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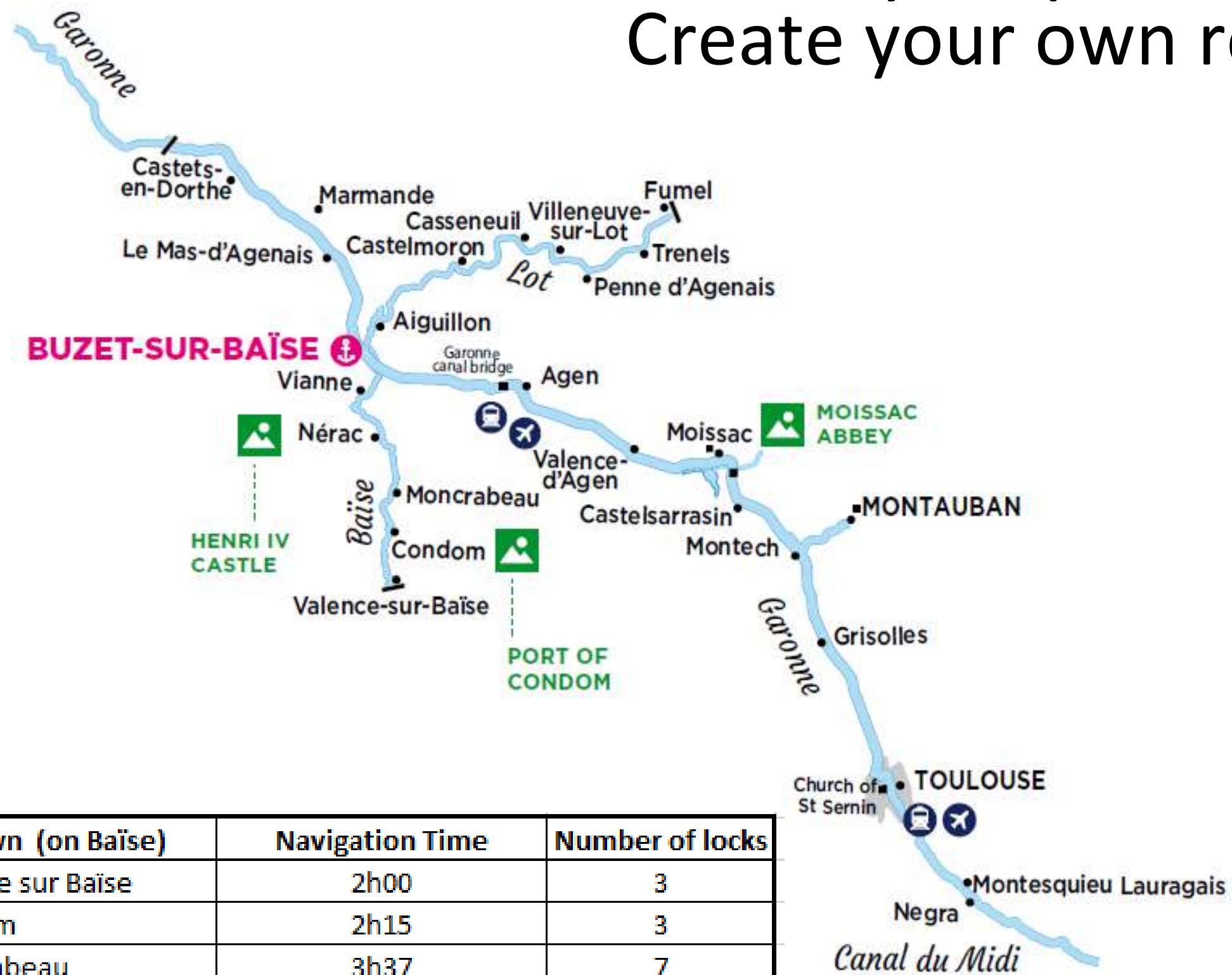


Navigation Guide

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Useful tip: Download a QRCodeapp

Ahoy! Captains, Create your own route!



