

5 circuits for Intrepid in TÉNARÈZE

Circuit 5 - 56 km

MUSKETEERS & LAND OF ARMAGNAC



CONDOM Episcopal city with ancient origins, is organized around a Gothic style cathedral dating from the 16th century which encloses a 14th century chapel, classified as a Historic Monument. In the cloister, there are two beautiful, sculpted doors with Renaissance decoration. At the end of the 18th century the city underwent a full transformation and became adorned with private mansions and beautiful residences. Mandatory selfie in front of the Musketeers statue!

MOUSSARON MILL is a restored mill and miller's house, which can be viewed from the outside (private)

HAMLET OF GRAZIMIS Has many castles: Verdun (17th century), Pouypardin (13th century) and feudal castle of Fousseris (13th century). The latter, located in the heart of the hamlet, links towards the east with the medieval church of Saint-Pierre (14th century Gothic portal, 12th century chevet, turret, gargoyles...).

HAMLET OF CANNES Standing in the middle of the hamlet of Cannes, the church of Notre-Dame is one of those discreet little monuments in the Condom area, whose impromptu discovery is an invitation for a stroll around the hamlet.

HAMLET OF LIALORES Sheltering in its tiny monastery of 12th century, one discovers the beautiful Romanesque church Saint-Antoine de Lialores, formerly a famous place of pilgrimage, bell tower and Gothic portal of the 14th century. On August 15th, this hamlet attracts the greatest champions of the world... of Gascon game of Palet!

CHURCH OF VICNAU In primitive Romanesque style, dating from the 10th and fortified at the 14th century. Admire the bell tower composed of a rectangular tower that rises almost 10m and seems to have been even higher originally (private).

VILLAGE OF GAZAUPOUY An ovoid-shaped castelnau that stands next to the village built in the 16th century to house a growing population. Old ramparts and a gate with a pointed arch extended by a vaulted corridor announce the 4th romaneseque church with gothic porch dating from the 14th century. It is a pretty little village with a building which hosts every year Landes races.

HAMEAU OF ESTREPOUY In 1279, the treaty of Amiens delivered the Agenais to the English, hence the need to establish watchtowers on both sides of the border. In the vicinity of Gazaupouy stand two (private) towers with very similar forms: that of Déhes restored in the 19th century into a dwelling house, and the tower of Estre pouy.

VILLAGE OF LIGARDES Originally a castle town, the village is grouped at the foot of the castle, on a raised mound of 167 m. One finds there the vestiges of the ramparts and its church keep.

LA ROMIEU Nestled in the heart of the village known as Cats' village, the Collegiate Church of Saint-Pierre de La Romieu (1312-1318) is a masterpiece of southern architecture (cloister, palace, cardinal's tower).

CHURCH OF AURENS Rectangular, flanked to the south-west by a bell-tower, the church of Saint-Luperc has a flat chevet and a portal protected by an awning.

VILLAGE OF CASTELNAU-SUR-IAUVIGNON Nicknamed the «castelnau of wolves», the village sheltered in its heart a 13th century case-round joined by a square tower which served as a keep. A second castle was added in the 14th century, composed of a round tower which is still visible. A stronghold of the Resistance, this village sheltered an important network of Resistance fighters from 1942 onwards. On 21 June 1944, the Germans surrounded the village, and the square tower full of weapons, explosives and ammunition was set on fire, along with the village. Only the Romanesque church and the round tower remain standing. Rebuilt in the 50s, this charming village remains the witness of a turbulent past.

CHURCH OF SAINTE-GERMAINE DU BARADIEU (rustic Romanesque style). Legend has it that the church was built on the spot where Hermana (Germana) was murdered with her Benedictine sisters. This is a designated stop on the road to Santiago de Compostela. It is a restful place with a mystical atmosphere.

HAMLET OF SCIEURAC A very ancient site of occupation, has rather gradually revealed its secrets. Its Romanesque church of Saint-Christophe is not dated, but its elements suggest that it was built around the 13th century. However, recent discoveries are typical of the pre-Romanesque period: a capital decorated with foliage and a stone cross decorated with a Christ.

