



Chenonceau



"This site has a beautiful location at the side of the River Cher and is an ideal base for visiting other towns and châteaux around the area." The Gothard family.

Campsite Contact Details:

Camping Le Moulin Fort
37150
Chenonceaux
Tel: 0033 247 238 622

Arrival Procedure

Select Sites customers should go straight to the campsite reception on arrival. Reception, where English is spoken is open from 8.15am to 12pm and from 4pm to 7pm in low season and from 9am to 12pm and from 2pm to 8pm in high season. Customers unavoidably delayed, arriving after the barrier is down (10pm to 8am) should leave the car outside the site and go to the main campsite reception to speak to security or to the bar to find a member of staff. We advise that you ring ahead to warn the campsite if you expect to arrive late.



Don't forget we're on the end of the phone if you need us

Call 0044 1606 787 666

our office hours are:

Monday- Friday

Saturdays

Sundays & Bank Holidays

9.00 am - 5.30 pm

10.00 am - 2.00 pm

closed

Life On Site

This fantastic campsite is within walking distance of the picturesque Château of Chenonceau, which dramatically spans the width of the River Cher.

Useful Information

- **Swimming pool:** There are two pools on the campsite. The first is an outdoor rectangular pool which is suitable for adults and children aged 13 and above (2m in depth throughout). It is heated, and open from mid May – mid September. The second is a paddling pool for infants and younger children. This pool is also heated and is open from mid May – mid September. French regulations stipulate that traditional swimming trunks and not shorts must be worn in the pool.
- **Washblocks:** There are two sanitary blocks on the campsite which are clearly separated for Ladies and Gentlemen. Please note that most campsites do not provide toilet paper in the wash blocks, and some campsite sanitary blocks do not have toilet seats.
- **Barbecues:** Charcoal and gas barbecues only are allowed on your pitch.
- **Internet access:** This is not available on this campsite, although WiFi is available in the bar and reception.
- **Gas bottles:** These can be exchanged on site.
- **Motorhome Service Point:** There is a motorhome service point on site.
- **Fridge hire:** This is not available at this campsite, although it is possible to freeze ice packs for a small charge.
- **Electricity:** Pitches have 6 amp European electricity connections.
- **Dogs:** These are permitted on the campsite.

Campsite Activities and Entertainment

We have picked out a few things to do on site that may be of interest to you. For a full list of campsite activities, please refer to our brochure or website.

During the day

There is a library within the main campsite building, which has over 300 English books and a handful of French and Dutch books which customers are welcome to borrow or exchange. There are also a number of cosy chairs to read them on when the weather is a little rainy.

Fishing is available from the campsite, into the River Cher which runs adjacent to the site. Permits are required and can be purchased from the campsite reception.

Site run children's clubs are available (early July – late August) for children aged 4-12 years old. Activities typically include art and craft workshops, mini discos and sports competitions, and languages spoken include English and French.

During the evening

This campsite prides itself on its relaxed, peaceful and family orientated atmosphere, and so entertainment is organised sporadically from early July – end of August. It is held in the campsite bar and typically includes live music or quiz nights. The entertainment is carried out in French and English.

Excursions

The campsite sometimes organise off site walking excursions in the surrounding area. They also sell guide books of the region and have a wealth of local attraction leaflets in the site reception.

Food and Drink

There is a brasserie style restaurant on the campsite, as well as a takeaway. Both are open from end May – end July and serve food such as pizzas, chips, toasties, burgers and salads. There is also a daily Plat du Jour including dishes such as boeuf bourguignon, chilli con carne, curry, paella and lasagne. The restaurant is located next to the reception, in a converted old water mill, and has a pretty outdoor terrace with seating, which covers the swimming pool below and the campsite beyond. There is also a bar on site which is open from end May – end July and which serves local and internationally branded drinks

Shopping

There is a small shop on the campsite which is open from mid July – end August which stocks basic amenities. From mid July – end August, a local fruit and vegetable trader comes onto the campsite once a week to sell fresh produce. The nearby small village of Franceuil (2km away from the site) also has a bakery and a butchers.



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For more comprehensive information about the campsite or local area **before you travel**, please feel free to contact us. We are always happy to help. Further information can also be found on our website.

call: 0844 406 9876

click: www.select-site.co.uk

Please be aware that in the early and late season, the complete range of activities may not be available. Any opening times are for guidance only, as these may vary and are subject to change by the campsite owner. Please check at reception on arrival.

