



# Caves & Cellars of the Loire



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*This tour of caves, wine cellars and châteaux explores the best of the western Loire Valley, home to habitations troglodytiques (cave dwellings) and some of France's finest food and wine.*

### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

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#### Saumur

Home to triple sec, fine dining and France's most acrobatic horses

Brissac

FINISH

St-Hilaire-St-Florent

Doie-la-Fontaine

**Rochemenier**  
Explore 1930s cave-dwelling traditions

98 km

START

Brézé

#### Turquant

Cave-riddled cliffs converted to restaurants and galleries

9 km

39 km

#### Chinon

Stroll medieval streets in Joan of Arc's footsteps

3 DAYS

160KM / 100 MILES

### GREAT FOR...



### BEST TIME TO GO

May for greenery; September and October for harvest.



### ESSENTIAL PHOTO

Turquant's cliff face, with converted cave dwellings and windmill.



### BEST FOR WINE-TASTING

The 15km stretch between St-Hilaire-St-Florent and Montsoreau.