



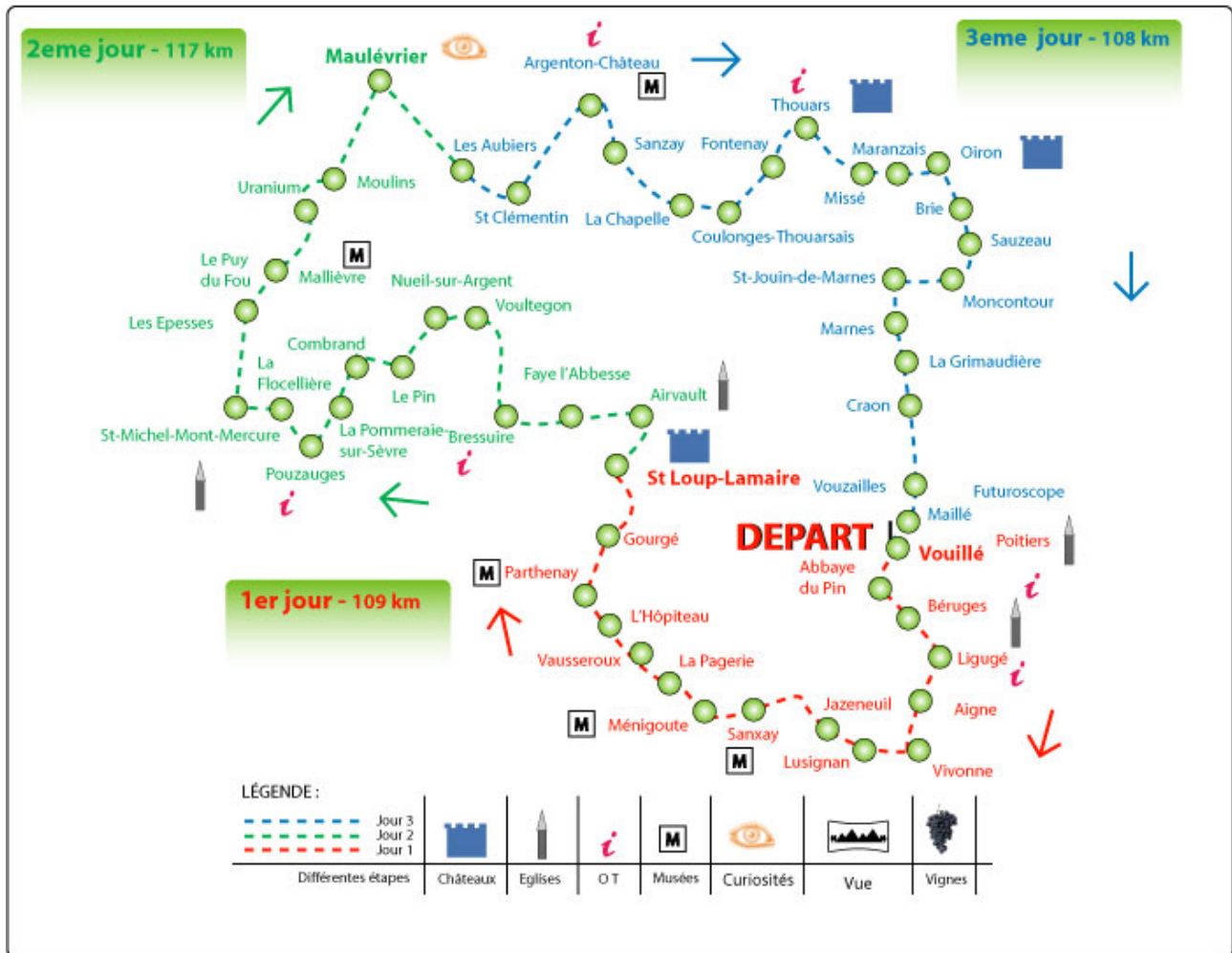
## The Vendéen Bocage between Futuroscope and Puy-du-Fou Circuit N°30



Between the historical heritage and futurist attraction this itinerary will fulfil your curiosity.

