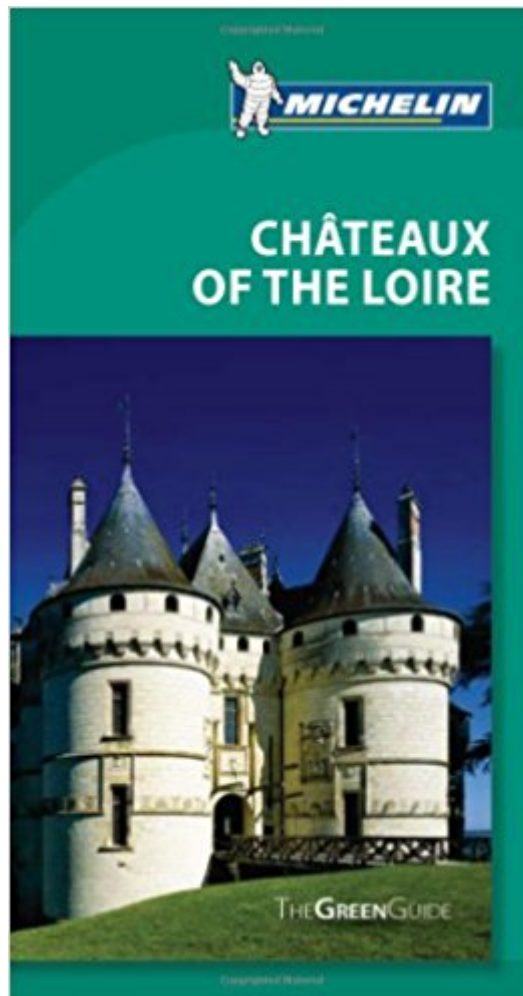




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# Michelin Green Guide Chateaux Of The Loire, 9e (Green Guide/Michelin)



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Respected cultural travel guides featuring Michelin stars and tours. This brand new, completely revised edition features the best of the Châteaux of the Loire. The Loire Valley is a cultural landscape of great renown and beauty, noteworthy, too, for the very high quality of its architectural heritage, boasting more than 300 châteaux in and around such historic towns as Amboise, Angers, Blois, Chinon, Saumur and Tours. So rich and diverse is this pedigree that in December 2000, UNESCO added the central part of the valley to its list of World Heritage Sites. Tours, maps, full-color photos, illustrations and plenty of new content help you explore the Châteaux, while Michelin's celebrated star-rating system and respected maps make sure you see the best that the Loire Valley has to offer. Use with Michelin Road Map No. 517.

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I totally disagree with the previous reviewer. Just because one fails to find one entry doesn't mean the book is faulty. Let's not overlook all of the useful information in the book and the beautiful photographs as well. I love the Michelin star system and find that it in fact lines up beautifully with my interests when I travel. Something rated 3 stars I do usually find fantastic and the things they find worth mentioning or just giving one star to I mostly agree with. This book somehow manages to be light enough and of a size and shape that make it very portable and not at all a hassle to take along. The information given helped us both in the planning stages helping us choose which chateaux to devote our time to and also while we were there, we could pull this out and read up a little on our next stop or look something up about the history of where we were visiting. I browsed a few different guides before making my choice and I'm very pleased with my choice. It seems like a lot of people choose the Eyewitness guide for this and although it is pretty to look at, I just didn't find the information as thorough as in this Michelin guide.

I was expecting this guide to only be about the chateaux of the Loire, a reasonable expectation given the title. But in fact it is a more generally useful guide, and probably should be given the title "Guide to the Loire, with lots of information about the Chateaux." A pleasant surprise.

There are a number of Loire Valley guides but I found this one to be the best by far. The details and added insights made our week in the Loire so much more meaningful and interesting. It really was our companion throughout our visit.

The Chateau of the Loire are the best thing in France outside of Paris. You should definitely be

aware of them if you're going to France.

A very handy format and easy to use with plenty of suggestions and good maps. This is a must travel companion in the Loire Valley.

Poorly organized and difficult to use. Inadequate index. If you don't happen to know that the St. Julien church you heard about is actually a cathedral, and alphabetized under "C" for cathedral in the index and not "S" for St. or "J" for Julien, you, like me, will come to loathe this book.

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