights: Embark on a festival of flavors at the Pegarn bakery-pastry shop and tea room. Be prepared to be dazzled by their imaginative creations, vibrant colors, and meticulous attention to detail – a true feast for the senses!
- Catch a movie at Le Régent: Spend a relaxing evening at Le Régent cinema, a unique venue run by passionate volunteers who share their love of film.

Bourré

Uncork the magic at the Monmousseau wine cellars!

Tradition meets enchantment: Immerse yourself in the captivating world of the Monmousseau cellars. Explore a labyrinth of tunnels adorned with breathtaking works of art, creating a truly unforgettable experience.



Explore the Mushroom Cellars: A Surreal Town Crafted with Exquisite Detail

Venture into the depths of the mushroom cellars, where reality blurs into a captivating dreamscape. Admire the meticulously crafted town constructed from "tuffeau" limestone, a local building material. Every intricate detail of this enchanting creation will leave you awestruck.



Insider tip: The temperature can be cool in the cellars, so bring a light sweater for your visit.

Chissay-en-Touraine



The Statue Maker: Witness the artistry of a local sculptor who welcomes visitors with open arms. Discover their craft and perhaps even find a unique piece to take home.

Girardot Distillery: Embark on a sensory adventure at France's only troglodyte distillery! Sample their diverse and delicious liqueurs, a true celebration of flavor.



Faverolles sur cher

Le Fournil Gourmand (Chez Stéphane): Treat yourself to a nostalgic journey with delectable pastries and breads from this bakery. Stéphane's dedication to tradition and craftsmanship ensures every bite is a burst of flavor and childhood memories.

Swimming Pool: Unwind and refresh yourself at the local pool, featuring both indoor and outdoor sections. Enjoy year-round access, except for Christmas and New Year's Day.

Pouillé

Restaurant Le Bousquet: Experience a heartwarming family tradition at Le Bousquet. Indulge in delicious home-cooked meals prepared with passion. The owner, a dedicated conductor of his culinary "orchestra," ensures every aspect of your dining experience is perfect. His kindness, attentiveness, and dedication to quality make this a restaurant not to be missed.

Monthou-sur-cher

Chez Nicolas Deniau: Discover a new generation of winemaking expertise at Nicolas Deniau's winery. His warm and welcoming approach makes the experience truly special.

Châtillon sur cher

Le Palet du Petit Chèvre: (Located after Beauval) meet the producers who create delicious local cheeses.



in the area of... Loches & Montrésor

Discover charming medieval towns.

Verneuil

Discover the Cooperative Dairy: Savor the unique experience of the local cooperative dairy, a regional leader in combining tradition with modern practices. Be prepared to indulge in their irresistible selection of specialty products.



Nouans les fontaines

Meet the Cheesemaker at "Chez Croque Epines": Embark on a delightful farm visit to "Chez Croque Epines," where you can meet the passionate cheesemaker and sample their delicious goat cheese. This charming experience is sure to please visitors of all ages.

Céré la ronde

Craft Beers and a Castle at "La Brasserie de la Pigeonnelle": Indulge in a hoppy adventure at "La Brasserie de la Pigeonnelle," where two passionate brothers brew exceptional craft beers like "La Loirette" and "La Salamandre." Top off your experience with a visit to the magnificent private castle of Montpoupon.

in the area of. Blois

Focus on Itinerary Flow

Immerse yourself in the Loire Valley's grandeur! Start your day by exploring the iconic Châteaux of Cheverny and Blois. In the afternoon, delve into the fascinating world of magic at a dedicated museum.

As you return, make a delightful detour to the Château de Chaumont and wander through their breathtaking themed gardens, a unique experience every year.

Contres



The St-Michel shop:

Bonne Maman and St-Michel cakes, two enchanting brands with a local history and roots, like those of Morina madeleines. No tour, just a few minutes of video presentation.

Where can I shop?



- In Bléré, with James Doiseau, let yourself be guided by an experienced butcher.
- In Civray de Touraine, at Bruno Rocheteau's: come and discover the different specialities of a butcher who has won many medals, white pudding, black pudding, andouillette, rillons and rillettes.
- In Francueil, supermarket butcher (under the Carrefour banner). Quality products, Hervé the butcher always has a tip, a cooking tip or an accompaniment.



- Bléré : Épi de Bléré, Aux délices blérois, Lavallée bakery
- Francueil : Anne-Sophie et Romaric. Freshly Baked Delights: Creative Pastries & Artisan Breads



- Waste prevention operation on Tuesdays after 6 p.m. 50% off pastries and Viennese pastries.



- Medical practice: Located across from the Bléré swimming pool.
- Pharmacy next to the Intermarché shop in Bléré
- Veterinary clinic: Situated next to the Peugeot garage in the Saint-Julien area of Bléré.

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