


LOIRE'S GALLEYS

 **MAY 16 & 17**
2 DAYS / 44 KM

 **ROWING LEVEL**

ROUTE

You will start from St. Germain sur Vienne and travel across a peaceful green setting for a few kilometers before reaching the Loire river confluence in Candès and Montsoreau. The river will take you winding between the sandbanks where many wild birds come nesting and fishing. Further away you will gaze upon troglodyte villages on the left bank. Just before arriving you will cross Saumur and catch a glimpse of the wharfs' activity at the time of the brown water navy. On the next morning you will row downriver and gaze to starboard upon villages bathing in the sun. After crossing the bridge in Gennes-Les Rosiers you will reach on the beautiful lake of Thoureil village before landing on the dock of the Ménétré traditional port.



SIGHTSEEING

On Saturday the river will unveil St. Martin's priory and the castle of Diane de Poitiers in two of the most beautiful French villages. "Good King Rene" s caste watches your descent from its headland over the river.


Upon arriving in Saumur on Saturday evening you may visit one of the local wine cellars or distillery where Saumur is produced. You will afterwards enjoy a typical diner composed of « fouées » in a troglodyte cave. On Sunday you will discover the natural part of the river. Thoureil village is the place where many old boats replicas from the Loire navy drop anchor. Back at the nautical base you will be served a bucolic lunch by the river and wash it down with local drinks.


If you have time and feel like it, you may visit some of the numerous sites mixing culture, architecture and History, both inside and around Saumur (Fontevraud Abbey, Saumur Castle, National Rading School, the old Saumur etc...).


By the way, what exactly are Loire's galleys? Gastronomy, history, navigation... Let's find out !




PRATICAL INFORMATION


 **TOUR DURATION**
2 days - May 16 & 17, 2020


 **TOUR PLACE**
Loire river


 **BOATS**
Recreational four-person sculling boats

 **FEES**
145€ : with accomodation, 1 night and 3 meals included
Saturday lunch : barbecue by the water
Saturday evening : local delicacies in a troglodyte cave
Sunday lunch : Wood-fire grilled meal by the Thouet river
115€ : without accomodation, 3 meals included


 **FOR COMPANIONS**
Identical Fees

 **SEAT RENTAL**
70 seats available, 26€

 **SAFETY**
Supervision : 40 people
Safety boats : 5

 **PROVISIONAL PLANNING**
Day 1 : Welcome on site from 10am then boat preparation ;
11.30am : welcome drinks and barbecue lunch ;
2pm : Tour start (about 2h30) ;
5pm : visit of a tourist site near the nautical base ;
7.30pm : drinks and diner composed of local delicacies ;
Day 2 : 7am : breakfast at the club ;
9am : Start of the second stage of the tour (about 2h30) ;
1.15pm : bucolic lunch at the club.

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