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Three thermal spa centres in the Gers:

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- TRAUMAS
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Enjoy the privilege of relaxing in an elegantly refined setting:
- Thermal spa with pool, Turkish bath, sauna
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• Lectoure

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- Contact us for hotels, gîtes, B&Bs.
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GETTING BACK INTO SHAPE

• Marciac

LA SOURCE, nature spa
Massages, all-over body treatment, health and wellbeing. Pool heated to 34°C (93°F) with whirlpool bath, hydromassage, swimming against the current, jacuzzi, sauna, Turkish baths, relaxation room, back-care courses. Season ticket, treatment programme, training courses, seminars.
For more information:
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32230 MARCIAC - France
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www.marciacsource.com

RIVER CRUISES

The Baise, which has been navigable since the time of Henry IV, has found its second youth in the section that runs through the Gers. By following the twistings and turnings of the river along a stretch of almost 65 kilometres (which makes up the Gers Lot-et-Garonne section), you can discover from Valence-sur-Baise, passing the Cistercian Abbey of Flaran, the old route of the barges and sailing barges.
Information: **GASCOGNE NAVIGATION**
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Documentation provided on request.
- Ports and stopping places at Valence/Baise and Condom.

Cruises on the D'Artagnan and boat rental by the day (no licence required) and by the week (boats with cabins).

E-mail: gascogne-navigation@club-internet.fr
Website: www.gascogne-navigation.com

FISHING

Category 1 and 2 lake and river fishing.

Species of fish:

1. Salmon family: Fario trout in category 1 rivers. Rainbow trout in category 2 rivers.
2. Carnivorous: pike in the Gers from Pavie to Lectoure, the Baise from Mirande to Condom, in the Adour, the Save, the Arros and the Osse from Vic-Fezensac to Mouchan. Pikeperch in the Adour, the Arros and the Baise downstream from Mirande (as far as Condom); in the Gers downstream from Auch, the Save and the Arrats downstream from Mauvezin. Perch in the areas where you would find pike (lakes and rivers).
3. Carp family: in all category 2 rivers (roach, carp, tench, bleak, gudgeon).

FÉDÉRATION DÉPARTEMENTALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE PÊCHE ET DE PROTECTION DU MILIEU AQUATIQUE DU GERS

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Societies or sections authorised for fishing.

- **Aignan**
River: Midour and tributaries (category 2).
- **Aubiet**
River: Arrats (category 2).
- **Auch**
River: Gers and tributaries (category 2).
- **Beaucaire-sur-Baise**
River: Baise and tributaries (category 2).
- **Bonas**
River: Baise (category 2).
- **Castelnau-d'Auzan**
River: Izaute and Gélise (category 2).
- **Castéra-Verduzan**
River: Auloue and the Gèle (category 2).
- **Cazaubon**
River: La Douze (category 2).

• Condom

River: Baise, Osse, Auvignon and the Gèle (category 2).

• Eauze

River: Gélise and Izaute (category 2).

• Estang

River: Estang (categories 1 and 2) and Midour (category 2).

• Fleurance

River: Gers and tributaries (category 2).

• Gimont

River: Gimone and tributaries (category 2).

• Gondrin

River: Osse, Auzoue and Izaute (category 2).

• L'Isle-Jourdain

River: Save (category 2).

• Jegun

River: Baise, Auloue and tributaries (category 2).

• Labastide-Savès

River: Save and Aussoue (category 2).

• Lectoure

River: Gers and tributaries (category 2).

• Lombez

River: Save (category 2).

• Manciet

River: Douze (category 2).

• Marciac

River: Bouès and Arros (category 2).

• Masseube

River: Gers (categories 1 and 2).

• Mauvezin

River: Arrats and Gimone (category 2).

• Miélan

River: Bouès (categories 1 and 2) and Osse (category 2).

• Miradoux

River: Arrats and Auroue (category 2).

• Mirande

River: Baise and tributaries (categories 1 and 2).

• Monfort

River: Arrats and tributaries (category 2).

• Monguilhem

River: Estang and Midour (category 2).

• Montréal

River: Auzoue and Izaute (category 2).

• Mouchan

River: Osse (category 2).

• Nogaro

River: Midour and tributaries (category 2).

• Plaisance

River: Arros and Adour (category 2).

• Riscle

River: Adour (category 2).

• Saint-Clar

River: Arrats and Auroue (category 2).

• Saint-Mont

River: Adour (category 2).

• Samatan

River: Save (category 2).

• Saramon

River: Gimone and tributaries (category 2).

• Seissan

River: Gers (category 2).

• Simorre

River: Gimone and tributaries (category 2).

• Solomiac

River: Gimone (category 2).

• Valence-sur-Baise

River: Baise and Auloue (category 2).

• Vic-Fezensac

River: Baise, Osse and tributaries (category 2).

• Villecomtal

River: Arros (category 2).

MODEL AEROPLANES

• Auch

GASCON AERO-CLUB
Model Aeroplane Section
Route de Roquelaure
32000 Auch
Tel. +33 (0)5 62 05 92 25

• Condom

CONDOM-VALENCE AERODROME
MODEL AIR CLUB HERRETOIS
Mr. Damous
Route d'Espies
47600 Nérac
Tel. +33 (0)5 53 65 29 19

• Eauze

ÉLUSA MODEL AEROPLANES
Mr. Bador
32800 Ramouzens
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• Mirande

MODEL AEROPLANES
"Les Moulies" Aerodrome
32300 Berdoues
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• Vic-Fezensac

VIC AÉRO MODÈLES
Mr. Lenoir
2 rue des Mimosas - 32190 Vic-Fezensac
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(List not exhaustive).

LEISURE CENTRES

• 32290 Aignan

LAC DE LA FORÊT
5 hectares, alt.: 180 m, leisure centre located in a wooded valley.
Supervised swimming facilities, sandy beach, fishing: category 2.
On site: picnic tables, refreshments bar, water slide, volleyball pitch, walks and horse rides.
Municipal Campsite * and Campsite ***.
Village hotel 200 m away.
Mountain-bike hire at the tourist information office.

• 32320 Bassoues

BASSOUES LAKE
2 hectares, in rolling countryside.
On site: shady area, picnic tables, games for

children. Fishing.
Campsite 300 m away.

• 32440 Castelnau-d'Auzan

COUCUT LAKE
3.5 hectares, shady shore. Fishing (category 2).
On site: restaurant, snack bar, refreshments bar, games, tennis, swimming pool.
Campsite * and Bungalows.

• 32400 Cahuzac-sur-Adour

LAC DE CAHUZAC
Val d'Adour water ski centre.

• 32410 Castéra-Verduzan

LEISURE CENTRE
Leisure centre, 7-hectare lake, in rolling countryside.
Supervised swimming facilities, sandy beach, windsurfing, sailing.
On site: shady picnic area, snack bar, water slide (3 lanes), fixed jetty hiring facilities: pedalos, windsurfing boards, dinghies, sporting and leisure activities: surf-bike, beach volley. Skate-park.
Campsite *** - Hotels nearby.

• 32150 Cazaubon

UBY LAKE
Leisure centre, 80-hectare lake in a very remote and wooded valley - entrance fee.
Supervised swimming facilities, 260 m long sandy beach, windsurfing, sailing, rowing (international rowing competition - 2.1 km long course, fishing (category 2), pedalos. Courses: windsurfing, rowing (for beginners and advanced).
On site: shady areas, picnic tables, games for children, 1 fixed jetty, canoes, pedalos, leisure pool and balneotherapy. Sports and leisure activities: volleyball, tennis (4 courts), basketball.
Campsite ***.

• 32100 Condom

LEISURE POOL COMPLEX
Sport and leisure facilities: 25m swimming pool, multi slides, whirlpools, water jets, waterfall, paddling pool. Snack shop, refreshments bar, picnics allowed.
On site: campsite ***, river Baise (category 2 fishing, canoe-kayaking), recreational area, restaurants and hotels nearby.

RIVER BAÏSE

River located in the heart of the Gauge plain, leisure area.
Fishing (category 2 - state fishing licence required), canoe-kayak upstream of the dam.
On site: campsite ***, bungalows and hotels nearby.

• 32240 Estang

COURTES LAKE
3 hectares located within the "Lacs de Courtès"
Campsite. Supervised swimming facilities, fishing (private).
On site: shady area, mini golf, group sports, tennis, skittles, bowls, gymnastics, archery. Campsite ***, Bungalows.
Pré Vert listed holiday village.