After Poitiers, the historical city par excellence you will visit the Futuroscope and the Puy du Fou park after having crossed the.

<i>The travel book recommend the number of minimum days which can be devoted to the itinerary.</i>



To ride a bike on the Ile de Ré, to sail on a boat in the Poitevin Marsh, to enjoy a week-end in la Rochelle, to visit le futuroscope or to discover an impressive historical heritage (more than 1000 Roman churches, forts, castles, prehistorical sites) the Region Poitou-Charentes offers a real mosaic of settings favourable to the relaxation.

What to discover : Angoulême and its magnificent Roman church, St Pierre cathedral, the museum of Cognac, the city of Jarnac, the Roman Abbey of Bassac, la Rochelle old port, the forest of Palmyre, the whale lighthouse, l'île de Ré, l'Île d'Aix, l'île d'Oléron, the Poitevin Marsh on foot, by bike or by boat, the House of the Wet Marshes in Coulon, the Medieval city of Partenay, Niort and its twin Roman donjon, Poitiers rich heritage and naturally the Futuroscope Park.

Wines : wines fromThouarsais, wines from haut Poitou, whites from l'île de Ré.

Local Produce/Gastronomy : butter, seafood, oysters Marennes-Oléron, Bouchot mussels, snails (lumas, cagouilles),potatoes from l'Île de Ré, goat cheeses (chabichou), cognac, Pineau, farci poitevin, broyé du Poitou, angélique de Niort.



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### 1 Day 1 :

You will settle down at the Périgny castle a superb mansion from the XVI<sup>th</sup> century at the heart of an immense park.

In Poitiers the XII<sup>th</sup> century façade of Notre-Dame-la-Grande deserves a visit. At the Futuroscope, the European temple of the communication you will live an unforgettable experience.  
At the end of the Vouillé forest the Cistercian abbey can be visited Pin, it was founded in the XII<sup>th</sup> century.

You will travel towards the valley of la Boivre which supplied the Béruges moats of the castles with water before joining the small valley of Clain in Ligugé. A community of Bénédictin monks live in the abbey .

You will distinguish the Renaissance castle of Aigne by following the Clain stream. You will enjoy a plunging view over the valley from its terrace. In the same way you will enjoy an outstanding panorama in Vivonne, perched on a spur at the confluent of the river Clain and two of its tributaries.

By recalling Lusignan the visitor enters in the world of the fairy tales and the fairy Mélusine. Only undergrounds rooms covered by an esplanade are left from the bewitched castle. There you will enjoy a magnificent view over the valley of la Vonne.

Following this valley you will discover the Roman church of Jazeneuil. A scenic road will lead you to Sanxay where you will discover important Gallo-Roman remains.

You will reach Parthenay the stopping point for the Saint-Jacques-de-Compostelle pilgrims after having visited the museum of the popular Arts and traditions of Ménigoute From the citadel you will have a view over the valley of Thouet that you will find back at the end of the journey in Saint-Loup-Lamairé.

### 1 Day 1 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
VOUILLE	D40	0.0	
LA FERRIERE	D40	0.0	
ABBAYE-DU-PIN	D40	8.0	
BERUGES	D40	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D3	5.0	
CROISEMENT	D87	2.0	
LIGUGE	D4	7.0	
ITEUIL	D4	0.0	
AIGNE	D4	0.0	
VIVONNE	D742	13.0	
LUSIGNAN	D94	12.0	
JAZENEUIL	D21	5.0	
CROISEMENT	D3	7.0	
SANXAY	D21	5.0	
MENIGOUTE	D21	4.0	
LA PAGERIE	D21	0.0	
VAUSSEROUX	D176	8.0	
L'HOPITEAU	D176	0.0	
PARTHENAY	D134	15.0	
CHATILLON-SUR-THOUET	D134	0.0	
GOURGE	D134	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D121	12.0	
SAINT-LOUP-LAMAIRE	D121	6.0	

