

# LOIRE'S GALLEYS



**JUNE 22 & 23**  
2 DAYS / 44 KM



**ROWING LEVEL**

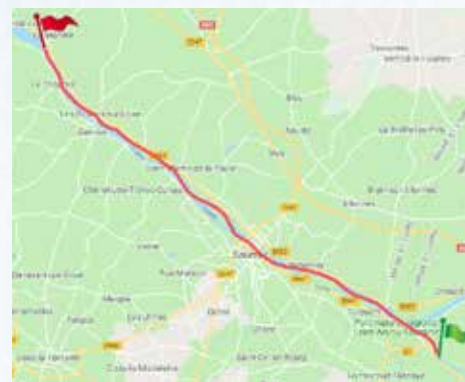
## ROUTE

After boarding on a beach, the first kilometers are framed with greenery. When reaching the confluence with the Loire river near Montsoreau you will enter a gorgeous mirror lake. You will then wind between the sandbanks and may greet the terns which nest on the sand, or else the surroundings grey herons and white egret fishing. To the port side you will see troglodytical villages all along your tour towards the «perle de l'Anjou». The crossing of Saumur along the quays give you an idea of the historical activity of the area, when the barges used to transport wine, salt and others goods. When leaving Saumur you will make a stop at the mouth of the Thouet for a gastronomic and touristic break ! The next day, as soon as you arrive on the Loire river, the current will help you travel along some beautiful tuffeau stone houses. You will pass along sunny villages on starboard. The crossing under the Gennes bridge takes you on the site of an important fight which took place in 1940 for the cadets of the riding school. Soon after you will reach the beautiful lake of Thoueil village. You're almost there and will land in a typical boat ramp in Ménitré.

## 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. When stopping on Saturday evening you may do some sightseeing in Saumur (probably visit a local save where fizzy "Saumur" is made, or else play a local game of boules. On Sunday you will explore the natural Loire. The Thoueil harbor shelters many replicas of traditional regional boats. 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 - June 22 & 23, 2019



**TOUR PLACE**  
Loire, river



**BOATS**  
Recreational four-person sculling boats



**FEES**  
**140 €** : with accommodation, 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  
**110 €** : without accommodation, 3 meals included



**FOR COMPANIONS**  
Identical fees



**SEAT RENTAL**  
100 seats available, 13 €



**SAFETY**  
Supervision : 45 people  
Safety boats : 5



**PROVISIONAL PLANNING**  
**Day 1** : Welcome at 10am. At 11.30am, drinks then barbecue. Start at 2pm for 23 km before arriving in Saumur around 4.30pm. Visits from 5.30pm to 7pm. At 8pm, in a wine cellar in Marson (5 km from Saumur), drinks and the gastronomic meal composed of local specialties.  
**Day 2** : Breakfast at the club from 7.00 am. Start at 9am for 22 km, arrival around 11.30am and return of the boats. Drinks and outdoor lunch at the club at 1.30pm

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