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## **François Ier 1515 – 2015, the Renaissance in the Loire Valley - - LOIRE VALLEY**

From 25/01/2015 to 16/11/2015

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Places : The Châteaux of the Loire :  
Nantes, Brissac, Angers, Langeais, Azay le  
Rideau, Villandry, Loches, Clos Lucé,  
Amboise, Blois, Chambord, Sully-sur-Loire.

Website : [www.francois1er.org](http://www.francois1er.org)

(website available late january 2015)

E-mail : i.scipion@visaloire.com

François 1 became King of France in January 1515. Five centuries later, 2015 sees the creation of a cultural season in the Loire Valley, presenting the different facets of his character and the highlights of his reign with the activities of his court and his entourage. François 1 became King of France in January 1515. Five centuries later, 2015 sees the creation of a cultural season in the Loire Valley, presenting the different facets of his character and the highlights of his reign with the activities of his court and his entourage.

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## **Visit of the Chambord forest park in a 4x4 vehicle - 41250 - CHAMBORD**

From 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015

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Place : Park of the national domain of  
Chambord

Tel : 02 54 50 50 40

Website : [www.chambord.org](http://www.chambord.org)

E-mail : [reservations@chambord.org](mailto:reservations@chambord.org)

A guide drives small groups of visitors in an all-terrain vehicle and invites them to discover fauna and flora in a natural protected environment. Length: 1.5 hours, booking recommended. A guide drives small groups of visitors in an all-terrain vehicle and invites them to discover fauna and flora in a natural protected environment. Length: 1.5 hours, booking recommended.

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## **Writers at Chambord - 41250 - CHAMBORD**

25/01/2015 - 22/02/2015 - 29/03/2015 -

From 01/04/2015 to 30/11/2015

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Place : National domain of Chambord

Tel : 02 54 50 40 23

Website : [www.chambord.org](http://www.chambord.org)

E-mail : [culture@chambord.org](mailto:culture@chambord.org)

For the fifth consecutive year, Chambord will welcome writers for a series of lectures, sometimes accompanied by music or actors. For the fifth consecutive year, Chambord will welcome writers for a series of lectures, sometimes accompanied by music or actors.

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## **Plant festival at Cheverny - 41700 - CHEVERNY**

From 21/03/2015 to 22/03/2015

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Place : Château of Cheverny

Tel : 02 54 79 96 29

Website : <http://www.chateau-cheverny.fr>

E-mail : [domainedecheverny@chateau-cheverny.com](mailto:domainedecheverny@chateau-cheverny.com)

A plant festival in the majestic setting of the park of the Château of Cheverny. Novices and connoisseurs will find a variety of plants, fruit, old vegetables and shrubs, as well as items associated garden life along the green pathways. A plant festival in the majestic setting of the park of the Château of Cheverny. Novices and connoisseurs will find a variety of plants, fruit, old vegetables and shrubs, as well as items associated garden life along the green pathways.

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## **Les Brissac and François 1er exhibition - 49320 - BRISSAC-QUINCE**

From 01/04/2015 to 31/10/2015

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Place : Château of Brissac  
Tel : 02 41 91 22 21  
Website : [www.chateau-brissac.fr](http://www.chateau-brissac.fr)  
E-mail : [chateau-brissac@orange.fr](mailto:chateau-brissac@orange.fr)

Exhibition: Les Brissac and François Ier: "A family at the service of the French crown" (from 1st April to 31 October 2015). The children of the Royal family and the Cossé family, the lords of Brissac in Spain (documents and costumed characters). Exhibition: Les Brissac and François Ier: "A family at the service of the French crown" (from 1st April to 31 October 2015). The children of the Royal family and the Cossé family, the lords of Brissac in Spain (documents and costumed characters).