### 1 Day 1 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

#### . COULOMBIERS

Auberge du Centre-Poitou (Hôtel) - 39 route Nationale - 86600 COULOMBIERS  
Phone : 0549609015 - fax 0549605370 - @ : hotelcentre-poitou@wanadoo.fr

#### . CURZAY-SUR-VONNE



Château de Curzay (Hôtel) - 86600 CURZAY-SUR-VONNE  
Phone : 0549361700 - fax 0549535769 - @ : info@chateau-curzay.com

**. MIGNALOUX-BEAUVOIR**

Manoir de Beauvoir (Hôtel) - 635 route de Beauvoir - 86550 MIGNALOUX-BEAUVOIR  
Phone : 0549554747 - fax 0549553195 - @ : reservation@manoirdebeauvoir.com

**. VOUILLE**

Château de Périgny (Hôtel) - La Chapelle - 86190 VOUILLE  
Phone : 0549518043 - fax 0549519009 - @ : info@chateau-perigny.com

**. LIGUGE**

Le Bois de la Marche (Hôtel) - RN11 - 86240 LIGUGE  
Phone : 0549531010 - fax 054953525 - @ : BOISDELAMARCHE@wanadoo.fr

**. VIVONNE**

Hôtel Saint Georges (Hôtel) - 12 Grand'rue - 86370 VIVONNE  
Phone : 0549890189 - fax 0549890022 - @ : courrier@hotel-st-georges.com

**. LUSIGNAN**

Le Chapeau Rouge (Hôtel) - 1 rue de Chypre - 86600 LUSIGNAN  
Phone : 0549433110 - fax 0549433120 - @ : reservation@le-chapeau-rouge-86.com

**. SAINT LOUP**

Château de St Loup (Hôtel) - Château de St Loup - 79600 SAINT LOUP  
Phone : 0549648173 - fax 0549648206 - @ : st-loup@wanadoo.fr

**1 Day 1 : Visits selected by french-itinerary.com**

**. POITIERS**

Musée Ste Croix - 86000 POITIERS  
Phone : 0549410753

Futuroscope (Curiosité) - 86000 POITIERS  
Phone : 0251641111

Cathédrale St Pierre (Eglise) - 86000 POITIERS  
Phone : 0549525465

**. LIGUGE**

Abbaye (Eglise) - 86240 LIGUGE  
Phone : 0549536148

**. SANXAY**

Ruines Gallo-Romaines (Monument)  
Phone : 0549536148

**. MENIGOUTE**

Musée des Arts et Traditions Populaires - 79340 MENIGOUTE  
Phone : 0549691498

**. PARTHENAY**

Maison des Cultures de Pays  
Phone : 0549645373

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**. POITIERS**

Office de Tourisme - 45 place Charles de Gaulle - 86009 POITIERS  
Phone : 0549412124 - fax 0549886584 - @ : accueil-tourisme@interpc.fr

Atelier Cyclomen (Location de vélos) - 60 bis Bd Pont Achard - 86000 POITIERS  
Phone : 0549881325

**. LIGUGE**

Office de Tourisme - Mairie Place du RP Lambert - 86240 LIGUGE



Phone : 0549552124 - fax 0549553845 - @ : [liguge@cg86.fr](mailto:liguge@cg86.fr)



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### Day 2 :

Nestled in the valley of Thouet the Saint-Loup castle is one of the most beautiful historical homes from the XVIIIth century.

Reach Airvault and its Saint-Pierre church from the XIIth and XIII th centuries which owns an outstanding porch.

This journey will lead to Bressuire, famous for its livestock market which is held at the foot of the Gothic church Notre-Dame.

Before travelling a scenic road which edges the valley you will admire the castle site, long ago the stronghold of the powerful Beaumont-Bresonice baronnie. In order to reach Pouzauges you will dawdle between the meadows of the upper Vendéen bocage where magnificent bovines graze.

