



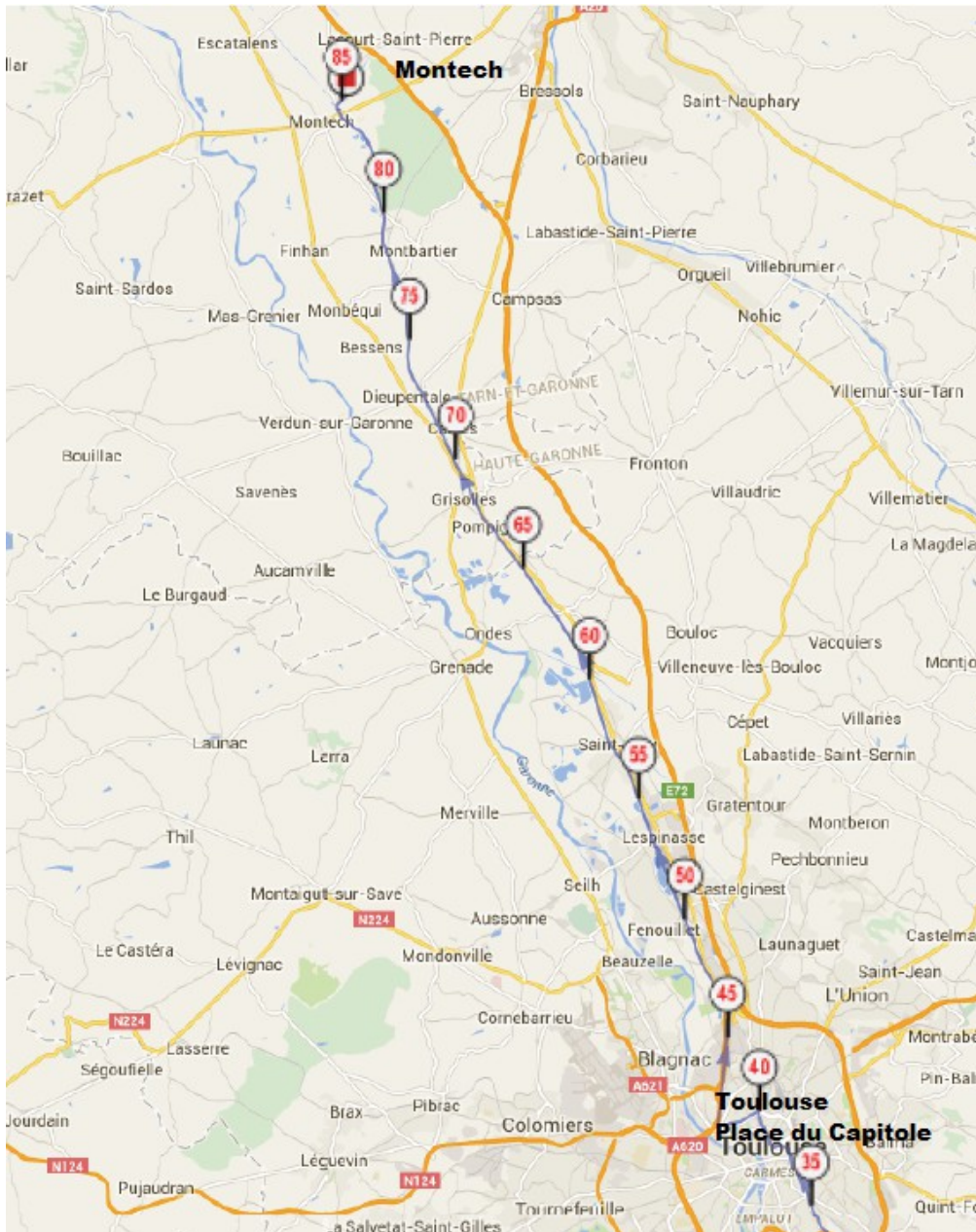
Stage

21/07/2015

Upon leaving the centre of T
runners will catch the Canal
by following the cycle lane
Montech.



Nailloux > Toulouse-Place du Capitole > Montech



Montech is a small town of about 6000 inhabitants located on the Canal de Garonne and the Canal de Montech built to link Montauban to Bordeaux and Toulouse. The Montech water slope designed in 1974 to bypass the existing lock system on the Canal de Garonne and the 3500 ac state-owned forest of Agre, are the 2 main touristic spots of this quiet town in Tarn et Garonne department.