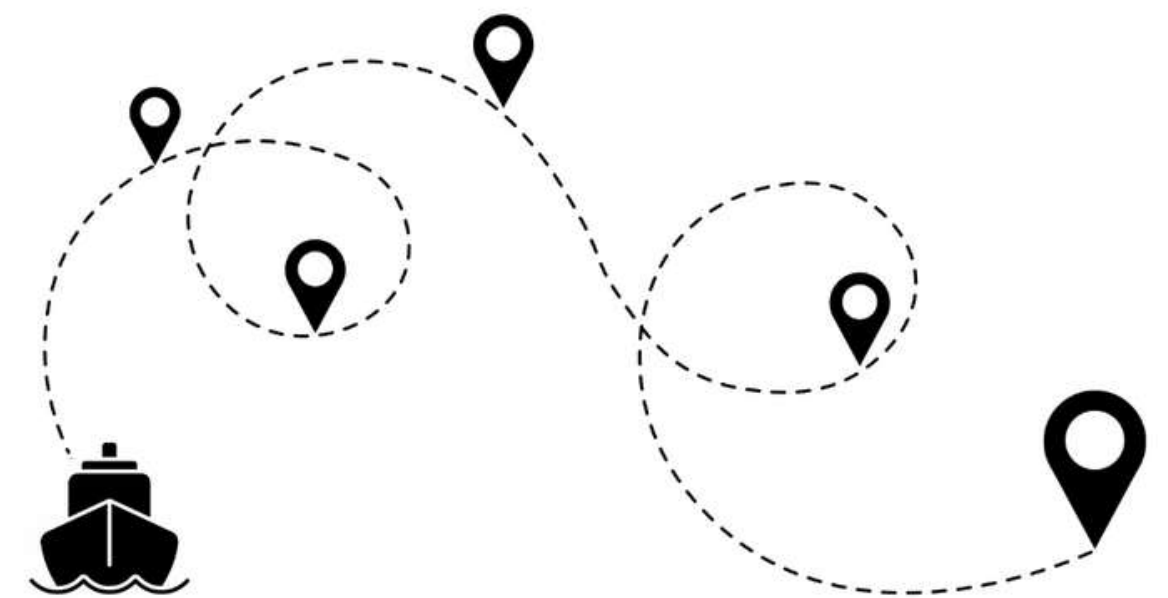
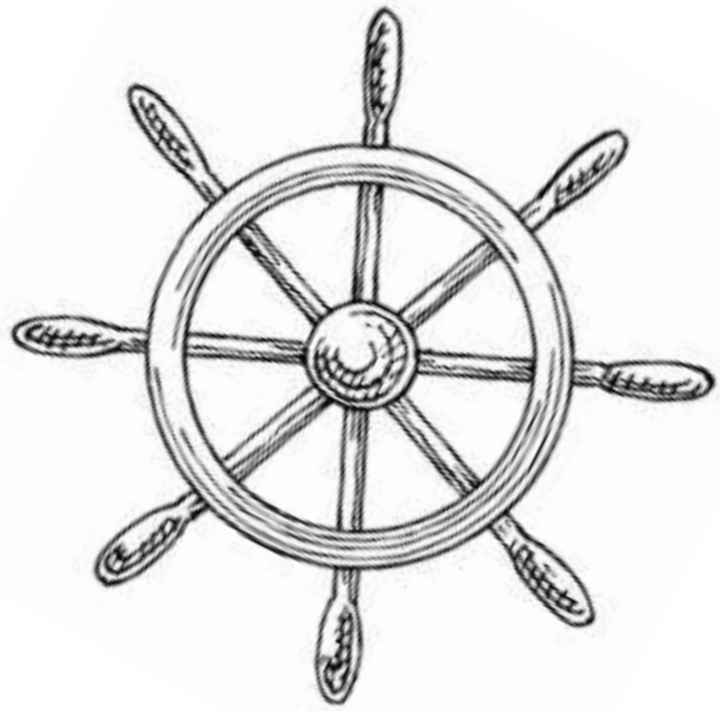
Town (on Baïse)	Navigation Time	Number of locks
Valence sur Baïse	2h00	3
Condom	2h15	3
Moncrabeau	3h37	7
Nérac	1h52	4
Lavardac	0h37	1
Vianne	2h05	3
Buzet		

