



# Saint-Émilion

*Little Adventures*



*Pomerol & Lalande de Pomerol*

# TAKE TIME TO DRIVE AROUND THE LIBOURNE VINEYARD AND DISCOVER IT IN A DIFFERENT WAY! YOU MAY HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE SURROUNDING AREAS OF SAINT-ÉMILION?

Don't wait any longer to discover the vineyard and the village of Pomerol or Lalande-de-Pomerol appellation and the pretty little villages of : Néac, Les Artigues-de-Lussac and Petit-Palais et Cornemps.

## Car ride

This trip starts from Saint-Emilion and leads to the communes of Pomerol, Néac, Lalande de Pomerol, Les Artigues de Lussac and Petit-Palais-et-Cornemps.

## POMEROL

From Saint-Émilion, take the D243 direction Libourne/Bordeaux. After 3 km, you will find an intersection with a sign "Pomerol Centre" on your right. Take this road and follow it until the next stop sign. On the way, you will see an emblematic building of Saint-Émilion on your right: Château Cheval Blanc, a Premier Grand Cru Classé A.

As you reach the stop sign, go straight ahead in the direction of Pomerol. You will see in front of you the high bell tower of the Saint-Jean church in the small village of Pomerol, which has about 600 inhabitants. (If you want to go to Pomerol village, go straight on at the next intersection and follow the direction of Pomerol on your left).

Then at the next stop sign, turn right on the road to Lussac. After 650 m, you will find on your right Petrus, one of the most prestigious winery of Pomerol. Continue straight ahead on this road and you will arrive in Néac. Before a short ascent, you will pass over the Barbanne River, the natural frontier between the vineyards of Pomerol and of Lalande-de-Pomerol.

## NÉAC

At the top of this small hill, turn immediately left on the D121E3 towards Néac. On your left, admire the Saint-Brice de Néac church, a spacious 19th century building overlooking the Barbanne river.

You can take a break on the parking in front of the cemetery and the church. Right next to this pretty church, you will find the picnic area of the old presbytery with 2 table-benches and trash can at your disposal. This place offers a magnificent view of the Barbanne.

For the sportiest ones, we suggest two hikes starting from the church :

- Walking tour: "Discovery of Néac and Lalande de Pomerol"
- Cycling tour: "The villages of Néac and Lalande de Pomerol"



## LALANDE DE POMEROL

After enjoying this beautiful moment, we suggest another prestigious appellation: Lalande-de-Pomerol. Like many of the vineyards of Bordeaux, the name of the appellation is the one of the main village nearby. Here, we suggest you to walk to discover this satellite of Pomerol.

Take again the road going through Néac and pass in front of the beautiful property of Château Tournefeuille. As you arrive in front of Château Haut-Surget, take the road on your left following the sign "Château Belles-Graves". Continue straight on until the stop sign of the D1089. Turn left then right on the D245. Following this road, you will arrive in Lalande-de-Pomerol. In the heart of the village you will find the wine syndicate of Lalande-de-Pomerol. Do not hesitate to stop there to discover the 190 producers. You can park on the parking lot in front of the wine syndicate.

Photo  
Break

**IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A NICE SPOT TO TAKE PICTURES, WE ADVISE YOU TO TAKE A DETOUR TO THE CHÂTEAU DE SALES WHICH IS AT 5 MINUTES (3 KM) FROM THE TOWN OF LALANDE-DE-POMEROL. YOU WILL FIND HERE AN ABSOLUTELY MAGNIFICENT CASTLE DATING FROM THE XVTH CENTURY.**

Leaving the village of Lalande-de-Pomerol, go back to take the departmental road D1089 towards the east of the village by taking the "route du grand ormeau". Turn left on this road and drive for about 3.5 km, until you see the sign on your right indicating Artigues-de-Lussac on the D22E2. Follow these signs to arrive at the village which is at 2 km away.



## LES ARTIGUES-DE-LUSSAC

When you arrive in Artigues-de-Lussac, park next to the town hall (free parking) near the church. Here are two discovery tours lasting about 1h30:

- Walking tour: "Calmly around Les Artigues-de-Lussac" passing through the village of Artigues-de-Lussac to discover an ancient Abbey and the vineyard around (duration 1h30)
- Cycling tour: "History and heritage around Montagne" (duration 1h30)

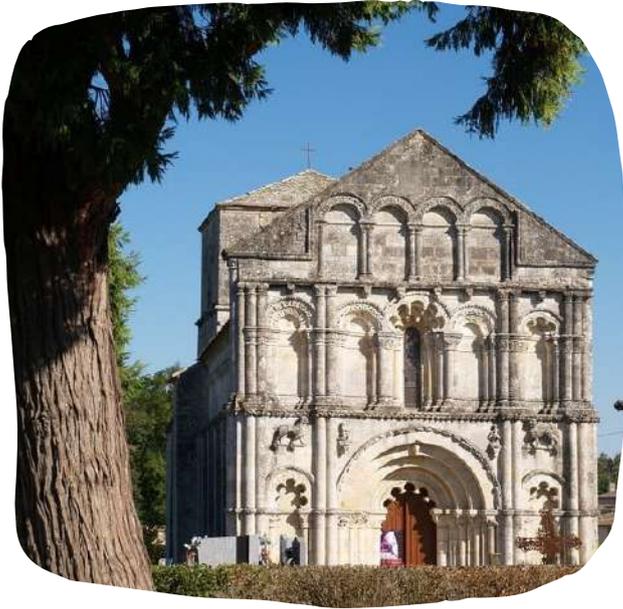


If you are hungry, you will find local shops and a bakery. The next step will not disappoint you: Petit-Palais-et-Cornemps, a village at 8 minutes by car (distance: 8 km).

Once back in your car, leave the church on your left and continue straight ahead on Jean Trocard street. (D121). At the next intersection, continue on the D17 on your right. Continue straight ahead until the stop sign, then turn left on the D21. Drive straight on until you reach the center of Petit-Palais-et-Cornemps.

## PETIT PALAIS ET CORNEMPS

Arriving in the village of Petit-Palais-et-Cornemps, you will find the Saint-Pierre de Petit Palais church on your right. You can park on the small square.



The church of Saint-Pierre is a protected monument from the 12th century. The facade in particular is a pure marvel: one of the the most beautiful Romanesque facades in the region, with the impressive proportions and abundantly decorated with medieval sculptures.

Some are very surprising: the Boy with the Thorn at the top and on the right of the main entrance, two oriental-looking lions over the fake doors, almond-shaped wall-moulding with wolf teeth, various archival and capitals...

It is the richest of the Romanesque facades of the Gironde!

We then advise to venture to the 11th century Notre Dame church is registered as a Historical Monument.

The whole western part of this church is in ruins. Its exterior, copiously covered by ivy, reveals columns with sides cut-off, carved cornice modillions representing figures of men or animal faces.



### *Some workout needs?*

The beautiful walking tour "The villages of Petit Palais and Cornemps" will allow you to finish nicely this small adventure.



### *Churches of the Grand Saint-Emilion:*

For more information about the churches of the 22 communes of the Grand Saint-Emilion, you can download our discovery guide "Journey through time" [by clicking HERE >](#).