Stage 25: Montech > Saint-Hilaire-de-Lusignan

22/07/2015

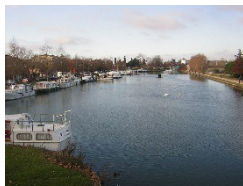
75.037km

Montech

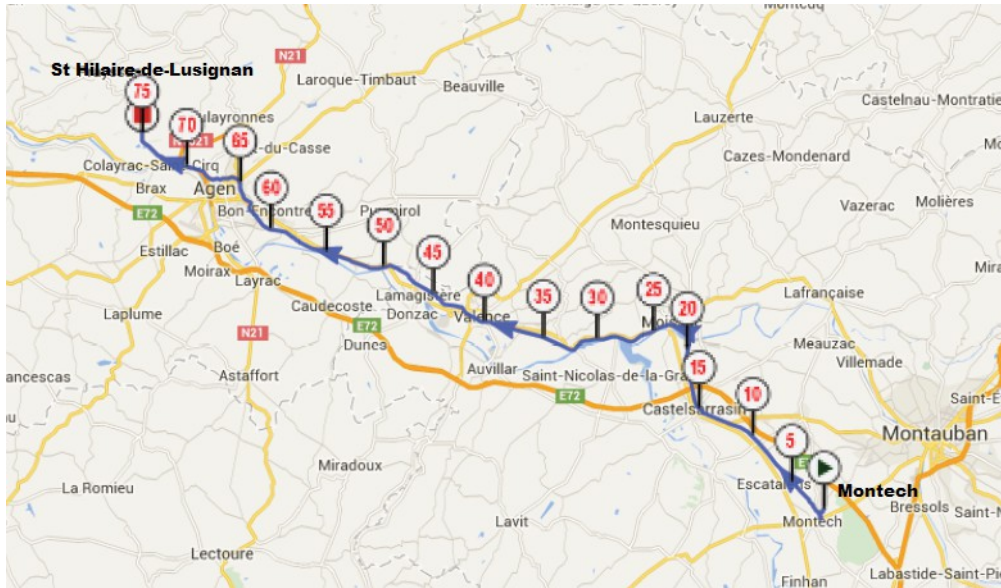
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Saint-Hilaire-de-Lusignan

The route of this 25th stage will lead the runners from Montech along the Canal of the Garonne by following the cycle trail V80, named « Veloroute des Deux-Mers » for 75km. The trail pavement all along this stage is in excellent condition with a smooth asphalt surface except for the gravels on the access roads to the locks and for the bridge of Moissac which is paved with cobblestones. After a refreshment stop at Castelsarrasin (Km13), the runners will go through the beautiful town of Moissac (Km21) and its 12th century Saint-Pierre Abbey, crossing the Tarn River by the Cacor canal bridge. The route will then keep going on the cycle trail for the next 40km along the canal, passing near Valence d'Agen, Golfech and crossing Agen to head towards the finish line set up at the Moulin de Mellet campsite on the edge of Saint-Hilaire-de-Lusignan 5km off the cycle trail. [+info](#)



Montech > Saint-Hilaire-de-Lusignan



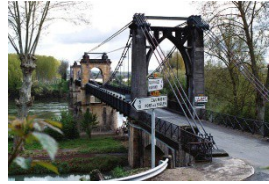
Saint-Hilaire-de-Lusignan is a small municipality of the department of Tarn and Garonne composed of the 3 villages: Saint-Hilaire sitting on the banks of the Garonne River, Cardonnet and Lusignan Grand nestled in the hills.