• 32500 Fleurance

FLEURANCE LAKE. 2.5 hectares.
Located within the leisure zone of Fleurance.
Fishing (category 2). On site: group sports, tennis, swimming pool. Children's playground, picnic tables in the shade, walks. Hôtels nearby.
No bathing in the lake.

• 32200 Gimont

2 "CAHUZAC" LAKES
(2 hectares and 1.5 hectares).
Fishing (category 2 only). Close to hotels, swimming pool, tennis court, footpaths, caravan service point, restaurants, museum.

• 32330 Gondrin

GONDRIN LAKE
80 m wide swimming lake located in wooded grounds. Supervised swimming facilities, games for children: paddling pool, octopus and other floating buoys, ping-pong, picnic.
Campsite *** and hotel nearby.

• 32700 Lectoure

LAC DES 3 VALLEES
Leisure centre, 5-hectare lake located in a valley and part of the "Trois Vallées" campsite.
Lake with supervised swimming facilities, paddling pool, 3 water slides. 2 fishing ponds. 11,000 sq.ft. pool with whirlpools and hydromassage jets.
On site: bar, restaurants, mini-market, children's games, tennis, Californian mini-golf, pedalos, volleyball, football, bicycle rentals.
Campsite ****, bungalows.

• 32460 Le Houga

HOUGA LAKE
25 hectares, in rolling countryside. Boating, fishing. Outdoor gym. Arboretum. Picnic area.
On site: boats, games for children
Authorised water activities: windsurfing, sailing, rowing, fishing (state fishing licence required).

• 32600 L'Isle-Jourdain

L'ISLE-JOURDAIN LAKE
20-hectare lake. Picnic area, windsurfing, sailing, pedalos, fishing. On site: refreshments bar, games for children. Sports and leisure activities: tennis (4 courts + 1 covered), swimming pool nearby, fitness trail. Mini-golf. Hamlet with gîtes, hotel, campsite all around the lake.

• 32290 Lupiac

LUPIAC LAKE
Leisure centre with 13-hectare lake, in rolling countryside.
Supervised swimming facilities, sandy beach, canoe-kayak, windsurfing, sailing, rowing authorised, fishing (state fishing licence required).

• 32300 Mirande

MIRANDE LAKE. 3-hectare lake attractively laid out on the green and shady shores of the river Baise.
On site: Canoeing, fishing, relaxation course, sports course. Swimming pool, camping, chalets, Gîtes de France 3-star category chalets nearby.
LUDINA. Astarac water park. 15,000 m² of greenery and 800 m² of swimming facilities, with a play pool, swimming area, water slides, whirlpools, hydromassage jets and swimming against the current. Paddling pool. Games for children, volleyball, table tennis, badminton.
Shady area, snack bar.

• 32230 Marciac

MARCIAC LAKE.
Leisure centre with a 30 hectare lake. Footpath to village. Contact the tourist office for information on nautical activities: rent electric boats, pedalos (for adults & children) and rowboats (in season).
No bathing. Leisure pool (380m²). Children's playground. Fitness trail, picnic area, fishing (category 1 and 2 - state fishing licence required), night-time carp fishing, free





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workshops for children to discover fishing (once a week in summer), play area. On site: refreshments bar, restaurant. Campsite *** 300 m away, hotel in the village.

- **32270 Marsan**
MARSAN LAKE (private). 1.5-hectare lake. Fishing. Campsite *** and bungalows.
- **32140 Masseube**
(Communes de Bèjues Bajon, Aussos)
ASTARAC LAKE (180 hectares). No bathing. On site: shady areas, picnic tables (on the Aussos bank). Signposted walks. Fishing (state fishing licence required). Fishing in boats (rowing or motorised). Night-time carp fishing.
- **32140 Masseube**
ILE D'AGER LEISURE CENTRE. 3.5 hectares. Riverside path to campsite ***. No bathing. Children's fishing trail (licence required in some areas). Shade. Waterfall, footbridges, children's playground, picnic area. Footpaths and discovery trails.
- **32120 Mauvezin**
MAUVEZIN LAKE. 1.5-hectare lake located on the outskirts of the bastide. Fishing (category 2). Municipal swimming pool nearby. Holiday village at Mauvezin, Campsite *.
- **32170 Miélan**
MIELAN LAKE. Leisure centre, 77-hectare lake in a valley. Specially adapted supervised swimming facilities, sandy beach, windsurfing, sailing, pedalos, Fishing. On site: shady beach, picnic tables, refreshments bar, games for children, sports and leisure activities: mini-golf, tennis, group sports. Horse rentals. Hamlet of gîtes, campsite ***, hotel in the grounds.
- **32250 Montréal**
MONTREAL LAKE. Leisure centre with 2.5-hectare lake, in rolling countryside. Specially adapted supervised swimming facilities, 130 m long sandy beach. On site: refreshments bar, water slide for children, fixed pontoon, ping-pong table, sports and leisure activities: volleyball. Accommodation in Montréal. Picnic tables in the shade. Starting point for several walks.
- **32160 Plaisance**
THE LAKE. Leisure centre with 7-hectare lake. Specially adapted supervised swimming facilities, sandy beach, fishing, pedalos, swimming pool nearby. On site: picnic tables, refreshments bar, games for children, sports and leisure activities: sports course. Hamlet of gîtes in the grounds. Restaurant, campsite *** and hotel close by.
- **32160 Préchac-Sur-Adour**
LEISURE CENTRE WITH 3-HECTARE LAKE. Idyllic, shady setting. Picnic area. Fishing. Campsite * in the village.
- **32130 Samatan**
THE SHORES OF SAMATAN. Leisure centre with 6-hectare lake. Supervised swimming facilities, sandy beach. On site: picnics allowed, games for children, water slide with several runs, mini-golf. Fishing: category 2 (state fishing licence required). Sports and leisure activities: volleyball, swimming

pool and 4 tennis courts 250 m away. Cycle path to Lombez. On site: holiday village, campsite **.

- **32450 Saramon**
SARAMON LAKE. Leisure centre with 10-hectare lake. Specially adapted supervised swimming facilities, sandy beach, shady area. On site: snack shop, bar, pizzeria, refreshments bar, games for children, picnic area, water slide, fishing (category 2). Hawaiian canoe. Chalets nearby.
- **32120 Solomiac**
Leisure centre close to the bastide, swimming lake. Specially adapted supervised swimming facilities, play pool for children, slides (12 chutes). On site: shady car park, picnic area, mini-golf, volleyball. Enchanted Island children's park. Snack bar.
- **32430 Thoux-Saint-Cricq**
THOUX-SAINT-CRICQ LAKE. Leisure centre with 70-hectare lake, in rolling countryside. Supervised swimming facilities, 60 m long sandy beach, windsurfing, sailing, sailing school, canoe-kayak. Fishing. On site: shady areas, picnic tables, refreshments bar, restaurant, games for children: 10 games. Hiring facilities: pedalos, sports and leisure activities: mini-golf, volleyball, tennis. Campsite ***.
- **32140 Saint-Blancard**
GIMONE LAKE. 230 hectares, in rolling countryside. Fishing. Parasailing, supervised swimming in the afternoons. 10 chalets on the shores of the lake, refreshments bar during high season. Picnic area.
- **32380 Saint-Clar**
SAINT-CLAR LAKE. 5.25-hectare leisure centre, in rolling countryside. Specially adapted supervised swimming facilities, sandy beach, 2 waterslides. Off-season fishing. playground. Picnic area. On site: bar and restaurant. Gîtes.

For further information please contact the local Tourist Information Office.



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In the mood for exercise

HIKES, WALKS AND EXCURSIONS

NON-MOTORIZED

There are four types of maintained and posted trails, well-distributed throughout the region, and accessible by foot, cross-country bike and on horseback. Over more than 700 km of Main Hiking Trails, 2500 km of FFRP-marked Minor Trails, cross-country bike tracks and bridle paths hikers and excursionists will discover all the wealth of the département.

