

In 8 Km

4th STOP-OFF : LE BROC



30 km



Wines and Flavours of the Lembron Area

This fortified village is located on the East side of a basalt flow; the Roman way from Clermont to Le Puy crossed its territory. By the way, it's named after the Gallic word "broccos" that means rocky spur. The panorama on the Limagne's plains is amazing. The parish life dates back to the 10th century, and Le Broc was part of an important fiefdom. It kept in possession of the family of Le Broc until 1304 and some representatives played an important role in the relations of the "Dauphins d'Auvergne". In the heart of the village, a walk allows you discover its heritage.

In Chassaing's hamlet subsist the buildings of the Chauliat commandery, gothic constructions with lower deck and turrets of spiral staircase. The chapel keeps interesting mural paintings, listed historical monument in 1969.

The most interesting in Le Broc: the Agricultural Association "La saveur de la framboise" (EARL in French, "Raspberry's flavour").

Meeting point in the place called "Parpasset", located at the North of Le Broc municipality, at 1,5 km away from the place called "Saint-Agne".

Henri and Christelle Ducros will share with you their savoir-faire and their passion for the transformation of raspberry into products more gourmet than ever. By appointment at 06.78.40.60.91 or at 06.84.89.89.78

Return to Saint-Germain-Lembron - 11km



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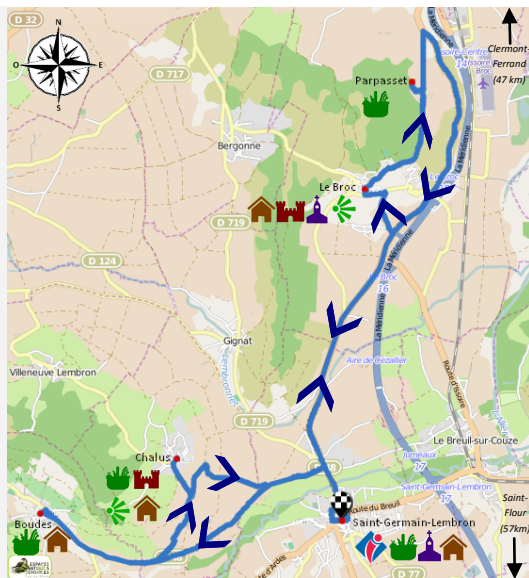
During this tour, you will be under the charm of these picturesque villages with a southern architecture and of these landscapes sculpted by vineyards, orchards and cultures.

Let yourself drift away by the flavours offered by the Lembron, area at the South of Issoire. From the transformation of raspberries to the delicious biscuits Landon, including of course the vineyards having the geographical indication of Côte of Auvergne, men have known how to use the natural assets they had (climate, grounds quality).

You will discover several wine-making villages with a rich and diversified architecture, such as Le Broc, Chalus, Boudes, and Saint-Germain-Lembron. In the course of this tour, go meet our partners. They will share with you their passion and skills.

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-  Tourist Office
-  Religious Buildings
-  Castles
-  Panorama
-  Traditional Architecture
-  Producers
-  Natural and Sensitive Area



START

1st STOP-OFF : SAINT-GERMAIN-LEMBRON



Meeting point on the Désert's square, near the town hall.

Small capital of the Lembron area, the village of Saint-Germain-Lembron expanded rapidly at the Gallo-Roman period, at the intersection of old roads, at the edge of the Couze of Ardes and at the heart of the agricultural plains. From the 10th century, the canons of the powerful chapter of Brioude head the territory and built a fortified castle, nowadays destroyed. The village itself was protected by a fortified wall, and its high street continues the route. Symbol of power and prosperity, Saint-Germain is, in the Middle Ages, one of the "13 good cities of Auvergne". The houses with "bicorne" are thus called because a Genoese tiling with several lines of tiles sits on the frontage, giving form to a curve. As much decorative as functional, this device allowed an overhand of the roof that protected the frontage from the bad weather. The fountains on Saint-Jean's and Jardiniers' places have been constructed in 1843 in rock from Volvic. The church of Saint-Germain is a building made of arkoses. Moreover, it's an interesting example of the Gothic art of the 17th century.

***The most interesting in Saint-Germain-Lembron:** Meeting point in the biscuit factory Landon, located on 23 road of the Breuil. An artisanal biscuit fabrication will be offered to you, such as sacristans, "pyrinces", coconut biscuit, shortbread biscuit, grape palet and sweets.

In 6 Km

2nd STOP-OFF : BOUDES



Established since the Gallo-Roman time, the vineyard, cultivated during the Middle Ages in the cloistered setting, was at its height in the 19th century. The village still have prosperous-looking houses that testify of this prosperity, ended because of the ravages of the phylloxera (disease caused by a destructive aphid) in the early 20th century.

Some enthusiasts recreated the vineyard; the wine of Boudes, a fruity and heady wine (Côte d'Auvergne) is due to that recreation, and its reputation is now recognized. The vineyards Pélissier, Annie Sauvat and the Charmensat's wine cellar offer you tastings and visits of wine cellar by appointment.

This wine-making village is characterized by a rich and diversified architecture. You can notice the little houses with front steps or "estre", protected by a canopy. The Saints' valley is at 30 minutes walking. This site, with its amazing shapes and colours, remains of the tropical climate of the tertiary era and classified "Natural and Sensitive Area", is to discover (5,8km walk).

Contacting the producers :



Vineyard Pélissier
06.80.51.13.69 or 04.73.96.43.45
Vineyard Annie Sauvat
04.73.96.41.42

Wine cellar Charmensat
04.73.96.44.75
Wine cellar Abonnat
04.73.96.45.95 or 06.60.21.57.72

In 5 Km

3rd STOP-OFF : CHALUS



In the end of the 19th century, almost all the hills were vineyards cultivated in terrace. Chalus still keeps today the marks of the past. You can notice several old wine-making houses with "estre". **The tradition continues with passionate wine-growers offering a fruity and heady Côte d'Auvergne: the wine of Boudes. The wine cellar Abonnat offers you tastings by appointment.**

The castle of Chalus is pointed out since the 10th century, time in which Chalus had to be a very important place, because the lords of Chalus were also the ones of Boudes and Sansac. Today, the castle is made of two parts: the north part fitted out in private residence, and the southern part, listed historical monument, which still have an impressive circular donjon in arkoses from the end of 13th century, and a main building (corps de logis) from the 15th century.