

# Cognac



Distance from ST Hilaire du Bois = 23.5 miles



This attractive medieval town which bears the name of the region, boasts narrow cobbled streets and elegant Renaissance façades. Probably the first sight you'll notice as you enter Cognac is the castle where King Francois I was born in 1494. The guided tour of the St-Gobain Glassworks, two kilometres south of town, is impressive. Cognac has been here since the 17th century and the air is permeated by the heavy scent of spirits evaporating from oak casks. World famous companies such as Camus, Hennessy, Martell, Otard, Prince Hubert de Polignac, Rémy-Martin, Courvoisier, and Renault-Bisquit are all located here. A guided tour will take you through the double-distilling process that goes on in copper stills.

## The Cognac Castle

After the Gardens of the Town hall, while descending the Denfert-Rochereau boulevard, one discovers on the left the Cognac Castle.



The Castle has seen François I born in 1494 and accommodates in its walls the Otard Cognacs of more than 200 years.

During the walk in Cognac, you could be surprised by the houses, the blackened frontages. They are blackened by microscopic mushrooms generated by the alcohol vapours.

One notices in particular this phenomenon on the buildings located near wine storehouses.

The town centre with its terraces, cafes, restaurants, shops and malls is very animated. The François place 1st is the best place to organize your visit.

## Charente and the New Bridge

At the bottom of the Denfert-Rochereau boulevard, the horizon widens on Charente. While crossing the New Bridge, a beautiful site on the left bank quays, Hennessy quays, quay of the Flemings, quay of the Green Room.

The walk agreeably arranged along the quays leads to the landing stage of the gabarre, "the Jeanne Lady".

A little further, the river port of pleasure accommodates the boats and a point of hiring of "pénichettes".

## Walk aboard the barge "the Jeanne Lady",

Cruisings on Charente from May to September, information and schedules with the kiosk on the landing stage with the marina of Cognac.



Near to the landing stage of the Jeanne Lady, while going up towards the centre town, on the left, one joined the Place of the Green Room where are "Space discovered in country of the cognac" and the "Museum of Arts of the Cognac".



## Hennessey

### Opening times:

7 days a week from March to December.

10 am to 6 pm (start of last guided tour)  
from June to September.

10 am to 5 pm (start of last visit) from March  
to May and from October to December (Closed all day  
on January 1st, May 1st and December 25th).

Open for groups only throughout January and Febru-  
ary from Monday to Friday.

### Price Guide:

Individuals - 16 years and older 6e per person  
Under 16 years free

Groups - Minimum 10 persons 4e per person

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## Exclusive tour of the Rémy Martin Estate

30 visitors per group.

Available Monday to Saturday, from May to  
September.

Duration : 1 1/2 hours.

- Complete tour of our estate and cellars.
- Train tour through a Grande Champagne  
vineyard.
- Exclusive tasting of Fine Champagne co-  
gnacs (V.S.O.P  
and X.O Excellence) with sweet and savoury  
finger foods  
(visitors must be aged 18 years or over).

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## Martell

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June							Non stop from 11am to 5pm
July	NON STOP FROM 10 am to 5 pm						
August							
September							
April	Open everyday from april 3rd - october 31st 2006						Non stop from 12pm to 5pm
May	From 10 am to 5 pm						
October	Tours 10 am, 11am, 2.30 pm, 3.45pm, 5pm						
January	TOURS AVAILABLE ONLY BY APPOINTMENT						
February							
March							
November							
December							

### Guided tours : prices and times

Individuals : 5,5 e per person

Groups of more than 15 people : 4 e per person,  
free of charge for group leader(s) or driver(s)

1 free tour for every 10 paying visitors

12 -18 years old : 3e per person

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