



ROCHEFORT SUR MER

Cognac Flavours

5 days – 4 nights

ÎLE D'OLERON



Tasting of oysters



Île d'Oléron



Cognac tasting



Fort Lupin

DAY 1 : ARRIVAL IN CHARENTE-MARITIME

Arrival at the hotel, welcome, settling in, dinner and night.

JOUR 2 : ROCHEFORT SUR MER, CRUISE ON THE CHARENTE

Departure for Rochefort sur Mer where all kinds of ships

were built. Visit of the Royal Ropery and the shipyard of the Hermione, an exact replica of the frigate on which La Fayette sailed to America; guided walking tour in the old streets of Rochefort before lunch. Boarding for a cruise on the Charente river to fortified islands, dockyards and their installations, shorelines and landscapes, stars of stone, the sea defenses Forts Lupin, Vauban, Boyard, Lapointe. Back to Rochefort by boat upstream on the Charente. Arrival at the hotel, dinner and night.

DAY 3 : DOMAINE NEAR COGNAC, BOAT TRIP ON A BARGE

Breakfast then visit of a Domain where you will be welcomed by the owners, who will open the doors of their 17th century home and show you the techniques of the production of Cognac and Pineau des Charentes, and a tasting of this family's products will be offered. Lunch at Cognac then a trip on the Charente aboard the Barge "Dame Jeanne", a fabulous ride.



Île d'Aix

DAY 3 (continued) :

passing through hand-operated locks. On your return in Cognac, a ten-metre walk from the quay to attend the screening of a 15 minute film in the Espace Decouverte : a history of

regional heritage. Back to the hotel, dinner and night.

DAY 4 : FORT LOUVOIS THE ISLAND OF OLERON

Departure for the ramparts of Fort Louvois, a superb vessel of stone off Bourcefranc, whose mission, like that of many other local fortresses, was to protect Rochefort and its shipbuilding industry. A tasting of oysters will be offered on the ramparts, an excellent appetizer for your meal which will include a seafood selection ! The afternoon will be devoted to a guided visit of the island of Oleron passing by the foot of the chateau d'Oléron then the Fort des Saumonards facing Fort Boyard. Then on to the fishing port Cotinière and your day will end in the Saint Trojan State Forest, scents of maritime pines and dune groves. Back to the hotel, dinner and night.

DAY 5 : BACK TO YOUR HOME

Departure after breakfast and on your way home..



ACCOMODATIONS

Very good two-star seaside hotel, experienced in the management of groups. Conveniently located for your excursions. It provides a covered swimming pool for its guests.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE

- Full board from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 6, 5 drinks included at table and coffee at noon.
- Lodging in a two-star hotel in Ronces les Bains based on double rooms.
- All excursions and visits mentioned in the program.
- The evening of folk tales from the Marches.
- English-speaking local guides during the stay.
- **Driver entirely free of charge.**

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Additional charge for a single room.
- Transportation and its insurance as well as repatriation, cancellation and baggage
- Personal expenses and any services not mentioned in the program.



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Total mileage in kilometres: 580 km
From dinner on Day 1 to your departure on Day 5 after breakfast.