

WEEK-END

GABARES'TOUR



26 & 27 may
2 days / 57 km



REQUIRED LEVEL



ROUTE

This tour is 57 kilometers long and goes from Angoulême to Cognac, with a stop in Bassac, to be completed within two days on the Charente, one of the most peaceful rivers. You are on the Gabares'route, those flatbottomed boats which used to transport local eau-de-vie, paper and varied materials required towards Rochefort's arsenal, then bring back inland fish, salt and spice.

Historical cities : Angoulême, Jarnac, Cognac, (optional visits).

SIGHTSEEING

This river is peaceful since it was unlisted from the « Navigable Waterways of France » in 1926. This tour, or at least a very close route, has twice already had the pleasure of receiving the FISA label (French Federation for Rowing Associations), in 1988 and 1998 : which underlines the quality of this program and the richness to be discovered on the riverbanks. Charente is a river as peaceful as a lake and the bordering monuments fit in the surrounding greenery as if Nature itself had built them. Abbeys, mansions, Renaissance castles and natural landscapes blend in a perfect harmony..



PRATICAL INFORMATION



TOUR DURATION

2 days, 26 & 27 may 2018



TOUR PLACE

From Angoulême to Cognac, on the Charente river



BOATS

Recreational four-person sculling boats



FEES

140€ with accomodation, 1 night and 3 meals included



FOR COMPANIONS

Identical fees



SEAT RENTAL

30 seats available, 15 €/day



SAFETY

Supervision : 30 people
Safety boats : 4



PROVISIONAL PLANNING

Day 1 : 17km from 9 to 12am and 17km from 2pm to 5pm
Day 2 : 24km from 9am to 1pm



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