Circuit 4 - 48 km

A MOSAIC OF LANDSCAPES & DELICACIES

VILLAGE OF BÉRAUT Two heritage elements make up the village: the 12th century Saint-Pierre church, rebuilt in the 14th century, and the castle of the 11th century tower-hall (private)

VILLAGE OF SAINT-ORENS-POUY-PETIT Saint-Orens and Pouy-Petit were for a long time divided into two seigneuries on hillsops. The village of Saint-Orens was founded in the 11th century, became English in the 13th century, and powerful walls were built. The main alley leads to a Gothic church (end of the 13th or early 14th century), as well as to the 16th century castle. The small castral hamlet of Pouy-Petit has its own castle and church. It was part of the county of Gaure and of Armagnac under French rule. The two villages were brought together during the Revolution.

VILLAGE OF SAINT-PUY Former capital of the county of Gaure, Saint-Puy has the three characteristic plan units of Gascony: the «sauveté» is organised around the church and dominates the surrounding countryside; the «castelnau», whose castle (open to visitors) was the birthplace of the Marshal of France Blaise de Monluc, built on the hill; and finally the heart of the village is organised like a bastide. In the past, these three units were joined together by an enclosure fortification.

VILLAGE OF LARROQUE-SAINTE-SERNIN Having become a commune in 1851, this former castelnau, then called Saint-Semin-de-Larroque, depended on Saint-Puy. Larroque was given the name of the patron saint of the church, Saint-Sernin, bishop of Toulouse martyred in the 3rd century, to differentiate itself from the many other "Larroque" in the region.

STONE OF THE 3 BISHOPS Legend has it that around 1450, the meeting of the three bishops of Lectoure, Condom and Auch took place here, at the boundary of their respective lands. They dined at the same table, served by the lords of the neighbouring castles, and the border of their dioceses has not changed since.

VILLAGE OF ROQUEPINE A small, peaceful village, famous in the 19th century for its factory where tiles, bricks and lime were manufactured in large quantities and of good quality. The main street that passes through the village connects the Romanesque church dedicated to Saint-Antoine and Sainte-Marthe to the castle, originally from the 13th century, probably rebuilt in the 15th century (private).

FLOWERY VILLAGE OF BLAZIERT Classified 4 flowers at the national prize of Villes et Villages Fleuris, the delicate village of Blaziert can be discovered by using your senses! On the ancient ramparts, a discovery trail criss-crosses the village dotted with sundials of all kinds, between the schoolchildren's path and the scent trail. The sacristy of the 19th century church has, on its walls, a secret charcoal drawing representing Christ on the cross.

VILLAGE OF CAUSSENS During the Hundred Years' War, King Edward I of England built a series of Gascon castles to protect his town of Condom, including that of CausSENS. Now destroyed, only the ruins of the ramparts remain.



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Circuit 3 - 47 km

FLARAN ABBEY, BAÏSE RIVER & GASCON CASTLES

DOUBLE GRAZIAC LOCK Along the navigable Baïse River, this manual lock, built between 1848 and 1864, allows boats to climb an exceptional 4.40 m difference in altitude. From April to October, even the most patient will be caught up in the excitement of the lock keepers as the boats pass through.

VILLAGE OF CASSAIGNE The 13th century castle was remodelled around the 18th century to become the country residence of the bishops of Condom. The 16th century kitchen has a surprising and beautiful vaulted ceiling, built like a baker's oven and classified as a Historic Monument.

VILLAGE OF MANSENCÔME The village with two castles: in the centre of the village, of Gascony style castle from the 13th century, and in the place called Busca, the majestic and classic shaped castle from the 17th century. Both castles are private.

VILLAGE OF LAGARDÈRE Charming village composed of a 13th century Gascon castle and a small 12th century Romanesque chapel with an 11th century rectangular chrisim on its Gothic portal. The gaze reveals the palette of Gascon castles.

