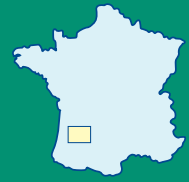


River Lot



Formerly an important waterway linking the Auvergne and the wine-trading town of Cahors with Bordeaux, the River Lot is navigable to holiday cruisers for 65km between Luzech and Crégols.

Relatively little known outside France, this pleasant waterway flows through outstanding and varied scenery from the Cévennes mountains to join the Garonne near Agen. The river was closed to navigation in 1926 but now, thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of the local citizens, it provides one of France's most satisfying holiday waterways for the cruising enthusiast.



Some previous boating experience is recommended as navigation requires reasonable care and the 13 locks are operated by boat crews themselves.

Although the navigable length may seem short, a week will hardly be long enough to discover the richness of the region. When you tie up in the evening you will be able to discover the many wonders of Quercy cooking such as foie gras with truffles, preserved goose, goat's cheese and the famous Pastis for an aperitif.

Please Note: In Spring and sometimes Autumn the river may be in flood and cruising interrupted, necessitating a transfer to nearby Aquitaine or another region.

Cruising Suggestion

Upstream from the Crown Blue Line base at the ancient barge town of Douelle, you will thread your way between rugged cliffs. Tie up at Cahors and discover the narrow streets of the old town, rest a while under the arches of the beautiful Pont Valentre or climb up the Mountain of St-Cyr to admire the city of Pope Jean XXII. Cast off again to discover the lovely riverside towns of Vers and Bouziès before arriving at St-Cirq-Lapopie perched on a cliff overlooking the river. Officially the most attractive village in France, St-Cirq is brought alive in summer by artists, sculptors and flower decorated cafés.

Its steep, narrow cobble-stone streets will take you back to the time of the Troubadours. Further upstream, you may wish to follow the banks of the Célé towards Cabrerets where you will be able to see the prehistoric paintings in the caves of Pech-Merle.

Mileages

From	To	Approx Miles	Locks
Luzech	Cregols	32	13