Here you are in Chouan land. A cross inside the surrounding walls of the ruins of the Pouzauges castle evokes the souvenir of the Vendéens opposed to the French revolutionaries.

Stop in Saint-Michel-Mont-Mercure to visit the church tower where you will discover the immensity of the Vendéen bocage.

Before the Epesses you will distinguish the Mill of Landes, typical of the Vendéen mills with a mobile roof where some wings are hanged. At the Puy-du-Fou you will experience a real historical fresco with its Roman circus, knighthood, falconry shows and above all the extraordinary Cinescénie which recreates the history of the Vendéen peasantry. Then you will reach the valley of the Nantaise Sèvre towered by the village of Mallièvre which shelters an amazing Maison de l'eau.

You will travel along up to Maulévrier where you will find back the site of the massacres during the Vendée wars.

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### Day 2 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
SAINT-LOUP-LAMAIRE	D46	0.0	
AIRVAULT	D725	5.0	
SOULIEVRES	D725	0.0	
FAYE-L'ABBESSE	D725	0.0	
BRESSUIRE	D164	28.0	
VOULTEGON	D154	10.0	
NUEIL-SUR-ARGENT	D33	5.0	
LE PIN	D155	9.0	
COMBRAND	D155	0.0	
LA POMMERAIE-SUR-SEVRE	D43	11.0	
POUZAUGES	D9	8.0	
LA FLOCELLIERE	D64	7.0	
SAINT-MICHEL-MONT-MERCURE	D752	1.0	
LES EPESSES	D11	9.0	
MALLIEVRE	D11	0.0	
LA CHAPELLE-LARGEAU	N149	9.0	
CROISEMENT	D171	1.0	
URANIUM	D	1.0	
MOULINS	D	3.0	
CROISEMENT	D41	0.0	
SAINT-PIERRE-DES-ECHAUBROGNES	D41	3.0	
MAULEVRIER	D41	7.0	

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### Day 2 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

#### . CHAMBRETAUD

Le Boisniard (Hôtel) - Le Boisniard - 85500 CHAMBRETAUD  
Phone : 0251675001 - @ : contact@chateau-boisniard.com

#### . LES HERBIERS

Aloé (Hôtel) - 99 avenue de Cholet - 85500 LES HERBIERS



Phone : 0251668030 - @ : hotel-aloe@wanadoo.fr

#### **. SAINT-LAURENT-SUR-SEVRE**

La Chaumière (Hôtel) - Route de Poitiers - 85290 SAINT-LAURENT-SUR-SEVRE  
Phone : 0251678812 - @ : lachaumiere@club-internet.fr

#### **. SAINT LOUP**

Château de St Loup (Hôtel) - Château de St Loup - 79600 SAINT LOUP  
Phone : 0549648173 - fax 0549648206 - @ : st-loup@wanadoo.fr

#### **. AIRVAULT**

Le Vieux Château (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 6 rue de Brelucan - 79600 AIRVAULT  
Phone : 0609618538 - @ : levieuxchateau@free.fr

#### **. BRESSUIRE**

La Sapinière (Hôtel) - Route de Boismé - 79300 BRESSUIRE  
Phone : 0549742422 - fax 0549744300 - @ : lasapiniere79@aol.com

Hôtel des Trois Marchands (Hôtel) - Les Sicaudières - 79300 BRESSUIRE  
Phone : 0549650119 - fax 0549658216 - @ : les3marchands@wanadoo.fr

#### **. LA FLOCELLIERE**

Château de la Flocellière (Hôtel) - 30 rue du Château - 85700 LA FLOCELLIERE  
Phone : 0251572203 - fax 0251575721 - @ : flocelliere.chateau@wanadoo.fr

#### **. POUZAUGES**

Auberge de la Bruyère (Hôtel) - 18 rue du Docteur Barbanneau - 85700 POUZAUGES  
Phone : 0251919346 - fax 0251570818 - @ : contact@aubergedelabruyere.fr