Canal de Garonne	Navigation Time	Number of locks
Toulouse	5h33	9
Grisolles	2h15	1
Montech	3h37	8
Castelsarrasin	2h45	7
Moissac	2h48	4
Pommevic	0h33	1
Valence d'Agen	0h30	0
Golfech	3h30	3
Agen	5h22	7
Buzet		
Damazán	0h30	0
Villeteón	1h37	2
Lagruère	0h45	1
Le-Mas-d'Agenais	0h37	1
Caumont-sur-Garonne	0h30	0
Fourques-sur-Garonne	0h30	0
Meilhan-sur-Garonne	2h07	3
Fontet	1h07	1
Castets-en-Dorthe	2h03	3

Canal de Montech	Navigation Time	Number of locks
Montech	3h30	10
Montauban		

Suggested day-by-day routes from Buzet-sur-Baïse

Departure base	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Arrival base
Buzet-sur-Baïse	Agen	Valence d'Agen	Moissac	Pommevic	Golfech	Buzet-sur-Baïse
Buzet-sur-Baïse	Vianne	Nerac	Moncrabeau	Condom	Valence-sur-Baïse	Buzet-sur-Baïse



OPERATING HOURS FOR THE LOCKS

Open everyday during the hours indicated:

Month	Canal de Garonne*	La Baïse	Canal de Montech
April	9h - 18h	9h - 18h	9h - 18h
May - September	9h - 19h	9h - 19h	9h30 - 18h
October	9h - 19h	9h - 19h	9h - 18h

* The locks are open every day on the Baïse, except the 1st of May on the Canal Latéral at Garonne.
The Graziac locks close 1 hour earlier every day.



All the locks are automatic and are to be operated by boaters with the exception of the lock connecting the Garonne Canal and the Baïse as well as the Graziac locks which are operated by a lock keeper.

To facilitate passage, we recommend that you lower a member of the crew from the boat a few meters before passing the lock.

Please be aware that entry into the lock takes place when the green signal is indicated.

For more information, please consult the navigation guide.

Feel free to consult our tutorial on passing through the locks with the following link :

www.youtube.com/watch?v=86u8vRiGjKE

Quick history points:

Agen Canal Bridge:

This admirable canal bridge boasts 23 arches and spans 543 meters long, offering you a view of the Garonne at from a height of 12 meters!

To find out more about this bridge, flash the code!



Canal bridge of Cacor(Moissac):

Frequented by boaters these days, it was once the place of goods transports on the way to Bordeaux. At 356 meters long, this is one of the three largest canal bridges in France. Seen from above, the scene is magical. For more info, flash the code!

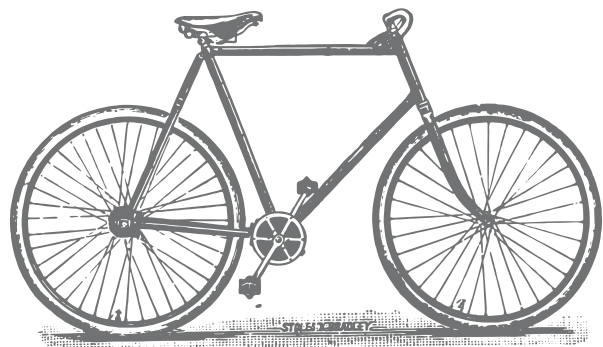


Discovering the South West...

Castet en dorthe:

Follow in the footsteps of the fortifications of Castetsen Dorthe, thanks to its 14th century Hamel castle, built by Raymond Guilhemof Goth. Situated atop overlooking the Garonne Canal junction, this castle -a classified historic building, will offer you an extraordinary view on the entire borough (visits available by appointment).

You can also take advantage of the hiking trails along the canal -don't forget your bikes!