HAMLET OF PARDAILHAN Perched between valleys above the vineyards, witness to the rich past of this hamlet, the ruins of the 14th and 16th century castle – now private – reveal their architectural secrets: quadrangular enclosure, towers and curtain walls. A stone's throw away is a Romanesque church which dates back to the 11th century. Experiment: use the colour filters to observe the nuances of nature.

VILLAGE OF BEUCAIRE An ancient port on the navigable Baïse River, the village of Beaucaire has a charming square that opens onto a neo-Gothic church where two of the 121 sarcophagi from a neighbouring Merovingian necropolis are on display.

BASTIDE OF VALENCE-SUR-BAÏSE This bastide with an orthogonal plan was founded on a hillside in 1274 to the Count of Armagnac in joint sovereignty with the abbot of Flaran. You can discover its 14th century church and the remains of the high ramparts, which still have one of its gates called «du Hérisson» ("Hedghog"). Don't leave without climbing up to the bell tower from where the beautiful Gers countryside unfolds before your eyes!

ABBEY OF FLARAN This Cistercian jewel founded in 1151 is one of the best-preserved abbeys of South-West France. The monastic buildings and gardens are located in the heart of a park, in a protected natural environment, on the banks of the Baïse. A perfect illustration of a Cistercian complex dating from the 12th century, reworked until the 18th century, the abbey is today a Departmental Heritage Centre. Its walls serve as a backdrop for an exceptional private art collection, with works by the great masters such as Gustave Courbet, Auguste Renoir, Dalí...

CHURCH OF SAINT-MICHEL OF FLEMBEL The former chapel of the Château de Léberon, an authentic Renaissance residence listed as a Historic Monument.

CHURCH OF THE AULOUE Among the countless small rural religious buildings, the Romanesque church of Auloüe, dedicated to Our Lady, is topped by a typical bell gable. Not far from there stands the Tower of Tauzia (private), a fortified structure from the late 13th century, built by the English to serve as an observation post on the French border.

MAIGNAUT-TAUZIA This fortified village of the 13th century, with a tower gate, a castle rebuilt in the 14th century (private) where one can guess the traces of an old adjoining medieval church. In the 19th century, a church as well as devocote were built in a triangle, on the site of the original medieval tollgate.

CHURCH OF HERRET This Romanesque church is topped by porch bell tower of the 19th century. At the Herret aerodrome, aerial sports allow you to gain height to discover the Gers landscapes from another angle.



The Ténarèze: Qu'es aquò*?
The name of one of the 3 armagnac terroirs, with Condom as its capital. Originally, this name referred to an ancient pre-Roman route that linked Bordeaux to Spain, without crossing any bridge or ford. Today, it is also the name of the local intercommunal community!



Circuit 1 - 62 km

MOST BEAUTIFUL VILLAGES & SECRET VINEYARDS

HAMLET AND ROMAN CHURCH OF GOALARD The birthplace of the de Galard family, into which Hector Galard, famed by some to be the jack of diamonds of card games, was born!

FORTIFIED VILLAGE OF LARRESSINGLE This miniature fortress of the XIIIth century is composed of a castle, a romaneseque church, fortifications and medieval houses. The ramparts, loopholes, towers and old drawbridge make this small village a marvel of medieval defensive architecture. Head for the Middle Ages!

VILLAGE OF BEAUMONT Louis Henri de Pardailhan de Gondrin, marquis de Montespan, unfortunate husband of the favourite of King Louis XIV, was exiled in the village castle (which was remodelled in the 18th century and is now privately owned).

CHURCH OF GENENS Romanesque style (12th century), its remains are impressive: admire the sculpted portal, a fine white marble tympanum and massive choir vaulted in a pointed arch. A mysterious and enchanting place!

PALEONTOLOGICAL SITE OF BÉON Studied since 1987 by the Toulouse Museum of Natural History, this extraordinary fossil site, dating back 17 million years, has yielded five species of mammals previously unknown to science, including the iconic giraffe-deer, Ampelomyerx.