Around & About

Known as the "Garden of France", the Loire Valley is an unspoiled region of natural beauty. Comprised of fertile fields, tapestries of vineyards and ancient forests, the area also boasts over 100 of fairytale Renaissance châteaux with most dotted along France's longest and most beautiful river, the Loire.

While you're here try...

TARTE TATIN. This iconic upside down French dessert is made up of flaky pastry and cooked apples bathed in caramel. It originated in the small rural town of Lamotte Beuvron when two sisters had a cooking accident and forgot to put pastry in the bottom of their cooking dish meaning that when the tart was turned out it was inverted. It is usually served warm with fresh cream.

RILLETTES. This is a type of pâté which can be made from pork, goose, duck, chicken, game birds or fish such as anchovies, tuna or salmon. It is normally cooked in seasoned lard and then made into a coarse paste to be served cold on crusty bread.

WINE. A region famed for its wine production with some of the most popular including Muscadet (ideal with fish), Sancerre (recommended with cheese) and Chenin Blanc (suggested with white meat.) Many vineyards in the region offer guided tours and tasting sessions.



Where to Shop

- Franceuil. This small village is the closest to the campsite (2km away) and has a bakery, a post office and a tabac (English newspapers available).
- Bléré. A little further from the campsite (10km away), this town has an increased number of facilities including several banks (with cashpoints accepting most card types), a petrol station and an Intermarché supermarket.
- Tours. The largest city in the Loire Valley, Tours (37km away) is home to no less than 30 bustling street markets, several fashionable department stores and the Centre Commercial Les Atlantes which is a large shopping centre with over 60 shops and a large Carrefour hypermarket.

Local market days (usually mornings only) are as follows:

Monday – Monrichard.

Tuesday – Bléré.

Wednesday – Loches.

Thursday – Chinon.

Friday – Tours.

Saturday – Blois.

Sunday – Amboise



Sporting Activities

- **Canoeing** – this is available along the River Cher in July and August from the town of Civray. It is then possible to canoe down the river to the Château of Chenonceau, and even pass under the arches which span the width of the river.
- **Horse riding** – this is available at the Ecuries de Chouzy (Les Sables) in Chouzy sur Cisse. Suitable for children aged 4 years and above. (www.ecuries-de-chouzy.ffe.com)
- **Hot air balloon rides** – available 7 days a week from early April – late November. Departing from various locations including Chenonceaux, Amboise, Chaumont sur Loire and Loches. Rides normally depart in the morning or early evening and take in the main sights of the region including the many châteaux for which it is famed. (www.france-balloons.com)
- **Boat trips** – these are available on the River Loire from Rochecorbon. Guided tours are given with explanations about the surrounding countryside and the passing water animal life. Prices range from 6 – 9 euros per person and the trip lasts 1 hour. (www.naviloire.com)
- **Paintballing** – for children and adults at Fantasy Forest (Rue des Thomeaux) in Mosnes. Prices vary from 12 – 45 euros. (www.fantasyforest.fr)
- **Tree top adventure course** – available at Fantasy Forest (Rue des Thomeaux) in Mosnes. Suitable for children aged 3 years and above, there are 4 different courses of varying abilities and heights. Safety equipment is provided and full supervision is given. There are also bouncy castles, trampolines, a picnic area and organised orienteering trips. (www.fantasyforest.fr)
- **Golf** – 18 hole course in Cagny. No handicap required but insurance is necessary. Prices range from 20 – 50 euros. (www.golfdefleuray-amboise.com)

Must Sees and Dos

Please see your European Guide for additional information about your local area.

