



## Trip description

### Cycle tour from Bordeaux to Agen from vineyards to canal

4-day cycle tour between Bordeaux and Agen across the Bordeaux wine region and on the Canal de Garonne cycle path



Destination	France
Location	Canal de Garonne
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	From Mar 30 to Oct 30, 2019
Minimum age	From 14 years old
Reference	CG0401

Type of stay  
itinerant trip



## Itinerary



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This 4-day cycle tour starting in Bordeaux takes you across the vineyards and along the Canal de Garonne till Agen. You cycle out of Bordeaux on a

secure cycle route along the river and then ride on a greenway surrounded by vineyards. You pass by charming « bastides » built in the 17th century, such as Créon or Sauveterre-de-Guyenne. At the end of the cycle path, you ride on low traffic country roads to find again the Garonne at La Réole, a nice medieval town on the river banks. You ride the next part of the itinerary along the Canal de Garonne under the shade of plane trees. A stopover at Le Mas d'Agenais, a typical village of Garonne countryside proud of its collegial church, before your last stage to Agen where you enter majestically on the canal bridge.

### Day 1

#### Bordeaux - Frontenac

Bike  
46km

You leave Bordeaux along the Garonne river on a nice cycle path. Nature is gradually gaining ground over the city. You divert from the river from Latresne to ride on a former railway converted into a cycle path. The old train stations are welcoming you in each village and often provide services for cyclists such as food, coffee and information. We strongly recommend to go out of the cycle path to see the bastide of Créon and the remains of the abbey of La Sauve.

### Day 2

#### Frontenac - La Réole

Bike  
30km

You continue cycling on the greenway until you reach the bastide of Sauveterre-de-Guyenne. We advise you to enter in the church there to admire the wall paintings. After Sauveterre, the itinerary goes through the vineyards and is a bit more hilly. You ride a few kilometers on a hilly road before reaching the medieval town of La Réole on the Garonne river.

### Jour 3

#### La Réole - Le Mas d'Agenais

Bike  
34km

Today, you ride smoothly along the dikes and reach soon after the Canal de Garonne which will lead you till the end of your cycle tour. A cycle path is running along the canal. You can make a detour to the village of Couthures-sur-Garonne, where you can learn everything about the life on and in the river before getting to the charming village of Mas d'Agenais and its outstanding collegial church.

### Day 4

#### Le Mas d'Agenais – Agen

Bike  
49km

Start the day by biking along the path next to the canal. The route is dotted with quaint villages, containing locks where you can watch boaters navigate each lock. Just a stone's throw from the canal, admire the bastide of Damazan with its colorful facades or the bastide of Serignac-sur-Garonne with its bell tower made of slate. Towards the end of the route, the bike path crosses the magnificent canal bridge over the Garonne River on the outskirts of Agen. You'll soon be very close to the city center where you can absorb the sights, sounds and smells of southwest France's way of life.

## Accommodation



### Category A

You'll enjoy staying in these clean and cozy 2-Star hotels and Bed and Breakfasts that give you a pleasant rest after your day of biking. Breakfast is included when you spend the night in these friendly and family-run hotels.





\* Example of the type of accommodation

## Category B

You'll get a good night's sleep when you stay in these 2-3-Star hotels or Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included!



\* Example of the type of accommodation

## Practical information

### To get to departure point:

**By plane:** fly to Bordeaux Mérignac. A bus shuttle takes you to the city center in about 30mn depending on traffic.

**By train:** go to Bordeaux Saint-Jean train station. To plan your trip [www.trainline.eu](http://www.trainline.eu)

### Parking

If you drive to Bordeaux, you can park your car in a secured car park located next to Bordeaux Saint-Jean train station. On an indicative basis, the week rate (7 days) is € 50 subject to availability.

All details will be given in your travel documents.

### To get back to starting point:

You take the regional train back to your departure point. Regional trains are without reservation and take bikes without extra charge. You buy your ticket yourself at the train station (adult rate is € 23.50 /pers provided for information purposes only). You will find the timetable of the day in your travel documents.

### Meeting time:

You pick up your bikes in the morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We recommend you to arrive at around 10am to enjoy your day fully without rushing and be able to do the visits on the way.

If you chose luggage transport, you must arrive before 9.00am to drop off your luggage.

## Price description

### Prices valid between June 3 and September 18

From March 30 to June 2 and from September 19 to October 30, there is a supplement due to higher rates of luggage transport.

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#### Category A € 319 /pers

Double room fare

3 nights in B&Bs  
3 breakfasts  
4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike  
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes  
the return of the bikes  
local visitors' taxes  
sending charge of the travel documents in France  
7/7 hotline

Half-board € 28 /dinner

Extra for a single room € 26 /night

Extra night in Bordeaux € 52 /pers

Extra night in Agen € 40 /pers

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#### Category B € 339 /pers

Double room fare

3 nights in B&Bs  
3 breakfasts  
4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike  
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes  
the return of the bikes  
local visitors' taxes  
sending charge of the travel documents in France  
7/7 hotline

Half-board € 28 /dinner

Extra for a single room € 30 /night

Extra night in Bordeaux € 70 /pers

Extra night in Agen € 85 /pers

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### Options

Luggage transfer (from June 3 to Sept 18) € 80 /pers

Luggage transfer (from March 30 to June 2 and from Sept 19 to Oct 30)  
2 persons minimum € 195 /pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle € -90 /pers

Extra for an electric bike € 55 /pers

**Children discount** (in the same room as 2 full rate participants):

0-4 years: -70%

5-11 years: -50%

12-17 years: -30%

**The package doesn't include:**

the journey to the tour location

the drinks

the meals which are not included

the entrance fee to sites

insurances (optional)