- **The Santiago de Compostela Routes**
- GR 65: from Puy to Roncevaux, this 153-km trail passes through the Gers by way of Miradoux, Lectoure, Condom, Eauze, Nogaro...
- GR 653: from Arles to the Somport, it covers 140 km in the Gers passing through Isle-Jourdain, Gimont, Auch, Montesquiou, Marciac...
- GR 652: the trail from Rocamadour to La Romieu covers 18 km in the Gers.
- GR 654: trail from Vézelay to Montréal direction Fourcès, covering 15 km in the Gers.
- **The GRP, "Heart of Gascony".**
This marked itinerary makes a 165 km loop starting and finishing in Auch. Allow six days.
- **Bridlepaths**
Itineraries which link GR 65 with GR 653 in the east and west of the département.
- **Minor footpaths**
Marked and commented loop circuits taking from 1 to 5 hours, leading through many different villages. These trails are suitable for people of all ages. Many documents are available at the CDRP on request.
- **Hiking**
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GOLF

Auch

EMBATS GOLF COURSE
Route de Montesquiou - 32000 AUCH
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Located in pleasant and tranquil surroundings, this 18-hole golf course, spread out over five small wooded valleys, provides all the diversity for an interesting game, alternating between long shots and precision shots. Some of the holes on this course have exceptionally beautiful views of the Gers valleys.
Facilities include:
18-hole course (special T-bar lift at the eighteenth-hole), qualified teacher (for beginners and advanced), driving range with superb panoramic views, putting green, clubhouse, restaurant with panoramic view.

Eauze

"LE GUINLET" GOLF COURSE - 32800 EAUZE
Tel. +33 (0)5 62 09 80 84 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 09 84 50
LE GUINLET golf course lies in the Gascon countryside, in the heart of Armagnac. 18-hole course, 5675 m by 70 m, with a driving range for 12, plus a covered area for 6. The course is located in rolling countryside, dotted with woodlands, with greens cleverly defended by water obstacles and cunningly placed bunkers. Open all year round.

Facilities include:

18-hole course, driving range, putting green, club house.

Fleurance

FLEURANCE GOLF COURSE - Lassalle
32500 FLEURANCE - Tel. +33 (0)5 62 06 26 26
Located in HAUT ARMAGNAC, the FLEURANCE GOLF COURSE is a 9-hole course designed by J.-Louis PÉGA around an 18th-century, half-timbered Gascon house. The course which presents a number of good natural obstacles (forest of ash trees, streams) and some artificial ones (bunkers) is technically outstanding.

Facilities include:

Club house, bar-restaurant, pro shop, putting-green, pitch and putt, cloakrooms, licensed teacher for private lessons or courses, squash court.

L'Isle-Jourdain

"LAS MARTINES" GOLF COURSE
32600 L'ISLE-JOURDAIN
Tel. +33 (0)5 62 07 27 12 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 07 25 86
Facing full south, the Las Martines Golf Country Club, located in a valley just 20 minutes from Toulouse, is an outstanding site where you can enjoy all the tranquillity of the countryside. The clubhouse is located in old typical Toulouse buildings offering a warm and inviting welcome.

Facilities include:

9-hole course, driving range and putting-green, lessons and courses all year round with a qualified teacher, pro shop, restaurant/bar, special rates for courses.

Lombez

CHÂTEAU DE BARBET GOLF COURSE
Route de Boulogne - 32220 LOMBEZ
Tel. +33 (0)5 62 62 08 54 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 62 35 16
Set in the Save Valley, this course offers spectacular views of the Pyrenees. Gentle slopes allow for a wide range of shots and tactical approaches, while a number of sloping greens present an extra challenge. A large variety of beautifully well kept trees line the fairways. Suitable for golfers of all levels.

Facilities include:

- 9-hole course,
- Driving range,
- Putting green,
- 3 practice holes,
- Qualified golf teacher,
- Clubhouse, restaurant/bar.

Pallanne

CHATEAU DE PALLANNE GOLF COURSE
32170 TILLAC
Tel. +33 (0)5 62 70 00 06
Fax + 33 (0)5 62 70 00 01
This golf course is located in rolling countryside with the Pyrenees as a backdrop, just outside Marciac, a village renowned for its jazz festival. The course winds around a lovely 18th-century castle.

Facilities include:

- 18 holes, driving range, putting green, pro shop, clubhouse, bar, cloakrooms, lunches in the summer season, rooms available at the Chateau.

CANOEING KAYAKING

In addition to the many lakes where you can practice all kinds of water sports, the GERS has a great many rivers for canoeing and kayaking. Places for canoeing/kayaking:

Auch

ENTENTE NAUTIQUE SPORTIVE AUSCITAINE
Stade Raymond Cripia
Rue Homère - 32000 AUCH
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Beaucaire

BEAUCAIRE CANOE
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Tel. +33 (0)5 62 68 15 95

Condom

CONDOM CANOE CLUB
Mr Tancogne - Tel. +33 (0)6 11 63 49 08
By appointment at the leisure centre in July/August.
Mr Martin Fabien - Tel. +33 (0)5 62 68 15 95

L'Isle-Jourdain

LA SAVE CANOE/KAYAK CLUB
7, boulevard Marceau
32600 L'ISLE-JOURDAIN
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Mirande

Mr VIDOU
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32300 MIRANDE
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Riscle

PONT DE L'ADOUR CAMPSITE
32400 RISCLE
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HUNTING

FEDERATION DEPARTEMENTALE DES CHASSEURS DU GERS.

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Information: Comité Départemental du Tourisme du Gers - Tel. +33 (0)5 62 05 95 95.
- Weekend Hunt: discover traditional hunting. Information: Loisirs Accueil Gers
Tel. +33 (0)5 62 61 79 00

Troncens

Nabilis private hunt.

4 - WHEEL DRIVE

VEHICLES

Auch

QUAD CONCEPT - "Loubéjan" - 32000 AUCH
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Termes d'Armagnac

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VINEYARDS OF THE GERS

WINE MAKING IN GASCONY

The history of vineyards in the Gers dates back to ancient days, long before the Gallo-Roman era as can be seen in the Seviac mosaics (Montréal). Vines cover most of the Western part of the department. The combination of ground, climate and know-how all give the wines of Gascony a unique wealth and variety. Wine production of Gascony is famous mainly for Armagnac, the king of eaux-de-vie, thought to be one of the oldest spirits in the world.

• THE ARMAGNAC LABEL

Armagnac is divided into three production areas, the contours of which curiously resemble the shape of a vine leaf.
- Bas-Armagnac
- Armagnac-Ténarèze
- Haut-Armagnac

• FLOC DE GASCOGNE

The result of the combination of malt from fresh grapes and Armagnac, prepared according to an old peasant tradition. Available in red or white, it is excellent as an accompaniment to melons, foie gras, desserts or fresh fruit. Armagnac is also used in the preparation of a number of fruit-based products (such as prunes in Armagnac) or for Gascon cocktails.

• MADIRAN VINEYARD (A.O.C.)

This is a vineyard built on the lower slopes and which extends over three departments. Madiran was used for a long time as a wine for mass and gained renown thanks to the pilgrims of Santiago de Compostela. Very rich in tannin, the red wine is full-bodied and well constructed. The white wine called Pacherenc, is available either dry or sweet and is powerful and rich, exuding complex aromas of fruits and flowers.

• CÔTES SAINT-MONT (V.D.Q.S.)

This vineyard covers the Southwest of the department in the very heart of Gascony. It is a very old vineyard, which has been revived thanks to the efforts of the local wine growers and now produces wines whose quality is unquestionable. Red, white or rosé; they are all fine wines thanks to the quality of the soil.

• CÔTES DE GASCOGNE

Vin de Pays: white, red, rosé, some of which have been widely acclaimed, all bear the imprint of the local soil and the know-how of the Gascon vine growers.

DUCKS AND GESE

"A goose is not a game" as they say in Gascony. As for ducks, they are part of the Gascon landscape. Their arrival in Gascony goes back to ancient times. Festive products par excellence they always have a special place in the local cuisine.

• FOIE GRAS

This delicacy dates back to Roman times. In Gascony the production of foie gras flourished in the 16th century. It is associated with Armagnac, and is a favourite at parties, served in any

number of ways: whole, cold with grapes, cooked with apples and even with garlic in Lomagne (in Saint-Clar of course) and figs.

• CONFIT

This is a very old culinary tradition that dates back to the time of the Romans. The tradition has been upheld in Gascony throughout the ages so that you have the privilege of savouring it today. It is made by putting all the best parts of the duck to stand in salt for several hours and then cooking them in their own fat.

• MAGRET

An original Gascon term which describes the fillet of the goose or duck which has been "force fed" to produce foie gras. Today it is part of the traditional cuisine of Gascony. It is actually a relative newcomer having been launched in the fifties by one of our most famous Musketeer chef. You can find all these products and many more at the premises of local producers in the Gers, or you can discover them for yourselves when you come for a holiday in Gascony.

FARM POULTRY

Chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl, fatted chicken, capons (red label) - all of these find their way to tables in the Gers. Production has to meet very strict criteria, so quality is guaranteed. Poultry is farmed in the open air, in an environment which is well maintained. The meat is extremely tasty and the reputation of our local cuisine is based on this exceptional quality.