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## **Enter into the legend of King Arthur and the Round Table - 37500 - CHINON**

From 04/04/2015 to 29/11/2015

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Place : Royal Fortress of Chinon  
Tel : 02 47 93 13 45  
Website : <http://www.forteressechinon.fr>  
E-mail : [forteressechinon@cg37.fr](mailto:forteressechinon@cg37.fr)

According to the legend of King Arthur, the king gives Touraine to his faithful squire Cheudon (the legend goes that Cheudon is pronounced Kainon, ie. Chinon, in the language of the Franks) who built a fortress there which he gave his own name. According to the legend of King Arthur, the king gives Touraine to his faithful squire Cheudon (the legend goes that Cheudon is pronounced Kainon, ie. Chinon, in the language of the Franks) who built a fortress there which he gave his own name.

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## **The story of Blois - 41000 - BLOIS**

From 04/04/2015 to 31/05/2015 - From 01/06/2015 to 31/08/2015 - From 01/09/2015 to 20/09/2015

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Place : Royal Château of Blois  
Tel : 02 54 90 33 33  
Website : [www.chateaudeblois.fr](http://www.chateaudeblois.fr)  
E-mail : [contact@chateaudeblois.fr](mailto:contact@chateaudeblois.fr)

Delve into a magical world of colours and light evoking the famous episodes in the history of the château. Show in French - simultaneous translation by Audiolangue into English, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Dutch and Russian. Delve into a magical world of colours and light evoking the famous episodes in the history of the château. Show in French - simultaneous translation by Audiolangue into English, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Dutch and Russian.

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## **Local markets in Chambord - 41250 - CHAMBORD**

From 06/04/2015 to 14/10/2015

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Place : St-Louis square - Chambord (main square of the village)  
Tel : 02 54 20 31 53

Local producers markets in the Place St Louis. Easter weekend, 1st May, the public holidays of Ascension and Pentecost, Sundays in May. Every Sunday in June, the weekend of the Game Fair and the Midsummer Music Festival and on Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Local producers markets in the Place St Louis. Easter weekend, 1st May, the public holidays of Ascension and Pentecost, Sundays in May. Every Sunday in June, the weekend of the Game Fair and the Midsummer Music Festival and on Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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## **Exhibition at the château - 41250 - CHAMBORD**

From 11/04/2015 to 30/08/2015 - From 26/09/2015 to 20/03/2016

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Place : National domain of Chambord  
Website : [www.chambord.org](http://www.chambord.org)  
E-mail : [culture@chambord.org](mailto:culture@chambord.org)

Guillaume Bruère, one of the most promising French artists of his generation, will present his powerful and expressive portraits of François 1. Bae Bien-U, the leading Korean photographer, will present around fifty photographs of the huge Chambord forest. Guillaume Bruère, one of the most promising French artists of his generation, will present his powerful and expressive portraits of François 1. Bae Bien-U, the leading Korean photographer, will present around fifty photographs of the huge Chambord forest.

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## **The king and the emperor - 37600 - LOCHES**

From 18/04/2015 to 20/09/2015

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Place : Royal city of Loches  
Tel : 02 47 59 01 32  
Website : <http://www.chateau-loches.fr>  
E-mail : [citeroyaleloches@cg37.fr](mailto:citeroyaleloches@cg37.fr)

On the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the accession to the throne of François 1, the Royal City of Loches evokes the summit meeting in Loches of the two greatest Christian sovereigns in Europe in 1539: the King of France François Ier and his rival Charles Quint. On the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the accession to the throne of François 1, the Royal City of Loches evokes the summit meeting in Loches of the two greatest Christian sovereigns in Europe in 1539: the King of France François Ier and his rival Charles Quint.

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## **International Garden Festival - 41150 - CHAUMONT-SUR-LOIRE**

From 23/04/2015 to 01/11/2015

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Place : Regional Domain of Chaumont-sur-Loire

Tel : 02 54 20 99 22

Website : [www.domaine-chaumont.fr](http://www.domaine-chaumont.fr)

E-mail : [contact@domaine-chaumont.fr](mailto:contact@domaine-chaumont.fr)

Since 1992, the International Garden Festival has provided a fantastic overview of the status of landscape creation in the world. The new Parc des Prés du Gouloup (10 hectares) now accommodates perennial gardens with ties to the great civilisations. Since 1992, the International Garden Festival has provided a fantastic overview of the status of landscape creation in the world. The new Parc des Prés du Gouloup (10 hectares) now accommodates perennial gardens with ties to the great civilisations.