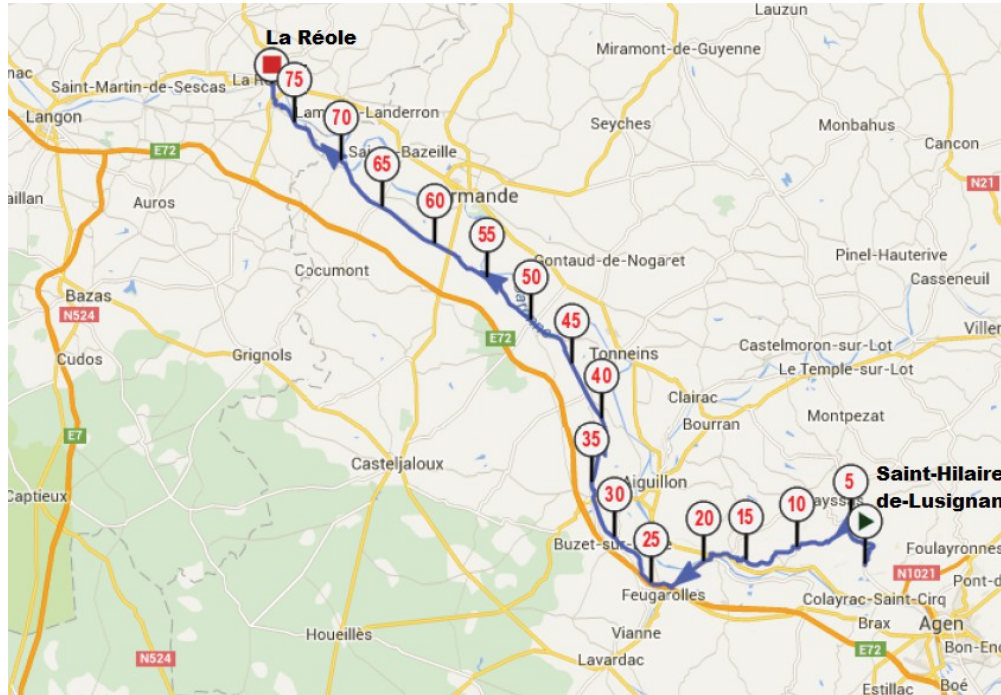
Stage 26: Saint-Hilaire-de-Lusignan > La Réole

23/07/2015 79.338km Saint-Hilaire-de-Lusignan > La Réole

Starting from Saint-Hilaire, the TdFFR2015 route will go through the backcountry Agenais for about 15km before reaching the Garonne River at Port Saint Marie (Km19 mark). The route will then take back the runners on the cycle trail along the Canal of Garonne crossing the Baïse River (Km26 mark), running through the Buzet vineyards and touching again the Garonne River twice at Mas d'Agenais (Km50 mark) and Meilhan-sur-Garonne (Km69 mark) before reaching the finish line at La Réole. The TdFFR2015 will pitch its tents on the left bank of the Garonne River on the campsite of the Camping Municipal de la Garonne. [+info](#)



Saint-Hilaire-de-Lusignan > La Réole



La Réole was the second most important town of Guyenne, after Bordeaux. Twice during the 17th century in 1678 and 1690, Bordeaux's parliament was exiled to La Réole. This former fortress-town is home of some beautiful landmarks dating back to the Middle Ages age such as the Benedictine Piory, the Castle of the "Quat'Sos" (four sisters). In a more recent past, Gustave Eiffel built the suspension bridge over the Garonne River that links the town centre to the left bank of the Garonne River.