MELON

The soil in Lomagne is well suited to the cultivation of melon, which is grown in tunnels in the ground. It ripens in June and fills the air with its sweet scent at market stalls throughout July and August. Melon from the Lomagne is often reason enough to organise a meal or a party.

GARLIC

With less than 4000 hectares, the St. Clar district in Lomagne is the number one producer of garlic in France. The local soil, a mixture of clay and chalk (known locally as "terreforts"), and a well-suited climate provide ideal conditions for the cultivation of garlic. White garlic is specific to this area.

MARKETS

FATTENED POULTRY MARKETS IN THE GERS: LES MATIN'HALLS

During winter from 15th October to March, every day except Saturday, you will be able to find a market selling foie gras and similar products.

*MONDAY
SAMATAN: 9.30am poultry market
10.30am foie gras market

TUESDAY
FLEURANCE: 10am poultry and foie gras market

*WEDNESDAY
GIMONT: 9.30am poultry market
10.30am foie gras market
THURSDAY (from mid-Sept. to end April)
EAUZE: 9.30am poultry market
10am foie gras market

*FRIDAY
SEISSAN: 9.30am poultry market
10.30am foie gras market

SATURDAY
CONDOM: 8am poultry and foie gras market
SUNDAY (from first Sunday in November to last Sunday in April)
GIMONT: "Grasse matinée" from 10am poultry and foie gras market

* Open at 10am from April to September

TRADITIONAL MARKETS

AIGNAN, Monday
AUCH, Thursday and Saturday morning
BARBOTAN-LES-THERMES, Wednesday morning
BASSOUES, Sunday morning
BEAUMARCHÉS, Saturday morning
CASTELNAU D'AUZAN, Tuesday morning
CASTÉRA-VERDUZAN, Sunday morning
CAZAUBON, Friday morning
COLOGNE, Thursday morning
CONDOM, Wednesday (food stalls in the morning, clothes stalls all day), Saturday & Sunday mornings

EAUZE, Thursday
FLEURANCE, Tuesday and Saturday morning
GIMONT, Wednesday morning
L'ISLE-JOURDAIN, Saturday
JEGUN, Wednesday morning
LECTOURE, Friday

LOMBEZ, Saturday morning
MARCACIAC, Wednesday morning
MASSEUBE, Tuesday
MAUVEZIN, Monday morning
MIRADOUX, Saturday morning
MIÉLAN, Thursday morning
MIRANDE, Monday morning; plus small selection of fresh produce in the covered market on Saturday morning.

MONTAUT-LES-CRÉNEAUX, Sunday morning
MONTRÉAL, Friday morning
NOGARO, Wednesday morning and Saturday morning

PAVIE, Wednesday morning
PLAISANCE, Thursday morning
RISCLE, Friday
SAINT-CLAR, Thursday morning
SAMATAN, Monday

SARAMON, Saturday morning
SEISSAN, Friday
VALENCE S/BAÏSE, Wednesday morning
VIC-FEZEZENSAC, Friday morning

NIGHT MARKETS AND GOURMET EVENINGS (list not exhaustive)

- **Auch**
Summertime markets: one Thursday in July, one in August.
- **Fleurance**
14th July and two Fridays in August.
- **Lavardens**
2nd Wednesday every fortnight in July and August.
- **Lectoure**
2nd Wednesday in August.
- **Montréal**
Medieval evening 4th Tuesday in July and 1st Tuesday in August.
- **Samatan**
2 Fridays in July and in August.
- **Saint-Clar**
Garlic evenings: 2 in July, 2 in August.
- **Solomiac**
2nd and 4th Tuesday in July and August.

- **Vic-Fezensac**
Wednesday, every two weeks, in July and August. Also in Fleurance, Nogaro, Saint-Clar, etc.

TRADITIONS AND GASTRONOMY

MARKETS AND FAIRS

JANUARY

- **Eauze**
Feast of St Vincent, the patron saint of wine growers. Local wine competition and evening festivities. Third weekend in January.
 - **Gimont**
Regional products market, last Sunday of the month.
- ##### MARCH
- **Saint-Mont**
PLAIRMONT WEEKEND, open vineyard (late March).

APRIL

- **Samatan - Mirande - Mauvezin**
PIE FAIR (cakes and pastries) - Easter Monday

MAY

- **Eauze**
ARMAGNAC FAIR Ascension week.
- **Saramon**
MAGRET FAIR
One Tuesday mid-May, during the feast of St Victor.

JUNE

- **Masseube**
PRODUCERS MARKET
Saturday morning from mid-June to mid-September.
- **Montréal**
Wine festival. Late June.

JULY

- **Auch**
MAISON DE GASCOGNE
Exhibition of artisan goods and local produce.
- **Castelnau d'Auzan**
DUCK FESTIVAL
Festival of regional handicrafts and products
Third Sunday in July
- **Gondrin**
REGIONAL PRODUCTS MARKET
Every Sunday morning.
- **Miradoux**
Area fair for regional produce. Mid-July.
- **Plaisance**
FESTIVAL OF TASTE, 14th July.
- **Saint-Clar**
GARLIC MARKET - Every Thursday morning.

AUGUST

- **Auch**
MAISON DE GASCOGNE - Open throughout August
- **Bassoues**
REGIONAL PRODUCTS FAIR - 1st Sunday in August.
- **Condom**
BIO GASCOGNE organic show
4th weekend in August.
- **Gondrin**
REGIONAL PRODUCTS FAIR
2nd Sunday in August and market every Sunday morning.
- **Jegun**
GASCON WINE FAIR - 2nd Saturday in August
- **Lectoure**
MELON FESTIVAL - Mid-August
- **Nogaro**
REGIONAL PRODUCTS FAIR - Mid-August
- **Mauvezin**
GARLIC FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION
Monday after 15 August.

- **Mirande**
FOLK FESTIVAL AND REGIONAL PRODUCTS
Around 15th August
- **Saint-Clar**
GARLIC FESTIVAL - 1st Thursday in August.
GARLIC COMPETITION - 3rd Thursday in August
GARLIC MARKET - every Thursday morning.

- **Samatan**
GASCON FOIE GRAS FAIR
3rd weekend in August.
- **Seissan**
OLD-STYLE MARKET
1st Friday in August

SEPTEMBER

- **Saint-Clar**
GARLIC MARKET
Every Thursday morning.

OCTOBER

- **Auch**
COLOMBELLE & GRILLED BEEF
One Thursday mid-October
- **Condom**
CONDOM WINE FAIR
3rd weekend in October.
- **Nogaro**
"VIN NOUVEAU" AND CHESTNUT FAIR
Third Saturday in October.

- **Saint-Clar**
GARLIC MARKET
Every Thursday morning.

NOVEMBER

- **Estang**
TINKERS' FAIR - 3rd Sunday
- **Eauze (and Armagnac region)**
FLAME OF ARMAGNAC
(Festival marking the start of distillation).
- **Isle-Jourdain and Lectoure**
ST MARTIN'S FAIR. Weekend of 11th November.
- **Saint-Clar**
GARLIC MARKET
Every Thursday morning.
- **Samatan**
LE FOIE GRAS DANS SON PALAIS
(Local chefs present foie gras recipes).
- **Armagnac (region)**
FLAME OF ARMAGNAC

DECEMBER

- **Eauze**
WHITE WINES OF GASCONY COMPETITION
2nd Friday in December.
- **Mirande**
GOURMET CHRISTMAS MARKET
2nd or 3rd Sunday in December.
- **Saint-Clar**
GARLIC MARKET - Every Thursday morning.
(List not exhaustive).

CROUSTADE OR PASTIS GASCON

Traditional pastries that require a certain agility as not everyone can make a good croustade. The recipe may seem simple (flour, water, salt and egg yolks) but making it is a different matter - it requires technique and experience. Grandmothers of old had the secret and passed it on from generation to generation as only they knew how to roll out the pastry until it became as thin and transparent as a sheet of paper. As this dessert features on most menus in Gascony you will be able to discover its delicious aromas - a combination of apples, prunes and depending on the recipe, Armagnac.



Take the time to **live it up**

LAND OF FESTIVALS

EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS... (LIST NOT EXHAUSTIVE)

JANUARY

- **Canton of Miradoux**
DISPLAY OF CRÊCHES
(mid-December to mid-January).

