

# A Taste of The Charente

## And beyond....

A bespoke wine, Pineau & Cognac tasting holiday especially tailored to include the very best of the local producers. It is designed for those who have a love of wine but would like to learn more about it's production & experience the life cycle of the grape! Also visiting beautiful places & generally get a feel of the Charente & surrounding areas. We take you to places that we know you will love, taking the guess work out of the equation.

The holiday will include a morning at a local market & an optional lunch afterwards in 1 of the local cafés - a must for any French visit!

4 days visiting distilleries, tasting their produce & generally gaining knowledge of the local area.

Every evening a Kir Royale will be served with canapés, followed by a delicious, freshly prepared 4 course meal, coffee & petite fours. Of course accompanied by local

wines - you may have even visited their vineyard that very same day!

There will be a free day to either Relax at Le Manoir, play tennis, swim ( depending on time of year) or indulge in a champagne afternoon tea\*. Or perhaps explore the local area if you haven't seen enough! We can even arrange this for you.

The beauty of us doing the driving is that you get to taste without the worry of the drive! You can relax while we escort you to the various vineyards, making your visit as effortless as possible. Then at the end of the day you'll be returning to the very beautiful Le Manoir.

We will show you a contrast between the very smallest wine & Pineau producers to 1 of the most famous Cognac houses in Cognac itself. You'll find it a very relaxed tour but we will also be packing in lots of extras without you even realising it.

We'll visit a chateau, a museum showing a famous French poet Alfred De Vigny & of course a bustling local market.

This holiday is such good value & it really is a taste of the Charente & further. We are sure that we'll whet your appetite & you'll be back for more....

\*optional extra.

## Itinerary

Day 1 : arrival at Le Manoir from 4pm

Aperitifs will be served on the terrace at 7pm. This will be a good opportunity to introduce ourselves & chat about the forthcoming days. It will be a more informal meal of local meats, cheeses & salad this evening, & of course wine! Dessert, tea & coffee etc This will accommodate guests that may not have arrived until later in the evening.

Day 2 : quite a relaxed start to the day, breakfast 8 - 9.  
Ready to leave at 9.45

The first visit is to our most local vineyard.

Maine Giraud. This is a wine, Pineau & Cognac producer. It's a relatively small vineyard who also supply 'eau de vie' to Courvoisier! The museum of the famous French poet Alfred De Vigny is here as well & makes an interesting addition to the visit.

We will then visit a larger vineyard, ABK6. They don't produce wine but do an amazing range of Pineau & Cognacs.

We will return to Le Manoir mid to late afternoon so that guests can have a swim or game of tennis, or simply relax on the sunny terrace.

Aperitifs & canapés served on the terrace at 7 pm followed by a four course evening meal, wine, coffee & petite fours.

Day 3 : breakfast served 7.30 - 8.30

Ready to leave 9am.

The journey will take approx 45mins to Jarnac, home to Courvoisier. This is a very beautiful Cognac house next to the river. There are plenty of cafés to have a break & take in the atmosphere of the pretty town.

Setting off for Cognac on a journey of only 15 - 20 mins. Here we will spend the afternoon, having lunch\* , visiting the famous Hennessy Cognac house & exploring the cobbled streets of Cognac.

Aperitifs & canapés will be served on the terrace at 7.30 followed by a four course evening meal, wine, coffee & petite fours.

\* lunch is not included

Day 4 : breakfast 7.30 - 8.30

Ready to leave at 9 am for St Emillion. The journey will take approx 1 1/4 hrs. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore the many cobbled streets, unique shops & visit many 'caves' unaccompanied.

Lunch time - you will be free to choose from one of the many lovely restaurants with offer simple 'plat de jour' menus as well as full a la carte.\*

You will be free to make some purchases & then visit a very prestigious vineyard to taste some of the St Emillion Grande Cru Classics!

We should arrive back at Le Manoir approx 6pm.

Aperitifs & canapés served on the terrace at 7.30 followed by a four course evening meal, wine, coffee & petite fours.

\* lunch not included

Day 5 : breakfast 7.30 - 8.30

Ready to leave at 9 for a mystery Chateau & Wine tasting. We will provide a super picnic for lunch. This will take the whole day, returning to Le Manoir approx 5pm.

Aperitifs & canapés served on the terrace at 7.30 followed by a four course evening meal, wine, coffee & petite fours.

Departure day.

Breakfast served at 8am ready for departure at approx 9am.