

The first three weeks of June were among the very best weeks of our lives so far—we went to France to celebrate our 25th anniversary! Our first week was a bicycle tour of the chateaux of the Loire Valley; wow, it was fun! We had arranged with a company to supply bikes, set up our lodging (including dinners and breakfasts), move our bags, and give us route descriptions and maps. All we had to do was ride (see us **setting off**, and on one of the **bike paths**), stop for coffees and baguette sandwiches and **yummy pastries** (luckily Mary speaks a little French, so we got by just fine), and tour **castles**. What a rough life; we rode about 117 miles—almost 200 km—over 4 days.



(le parc de mini-chateaux, Ambois)



(certainly wanted every last bit!)



The main building and gardens of Chateau de Chenonceau, on the river Cher