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## **World of Creativity - 37400 - AMBOISE**

From 01/05/2015 to 30/06/2015

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Place : Château of Clos Lucé - Leonardo da Vinci Park

Tel : 02 47 57 00 73

Website : <http://www.vinci-closluce.com>

E-mail : [infos@vinci-closluce.com](mailto:infos@vinci-closluce.com)

This annual event with the heirs of Leonardo da Vinci is a journey to the heart of great areas of expertise. Craft artists continue the traditions of our ancestors, now in tune with the most modern technologies.

Theme 2015 : Extraordinary gardens - Collectors' gardens. This annual event with the heirs of Leonardo da Vinci is a journey to the heart of great areas of expertise. Craft artists continue the traditions of our ancestors, now in tune with the most modern technologies.

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## **Equestrian show in the national estate of Chambord - 41250 - CHAMBORD**

From 01/05/2015 to 30/09/2015

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Place : National domain of Chambord

Tel : 02 54 50 40 00

Website : [www.chambord.org](http://www.chambord.org)

E-mail : [reservations@chambord.org](mailto:reservations@chambord.org)

The equestrian show at the stables of the Maréchal de Saxe relates the history of Chambord over five centuries, from the reign of François 1 to the Romantic era. A show for everyone, with dressage movements, Cossack stunt riding, show-jumping and duels.

Duration: 45 mins, sheltered stands. The equestrian show at the stables of the Maréchal de Saxe relates the history of Chambord over five centuries, from the reign of François 1 to the Romantic era. A show for everyone, with dressage movements, Cossack stunt riding, show-jumping and duels.

Duration: 45 mins, sheltered stands.

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## **Moments in History** - 45600 - SULLY-SUR-LOIRE

From 02/05/2015 to 03/05/2015

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Place : Park of Château of Sully  
Website : <http://www.comitedesfetesdesully.com/topic/index.html>  
E-mail : [comitesully@orange.fr](mailto:comitesully@orange.fr)

Large historic mural portraying the period of the Vikings to the 1960s. Over 600 people involved in reconstructions, representing the eras in history with different costumes. Held in the park of the Château of Sully. Medieval market, medieval camps, dance show, grand historic parade, fireworks...Large historic mural portraying the period of the Vikings to the 1960s. Over 600 people involved in reconstructions, representing the eras in history with different costumes. Held in the park of the Château of Sully. Medieval market, medieval camps, dance show, grand historic parade, fireworks...

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## **Sully and le Loiret festival** - 45600 - SULLY-SUR-LOIRE

From 22/05/2015 to 07/06/2015

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Place : Historical monuments in the Loiret  
Website : <http://www.festival-sully.com>  
E-mail : [festival.sully@loiret.fr](mailto:festival.sully@loiret.fr)

Exceptional concerts and recitals will be held in châteaux, churches and Abbeys as part of the festival organised in several municipalities in Loiret.Exceptional concerts and recitals will be held in châteaux, churches and Abbeys as part of the festival organised in several municipalities in Loiret.

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## **Venetian weekend on the Cheverny estate** - 41700 - CHEVERNY

From 06/06/2015 to 07/06/2015

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Place : Château of Cheverny  
Tel : 02 54 79 96 29  
Website : <http://www.chateau-cheverny.fr>  
E-mail : [domainedecheverny@chateau-cheverny.com](mailto:domainedecheverny@chateau-cheverny.com)

Parades in Venetian costume in the park and château.Parades in Venetian costume in the park and château.

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## **Jazzin' Cheverny** - 41700 - CHEVERNY

From 25/06/2015 to 28/06/2015

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Place : Château, church and golf of Cheverny  
Tel : 02 54 79 96 29  
Website : [www.jazzin-cheverny.com](http://www.jazzin-cheverny.com)  
E-mail : [jazzincheverny@orange.fr](mailto:jazzincheverny@orange.fr)

Eighth edition of the Jazz Festival from 25 to 28 June 2015, in the prestigious setting of the Château of Cheverny and in the magnificent village square.Eighth edition of the Jazz Festival from 25 to 28 June 2015, in the prestigious setting of the Château of Cheverny and in the magnificent village square.