MARCH

- **Nogaro**
Circuit Paul Armagnac. Historic vehicles.
- **Saint-Mont**
VINEYARD FESTIVAL
(Last weekend of March)

APRIL

- **Auch**
NATIONAL FILM ANIMATION FESTIVAL
Every 2 years. Next event in 2007.
- **Condom**
HISPANIC FORTNIGHT (April and May).
- **Fleurance**
Carnival - 1 week after Easter.
- **Fourcès**
FLOWER MARKET (Last weekend in April)
- **Lombes**
NEW & ANTIQUE BOOK FAIR
1st Sunday in April.
- **Nogaro**
Paul Armagnac Race
EASTER CUP (CARS). For Easter

MAY

- **Auch**
CLAVIERS EN PAYS D'AUCH (piano/organ concerts)
3rd weekend in May.
- **Condom**
INTERNATIONAL "BANDAS Y PEÑAS"
(Street Music) FESTIVAL
(Second weekend in May)
- **Eauze**
ARMAGNAC FAIR - ANTIQUES FAIR
(Ascension week)
- **Nogaro**
Paul Armagnac Circuit. FRENCH OPEN SPEED
CHAMPIONSHIP (motorbikes).

PAVIE

- **Pavie**
TRAD'ENVIE - First two weeks in May, every two
years (in even-numbered years).
- **Plaisance**
ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION. Early May.
ENVIRONMENT DAY. Third Saturday in May.
- **Riscle**
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS (Ascension)

JUNE

- **Auch**
FESTIVAL OF VOICES
- **Castelnau-Barbarens**
TOUR OF CASTELNAUS
Every two years (in odd-numbered years).
- **Condom**
AFRICAN FESTIVAL End of June.
CONDOM MUSEUM Temporary exhibition (end
of June to early September).
- **Fleurance**
GASCONY BOOK FAIR
2nd weekend in June.

NOGARO

Paul Armagnac Cuircuit,
EUROPEAN TRUCK RACING CHAMPIONSHIP.

SIMORRE

FESTIDROLE (Festival of Comedy)
(3rd Sunday in June)

VIC-FEZENSAC

EASTER "FERIA" (Spanish Festival)

JULY

- **Auch**
MAISON DE GASCOGNE (throughout August).
CLAVIERS D'ÉTÉ, organ recitals. Every Sunday at 6pm.
- **Condom, Valence/Baise, Lectoure, Terraube**
NIGHT-TIME MUSIC IN ARMAGNAC
Last two weeks in July, and in August.
- **Eauze**
FERIA: Bullfighting, running of the Heifers, street
music. 1st weekend in July.

FLURANCE

3rd weekend in July: CUIVRO'FOLIZ.

FOURCÈS

BOOK MARKET. 3rd Sunday in July.

LECTOURE

SUMMER PHOTO EXHIBITION
(From mid-July to end-August)

LOMBES

"LE BONHEUR D'ÉCRIRE DANS LE GERS".
Writing course. 1st fortnight in July.

MIRANDE

COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL - The week of 14th July

NOGARO

THE GOLDEN HORN (14th July).
FRENCH PROMOSPORT CUP (Circuit racing).

ROQUELAURE

"COUP DE THÉÂTRE DANS LES VALLONS"
FESTIVAL OF STREET THEATRE
3rd weekend in July

SAMATAN

THEATRE FESTIVAL.

TERMES D'ARMAGNAC

MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL - "sound and light show"

VALENCE-SUR-BAÏSE

"AUTES-COPS" - Ye Olden Days festival (14th July).

VIC-FEZENSAC

TEMPO LATINO FESTIVAL. Last weekend in July

AUGUST

- **Auch**
MAISON DE GASCOGNE (throughout August).
CLAVIERS D'ÉTÉ, organ recitals. Every Sunday at 6pm.
- **Eauze**
GASCONY COMIC STRIP FESTIVAL
Firts weekend in August.
- **Fleurance**
ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL - First two weeks of August
- **Lombes**
LYRIC SONG COURSE, includes 3 free concerts
and conferences, first two weeks of August
- **Marcillac**
JAZZ IN MARCIAC. First two weeks of August
- **Mirande**
"Heart of Astarac" CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
end of August/September.
- **Samatan**
ANTIQUES FAIR (3rd weekend in August).
- **Sarrant**
MÉDIEVAL FESTIVAL (Ancient music and dance)
First two weeks of August

SEPTEMBER

- **Auch**
GASCOGNE EXPO. Last weekend in September.
- **Lectoure**
ANTIQUES FAIR (First weekend in September).
- **Nogaro**
PEUGEOT SPORT MEET (Last two weeks of September).
- **Samatan**
AFRICAN FESTIVAL.

OCTOBER

- **Auch**
FILM FESTIVAL CINÉ 32: INDEPENDENCE AND
CREATION (last two weeks of October).
- **Gimont**
AERONAUTICAL SHOW - 1st week of October.
- **Mauvezin**
FOIE GRAS TOUR (2nd weekend in October)

NOVEMBER

- **Auch**
CIRCA (circus festival) - week of All Saints
- **In the ARMAGNAC region**
FLAME OF ARMAGNAC
(Festival marking the start of distillation).
- **Masseube, Samatan and Condom**
FESTIVAL OF SHORT FILMS
(Last weekend in November).

DECEMBER

- **Canton of Miradoux**
DISPLAY OF CRÊCHES
(Mid-December to mid-January).

Further Information:
- Regional tourist board for the Gers (CDT)
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- Regional arts association for the Gers
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THE RUNNING OF THE HEIFERS

HEIFER RACES WITH RUNNERS AND JUMPERS

Running of the Heifers (La Course Landaise) is one of the oldest bullfighting events in the South of France. It has been part of the heritage of Armagnac since time immemorial. It is a traditional sport, a game of courage, it is also a brightly coloured event and one of the flagships of our culture. Running the heifers keeps alive the spirit of joie de vivre, the daring and the panache of the famous Gascon musketeers.

FÉDÉRATION FRANÇAISE DE LA COURSE LANDAISE

B.P. 201 - 40280 SAINT-PIERRE DU MONT
Tel. +33 (0)5 58 46 50 89 - www.courselandaise.org

- **Nogaro**
FRENCH "HEIFER RUNNERS CHAMPIONSHIP"
Every three years in Nogaro: October 2008.
GOLDEN HORN Every year on 14th July.
HEIFER RUNNING FESTIVAL
Every year on 15th August.

Calendar of events available on request
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BULLFIGHTS

All too often bullfighting is associated only with Spain and one forgets that it is an integral part of Gascon culture. Every year large numbers of aficionados are drawn to the two bullrings in the Gers, at EAUZE and VIC-FEZENSAC.

- **Aignan**
Bullfight - Easter Sunday.
- **Eauze**
Nimeno II Bullring (1st weekend of July).
EAUZE FESTIVAL
- **Plaisance**
'Novillada' bullfight (young bulls), without a
picador. 14th July.
- **Vic-Fezensac**
Joseph Fourniol Bullring - WHITSUN FESTIVAL
(5 bullfights). One nocturnal 'novillada' in August.
One 'bolsin taurin' competition on 21st September.

HORSE RACING

HORSE SHOWS

Horses are a passion and a tradition in Gascony. There are no less than 15 different equestrian events in the department during the summer season: races, horse shows, etc. in the following communes:
Auch, Castéra-Verduzan, Cazaubon, Eauze, Fleurance, Mauvezin, Terraube, Valence-sur-Baise, Vic-Fezensac.

CASINO

- **Castéra-Verduzan**
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Slot machines, English Roulette and Black Jack, boule, piano-bar, cultural events, concerts, exhibitions. Restaurant.
- **Cazaubon-Barbotan-les-Thermes**
Château de Bégué - 32150 CAZAUBON
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Slot machines, roulette and Black Jack, "boule"
(game involving nine numbers). Piano-bar, activities, restaurant.

SKITTLES

AND GASCON QUILTS

Old games, outlawed for a long time, but which have remained deeply anchored in Gascon tradition and are now all the rage again. Affiliated to the National Skittles Federation, they add to the activities that take place in our small villages during the summer season.
FÉDÉRATION DES FOYERS RURAUX DU GERS COMITE DEPARTEMENTAL DE BOWLING ET SPORTS DE QUILLES DU GERS CENTRE DE JEUX ET SPORTS TRADITIONNELS D'OCCITANIE
29, chemin de Baron - 32000 AUCH
Tel. +33 (0)5 62 05 69 25
www.mouvement-rural-gers.net
(Calendar of events available on request)
- **5 August 2007**, Bretagne d'Armagnac: 12th French championship in individual skittles.
- **15 August 2007**, Lialores (Condom): Gascon quilts world championship.
- **18 August 2007**, Eauze: 16th French championship in team skittles.
Alain Bovo - Quilles au Maillet
32110 Laujuzan - www.quilles-au-maillet.com

VILLAGES IN BLOOM

The "IN BLOOM" campaign mobilises a great number of communes in our department, who participate in this effort to make our environment more attractive both for visitors and locals. Right from the very early days of spring, the department adorns itself with colours and perfumes, all of which change as the seasons progress. A veritable show of beauty and well worth discovering...

