

Villages & Sightseeing



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Blaye

At about 25km south from Au Chene Vert you will find the lovely medieval town of Blaye. It's Citadel is Unesco World Heritage listed and particularly on market days (Wednesdays and Saturdays) it makes a great visit.

Our tip:

Ice cream at Lily à la Vanille, this superb ice salon has two outlets; one inside the citadel (with a gorgeous garden) and one downtown. Both offer delicious and unique ice cream flavours, an essential part of the holidays!

Jonzac

On a 20 km eastwards drive from us you will find Jonzac, a spa-town with a medieval city centre. It makes for a nice walk around and particularly if you're following the water is a surprisingly pleasant wander.

Our tip:

On Wednesday evenings during the summer months there is a lively evening market from about 7pm. Think long tables, plenty of delicious local food & drink and live music.

Royan

This beach resort town is about 60 km drive via the beautiful Route Verte. It offers a long stretched beach and also plenty of restaurants, shops and a brutalist church which has been rebuilt after WW2 destruction.

Our tip:

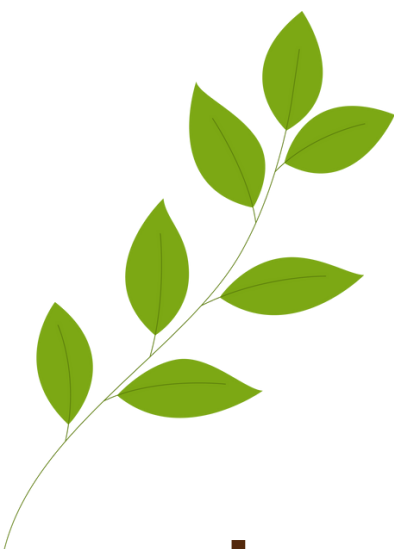
There is not a lot of shade on the beach, don't forget to bring a parasol.

Talmont sur Gironde

Considered one of the top 100 most beautiful villages of France according to Michelin! White houses with blue shutters and its church perched on a cliff make for amazing pictures.

Our tip:

This is a popular tourist spot and can get busy at times, best time to go is in the morning as it is less crowded.





Saintes

The medieval town of Saintes is an easy 40 mins drive from Au Chene Vert. It is split by the river Charente which gives it a cosmopolitan feel. It has a friendly, walkable centre and many smaller shops and restaurants.

Our tip:

La Musadiere is a quirky restaurant with fun decorations and a delicious French/Spanish menu. In summer their garden is a wonderful place to have lunch. They also offer vegan options and tasty cocktails!

Bordeaux

Bordeaux is a city with something for everyone; of course there is a brilliant Cite du Vin which is a great experience for all from the wine novice to the (semi-)sommelier. Pop over to the other side of the river to see the Darwin Ecosyteme with its ever changing restaurants and shops and on hot days the Miroir D'Eau offers a refreshing splash.

Our tip:

Driving into Bordeaux can be a bit of a nightmare, as with any big town parking is a hassle and there are a lot of (small) one way streets. We recommend parking at Les Lauriers Park & Ride. For €5 per person you can park your car safely and get an all day pass for Bordeaux's excellent tram network as well as the little ferry which crosses the river.

Mortagne sur Gironde

This peaceful harbour village is a great place to have a little stop on the Route Verte and grab lunch in one of its restaurants overlooking the water.

Our tip:

Domaine du Meurnier is a Chambre d'Hotes but also offers an eclectic pinball hall and great garden for lunch or a coffee.