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## **Azay evenings** - 37190 - AZAY-LE-RIDEAU

From 01/07/2015 to 31/08/2015

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Place : Château of Azay-le-Rideau  
Tel : 02 47 45 42 04  
Website : <http://azay-le-rideau.monuments-nationaux.fr>  
E-mail : [chateau.azay-le-rideau@monuments-nationaux.fr](mailto:chateau.azay-le-rideau@monuments-nationaux.fr)

During the summer, there will be evening entertainment at Azay from 7.00pm. On Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evenings, a very different visit of the château is being organised, lit up by one thousand candles. On Tuesdays, "Le Cœur de la Touraine" is an evening with a food theme for discovery of the products and traditions of the Touraine region. During the summer, there will be evening entertainment at Azay from 7.00pm. On Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evenings, a very different visit of the château is being organised, lit up by one thousand candles. On Tuesdays, "Le Cœur de la Touraine" is an evening with a food theme for discovery of the products and traditions of the Touraine region.

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## **Gardens of Light** - 41150 - CHAUMONT-SUR-LOIRE

From 01/07/2015 to 31/08/2015

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Place : Regional Domain of Chaumont-sur-Loire  
Tel : 02 54 20 99 22  
Website : [www.domaine-chaumont.fr](http://www.domaine-chaumont.fr)  
E-mail : [contact@domaine-chaumont.fr](mailto:contact@domaine-chaumont.fr)

"Gardens of Light", the nighttime discovery of the International Garden Festival, invites the visitor to stroll freely through the Festival in a poetic setting, with the route lit by low energy consumption light emitting diodes. "Gardens of Light", the nighttime discovery of the International Garden Festival, invites the visitor to stroll freely through the Festival in a poetic setting, with the route lit by low energy consumption light emitting diodes.

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## **Magical Nights** - 41150 - CHAUMONT-SUR-LOIRE

From 01/07/2015 to 31/08/2015

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Place : Regional Domain of Chaumont-sur-Loire  
Tel : 02 54 20 99 22  
Website : [www.domaine-chaumont.fr](http://www.domaine-chaumont.fr)  
E-mail : [contact@domaine-chaumont.fr](mailto:contact@domaine-chaumont.fr)

A "Magical Nights" event is being held on some summer evenings. This is a night-time visit of the château, the function rooms, the dining room and Renaissance rooms, including Catherine de Medici's famous astrologists room, lit by the light of hundreds of candles. A "Magical Nights" event is being held on some summer evenings. This is a night-time visit of the château, the function rooms, the dining room and Renaissance rooms, including Catherine de Medici's famous astrologists room, lit by the light of hundreds of candles.

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## **Illuminated gardens** - 37150 - CHENONCEAUX

From 01/07/2015 to 31/08/2015

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Place : The gardens of the château of Chenonceau

Tel : 08 20 20 90 90

Website : <http://www.chenonceau.com>

E-mail : [info@chenonceau.com](mailto:info@chenonceau.com)

Lighting up of the château and gardens, to the music of Arcangelo Corelli. Lighting up of the château and gardens, to the music of Arcangelo Corelli.

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## **Nights of a Thousand Lights** - 37510 - VILLANDRY

From 03/07/2015 to 04/07/2015

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Place: Gardens of Château of Villandry

Tel : 02 47 50 02 09

Website :

<http://www.chateauvillandry.com>

E-mail : [info@chateauvillandry.com](mailto:info@chateauvillandry.com)

The gardens are lit up by candles, transforming them into something even more spectacular. Shuttle bus leaves from Tours: meet in front of Tours Tourist Office on Fridays at 9.15pm and Saturdays at 8.45pm. Return after the fireworks. The gardens are lit up by candles, transforming them into something even more spectacular. Shuttle bus leaves from Tours: meet in front of Tours Tourist Office on Fridays at 9.15pm and Saturdays at 8.45pm. Return after the fireworks.