BASTIDE OF MONTRÉAL-DU-GERS First bastide of the department, built in 1255 on a Celtiberian oppidum (a Celtic fortified settlement), it is organised around the central square with arcades, with perpendicular streets lined with half-timbered houses. It is a stop on the road to Santiago de Compostela. The Gothic collegiate church of Notre-Dame has a bell tower that served as a watchtower. At the crossroads between the bastide and Sévici's villa, the Montréal pond is a natural stopover for a picnic or a walk to discover the local wildlife and river flora.

GALLO-ROMAN VILLA OF SÉVIAC Luxurious Gallo-Roman residence extending over nearly 6500 m². It is distinguished by its exceptional collection of antique mosaics (625 m²), the largest in France, and by the remains of its vast thermal baths. Set high among vineyards and cypress trees, it is an outstanding example of 4th-century aristocratic architecture.

CHURCH OF LUZANET Built on the remains of a Romanesque chapel, its construction is attributed to bishop Jean Marre as an attempt at flamboyant gothic-style, before building the cathedral Saint-Pierre in Condom. Its green setting in the vineyards makes it emblematic of the armagnac vineyards.

CHURCH OF CORNEILLAN Gothic-style. Dedicated to saint Vincent, patron saint of winegrowers.

VILLAGE OF FOURCÈS Established on a peninsula along the Auzoue river, this Gascon castelnau was built around a castle destroyed in the 15th century, replaced today by a shaded circular plaza. All around are medieval half-timbered houses and arcades, creating a theatrical setting. A stroll around this village is a must! Short detour possible to the water tower for a 360° view and mosaic of Gers' landscapes.

CHURCH OF SAINTE-QUITTERIE OF LASPEYRES Pre-roman work dedicated to Saint Quitterie, a young Visigoth princess martyred in the 5th century. It became a popular point of pilgrimage on the road to Santiago de Compostela and its statue is now on display at the Abbey of Flaran (rendez-vous circuit 3).

VILLAGE OF LARROQUE-SUR-L'OSSE Ancient medieval village perched on a vineyard. Notable for its 19th-century church dedicated to saint Pierre.

CHURCH OF HEUX Romanesque style (13th century), in the centre of the church you can still see the remains of what could have been square bell tower. Original roof which shelters in its extension a rustic awning full of charm. A secret discovery of our vineyards is offered to the curious who will choose to go around the church.

CHURCH OF POMARO Dedicated to Saint-Laurans. According to a cadastral survey of 1526, it was built in a style between romaneseque and gothic, and constructed sometime between the 12th and 13th centuries.

Circuit 2 - 56 km

MEMORIES IN STONE & ROMANESQUE ART

LARTIGUE BRIDGE Located 1000km from Compostella, this Romanesque bridge has been listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO since 1998 in the category of «Paths to Santiago de Compostela in France». Whether you are simply out for a stroll or a long-distance hiker (Voie du Puy-en-Velay, GR65), crossing this ancient bridge means leavin your mark on history!

CHURCH OF VOPILLON Is all that remains of a priory of the Order of Fontevraud founded in 1140, the Romanesque church of Notre-Dame has a remarkable 13th century wall paintings.

CHURCH OF ROUTGÈS In the footsteps of pilgrims, the church dedicated to Sainte-Marie-Madeleine and Saint-Louis invites you to stop and contemplate the landscapes of vineyards and valleys.

VILLAGE OF LAURAËT and its 15th century Gothic church dedicated to Saint-Luperc, bishop and martyr in the 3rd century.

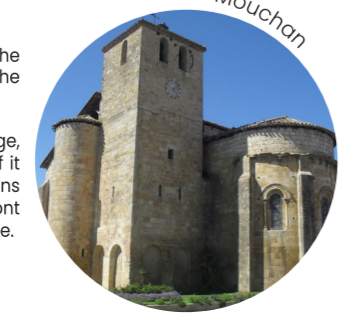
CHURCH OF SAINT-LANNES Nestling in the vineyards, this sanctuary, which dates back to the 4th or 5th century, has a Romanesque church without a roof, with a beautiful Romanesque door, a barrel vault and a single nave wider than its apse.

