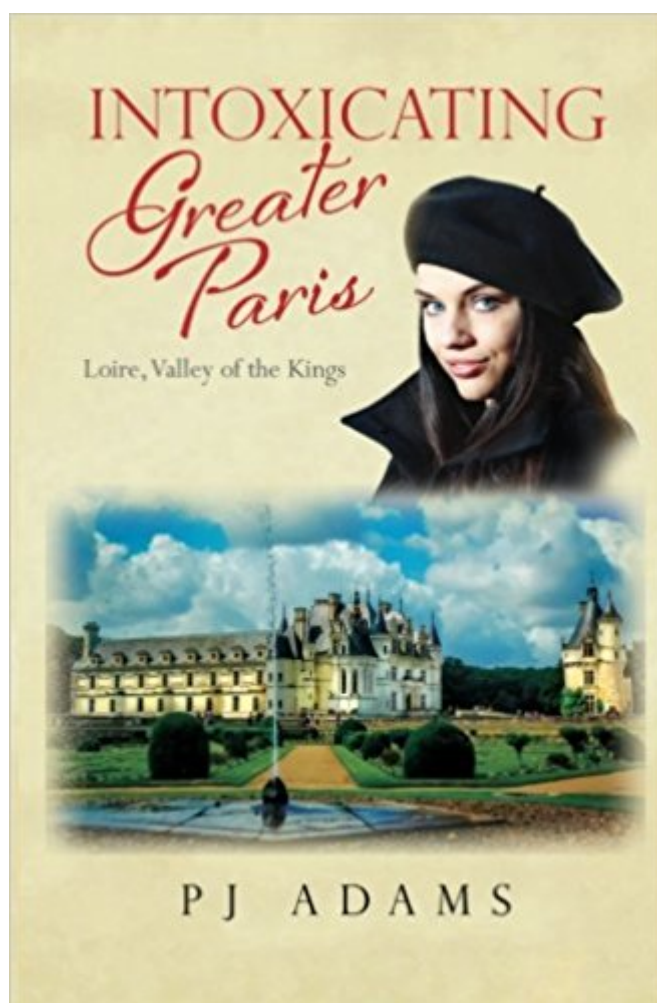


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Intoxicating Greater Paris: Loire, Valley Of The Kings (PJ Adams Intoxicating Travel Series)



Synopsis

Pamela "PJ" Adams, best-selling author of *Intoxicating Paris*, is back with another enchanting journey. Just outside Paris, the Loire is home to 300+ aristocratic castles where kings, queens, and paramours ruled France for centuries. Brimming with sumptuous cuisine, fine wines, and garden-centered estates, the "Garden of France" is a fantastic place to unleash our most regal fantasies. Join us as we sample the beauties of the Loire, Valley of the Kings.

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"The Loire Valley is another favorite of PJ Adams, who shows us how to find our inner royals in this fantastic area. Taste the wine. Fly the flags. Munch yummy chÃvre. And live life like a king (or queen) through PJ's stories and tours of the famous Loire castles. Works well for armchair travelers or on-the-ground types who need a comprehensive Loire travel resource."Â --Tom Leech, author of *Say It Like Shakespeare*Â and *On the Road in '68*"PJ Adams' colorful Loire guide steps us back in time when the Valois and Bourbon families ruled the kingdom of France in sumptuous castles and gardens. In her book, you too can walk the path of kings, eat the cuisine of royals, and sip some of the finest wines in France. PJ offers insider tips and dramatic tales of this fantastic valley. Fun. Fascinating. Fabulous."--Christy Destremau, Founder, *France Off the Beaten Path Tours* (traveloffthebeatenpath.com)"PJ Adams has done it again--masterfully providing excellent, sensible tips for getting around this beautiful portion of France...She colors this advice with her own personal experiences, many of them unexpectedly charming.Â Francophiles will love

this book as a guide to this more casual part of France, with over 300 castles and other wonderful places to visit. Quality photography abounds and is shown in appropriate sizes--even for an eBook. And I found Adams's three-star system for sightseeing and experiences (**Must see, *Could see, and *Might see) particularly handy. History is engagingly woven into this book, providing context, scope, and perspective, and it's told with sensitivity." --Lynette Smith, author of Heartfelt Letters

The P.J. Adams books lend themselves to quickly planning a trip through the most fascinating parts of rural France. The descriptions in the Adams books allow me to size up an area and determine which towns are worth an overnight stay, which cities merit three nights in a central boutique hotel, and what parts of the countryside will be most enjoyable. --Gary Beals, Director, Fortaleza Experiencias Medievales

After years of exploring the Loire Valley, just outside Paris, it's my great pleasure to bring you Intoxicating Greater Paris: Loire, Valley of the Kings. This regal valley is home to 300+ aristocratic châteaux (castles) sprinkled like Renaissance jewels across the countryside. Built by the kings and courtiers of yesteryear, these fabulous estates are now open to the public. Among my favorites are: Chenonceau, the pretty women's château much loved by Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Médici; Chambord, François I's king of castles with 425 rooms, 365 fireplaces, and 84 staircases; Chaumont, the queenly host of the International Garden Festival; Ussé, Sleeping Beauty's castle where Charles Perault's princess still awakens to her true-love's kiss; Azay-le-Rideau, the diamond estate on a lake, and dozens of others. Along the way, we visit Tours (cradle of the French Language), Amboise (tourism enclave), Blois (center of historical Loire); modern Orléans, Saumur (equestrian haven), Chartres (cathedral famed), and 24-hour auto race darling Le Mans. Sumptuousèvre goat cheese and mushroom tarts plus much-loved desserts like tarte Tatin make this a grand locale for dining. Famed wines from Chinon, Vouvray, and Sancerre are legendary. Join me in my journey, along with local expert Christy Destremau American-French owner of France Off the Beaten Path Tours (traveloffthebeatenpath.com), as we bring you the delights of the Loire.

PJ Adams has done it again! masterfully providing excellent, sensible tips for getting around this beautiful portion of France, efficiently and cost-effectively, and seeing what matters. She colors this advice with her own personal experiences, many of them unexpectedly charming. Francophiles will love this book as a guide to this more casual part of France, with over 300 castles and other wonderful places to visit. Quality photography abounds and is shown in appropriate

sizes “even for an eBook. And I found Adams’ three-star system for sightseeing and experiences (***Must see, **Could see, and *Might see) particularly handy. History is engagingly woven into this book, providing context, scope, and perspective, and it’s told with sensitivity. Adding to that are Adams’ current-day descriptions of the Loire Valley’s destinations and people. I especially enjoyed reading about Château d’Ussé in Rigny-Ussé near Azay, as it was the inspiration for Disneyland’s Sleeping Beauty’s Castle and thus called to mind my favorite childhood fairytale.

Once again PJ Adams has delivered...this time opening the Loire Valley like no other! The wonderful language and amazing details of so many sights, smells, tastes & experiences will make my next trip so much more fun. It was a treat to go to a website after being intoxicated by the preceding narrative. Being a huge fan of both da Vinci & Le Mans, I especially appreciated the insight! Can’t wait for you to share adventure...

Intoxicating Greater Paris:Loire, Valley of the Kings has me salivating to go back to France and specifically the Loire castles. The book is a feast of insider tips, recipes, pictures and all the details that let you know this writer really understands French culture and history. I started out just browsing but ended up reading cover to cover. Yum.

Makes me want to jump on a plane and dive into the beauty I read in these words!

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