



# ANCIENT EXPLORATIONS

## **Chautauqua 2023 – France**

Megaliths and Chateaux: 6000 Years of History  
in Brittany and the Loire Valley  
June 24 – July 2, 2023

### June 24, Saturday: Arrival to Nantes

Afternoon: Fly from Paris to Nantes  
5-6pm: Happy Hour meeting and orientation  
6-7pm: Lecture: Neolithic France: The Carnac Region  
Overnight in Nantes

### June 25 Sunday: Vannes and Locmariaquer

8-9am: Breakfast and hotel check out  
9-11am: Transport to Vannes  
11-1pm: Lunch and hotel check in  
1-5pm: Tour of Locmariaquer – Table des Marchands dolmen  
and the Grand Menhir Brise  
Overnight in Vannes

### June 26, Monday: Carnac

7-9am: Breakfast hours at hotel  
9-12pm: Maison des Megaliths and Menec Cromlech  
12-2pm: Lunch in Carnac-Ville  
2-5pm: Kermario and Ketscan groups (1500 megaliths)  
Overnight in Vannes

### June 27, Tuesday: Gavrinis

7-9am: Breakfast at hotel  
9-12pm: Boat tour to Gavrinis and Er Lamic – carved dolmens  
12-2pm: Lunch break in Larmor-Baden  
2-4pm: Cairn de Petit Mont  
6-7pm: Lecture: The History of the Loire Valley  
Overnight in Vannes

June 28, Wednesday: Saumur and Usse Castles

7-8am: Breakfast and check out  
8-11am: Transport to Saumur  
11-1pm: Dolmen de Bagnuex and lunch break  
1-2pm: Saumur Castle – 10<sup>th</sup> century  
3-5pm: Usse Castle – “Sleeping Beauty’s Castle”  
5-6pm: Transport to Tours  
Overnight in Tours

June 29, Thursday: Loire Chateaux – Villandry and Azay-Le-Rideau

7-9am: Breakfast hours at hotel  
9-12pm: Chateau Villandry and gardens  
12-2pm: Lunch break  
2-5pm: Chateau Azay-Le-Rideau  
Overnight in Tours

June 30, Friday: Loire Chateaux – Chenonceaux and Chambord

7-9am: Breakfast and hotel check out  
9-11am: Transport to and tour of Chateau de Clos Luce  
(Da Vinci’s last home and museum of his models)  
11-1pm: Lunch break in Blois  
1-4pm: Transport to and tour of Chateau Chambord  
4-6pm: Transport to Versailles  
Overnight in Versailles

July 1, Saturday: Versailles Palace and Gardens

7-8am: Breakfast at hotel  
8-11am: Tour of the Palace of Versailles  
11-1pm: lunch break  
1-4pm: Marie Antionette’s Village  
6-7pm: Closing course ceremonies in hotel bar  
7-11pm: Evening of Music and Fireworks in Versailles’ Garden  
Overnight in Versailles

July 2, Sunday: Departure

On to the airport or into Paris on your own

Included:

All lodging, private ground transportation with bus and driver during the course, all entry fees, Dr. Barnhart as course instructor, local tour guides, and two evening lectures.

Not Included:

Airfare to Paris and Nantes, transport from Nantes airport to first hotel, transport from Versailles to the CDG airport, and all meals during the course.

Hotels during course (subject to change):

Nantes:

Hotel Seven Urban Suites Nantes Center  
10, rue Konrad Adenauer 44200 NANTES  
<https://www.7urbansuites.fr/en/>

Vannes:

Kyriad Hotel Vannes City Center  
8 PLACE DE LA LIBERATION 56000 VANNES  
<https://www.kyriad.com/en/hotels/kyriad-vannes-centre-ville>

Tours:

The Grand Hotel of Tours  
9 Place de General Leclerc 37000 TOURS  
<https://www.legrandhoteltours.com/en/>

Versailles:

Hotel Le Louis Versailles Chateau  
2 bis avenue de Paris 78000 VERSAILLES  
<https://sofitel.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1300-le-louis-versailles-chateau-hotel-mgallery/index.shtml>