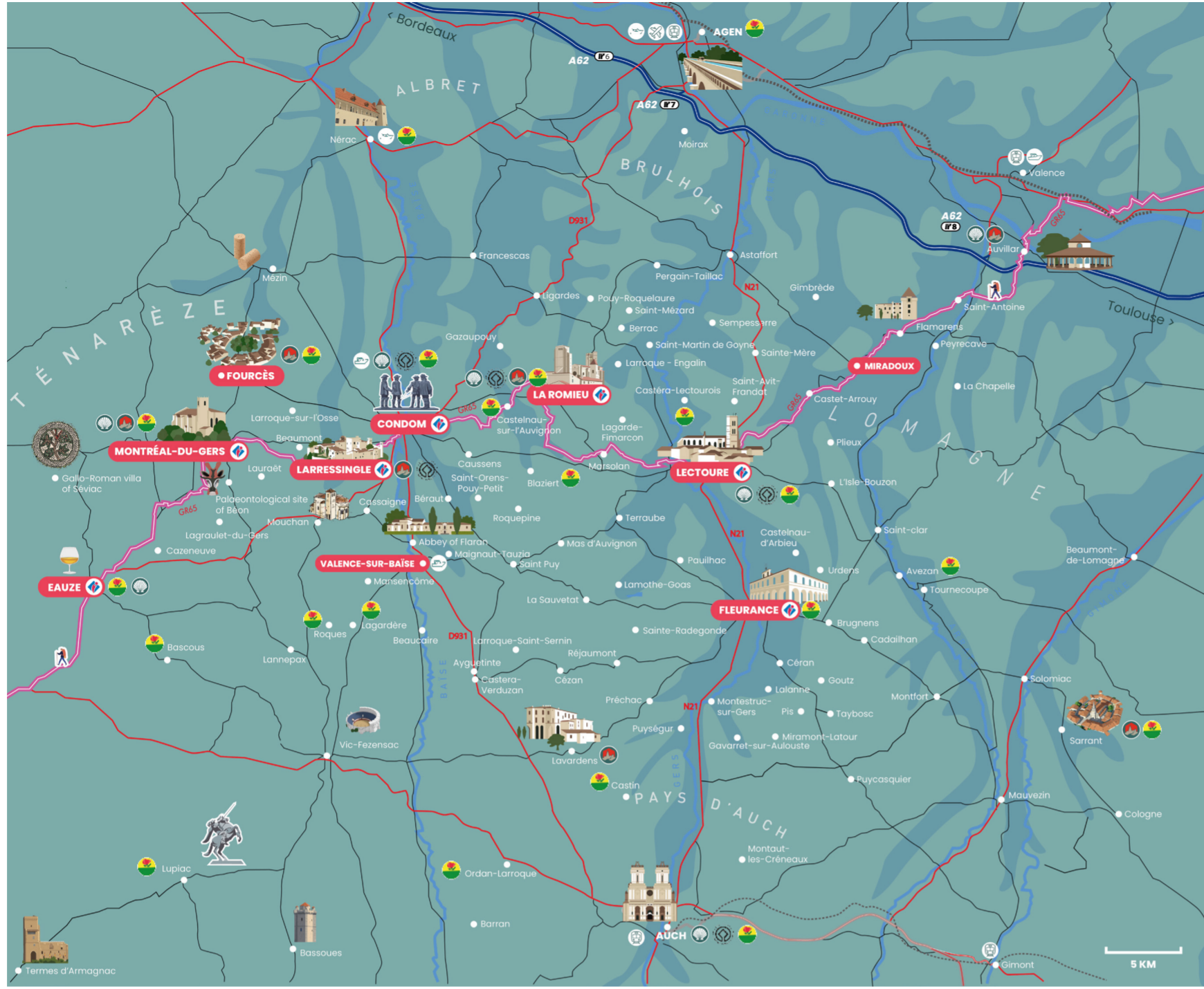
VILLAGE OF LAGRAULET-DU-GERS This oval-shaped hill perched castelnau protects within its walls a 13th century castle whose moats are still filled with water. The Gothic church of Sainte-Marie-Madeleine (16th century) has a unique sculpted pilgrim wearing a shell around his neck. A permanent work «On a starry path», signed by the painter Jean-Paul Chambas, adorns the water tower which has become an unusual gîte.

