

WEDNESDAY 5TH OF JUNE 2019

GUIDED VISIT OF TOURS

2.30 pm

Meeting point at Vinci Congress Center with our guide and go for a guided tour by foot of the city of Tours.

Discover the **Saint-Gatien's Cathedral**, built from the 12th to the 16th centuries it shows the evolution of the gothic style. You will walk along the **Colbert street**, with its half-timbered façades, towards the «**Old City of Tours** », it became a centre of life of the city with narrow and often pedestrian streets, with several houses with half-timbered façades, dating back for most of them to the 15th and 16th centuries.

Guided tour in Tours of the **MUSEUM OF CRAFTSMEN-HANDCRAFT**, unique in the world. Located in the hospitality room (11th century) and in the monk's dormitory (15th century) in the former

Abbey of Saint-Julien, this museum traces back the history, the customs and the skills of these groups of training and protection of the craftsmen. You will have the chance to see current or lost professions (locksmiths, confectioners, carpenters, roofers...), the tools and masterpieces that the Compagnons du Tour de France had to create to deserve their title and honour the «*belle ouvrage* ».

Then, you will make a privileged visit of the CCC OD. You will discover behind the scenes of this exceptional architecture designed by the Portuguese agency Aires Mateus. Created from a historic building and enriched with a contemporary building, the place has a nave 11 meters high entirely glazed. Suspended above a pedestal of light, the new building seems to be levitating. A real place of artistic life, you will extend your visit in the exhibitions of the CCC OD, between artistic narrative and experience around contemporary creation.

You will reach the famous **Plumereau square** it shows a nice set of half-timbered houses, stroll in the picturesque medieval streets where you will find numerous shops offering rich crafts and admire the garden **Saint-Pierre-le-Puellier** (Gallo-roman vestiges), with its stair towers, **the Charlemagne Tower**. You will discover the **Saint-Martin's Basilica**, a magnificent building of the 19th century, it hosts the tomb of Saint Martin.

End of the visit around 5.30 pm.