Fontet :

Come and discover the Fontetvineyards! Delighted to welcome you, this town can awaken your senses with its luscious array of white, red or blush wines.

You can also discover the town's artistic and artisanal talents, notably through the Museum of Crafts (Muséed'Artisanat) hosting monuments made from matches. Here, you can find the Palace of Versailles match replica, made up of 455,000 matches and cited in the Guinness Book of Records!

You can also take a dip in the natural swimming pool near the port.



Meilhan sur Garonne

Fourques sur Garonne:

With its unusual geographic location, take advantage of the greenway along the canal, on foot or by bike. There are also the hiking trails of Fourquesto discover the most beautiful landscapes surrounding, as well as the monument of remembrance for the victims of the steamship explosion "Le Gascon. "

Partake in the local specialties as there are numerous restaurants awaiting you.

For thrill seekers, you can fly over the village and its surroundings by ULM micro-light gliders, recommended for enthusiasts...

Meilhan sur Garonne:

If you enjoy long walks and historical heritage, Meilhanis simply a delight, as well as its sumptuous panoramic views.

The winding and steep paths give charm to this small village transcending over the Garonne.

Not to be missed: the essential stroll on La Brêchedes Anglais!



Marmande

Marmande :



Marmande, the famous capital of an agricultural region, in addition to its famous tomatoes, will absolutely brighten your taste buds. From gastronomy to heritage or even local markets, everything is here. Let yourself be carried away by the charm of its traditions in the heart of old Marmande, rich in architecture and known for its beautiful churches.

Damazan :

A former English town, you can find the remains of its history through the ramparts or even the Fountain of the English. You can also enjoy nautical activities which offer on-site catering. For those keen on photos and old equipment, a Damazan association offers its Museum of Photo and Sound.



Damazan



Mas d'Agenais

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In the oldest village in Lot-et-Garonne, the Romanesque church of Saint-Vincent opens its doors to you, whose walls adorn a representation of the famous painting "Christ on the Cross" painted by Rembrandt.

Nature also welcomes you to its green path along the canal. (think about taking your bikes for more ease). To get closer to nature, you can equally discover the Garonne farms in the area. The Wheat Hall (La Halle en blé), built with the beams of a medieval castle, welcomes you every Thursday morning for its thriving town market.



Buzet sur Baise:

Rich with history and AOC classified wine, the winemakers here are delighted to welcome you and recount their story during a visit to the cooperative winery of Vigneronsde Buzet.

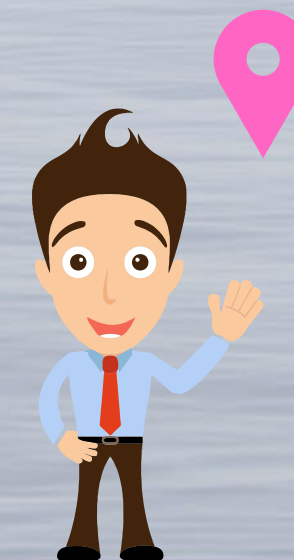
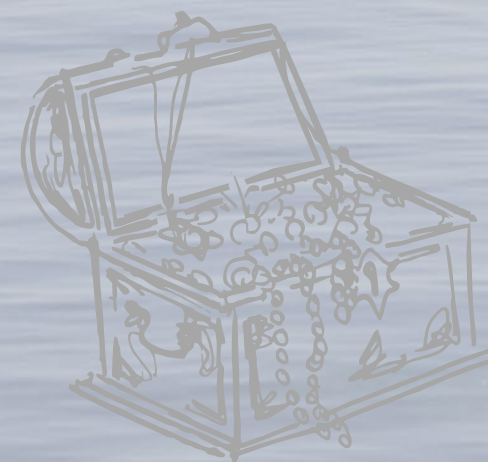
(Reservations needed in advance).

You can buy local products from the port of Buzet, an important crossroad, and see the castle of Gacheas well as the castle of Buzet(not open for visits), or even discover the city from another angle on electric bikes! (Cycle SudOuest-South West Cycle).

