

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport & Visa

All foreign nationals wanting to come to France must be able to submit **statutory documentary evidence** at the border for the **reasons for their stay**, their **means of support** and **accommodation arrangements**.

As a rule, unless you are exempt, **you are required to have a visa**. It must be applied for from the relevant French embassy or consulate in the applicant's country of residence.

The **type of visa** required to enter France depends on the duration of and reasons for the planned stay, except in the following special cases:

- ▶ for stays of less than or not exceeding 90 days (3 months), you need to apply for a short-stay "Schengen" visa;
- ▶ for stays exceeding 90 days (3 months) you need to apply for a long-stay visa suited to the duration of and reasons for your stay.

For more information : <http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/getting-a-visa/>

Climate

Tours is a splendid town on the Loire. Just like in many other regions in France we find a mild sea-climate here. The winters are mild, it does not get very cold there. In the summer the temperature rises up to 20 degrees and the entire summer can be called agreeable but never too warm.

Language

Tours and The Loire Valley are visited year round by tourists from all over the world, English is frequently spoken.

Money

The French currency is the Euro, "EUR = €." Exchange rates of participating countries are locked into a common currency. Notes come in denominations of €500, €200, €100, €50, €20, €10 and €5. Coins are in denominations of €2 and €1, and 50, 20, 10, five, two and one cents.

Credit cards

Major cards such as Visa, MasterCard, Eurocard, Cirrus, Amex are widely accepted.

Useful facts

Population: 138 268 inhabitants

Area: 34,36 km²

Time: GMT/UTC + 1 hour (+ 2 hours in summer)

Telephone area code: (+33) 2

Emergency number

Dial 112

Airports

Tours (TUF) 6,3 km

Roissy-Charles de Gaulle (CDG) 262,60 km

Paris-Orly (ORY) 230,5 km

Smoking

Smoking is **FORBIDDEN** in all public areas.

For more information about the city and the region please visit : <http://www.tours-tourism.co.uk/>