- **Ordan-Larroque: 4 flowers National award**
Visits: Municipal archaeology and history museum (guided tour).
Open on request - July & August, Wednesday to Sunday, 10am-1pm and 3-7pm. Please contact the town hall.

- **Blaziert: 4 flowers**
Visits: scented walk and the footpath to school, 4 sundials.
- **Auch: 3 flowers**
Visits: Ortholan Garden, parc du Couloumé, promenade along the banks of the Gers, Auch woodland (health route), town hall garden.
- **Roques: 3 flowers**
Visits : village walls and well, scented walk.
- **Condom: 2 flowers**
Visits: GAUGE leisure centre, gardens on the ramparts, history tours.
- **Riscle: 2 flowers**
Don't miss: the flowers around the church.
- **Lectoure: 3 flowers**
Spa town and centre for arts and crafts.
For more information see p. 14: Take the time to go walking. For a Villages in Bloom leaflet call Tel. +33 (0)5 62 05 95 95

FAIRS AND SHOWS

PLANTS AND FLOWERS

There are a great number of events that take place throughout the year, all based on the theme of flowers (list not exhaustive).

- **February**
- CONDOM: Plant nursery market.
- **March**
- TILLAC: Flower show.
- SAMATAN: Flower show (Natur'Décor) 3rd weekend in March.
- AIGNAN: Primavera. Last Sunday.
- MIRANDE: Flower show.
- **April**
- AUCH: Aromatic plants and traditional vegetables fair (last weekend).
- FOURCÈS: Flower market (last weekend in April).
- TERMES D'ARMAGNAC: wild flower market.
- **Easter Monday**
- CASTELNAU D'AUZAN: Flower and shrub market.
- **May**
- CASTÉRA-LECTOUROIS: Flower festival (last weekend in May).
- CAZAUX-SAVÈS: Caumont castle - Iris Day.
- EAUZE: Flower show (2nd Sunday).
- GIMONT: Flower show. 2nd weekend in May

- LOMBEZ: Flower show and garden sale (1st Sunday in May).
- MONTAUT-LES-CRÉNEAUX: Battlements in Bloom (May 1st).
- L'ISLE-JOURDAIN: Flower market (1st Saturday of the month)
- LA ROMIEU: Rose market (last but one Sunday of the month).
- SAINT-CLAR: Flower show (last Sunday in May).
- **June**
- RISCLE: Flower festival (Ascension Thursday).
- **October**
- ORDAN-LARROQUE: Rare plants fair (2nd Sunday).
- **November**
- AUCH: Traditional fruit tree sale (St Catherine's weekend).
- DURAN: Tree festival (Sunday, first fortnight).
- **December**
- SAINT-CLAR: Tree festival (1st Sunday).
(List not exhaustive).

BOTANICAL GARDEN

- **La Romieu Coursiana Gardens**
(Outstanding Garden 2005)
6 hectares of trees and plants in a beautiful setting.
- Family vegetable garden
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- Arboretum with more than 700 species of trees and shrubs
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32480 La Romieu
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Fax +33 (0)5 62 28 80 33
www.jardinsdecoursiana.com

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Tel. +33 (0)5 62 65 52 48
Fax +33 (0)5 62 65 50 44
www.natureetpaysages.fr



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- **Bétois La Palmeraie du Sarthou**
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Marie-Christine Fort
32110 BÉTOUS
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E-mail: palmeraiesarthou@wanadoo.fr
<http://palm-sarthou.ifrance.com>





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SITES, MUSEUMS, MONUMENTS

The architectural and cultural heritage of the Gers is rich indeed; from castles to abbeys to say nothing of the "bastides" (the very first villages to be built in France, constructed around a church and covered market), the "castelnaux" (villages built around a castle) and all the typical villages. Below is a non exhaustive list of some of the most beautiful sites and monuments open to the public:

- 32000 Auch**
Capital of GASCONY, Old Gallo-Roman city. **Saint Mary's Cathedral** (15th - 17th century): stained glass windows by Arnaud de Moles, choir with 113 stalls, carved with flamboyant style tracery, which feature more than 1500 characters.
Armagnac Tower (14th century), **monumental stairway** (370 steps), "pousteries" (narrow little medieval streets) etc... Guided tours. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 05 22 89 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 05 92 04 www.auch-tourisme.com
MUSÉE DES JACOBINS - 4, place Louis Blanc - 32000 AUCH Tel. +33 (0)5 62 05 74 79 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 61 90 95 E-mail: musee@mairie-auch.fr
 Largest regional collection of pre-Colombian and religious Latin American art. Gallo-Roman and Egyptian artefacts. 16th to 20th-century paintings and sculptures. Gascon folk art and traditions. Closed in January. April to October: open every day, 10-12am and 2-6pm. November to March: open every day (except public holidays), 2-5pm. Guided tours for groups, by arrangement only.
- 32380 Avezan, via Saint-Clar**
13th-century Gascon castle restored in the 17th-century.
 Guided tours 1 April-30 October, information: Tel. +33 (0)5 62 66 47 11
- 32320 Bassoues**
 13th-century bastide: 43 m high keep, chef d'œuvre of military art in Gascony in the 14th century, old **16th-century covered market, medieval streets, 15th-century church. St Fris basilica (11th century).** BASSOUES KEEP - 32320 BASSOUES Tel. +33 (0)5 62 70 97 34 - mairie.bassoues@wanadoo.fr - Temporary exhibitions.
 April to end of June and September to end of October (+ All Saints' Holidays) daily - apart from Tuesday - 10-12am and 2-6pm. 1 July to 31 August, daily, 10am-7pm. November to end of March: contact us. Closed: mid-December to mid-February.
- 32100 Bérault**
 Museum of Naïve, Marginal and Popular Art Château d'Ensolèus. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 68 49 87 Fax +33 (0)5 62 28 00 11
 More than 500 naïve paintings by artists from across the globe. Open 1st May to 31st October 10am-1pm and 2-7pm. 1st November to 30th April: 10am-1pm and 2-5pm. Closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and whole of January. www.museearnaif.com
- 32450 Boulaur**
 Sainte-Marie de Boulaur Abbey, 14th-century murals, medieval and classical façades, the abbey offers a multifaceted view of local heritage. Guided tours all year round, daily except Tuesday. Opening hours: contact Arrats-Gimone tourist office, Tel. +33 (0)5 62 67 77 87. Boulaur Abbey, Tel. +33 (0)5 62 65 40 07. www.boulaur.org
- 32100 Cassaigne**
CASSAIGNE castle: old summer home of the bishops of CONDOM (13th - 16th-century), one can still see the typical kitchen with its vault "en cul de Four" (in the shape of a quarter of a sphere)
Tours of the wine cellars and free wine tasting. Open every day (except Mondays 15/09-05/06). Tel. +33 (0)5 62 28 04 02 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 28 41 43 www.chateaudecassaigne.com
- 32130 Cazaux-Savès**
CAUMONT castle: mid-16th century. Built by Pierre de Nogaret de La Valette on his return from the wars in Italy, on the site of an old castle formerly belonging to Gaston Phoebus.