This is where you can meet our teams!

Sérignac sur Garonne:

You can't pass by Sérignac without stopping to admire its charming, Provencialhomes and its bell tower. Walking trails are available along the canal, and here you can purchase provisions if necessary. Places on the port are limited however, so please remember to reserve in advance.





Agen:

Between the museums, gardens and festivities, you can find everything you need in Agen. Come and discover the local gastronomy, notably the famous Agenprunes (65% of French production).

As the Regional capital, Agen vibrates to the rhythm of rugby which has raised the city to the ranks of “champions of France” on several occasions.



Visit museums, such as the Museum of fine arts, or stroll through the old streets and gaze upon the medieval architecture.

For a touch of thrill and madness, you can find the Walibi amusement park (WalibiSud-Ouest) just 10 minutes away from the town.

You can also admire the second oldest canal bridge in France from the footbridge, which, according to legend, hides a chest full of gold coins encrusted within its stones.



Valence d'Agen

Valence d'Agen :

Take advantage of this stop. Located on the edge of the Canal du Midi, a few meters from the fortified town center, it's accessible on foot or by bike through the greenway along the canal. A welcoming place, the local and gastronomic market greets you every Tuesday morning in its open town halls of typical regional architecture -with free entertainment and events during the summer period!

The city also boasts many historic wash houses, dating from the 1800s (including two listed historic monuments) which you can visit at will, as well as the Canal du Midi connecting Toulouse to the Mediterranean Sea, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Auvillar

Golfech :

As you stroll through Golfech, you have the opportunity to visit the EDF discovery area. Between unusual animations, models or even virtual reality, there is entertainment for both young and old alike! (Ages 7 and up).



Pommevic :

This small floral landscape village is the hidden entryway to many others. Pommevic will let you see the Canal des 2 mers (no entry for rental boats) and will lead you to the fortified village of Auvillar, located just 6km away.

Auvillar is one of the most beautiful villages in France with its high geographical position. Its architecture and monuments are full of history, their facades bearing evidence to the fact.

Castelsarrasin :

For heritage site enthusiasts, this city has numerous Historical landmarks. Among them, the Church of Saint John, the Ursuline Convent dating from 1800 by passing through the Spanish House and the Governor's Hotel -everything is here.

The greenway along the canal lets you enjoy long peaceful walks, on foot, by bike or inline skates -everything is allowed.

Don't leave without visiting the Gras market every Thursday from March to November.



Castelsarrasin



Moissac

Moissac :



A City of exceptional heritage, Moissac is the first tourist region of Tarn et Garonne, with its famous 12th century St-Pierre Abbey. It has many religious monuments but also trails surrounded by nature along the canal that you can explore -or even the island of Beaucaire, where you can observe many aquatic species and birds. It's also the meeting and passing point of the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela.

Don't hesitate to taste the Chasselas de Moissac grapes!

Grisolles :

An artisan city, Grisolles holds in its heritage the Museum Théodore Calbet, exhibiting Gallo-Roman mosaics and relics, and the Saint-Martin church with its marble sculptures, as well as the Fontanas castle.



Montech :

Discover the famous Montech Canal, once a place for merchant transport. You can admire the chimneys of the old paper mill, and see the water slope, which at one time made it possible to avoid certain overly imposing boats on the locks .
Enjoy a walk in the forest of Agre where you can do some tree climbing (Ages 3 and up).



Toulouse :

Here we are! Toulouse -the pink city!

The old Toulouse holds, in the heart of its town, a myriad of architectural treasures in addition to its own original design of buildings.

Numerous places are an absolute must see! In historical context, you will find the Saint-Sernin basilica, the Jacobin convent, or the Augustinian museum, whichever you please.

For a leisurely visit, a stroll through its unique streets steeped in history will undoubtedly lead you to the famous Place du Capitole.

The Tourist Office would be delighted to show you around with guided tours (available by reservation) For the more athletic, you can even visit the fabulous Ernest Wallon stadium which enthalls the people of Toulouse!