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## **Chambord Festival** - 41250 - CHAMBORD

From 03/07/2015 to 18/07/2015

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Place : National domain of Chambord

Tel : 02 54 50 50 40

Website : [www.chambord.org](http://www.chambord.org)

E-mail : [reservations@chambord.org](mailto:reservations@chambord.org)

The 5th edition of the festival will be held between 3 and 18 July 2015. This year will bring together artists and groups of international renown, as well as young emerging artists. The majority of concerts will be held in the courtyard, while some will be staged in the more intimate setting of the château. The 5th edition of the festival will be held between 3 and 18 July 2015. This year will bring together artists and groups of international renown, as well as young emerging artists. The majority of concerts will be held in the courtyard, while some will be staged in the more intimate setting of the château.

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## **Exhibition at the Royal Château of Blois - The Library of François 1er - 41000 - BLOIS**

From 07/07/2015 to 18/10/2015

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Place : Royal Château of Blois  
Tel : 02 54 90 33 32  
Website : <http://www.chateaudeblois.fr>  
E-mail : [contact@chateaudeblois.fr](mailto:contact@chateaudeblois.fr)

In 2015, France will celebrate 500 years since the accession to the throne of François I as well as the anniversary of the battle of Marignan. For the first time François 1's most precious books will be together at the Royal Château of Blois, together with a selection of objet's d'art. In 2015, France will celebrate 500 years since the accession to the throne of François I as well as the anniversary of the battle of Marignan. For the first time François 1's most precious books will be together at the Royal Château of Blois, together with a selection of objet's d'art.

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## **Grand night-time show at the Royal Château of Amboise - 37400 - AMBOISE**

From 08/07/2015 to 29/08/2015

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Place : Royal Château of Amboise  
Tel : 02 47 57 14 47  
Website : <http://www.renaissance-amboise.com>  
E-mail : [ara@renaissance-amboise.com](mailto:ara@renaissance-amboise.com)

An unmissable event in the Touraine region! Relive the splendour of the court of François 1, Claude de France and Leonardo da Vinci during an event lasting 1.5 hours in the majestic setting of the Royal Château of Amboise. With 450 characters and 1,000 costumes, this spectacle offers a host of lights, music and pyrotechnics. An unmissable event in the Touraine region! Relive the splendour of the court of François 1, Claude de France and Leonardo da Vinci during an event lasting 1.5 hours in the majestic setting of the Royal Château of Amboise. With 450 characters and 1,000 costumes, this spectacle offers a host of lights, music and pyrotechnics.

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## **Fencing show at the Royal Château - 41000 - BLOIS**

From 14/07/2015 to 15/08/2015

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Place : Royal Château of Amboise  
Tel : 02 54 90 33 33  
Website : [www.chateaudeblois.fr](http://www.chateaudeblois.fr)  
E-mail : [contact@chateaudeblois.fr](mailto:contact@chateaudeblois.fr)

Swordsmen and warriors clash with humour and panache, reliving the era of the duel. To the tune of the lute and the bagpipes, fencing professionals put on original combat displays. Show included in the admission fee to the Royal Château of Blois. Swordsmen and warriors clash with humour and panache, reliving the era of the duel. To the tune of the lute and the bagpipes, fencing professionals put on original combat displays. Show included in the admission fee to the Royal Château of Blois.



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## **Medieval market - 37500 - CHINON** 01/08/2015

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Place : downtown  
Website : <http://c.o.m.m.over-blog.com/>

This is a large traditional festival held on the first Saturday of August, with free admission for all. Visitors are transported back in time to the Middle Ages with people walking in costume through the historic centre of the town. This is a large traditional festival held on the first Saturday of August, with free admission for all. Visitors are transported back in time to the Middle Ages with people walking in costume through the historic centre of the town.

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## **La Sange Festival, Nature, Hunting and Fishing, 17th edition - 45600 - SULLY-SUR-LOIRE** From 12/09/2015 to 13/09/2015

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Place : Park of Château of Sully

Each year for the last 15 years, the La Sange festival has raised awareness of regional heritage through exhibitions and entertainment focusing on hunting, fishing and nature.