#### **. MAULEVRIER**

Château de la Frogerie (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 49360 MAULEVRIER  
Phone : 0241291392 - fax 0241625520 - @ : ponroy@delafrogerie.com

Château Colbert (Hôtel) - Place du Château - 49360 MAULEVRIER  
Phone : 0241555133 - fax 0241550902 - @ : reception@chateaucolbert.fr

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#### **. LES HERBIERS**

Le Puy du Fou (Curiosité) - 85500 LES HERBIERS  
Phone : 0251929292

#### **. AIRVAULT**

Abbaye  
Phone : 0549647142

#### **. BRESSUIRE**

Château (Château) - 79300 BRESSUIRE  
Phone : 0549652679

#### **. SAINT MICHEL DE MONT MERCURE**

Eglise (Eglise)  
Phone : 0251572032

#### **. LES HERBIERS**

Le Puy du Fou (Curiosité) - 85500 LES HERBIERS  
Phone : 0251929292

#### **. MALLIEVRE**

Maison de l'Eau (Curiosité)  
Phone : 0251653399

#### **. MAULEVRIER**

Parc Oriental (Curiosité) - 49360 MAULEVRIER  
Phone : 0251653399



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### . CHOLET

Office de Tourisme - Maison du Tourisme  
Place Rouge - 49300 CHOLET  
Phone : 0241498000 - fax 0241498009 - @ : info-accueil@ot-cholet.fr

### . LES HERBIERS

Office de Tourisme - 10 rue Nationale-Mont des Alouettes - 85500 LES HERBIERS  
Phone : 0251929292 - fax 0251929370 - @ : paysdesherbiers-tourisme@wanadoo.fr

### . BRESSUIRE

Office de Tourisme - place de l'Hôtel de Ville - 79300 BRESSUIRE  
Phone : 0549651027 - fax 0549804149 - @ : otb79@club-internet.fr

### . POUZAUGES

Office de Tourisme - 28 place de l'église - 85700 POUZAUGES  
Phone : 0251918246 - fax 0251570169 - @ : ot.pouzauges@wanadoo.fr

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### 3 Day 3 :

The Maulévrier castle was built in the XIth century, rebuilt after the Revolution and restored at the end of the XIX th century. During your stay in this delightful home you will have the opportunity to visit the superb oriental park situated at the foot of the castle terraces.

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In Saint-Clémentin you will reach the valley of Argenton. On your way a traditional mill in full activity can be visited in summer. After a stop in front of the Roman gate of the Saint-Gilles church in Argenton you will resume your itinerary through the bocage scattered with ponds, prairies and helmets.

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You will travel back to the Thouet which turns around the fortifications of Thouars, a medieval town. The side streets are lined with old houses which mix the Angevin and Poitevin styles. The Poitevin style façade of the Roman Saint-Médard church is adorned with a magnificent rose window.

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Do not leave the valley of Thouet before casting a glance to the Cirque de Missé. Then you will reach the vast wooded stretches which lead to the Oiron castle. This Renaissance castle was rearranged many times. In crossing the wet zones edging the Dive, you will reach Moncontour. Its XII th century keep witnessed the defeat of the Protestant army opposed to the duke of Anjou who would become Henri III.

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Before reaching the Poitou capital travel around to admire the Roman abbey church of Saint-Jouin-de-Marnes built in the XIIth century in the purest Poitevin style.

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When travelling back to Vouillé do stay longer in order to discover the treasures of Poitiers and its surroundings.