Château of Chenonceau – 1km

Famed as the most visited and photographed of all the châteaux in the Loire Valley and second only to the château of Versailles in Paris, this original manor house was previously a royal residence. Unusually built spanning the width of the River Cher, the château has retained many of its original 16th Century features including its impressive fireplaces, staircases and chamber rooms. www.chenonceau.com

Aquarium du Val de Loire – 11km

Located at Lussault sur Loire (on the D751 between Tours and Amboise), this popular tourist attraction boasts of being one of the biggest aquariums in Europe with over 10,000 tropical fish sourced from five continents, as well as from the local River Loire. www.aquariumduvaldeloire.com

Château of Chambord – 56km

The largest château in the Loire Valley, Chambord is one of the most recognised in the world due to its very distinct French Renaissance architecture. Dating back to the sixteenth century, this impressive castle has royal origins and lies in around twenty miles of wooded parkland. www.chambord.org

Les Grottes Pétrifiantes de Savonnières – 57km

Nestled in the heart of Touraine, near to the Château of Villandry, these underground limestone caves were used as former quarries in the Middle Ages. An interesting and educational day out, the caves have stalactites, stalagmites, lakes and cascades, dating back to the 16th century. www.grottes-savonnieres.com

Fontevraud Abbey – 96km

Built in the Middle Ages, this royal abbey is the final resting place of both French and English monarchs. Surrounded by beautiful flower gardens and scenic pathways, it was built in 1099 and unusually had both a nunnery and a monastery. Nowadays, the abbey is a renowned site for classical music concerts, artistic exhibitions and cultural discussion groups. www.abbayedefontevraud.com

Château of Ussé – 72km

This château is particularly impressive and is said to be the inspiration for Charles Perrault's tale of Sleeping Beauty after he visited it in the 17th Century. Built in the 15th Century, it truly is a fairytale castle with romantic white turrets, pointed towers and chimneys and set on the edge of dense forest overlooking flower filled meadows. www.chateaudusse.fr

Futuroscope – 115km

Welcoming over 3 million visitors a year, Futuroscope is a theme park unlike any other with multimedia, cinematographic and audio-visual attractions. Opened in 1987, the park has high thrill rides, 3D / 4D cinema shows and there are also evening theatre performances including the most recent addition of I-Magic which is an eye-dazzling, Vegas-style magic show suitable for all the family. www.futuroscope.com

Please note: Select sites has not vetted any off site activities. Customers should undertake their own safety checks.

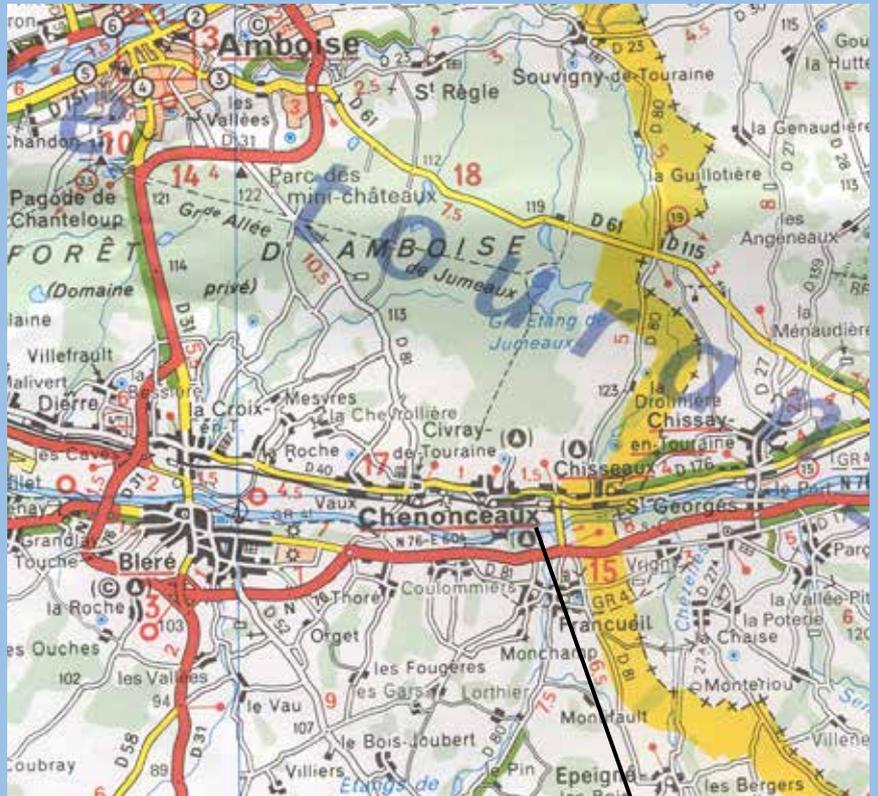
Getting To Your Site

Location Camping Le Moulin Fort is located a short distance from the D80 and is 37km south east of Tours and 42km south west of Blois.