HAMLET OF LAMOTHE Constructed at the foot of an artificial mound called «motte», there's a 12th century watchtower (private). It's situated next to strange pillars – all that remain of a doveote that has long since disappeared. In front of the church dedicated to Saint-Vincent (patron saint of winegrowers) in the footsteps of pilgrims, a game of Gascon goose is to be tested.

CHURCH OF CAZENEUVE (neo-Gothic style) is situated at the crossroads of the Bas Armagnac with sandy soils to the west and the Ténarèze with clay-limestone soils to the east.

CLUNIAN CHURCH AND VILLAGE OF MOUCHAN The old village, classified as a Site Clunisien, has one of the oldest churches in the department, parts of it dating back to the beginning of the 11th century. The church of Saint-Austrégésie contains remarkable capitals and a carved and gilded wooden altarpiece of the 17th century. In front of the church, the square tower which flanks the apse to the south is the heart of this village.





- Most beautiful villages in France*
- Cities and villages in flower**
- Tourist office
- The way of St James
- World heritage site by UNESCO

- 'Is it far?'**
A few car journeys!
- From Condom to Lectoure 25 minutes
 - From Condom to Auch 40 minutes
 - From Condom to Lavardens 30 minutes
 - From Condom to Nérac 20 minutes
 - From Condom to Lupiac 40 minutes
 - From Condom to Éauze 30 minutes



ROAD MAP



My bespoke travel plans in TÉNARÈZE

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I'm a bon vivant...

- Head to a village market: taste, chat, and let yourself be carried away by the smells and atmosphere. Where? In **Condom** on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings; in **Montréal-du-Gers** every Friday morning; and in **Valence-sur-Baïse** (planned for 2026) on Wednesday morning.
- Are you team **duck** or more into **cheese**? Both, and even more? Discover the secrets behind the making of your favorite products at our local producers. Find them in our magazine *l'Intrépide*.
- Experience a true classic: a visit to an Armagnac cellar! Immerse yourself in the unique atmosphere of the cellars where the magic happens.
- With your gourmet picnic under your arm, head to **Graziac's Double Lock**. Spread out your finest checkered tablecloth and enjoy your food in this bucolic setting on the banks of the Baïse River.



Always with my pup...

- Set off for a walk around **the pond of Montréal-du-Gers**. Fresh air and freedom guaranteed along a 700-meter route.
- Do you and your four-legged friend love running? **Trail n° 5: Around the Baïse (special canicross)** is made for you! A 12 km wooded and refreshing loop along the Baïse River, perfect for trotting together.
- Your dog will be amazed (and so will you!) on the **PR15® hiking trail: Around the Heux vineyard**, a 10.5 km path between vines and hills. Nose in the wind to soak up the great outdoors.
- For memorable sessions of "Go fetch!" **the Baïse Trail**, a former 11 km towpath linking the port of **Condom** to that of **Valence-sur-Baïse**, is perfect for the game.



I'm travelling with kids...

- Hop on your bike or put on your rollerblades and enjoy a relaxing moment in the shade, each at your own pace, along **the Armagnac Greenway**. A safe 33 km cycle path from Condom to Eauze.
- An enchanted quest awaits you in **Valence-sur-Baïse** on the **Camin de las Hadas**, the **Fairy Trail**. A stroll to admire around ten magical little houses, sprinkled with a touch of magic.
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IN LARRESSINGLE

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FLAMBOYANT SAINT-PIERRE'S CATHEDRAL - 1h
IN CONDOM

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LET'S CHARRAR* TOGETHER :
Places to visit, foodie spots, trails, siesta spots...
*pronounced charra = to speak in Occitan

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