


GABARES'TOUR

 **MAY 09 & 10**
2 DAYS / 41 KM

 **ROWING 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.


SIGHTSEEING


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


This river is peaceful since it wasunlisted from the « Navigable Waterways of France » in 1926. This tour, or at least a very close route,has twice already had the pleasureof receiving the FISA label (FrenchFederation for Rowing Associations), in 1988 and 1998 ; which underlines the quality of this programand 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 - May 09 & 10, 2020


 **TOUR PLACE**
From Angoulême to Cognac, on the Charente river

 **BOATS**
Recreational four-person sculling boats


 **FEES**
147€ : with accomodation, 1 night and 3 meals included

 **FOR COMPANIONS**
Identical Fees

 **SEAT RENTAL**
90 seats available, 17€


 **SAFETY**
Supervision : 30 people
Safety boats : 4

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 **PROVISIONAL PLANNING**
Day 1 : Tour starts at 9am for a 34km long route across 11 locks. Festive evening dancing and singing.
Day 2 : Tour starts at 9am for a 21km route across 4 locks.