Directions The campsite is situated on the south side of the River Cher, between the D976 and the D40. From the north (Amboise D31) and from the A85 / E604 (exiting at junction 11), follow signs for the D976 in the direction of Vierzon. * Join the D976 and stay on this road until reaching a small roundabout at Francueil. Turn left, following a sign for the campsite, which is on the right hand side before the bridge. From the east, stay on the D976 and turn right at the small roundabout and then right again before the bridge. If travelling from Loches, avoid Francueil village by using the D31 and Bléré bypass and directions from * as above.

New Law re Breathalysers in France

Please be aware that a new law came in to force from 1st July 2012 that makes it COMPULSORY for all motorists in FRANCE to carry a single use breathalyser. We advise that if you are travelling to (or through) France you should carry at least two disposable breathalysers in order to comply with this new law. The breathalysers you purchase must comply to French regulations and will carry the 'French certification mark' 'NF'. These should be purchased prior to departure in the UK but can also be purchased on the ferry, in most French supermarkets, service/petrol stations or chemists. You could receive an on-the-spot fine if you cannot produce this product when asked.



GPS co ordinates:
47.327333 / 1.087417 (lat./long.)

Campsite location

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the GPS coordinates provided, we strongly advise you cross-reference your end destination with the map above and the campsite address before you commence your journey.



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Key Dates

French Public (Bank) Holiday Dates 2015

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday (Vendredi Saint)
Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday (Pâques)
Monday 6th April - Easter Monday (Lundi de Pâques)
Friday 1st May - Labour Day (Fête du Travail)
Friday 8th May - Victory Day (Fête de La Victoire)
Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day (Ascension Catholique)
Sunday 24th May - Whit Sunday (Pentecôte)
Monday 25th May - Whit Monday (Lundi de Pentecôte)
Tuesday 14th July - Bastille Day (Fête Nationale)
Saturday 15th August - Assumption of Mary (Assomption)

French organisations and businesses close on public holidays. Although some shopping centres and grocers open for part of the day, the majority of shops do not. Police stations and hospitals do not close. When a public holiday falls on a Thursday or Tuesday, it is common practice to "make the bridge" (faire le pont) by taking off the Friday or Monday so creating a very long weekend.

Handy Hints and Tips

Shop Opening & Closing - The classic French shopping days are Monday – Saturday with shops generally open from 9am to midday and 2pm – 7pm. Stores generally close on Sundays. Please note that although some larger stores or those in popular tourist areas may remain open at lunchtimes and on Sundays, this is optional and not guaranteed.

Dialling Codes - If dialling the UK from abroad, use 0044 and drop the first 0 from the dialling code. If dialling the Republic of Ireland, use 00353 and drop the first 0 from the dialling code.

Tourist Information Office

Office de Tourisme, 8 Rue Jean Jacques Rousseau, 37150, Bléré

Important Information

Car breakdown - Please note that in the event of breakdown all customers insured through Select Sites should consult their Insurance Terms and Conditions booklet. Campsite reception will have information of local garages. Due to recent European legislation it is now a requirement when driving in Europe that all cars need to carry a reflective jacket at all times. These reflective jackets can be purchased almost everywhere in Europe for approx 8 to 15 Euros each.

Personal Injury The chances of you and your family either having an accident or becoming the victims of crime whilst on holiday are extremely low. However, you should encourage the members of your party to take the same sensible precautions that they would do at home.

Try to avoid walking alone at night, and keep to well-lit main roads where possible. You should try to avoid short cuts like alleyways, waste ground and wooded, bushy areas. Stay alert: be aware of what's going on around you.

It is always worth letting someone know where you are going, the route you intend to take and when you expect to return.

We want you to have a safe holiday - please read campsite notices carefully and ensure all members of your party understand the rules and regulations as they are there for your own safety.

Emergency Information

Emergencies. In the event of an emergency please contact the main campsite reception for details of local emergency services.

Doctors	Bléré	0033 247 302 020
Dentist	Bléré	0033 247 578 900
Hospital	Angers	0033 241 482 121
Vets	Bléré	0033 247 235 858

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