

**JEC Sof/A Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Visit to Saumur on the Loire**

**Multiple choice of Events and visit to Abbaye de Fontevraud**



**Our first June event takes us to the city of Saumur on the Loire.**

**We propose a leisurely drive from your homes to the City of Saumur meeting up in the late afternoon on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Unfortunately, being close to high season the city centre hotels, whilst being reasonably priced, request a significant up front deposit from the club. We therefore propose that members make their own accommodation plans if they wish to attend this event.**

**Possible City Centre hotels: (There are many more to choose from)**

**St Pierre**

**Hotel des Londres**

**Hotel des Volney**

**Kyriad**

**Once members have checked into their hotel we propose to meet up for pre dinner drinks and to discuss the next day. A reasonable central bar for us to meet would be the Saint Cloud but this will be confirmed nearer the time**

**Saumur has many visit opportunities but we have limited our suggestions to three possible visits and if wished we can split up into groups depending on our interests with the possibility of both a morning and afternoon visit on the Thursday.**

Firstly there is Saumur Chateau and its museum of decorative arts. There is also an area of the museum set aside relating to an equestrian theme. The chateau also feature gardens with good views over the Loire valley.

[www.chateau-saumur.fr](http://www.chateau-saumur.fr)

The next option is the Musee des Blindes (Armour museum) for those of you with an interest in the history of Armoured vehicles from their beginnings in the first World war to recent.

[www.museedesblindes.fr](http://www.museedesblindes.fr)

The third option for those of us with an interest in mechanics and engines there is the Motor museum of Saumur. It features engines from their beginnings in the early 1800s to present and varying in size from 53 gms up to a marine engine weighing in at 21 tonnes.

The staff also like to demonstrate them working. (OK....maybe not the marine engine)

[www.museedumoteur.fr](http://www.museedumoteur.fr)

If none of the above options suit then there are many other places of interest near Saumur for example the [www.museeduchampignon?](http://www.museeduchampignon.fr)

Check out other options on Tripadvisor or similar.

We will be planning an evening meal for the Wednesday and Thursday evenings. [Venues TBA]

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> after checking out of our hotels it is a short 20 minute drive to the Abbaye de Fontevraud.

There is a comprehensive website at [www.fontevraud.fr](http://www.fontevraud.fr)

Founded in 1101, the Abbaye has had a checkered history including being used as a prison and housing the tombs of Eleanor of Aquitaine and Richard the Lionheart

**Please note your intention to join us on the trip by completing the Note of interest / Registration Form and returning it to me**

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**Can I ask for responses by April 11<sup>th</sup>.**