Stage 27: La Réole > Sadirac

24/07/2015

53.435km

La

Réole

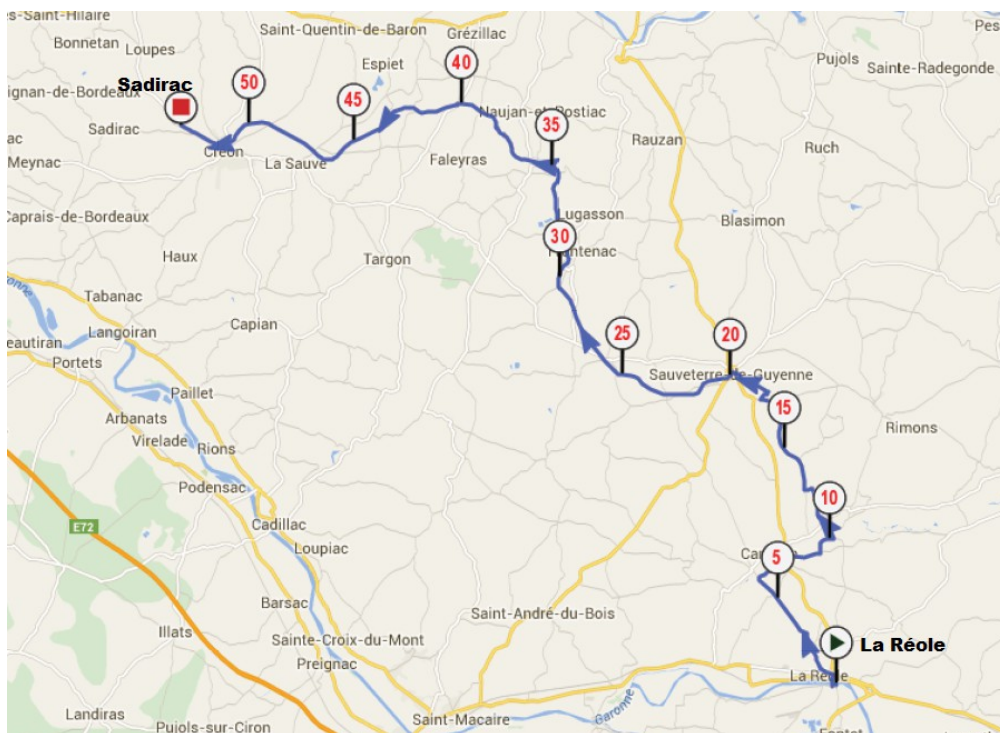
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Sadirac

For this 27th stage the TdFFR2015 will leave behind the towpaths to enter the beautiful Bordelais vineyards of the Entre-Deux-Mers. After crossing the Garonne River by the suspension bridge of Rouergue, the runners will head towards Sauveterre-de-Guyenne, a former medieval fortress-built when the town was under the dominion of the kings of England. Upon leaving Sauveterre (Km20 mark), the runners will take the cycle trail Roger Lapébie (named after the winner of the 1937 Tour de France) to head towards Créon. This cycle trail built over the abandoned rail track linking Sauveterre to Bordeaux, is an amazing bike path with decommissioned train stations converted into little cafés which will bring the runners through vineyards, woods and open fields to the finish line set up 1.5km after crossing Créon. The TdFFR2015 will pitch its tents on the campsite of the Camping Bel-Air à Sadirac. [+info](#)



La Réole > Sadirac



The history of pottery in Sadirac and the Pimpine valley date back to Roman times. Sadirac had up to 150 potters making a living from their earthenware production in the 18th century.



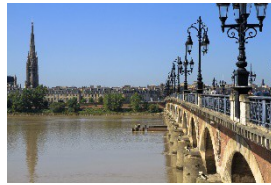
Stage 28: Sadirac > Bordeaux – Place de la Bourse