Saint Hubert Mass, walking route "In the footsteps of Henri IV", hunting horns, "Hunting" and "Fishing" villages, etc. Each year for the last 15 years, the La Sange festival has raised awareness of regional heritage through exhibitions and entertainment focusing on hunting, fishing and nature.

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## **Listening to the stag's call in Chambord - 41250 - CHAMBORD** From 15/09/2015 to 01/10/2015

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Place : National domain of Chambord  
Tel : 02 54 50 50 40  
Website : [www.chambord.org](http://www.chambord.org)  
E-mail : [reservations@chambord.org](mailto:reservations@chambord.org)

In groups, from the viewing tower of the Guillonnière farm in the area closed to the public. Maximum 16 people, approx. 3 hours. In groups, from the viewing tower of the Guillonnière farm in the area closed to the public. Maximum 16 people, approx. 3 hours.

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## **Days in the vegetable garden - 37510 - VILLANDRY** From 26/09/2015 to 27/09/2015

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Place : Château of Villandry  
Tel : 02 47 50 02 09  
Website : <http://www.chateauvillandry.com>  
E-mail : [info@chateauvillandry.com](mailto:info@chateauvillandry.com)

The gardeners of Villandry share their knowledge and expertise. Workshops, demonstrations, guided visits and also entertainment for children, craftsmen, etc. The gardeners of Villandry share their knowledge and expertise. Workshops, demonstrations, guided visits and also entertainment for children, craftsmen, etc.

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## **Autumn splendours at the Chaumont estate - 41150 - CHAUMONT-SUR-LOIRE**

From 19/10/2015 to 02/11/2015

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Place : Regional Domain of Chaumont-sur-Loire

Tel : 02 54 20 99 22

Website : [www.domaine-chaumont.fr](http://www.domaine-chaumont.fr)

Half-term autumn holidays. The Chaumont-sur-Loire estate is putting on a dazzling display of festival gowns and is offering visits, walks and discovery of rare vegetables. It is possible, among other events, to sample vegetable dishes based on foliage and vegetables and created for the occasion. Half-term autumn holidays. The Chaumont-sur-Loire estate is putting on a dazzling display of festival gowns and is offering visits, walks and discovery of rare vegetables. It is possible, among other events, to sample vegetable dishes based on foliage and vegetables and created for the occasion.

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## **Christmas over the centuries - 37400 - AMBOISE**

From 29/11/2014 to 11/01/2015 - From 28/11/2015 to 10/01/2016

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Place : Royal Château of Amboise

Tel : 02 47 57 00 98

Website : <http://www.chateau-amboise.com>

E-mail : [contact@chateau-amboise.com](mailto:contact@chateau-amboise.com)

"Noel, Noel!" The joyful cries of princes still resound in the royal abode. But the celebration of the Nativity has changed significantly over the centuries. The visitor can discover the origin of traditions from the Renaissance and the 18th and 19th centuries. "Noel, Noel!" The joyful cries of princes still resound in the royal abode. But the celebration of the Nativity has changed significantly over the centuries. The visitor can discover the origin of traditions from the Renaissance and the 18th and 19th centuries.

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## **Christmas at Chenonceau - 37150 - CHENONCEAUX**

From 06/12/2014 to 04/01/2015 - From 05/12/2015 to 03/01/2016

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Place : Château of Chenonceau

Tel : 08 20 20 90 90

Website : <http://www.chenonceau.com>

E-mail : [info@chenonceau.com](mailto:info@chenonceau.com)

The floral workshop of the château gives a new interpretation of traditions with many surprises on offer, in white, gold, red and green colours! Visitors discover the work of florists and their new creations to enchant children and adults. The Christmas tree is always magical for children, and then there is the cuisine with its delicious smells. The floral workshop of the château gives a new interpretation of traditions with many surprises on offer, in white, gold, red and green colours! Visitors discover the work of florists and their new creations to enchant children and adults. The Christmas tree is always magical for children, and then there is the cuisine with its delicious smells.