Open: from 1st May to 1st November: weekends and public holidays from 3pm to 6pm. July and August: every day from 3pm to 6pm. During both periods: open on Saturdays by appointment. From 1st April to 30th November: groups welcome by prior arrangement. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 07 94 20 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 07 95 07 www.caumont.org

- 32100 Condom**
 Old Episcopal city of which BOSSUET was the bishop. The business centre of ARMAGNAC, town with seven churches: **16th-century Saint Peter's Cathedral, 16th-century Gothic cloister in the flamboyant style, 13th-century Auger d'Audiran tower**, several unusual 17th and 18th century townhouses. Guided tours. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 28 00 80 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 28 45 46 www.tourisme-tenereze.com
CONDOM ARMAGNAC MUSEUM
 2, rue Jules Ferry - 32100 CONDOM
 Traditional wine making and Armagnac distillation methods. Open: April to October, 10am to midday and 3pm to 6pm (closed Tuesdays and public holidays). November, December, February, March from 2pm to 5pm (closed Mondays, Tuesdays and public holidays). Tel. +33 (0)5 62 28 47 17 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 28 47 05 www.gers-gascogne.com
CHÂTEAU CUGNAC-ARMAGNAC (18th century). Hundred-year-old Ryst-Dupeyron distillery, with video and "son et lumière". Museum on work in the 19th-century distillery. Open Monday to Friday, 8-12am and 2-5pm. Weekends by appointment. Every day in July/August. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 28 08 08 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 28 16 42 http://cognac.perso.cegetel.net
PRADAU CHURCH & MUSEUM OF SACRED ART Rue Dutouya - Tel. +33 (0)5 62 68 24 22
- 32800 Eauze**
Capital OF ARMAGNAC, old capital of "Novempopulanie", a region rich in history: Cathedral of Saint-Luperc (14th and 15th-century), House of Jeanne d'Albret. MUSEUM OF THE TREASURES OF EAUZE - 32800 Eauze Tel. +33 (0)5 62 09 71 38 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 09 79 20 www.gers-gascogne.com
 Open: from 1st February to 31st May and from 1st October to 31st December: 2pm-5pm, mornings by prior arrangement. From June to September (inclusive): 10am-12.30am and 2pm-6pm. Closed in January. Closed Tuesdays and public holidays.
- 32220 Espaon**
MUSÉE PAYSAN DE LA SAVE
 32220 ESPAON - Tel. +33 (0)5 62 65 34 45 www.geocities.com/musee_paysan
 The family life and work of Gascon peasant farmers in the early 20th-century. Open in July, August, for Easter and All Saints holidays: every day, 2-6pm. April, May, June, September: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and public holidays 2-6pm. October: Saturday 2-5pm. The rest of the year by appointment.
- 32250 Fleurance**
13th-century bastide (fortified village) with central square surrounded by stone arcades. 16th-century southern Gothic church with stained-glass windows by Arnaud de Moles. 19th-century covered market.
- 32250 Fourcès**
 Picturesque old castelnau main square in the shape of a circle, 13th and 14th-century houses, **clock tower, old town gate, 15th-century castle** and medieval bridge. EXHIBITION HALL: farming tools etc. Pre-Roman church at Laspeyres.
- 32200 Gimont**
 13th-century bastide: medieval covered market with beautiful roof, Gothic church (15th-century) MUSEUM OF RURAL LIFE IN BYGONE DAYS. Rue Pierre de Marcassus. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 67 82 79 (by arrangement)
DUCK AND GOOSE MUSEUM
 Cahuzac roundabout. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 67 84 75
CANTON MUSEUM - Rue des Capucins 32200 GIMONT - Tel. +33 (0)5 62 67 77 87
 Gallo-Roman, Middle Ages, Paleontology.

- 32600 L'Isle-Jourdain**
EUROPEAN BELL MUSEUM
 Place de l'hôtel de ville - 32600 L'ISLE JOURDAIN Tel. +33 (0)5 62 07 30 01 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 07 12 22 www.gers-gascogne.com - www.mairie-islejourdain.com
 The world of bells and bells of the world. Exhibited under the old, restored covered market, 1000 objects from around the world from 3000 years BC to today. Open: 16 September to 14 June: 10-12am and 2.30-5.30pm. June to September: 10-12am and 2.30-6.30pm. Closed 1-15 January. Closed Tuesdays and 01/01, 01/05 and 25/12.
- 32100 Larressingle**
13th-century fortified village, a living and picturesque testimony to medieval architecture; vaulted entrance tower with a gatehouse on top; old fortress of the bishops of Condom and fortified Romanesque church. Guided tour of the village. Tenereze Tourist Office. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 68 22 49.
PILGRIM'S REST Historic evocation of life in the Middle Ages. 50 waxworks in period costume. Open: 1 April to 14 June every day except Monday, 2.30-6pm. 15 June to 30 September every day, 10.30-12.30am and 2-7pm. October: every day except Monday, 2.30-6pm. 1 November to 31 March: Sunday 2.30-5.30pm. Groups of more than 15 people by arrangement, any day of the week. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 28 08 08 or +33 (0)5 62 28 11 58
MEDIEVAL BATTLEGROUND. Cross the draw-bridge and take part in firing demonstrations of medieval war machines such as the bricole, stone thrower, trebuchet and couillard. Test your skills with bow and arrow, crossbow and javelin, or by running at the quintain. Charge with a battering ram, siege tower and bombard. Fire a cannon. Learn about medieval trades: rope and chain-mail maker, coin mint, production of cannonballs and knight's weapons. Daily show, with medieval music, from 1 April to 11 November, 10am-7pm. Rest of the year by arrangement. Tel/Fax +33 (0)5 62 68 33 88 - http://larressingle.free.fr
- 32480 La Romieu**
Collegiate of LA ROMIEU: old ecclesiastical walled town with moat: 14th-century collegiate, designated as a Unesco World Heritage Site, cloister, video, church, two towers and a double revolution staircase, remains of the old 14th century palace of the cardinal of Aux. Open: from October to April 10-12am and 2-6pm; May to September 10am-7pm (6.30pm in May); Guided tours for groups, by appointment. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 28 86 33 - www.la-romieu.com
- 32360 Lavardens**
Castle village, fiefdom of the counts of Armagnac in the Middle Ages. CASTLE rebuilt in the 17th-century by Antoine de Roquelaure, the companion of Henry IV. Overhanging towers, exceptional paving, whispering chamber, panoramic view. "Santons de Provence" exhibition (Christmas crib figures from the Provence region), and other exhibitions throughout the year. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 58 10 61 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 58 10 62 www.chateaulavardens.com
- 32700 Lectoure**
 Town of ART AND HISTORY. Old Gallo-Roman town, military acropolis, a commercial town with a wealth of imposing religious buildings and beautiful townhouses dating from the 14th to 19th-century. 15th and 16th-century **cathedral of Saint-Gervais, townhouse of Marshal Lannes** (the current town hall), **Fountain of Diana** (13th-century), **Hangman's Tower and Tower of Albinhac.** Guided tours. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 68 76 98 Fax +33 (0)5 62 68 79 30
ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM OF LECTOURE
 Unique collection of "taurobolic" altar pieces (involving the sacrifice of bull's blood). Town Hall - 32700 LECTOURE Tel. +33 (0)5 62 68 70 22 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 68 91 60 www.gers-gascogne.com
 Gallo-Roman and late Medieval Museum. Open: every day except Tuesdays and public holidays, 10am to midday and 2pm to 6pm. Lectureur tourist information office Tel. +33 (0)5 62 68 76 98 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 68 79 30

- MARSHAL LANNES SOUVENIRS.
 - MUSEUM OF SACRED ART.
 - BOUE LAPEYRERE ROOM (Famous French vice-admiral).
 - 19th-CENTURY PHARMACY.
WOAD WORKSHOP (Bleu de Lectoure)
 Discover the amazing history of the blue pigment produced from the woad plant. Tour of the workshop. Boutique. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 68 78 30 Fax +33 (0)5 62 68 91 52 - www.bleu-de-lectoure.com
- 32220 Lombez**
 Old Bishopric from 1317 to the time of the Revolution: red-brick, 14th-century cathedral with octagonal bell-tower (treasures, 15th-century tomb). Covered market surrounded by medieval houses. Old court house, free Petrarch exhibition (open all year). Nearby, Sauverterre: St Christopher chapel and view over the Pyrenees with panorama indicating key features.
- 32990 Lupiac**
D'Artagnan Museum. Notre-Dame Chapel - 32290 LUPIAC. 1-hour audio-visual display exploring the life and times of D'Artagnan. Open: September to June 2-6pm, except Mondays. July and August, every day 10.30am-7pm. Closed 1 January-15 February and 25 December. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 09 24 09 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 09 22 68
- 32310 Mansencôme**
Château du Busca-Maniban.
 One of the most beautiful examples of 17th-century architecture in Gascony. Classical 17th-century façades, main staircase with ionic columns, old chamber of arms, etc. Marquis de Maniban distillery. Guided tours of the château every day from 1 April to 1 November (except Sundays and public holidays), other periods by arrangement. Open 2-6pm. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 28 40 38 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 68 20 44 www.buscamaniban.com
- 32230 Marciac**
 13th-century bastide with one of the largest arcaded squares in the Southwest. 14th-century church (open daily). LAND OF JAZZ IN MARCIAC Place du Chevalier d'Antras - 32230 MARCIAC Tel. +33 (0)5 62 08 26 60 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 08 26 61 E-mail: ot.marciac@wanadoo.fr
 Scenography, museum and audio-visual presentations. JAZZ from its birth to today. Open 9.30am - 12am and 2.30pm - 6pm (visits until 12.30am and 6.30pm). April to September: 7 days a week and during the jazz festival (1-15 August) 10am - 7.30pm. October to March: open daily except Saturday and public holidays. Sunday 11am - 1pm. www.bastidesetallonsdugers.com
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. Open from Monday to Friday from 9am to 12am and from 2pm to 5pm. Marciac Townhall 32230 MARCIAC - Tel. +33 (0)5 62 09 38 03 Fax +33 (0)5 62 08 23 10 E-mail: mairie.marciac@wanadoo.fr
- 32140 Masseube**
 13th-century bastide: square with arcades, half-timbered houses, 16th and 18th-century houses, remains of ramparts. Guided tours: tel. +33 (0)5 62 66 12 22
- 32240 Mauléon d'Armagnac**
Armagnac Museum. Côtes de la Jeunesse. 32240 MAULÉON D'ARMAGNAC
 Open 1 April-30 October every day 9-12am and 2-6pm, but museum visits end at 5pm. Saturday and Sunday 3-6pm. Other periods: Monday-Friday 9-12am and 2-6pm. Tel. +33 (0)5 58 44 88 38 - Fax +33 (0)5 58 44 87 07
- 32170 Miélan**
 13th-century bastide. Square with arcades. Corbelled houses.
- 32390 Miramont-Latour**
Château de Latour. Château and museum of rural life. 1500 m², 15 rooms. Listed dovecote and 17th-century altarpiece. Open in July and August, Thursday-Sunday 3-7pm; June and September: Sunday 3-7pm. All year round:

advance booking for groups. Tel./Fax +33 (0)5 62 62 27 99

- 32300 Mirande**
Old bastide, cathedral, chef-d'oeuvre of southern Gothic architecture (15th century), square with arcades, old houses, **Rohan and Astarac towers**, ramparts, beautiful 19th-century covered market. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 66 68 10 Fax +33 (0)5 62 66 87 09
MIRANDE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AND DECORATIVE ARTS
 13, rue de l'Evêché - 32300 MIRANDE Tel. +33 (0)5 62 66 68 10 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 66 87 09 www.gers-gascogne.com
 Paintings and porcelain. Open all year 9am-12am and 2-6pm, Saturday 10-12am and 3-6pm. Closed Sundays and public holidays. Open Sunday morning in July and August. - MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY.
- 32250 Montréal**
First bastide in Gascony built in 1255: listed as one of the most beautiful villages in France. 13th-century church, square with arcades. 2 km away **Gallo-Roman villa of SEVIAC** (4th and 5th century): polychrome mosaics, sumptuous thermal baths. 6th and 7th-century Merovingian habitat, early Christian collection. Guided tours. Tel./Fax +33 (0)5 62 29 48 57 mairie-montreal@wanadoo.fr www.seviac-villa.fr
 Séviac Tourist Office and Archeological Museum. Open Tuesday to Saturday: July and August, 10-12.30am and 2-7pm. March to June and September to November, 10-12.30am and 2-6pm.
- 32110 Mouchan**
 Cluniac site. Guided tour of Benedictine church. Ténarèze Tourist Office: Tel. +33 (0)5 62 28 00 80. Domaine de la Salle, Route de Cassaigne, 32330 Mouchan. "Autrefois en Gascogne", exhibition on Gascony's vineyards and wine. Open all year. Tel. +33 (0)6 84 50 49 41 or (0)5 62 28 96 26.
- 32110 Nogaro**
 Safe haven founded in 1060. St Nicholas church and collegiate with two romanesque frescoes: the life of St Laurent (30m²) and Christ on throne (20m²). Stele and romanesque capitals - remains of cloister. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 09 13 30
- 32160 Plaisance**
 Bastide founded in 1322, one of the only ones with two arcaded squares (1 medieval, the other 19th century): neo-Gothic church with large organ.
- 32340 Plieux**
Plieux castle, typical medieval Gascon fortress (14th-16th-century). Permanent exhibition of contemporary art (Jean-Paul Marcheschi collection). Summer, open every day (except Tuesday) 2-8pm. Rest of the year by arrangement only. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 28 60 86 www.chateaudepieux.org
- 32700 Saint-Avit-Frandat**
 La Cassagne castle, 17th-century castle with: Chamber of the Knights of Malta, true copy of the Grand Counsel Chamber of Knights of Saint-Jean, which was destroyed and then restored in the 19th-century. Guided tours by appointment Tel. +33 (0)5 62 68 83 24
- 32380 Saint-Clar**
 Unique bastide with two squares - 13th-century covered markets on wooden pillars, half-timbered houses, 12th and 14th-century church with three-lobed bell tower. Guided tours of the bastide by appointment (Tel. +33 (0)5 62 66 34 45). REGIONAL MUSEUM OF THE STATE SCHOOL. Open daily, except Monday and Tuesday from 1 October to 31 May, 2-6pm - from 1 June to 30 September, 3-7pm. Group events on request. Tel./Fax +33 (0)5 62 66 32 78 www.musee-de-lecole-publique.com

- 32310 Saint-Puy**
Monluc castle (16th century), built on the remains of the old 13th-century fortress, has been renovated over the centuries and offers beautiful vestiges of its troubled past: ramparts, vaulted cellars. Birthplace of Blaise de Monluc (Marshal of France and author of memoirs and famous Commentaries). Open all year: weekdays 10am-12am and 3-7pm. Sundays and public holidays, 3-7pm. Closed January, Sundays and public holidays and on Mondays 1 October-31 May. Castle visits and free wine tasting. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 28 94 00 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 28 55 70
- 32130 Samatan**
MUSEUM OF FOIE GRAS AND LOCAL TRADITIONS Tourist Office - 3, rue chanoine Dieuzalide 32130 SAMATAN Tel. +33 (0)5 62 62 55 40 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 62 50 26 www.samatan-porte-du-gers.com
 Open: July and August: from Monday to Sunday midday from 10-12am and from 4-6pm; the rest of the year: from 10-12am and from 3-5pm except Tuesdays and Sundays.
- 32120 Sarrant**
Old fortified town which has retained part of its polygonal town walls. (14th-century fortified gateway). Medieval garden.
- 32420 Siororre**
Picturesque little village: narrow streets, half-timbered and corbelled houses, **Beautiful, unique 14th-century fortified church.** Guided tours on request. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 65 36 34
- 32400 Termes-d'Armagnac**
13th-century tower, H.M., remains of the castle where Thibault of Termes was born, companion of Joan of Arc, spiral staircase with 150 steps. Arms room. Church, former château chapel: listed 18th-century altarpiece. MUSEUM OF GASCON GALLANTRY TERMES D'ARMAGNAC TOWER 32400 TERMES D'ARMAGNAC - Tel./Fax +33 (0)5 62 69 25 12
 Evocation of historic scenes: d'Artagnan room, Henry de Navarre room... Open every day 1 June-30 September 10am-7.30pm, except Tuesday morning. Every day 1 October-31 May 2-6pm, except Tuesday.
- 32240 Toujouze**
ECOMUSEUM OF GASCON PEASANTRY 32240 TOUJOUZE
 See life as it was for our grand-parents. 2 ha site, with 800 sqm indoors. Open every day 1 May - 31 October 2-6pm; November, March and April on Sunday 2-6pm. By arrangement all year round. Tel. +33 (0)5 62 09 67 33 or +33 (0)5 62 09 18 11
- 32310 Valence/Baïse**
13th century bastide founded by the Count of Armagnac and the Abbot of Flaran: 14th-century church, square with arcades. Bastide exhibition from 15th June to 30th September from 9.30-12am and from 2-7pm. Christmas exhibition. Guided tours of the bastide: Tel. +33 (0)5 62 28 59 19 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 28 97 66
 12th-century **Cistercian Abbey of FLARAN** DEPARTMENTAL HERITAGE CENTRE, romanesque church, chapter house, cloister gallery, monks' dormitory, 18th-century abbey dwelling, herb garden etc. Guided tours. From 1st February to 30th June and from September to beginning of January: 9.30am - 12.30am and 2pm - 6pm. July and August: 9.30am - 7pm. Closed for 3 weeks in January (reopens 1st February). Closed on public holidays (1st January, 1st May, 25th December). Tel. +33 (0)5 62 28 50 19 - Fax +33 (0)5 62 28 97 76 www.gers-gascogne.com (List not exhaustive).
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