25/07/2015

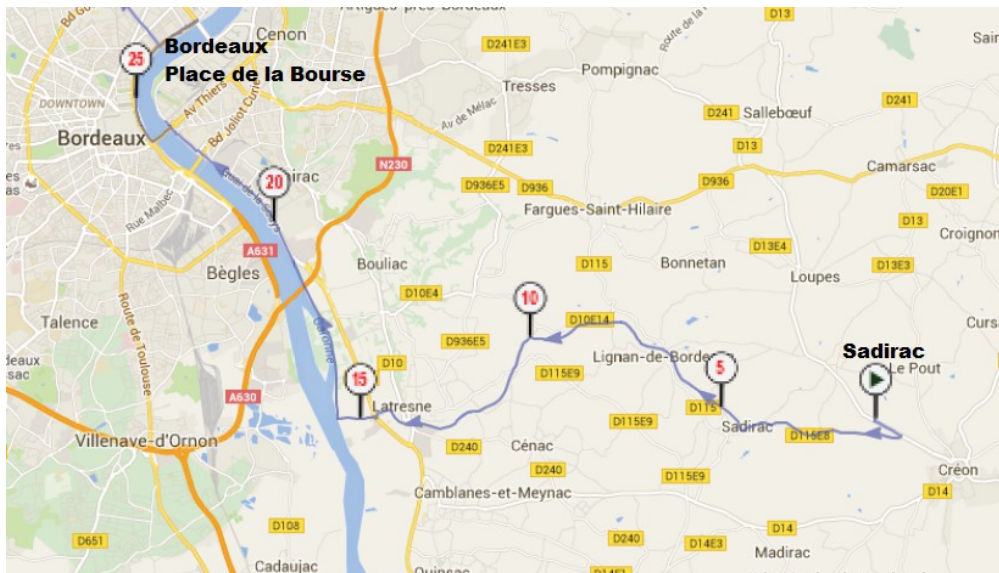
24,500km

Sadirac > Bordeaux - Place de la Bourse

After just 4km from the start, the route will catch the cycle trail Roger Lapébie. The runners will go down the Pimpine Valley to reach the Garonne River and then go along the right banks of the River to enter the centre of Bordeaux. After crossing the Garonne River by the Pont de pierre (“Stone Bridge”), the runners will reach the Place de la Bourse on the left bank.

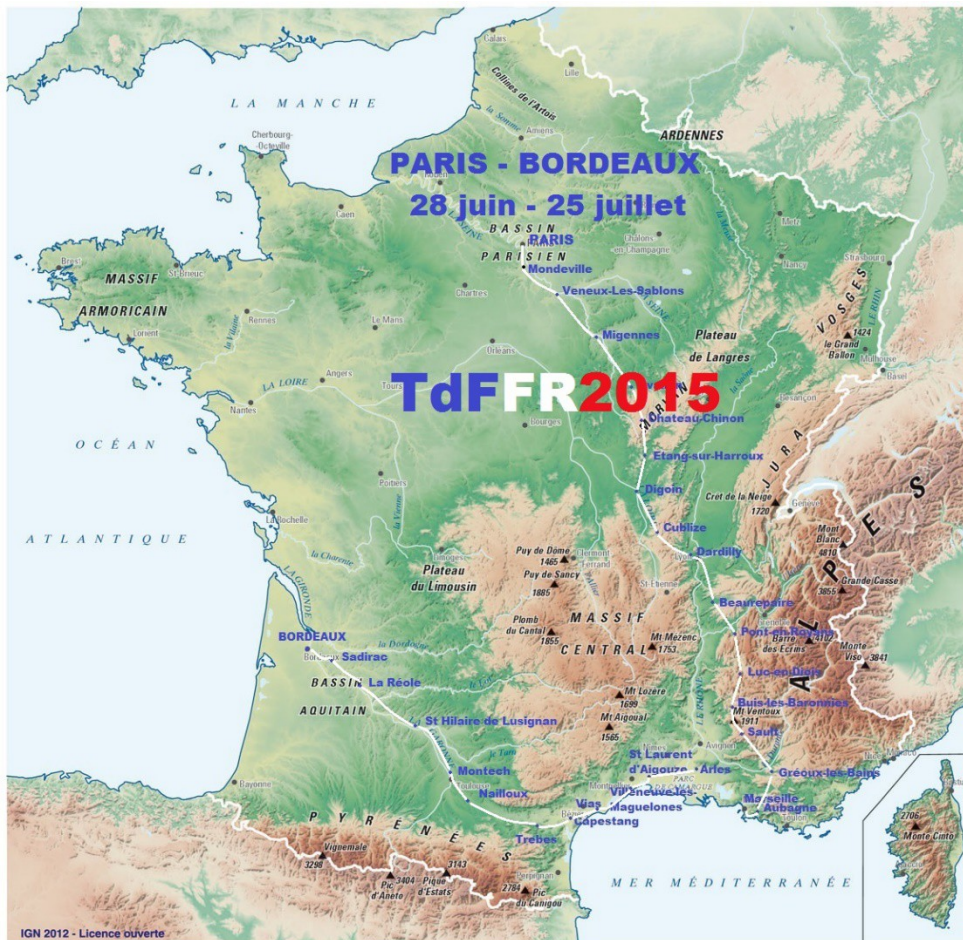


Sadirac > Bordeaux - Place de la Bourse



Bordeaux, regional capital of Aquitaine, is a magnificent city lying at the lowest bridging point on the Garonne River. It is one of France's great seaports, and its historic wealth is reflected in the many fine eighteenth-century buildings overlooking the left banks of the Garonne River. Bordeaux is the world's major wine industry capital with the wine economy in the metro area representing a 14.5 billion Euros annual turnover. The historic part of the city is on the UNESCO World Heritage List as "an

outstanding urban and architectural ensemble" of the 18th century making Bordeaux one of the best European touristic destinations.



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