

## The route

- 1** Leave the tourist office passing in front of the wine house and the gate of the church, and take the road on your left along the city wall.
- 2** Pass in front of the iron gate of Château Canon and the sign «Secteur St-Martin». And continue straight on.
- 3** The road lined with low walls winds through the vineyard. Continue straight on up to the stop.
- 4** At the stop, turn left towards Libourne and go down the slope.
- 5** At the bottom of the slope, turn right and immediately on your left.
- 6** You ride behind the cooperative center of St-Emilion and cross the railway.
- 7** Watch out for the cars, you cross road D670 at the hamlet Bigaroux. Continue straight on towards Saint-Sulpice.
- 8** The road cross the vineyard of Château Monbousquet (on your left). Continue up to St Sulpice.
- 9** At the entrance of Saint-Sulpice near the monument, take slightly on your left the street «rue de Bertinat».
- 10** At the stop, cross the road and take the street «rue de la Dordogne » along the garage.
- 11** Continue straight on towards Château Grand Baillarge.
- 12** The road takes a right angle bend to the right.
- 13** At the junction, take the road on the left towards La Moulinat (sign Vignobles Xans).
- 14** At the crossroads, turn right towards Grand Barrail, Vignobles Xans.
- 15** Reach the bank of Dordogne river and turn left. Ride along the river up to the bridge of Branne.
- 16** Pass under the bridge, the road turn left. Continue up to the crossroads.

- 17** Beware of the traffic, take road D936 on your left at the «give way» sign and cross the bridge.
- 18** After the bridge, turn left towards the Tourist office of Branne and Cabara.
- 19** Leave Branne riding along Dordogne river towards Cabara and keep right (busy road).
- 20** Watch out for the cars and cross the road on your left towards Cabara.
- 21** Reach the village of Cabara and the bank of the river. Continue straight on to leave Cabara.
- 22** At the stop, beware of the traffic and take road D18 on your left towards St-Jean-de-Blaignac.
- 23** Pass Chaulne factory on your left and the road of Rauzan on your right, and continue straight on towards Saint-Jean.
- 24** At the stop of St-Jean-de-Blaignac, turn left towards Lavagnac.
- 25** Pass in front of the restaurant Auberge St-Jean and cross the bridge.
- 26** Cross the village of Lavagnac and take the road of Sainte-Terre on your right near «le Jardin de la Lamproie».
- 27** Ride along Dordogne river up to Sainte-Terre.
- 28** At the entrance of Sainte-Terre, turn right towards the center of the village.
- 29** In the center, turn left, pass in front of the gate of the church and leave the village towards St-Pey-d'Armens.
- 30** After the sign indicating you are leaving the village, turn left towards Château Guillemin.
- 31** At the junction, take the road on your right.



## Between vines and river



### Description

This bucolic journey of 30 km is made for nature and wine lovers ! It also offers beautiful sights over the vineyards and the Dordogne river. And it's also an opportunity to discover the heritage of the Jurisdiction of Saint-Emilion.

If you want to learn more about this route and its landmarks, download the free smartphone application **Cirkwi** !



**32** At the second junction, turn right again and continue straight up to the main road.

**33** Beware of the traffic crossing road D936, and continue straight on towards Château Reynaud.

**34** At the junction, turn left.

**35** At the next junction, take the narrow road on your right.

**36** At the crossroads, let the road on your left and the road on your right, and continue straight on.

**37** At the next crossroads, take the road on your right.

**38** Pass in front of Château Beurang and continue straight on.

**39** Watch out for the traffic crossing road D670. Continue straight on towards St-Laurent-des-Combes.

**40** At the junction, take the road on your left towards Mauvezin.

**41** At the crossroads, continue straight on up to the railway. Cross the railway and go on up to the stop.

**42** At the stop, take road D245 on your left towards St-Emilion.

**43** Pass in front of Château Pavie situated on your right and continue straight on up to La Gaffelière.

**44** In La Gaffelière, turn right towards Saint-Emilion. Go up along the vines of Château Ausone on your left.

**45** At the bottom of the village, go up on your right in the main street «rue Guadet», .

**46** At the top of the street «rue Guadet», turn left near the wine shop Martin and reach the Tourist office in the street «rue du Clocher».

## On the way

**A Panorama over Dordogne river**

**B The village of Cabara and Dordogne river**

**C Le Jardin de la Lamproie** : temporary closed.

**D Church Saint-Alexis of Sainte-Terre** :

**E Château Clos des Prince** : Mr Prince ; Saint-Emilion Grand Cru. Open to public by appointment from Monday to Saturday - 6 €.

Tel : 06 37 55 39 85

**F Château Beurang** : Puyol family ; Saint-Emilion AOC. Open to public all week - No charge - Tel : 05 57 24 73 31

## Did you know it?

On the site of the harbour of Saint Emilion, a gigantic megalith comes out of the ground like an outstretched hand. With 5 meters high, this imposing “menhir” (standing stone) may have been extracted from the heart of today’s village, a long time before its creation. It may have been erected between 2600 and 2300 BC. The Petra Fixa or “Fixed stone” has long been used as a marker for the Jurisdiction’s boundaries. Some people think that embracing this stone is a guarantee of happiness and prosperity, that’s why it is celebrated each year during the summer solstice.

## Water and Wine

The history of Saint Emilion has a powerful link with the history of the Dordogne. For a long time it has been a trading place between men coming from everywhere. On this river sailed hundreds of flat-bottomed boats called “gabarres” which brought back thousands of wine barrels to the Gironde estuary. This trade was mainly for the English market because between the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> centuries it represented the main outlet of this precious beverage produced on the land of Saint-Emilion.

## Richness of the river:

Situated less than 5kms away from the heart of the town, Pierrefite’s harbour has long been used in order to ship another material: the limestone rock extracted from the Jurisdiction’s depths. For nearly a thousand years, quarrymen have worked very hard to extract millions of stone blocks from around 80 hectares (197 acres) of underground galleries. This limestone rock was used for different building sites from Saint-Emilion to Bordeaux.

Nowadays, the Dordogne’s banks landscape is very different from the rest of the Jurisdiction. Saint-Sulpice de Faleyrens and Vignonet belong to a protected area where the soil is made of alluvial deposits and swamps. Only intrepid hikers dare walk there where they may meet some herons, storks or roe deers.

Distance : 30 km  
Duration: 2h30 - 3h  
Difficulty level : easy  
In case of emergency : Fire department 18/ ER 15 / Police 17  
For further information : Office de tourisme du Grand Saint-Emilionnais : 05.57.55.28.28



