

Our Cognac tour in the Charente - 8 days

France-Bike, your partner for high quality bike holidays in France invites you to a cycling tour along the Charente River between Cognacais and Angoumois. The cycle trip leads along breathtaking vineyards and inviting villages of white limestone. In Cognacais country, the slopes are gentle, vines weave the valleys. Farms where the "Eaux de vie" (Cognac) are distilled, happily greet the cyclists. On the Charente River that draws beautiful meandering and multiplies waters, towns and villages with boatman past make you stop and relax. Towards the south, the white cliffs and oaks line the country roads.

Day 1: Arrival in Cognac

What about a glass of pure old cognac?

Day 2: Cognac > Richemont > Cognac, ~25 km

Known worldwide for its "nectar of the gods", you will discover Cognac and the mysteries of this magical world through its trading houses, museums, and old town. Then the road will lead you to Saint Brice and Abbey Chatre, the dolmen Guard Sword, Bourg Charente where you can refresh or lunch at the "Bistrot" (One "Michelin Star" restaurant) before joining Jarnac, birthplace of Francois Mitterrand where several sites to visit (museums and birthplace) show the roots of the former President. You cycle back to Cognac along the river Charente. You can choose to relax and stay in Cognac to visit a Cognac producer like Bache Gabrielsen (not available on Week-end and need to book) and the "museum of the Cognac art". Night in your hotel. Dinner by our own.

Day 3: Cognac > Jarnac > Angoulême, ~55 km

Along the valley of the Charente between vineyards and water, you cycle to Cognac, the city that gave birth to François 1er, to join Angouleme, the international city of comics. Throughout this course, you will follow the roads through vineyards and picturesque villages that show rich heritage of the past such as in St. Simon, where the story of the boatmen will be told. Throughout this journey, the river, dotted with bridges and locks, will never be far. After Champmillon, you head in direction of Trois Palis and its chocolate factory, further on to Angoulême, a town of art and history. The heart of this town is built on a promontory overlooking the river and valley. Night in hotel in the old center, facing the "Palais de Justice". Gourmet dinner in one if the good restaurants of Angoulême center.

Day 4: Angoulême > La Rochefoucauld > Angoulême, ~55 km

Leaving Angouleme, you cycle to the sources of Touvre and then to the forest of Braconne to join La Rochefoucauld and its castle. Nicknamed "the pearl of Angouleme area", this castle was built from a fortress (1026): this is an anthology of seven centuries of architecture and home of the La Rochefoucauld family for over a thousand years. In return, stop at the caves Queroy to discover the works of nature. Night in your hotel. Dinner as you wish.

Day 5: Angoulême > Roulet Saint-Estèphe, ~35-50 km

Cycle through forests, plains and along rivers, enjoy the south of Angouleme to discover the villages, churches, legendary places. At Mouthiers sur Boème, take the time to visit the pulpit to Calvin, the Jardin du Logis de Forge, labeled as "Jardin remarquable" and simply enjoy the tranquility of the place. Along the Boème, enjoy the pleasure of riding along the water ... Night in hotel with swimming pool and large garden. Gourmet dinner.

Day 6: Roulet Saint-Estèphe > Bassac, ~50 km

And you're back in the country of Cognac. Between vineyards and fields, glens and valleys, discover the ruins of the castle Bouteville on the hill and visit the viewpoint located on a promontory. If the weather is fine, you can see to the sea! Make a stop at Domaine Breuil to taste their wines, cognac and Pineau des Charentes from "Green" agriculture. ... delicious! Night in hotel. Gourmet dinner. Possibility of Cognac tasting here.

Day 7: Bassac > Cognac, ~35-40 km

Once again, cross the Charente to enter the "Must" the cognac vintage: "la Grande Champagne". Downhill, Segonzac is the capital of the 1er Cru Cognac that you can taste at the House of Grande Champagne as well as by growers of cognac. Back on the roads of Cognac vineyards to join Cognac town. Night in your hotel. Dinner as you wish.

Day 8: Departure or extra nights

Services:

7 nights in 3*** hotels
 7x copious breakfast
 luggage transport (1 piece per person)
 detailed documentation with maps and road book GB, F
 navigation app with GPX files
 service hotline

additional services:

theft insurance for the bike	15 €
theft insurance for the e-bike	30 €
rental bike 27 gears	135 €
electric bike	260 €
own bike	0 €
4x half-board	175 €

Price:

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double room, BnB	987 €
single room, BnB	1357 €
twin room, BnB	987 €