Budding astronauts can dream for a day by visiting Space City (Cit de l'espace) and for those who prefer aviation, the Airbus base is also open for visits! This festive, dynamic and gastronomic city is sure to meet all your expectations!



Montauban

Montauban :

A family friendly town, both cultural and artistic, with its facades adorned with Street art, the city of Montauban offers many activities for all ages. You can visit the Ingres Museum, Notre-Dame-de-l' Assumption Cathedral , and don't miss Place Nationale and the Pont Vieux –there are so many possibilities. For an atypical visit with children, have fun with the guided "ZigZag" trail (a guessing game) or the Baludik program to discover the city in a playful way. Try tasting the Mountalbane, a brioche pastry typical to the region.

Condom :

Merchant capital of Armagnac, this town keeps remnants of trade along its port, in particular with a tunnel which, in the old days, was used to descend the barrels. You will also find a myriad of walking trails along the Baïse.

The town couldn't celebrate its production of brandy (eau de vie) without a museum as tribute, as well as many local producers who are open for visits.

The town markets welcome you on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

At the heart of the city, you will see three famous Gascon figures: The Three Musketeers surrounding D'Artagnan! And just ahead, you the Saint-Pierre Cathedral awaits your admiration.



Valence sur Baïse



Valence-sur-Baïse :

Hoisted on the headland overlooking la Baïse, the city of Valence, surrounded by its ramparts, offers a magnificent 14th century church that you can visit during the day, as well as numerous old wells -or you can relax in the gardens of Flaran Abbey.

Moncrabeau :

Notice to all fibbers and liars!

Come and get elected “best liar”(no harm intended), on the first Sunday of August!

The town is famous for this tradition dating back to the 17th century, giving rise to the academy of liars led by a king and a queen who hold elections every year during a jovial celebration.

Follow the “path of lies” retracing the best "falsehoods" to discover the village and its history. During your journey, take a break by visiting the Museum of Ancient Clothing (Muséedu vêtementencien). You can also enjoy a visit to the Château de la Pomarède, for a guided visit given by one of its own family members!



Moncrabeau



Nérac

Nérac :

The arrival at the port of Nérac is breathtaking. You will see the tanners 'quarter, the old, narrow streets, or the workers' houses in renovations. Henry IV Castle is one of the flagship monuments here. During your visit, you can see statues depicting the greatest figures who marked the history of Nérac, save Marianne's bust, whose only remains are that of a pedestal -the bust having been destroyed during the Second World War .

Just 300 meters from the port, you'll find the chocolate factory, "La Cigale", something to delight the most gourmet of taste buds. For a short tour to the rhythm of the Baïse, guided walks aboard a barge will take you around the history of the village in an hour.



Lavardac :

For many years, Lavardac was the principal town of boatmen.

The countryside reveals in its paths the past existence of a Gallo-Roman city.

From April to October, the Cap Cauderoueleisure center is open, with nautical activities as well as outdoor activities such as tree climbing, karting or even horseback riding, just 2 kilometers away.



Vianne :

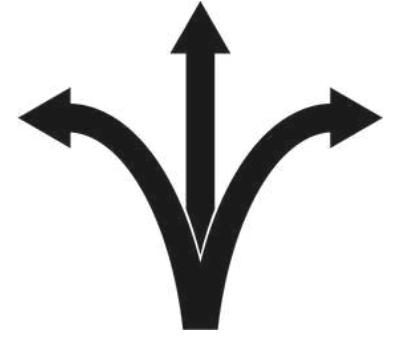
An old fortified village having kept the remains of its history, here is a medieval treasure bordering the Baïse, surrounded by ramparts. With numerous monuments to visit, the Saint-Christophe church, the mill and many others await your presence.

Discover the art glassware workshops of Dino Glass!
From June to September, you can stroll the “Night Markets” in the heart of the fortified village, a place rich in cultural exchanges and festivities!



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* By train: Aiguillon train station (6km) or TGV train station of Agen (30km)

* By plane: Airport of Bordeaux-Mérignac (120km) or Toulouse-Blagnac (140km)