### 3 Day 3 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
MAULEVRIER	D28	0.0	
LES AUBIERS	D28	13.0	
SAINT-CLEMENTIN	D154	4.0	
ARGENTON-CHATEAU	D748	8.0	
CROISEMENT	D148	0.0	
SANZAY	D148	3.0	
CROISEMENT	D28	1.0	
LA CHAPELLE-GAUDIN	D28	0.0	
COULONGES-THOUARSAIS	D157	9.0	
FONTENAY	D157	0.0	
THOUARS	D135	10.0	
SAINT-JEAN-DE-THOUARS	D135	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D172	3.0	
MISSE	D172	0.0	
MARANZAIS	D	5.0	
OIRON	D162	5.0	
BRIE	D162	0.0	
SAUZEAU	D19	8.0	
MONCONTOUR	D46	3.0	
SAINT-JOUIN-DE-MARNES	D37	3.0	
MARNES	D19	4.0	
LA GRIMAUDIERE	D19	0.0	
CRAON	D45	10.0	
CROISEMENT	D30	1.0	
VOUZAILLES	D40	9.0	
MAILLE	D40	3.0	
FROZES	D40	0.0	
CROISEMENT	N149	5.0	
VOUILLE	N149	1.0	

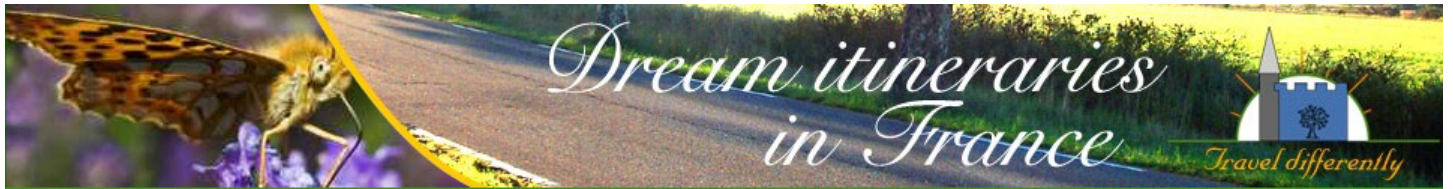
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#### . AVANTON

Château d'Avanton (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 5 place de l'église - 86170 AVANTON  
Phone : 0549602313 - fax 0549602313 - @ : contact@chateaudavanton.com

#### . LE PUY-NOTRE-DAME

Le Chai de la Paleine (Hôtel) - 10 place Jules Raimbault  
Phone : 0241382825 - fax 0241384238 - @ : lapaleine@wanadoo.fr



#### **. NEUVILLE-DE-POITOU**

La Roseaie (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 78 rue Armand Caillard - 86170 NEUVILLE-DE-POITOU  
Phone : 0549541672 - fax 0549516904 - @ : info@roseraiehotel.com

#### **. MAULEVRIER**

Château de la Frogerie (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 49360 MAULEVRIER  
Phone : 0241291392 - fax 0241625520 - @ : ponroy@delafrogerie.com

Château Colbert (Hôtel) - Place du Château - 49360 MAULEVRIER  
Phone : 0241555133 - fax 0241550902 - @ : reception@chateaucolbert.fr

#### **. VOUILLE**

Château de Périgny (Hôtel) - La Chapelle - 86190 VOUILLE  
Phone : 0549518043 - fax 0549519009 - @ : info@chateau-perigny.com



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#### **. MAULEVRIER**

Parc Oriental (Curiosité) - 49360 MAULEVRIER  
Phone : 0251653399

#### **. ARGENTON - CHÂTEAU**

Moulin des Plaines (Curiosité) - 79150 ARGENTON - CHÂTEAU  
Phone : 0549653399

#### **. THOUARS**

Tour du Prince de Galles (Monument) - 79100 THOUARS  
Phone : 0549679379

#### **. OIRON**

Château (Château)  
Phone : 0549674020

#### **. SAINT JOUIN DE MARNES**

Eglise (Eglise)  
Phone : 0549674020



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#### **. ARGENTON - CHÂTEAU**

Office de Tourisme - 13 rue Porte Virèche - 79150 ARGENTON - CHÂTEAU  
Phone : 0549659656 - fax 0549657848 - @ : OFFICE.TOURISME.ARGENTONNAIS@wanadoo.fr

#### **. THOUARS**

Office de Tourisme - 3bis Bd Pierre Curie - 79100 THOUARS  
Phone : 0549661765 - fax 0549678758 - @ : thouarstourisme@wandoo.fr