



## ***To our non-French speaking friends***

*Passeurs de Loire* is a small company founded by two young men, Jean-Philippe and Bruno, whose goal in life is to make their living thru activities linked to the river Loire.

They started as shipbuilders, building replicas of the boats that were navigating on the river in the past: *futreaux*, *toues cabanées* and *gabarres*. The increasing number of non-profit organizations building their own boats all alongside the river Loire reduced significantly their addressable market, pushing them to scout for a new sources of income.

*Why not share our passion with lots of people!* As of 2007, they started to carry passengers on a short but attractive segment of the river Loire, between Sigloy and Bouteille. All rides start and terminate at their loading dock in Sigloy, lieudit La Tuilerie, less than 3 kms from the village of Chateauneuf-sur-Loire, and 27 kms east of the city of Orléans. End of 2012, they separated and created two sister companies, *Passeurs de Loire* for boat rides and *Pêcheurs de Loire* for professional fishing and transformation.

Today, *Passeurs de Loire* offer a wide portfolio of rides, described on the page '*balades*' of their website [www.passeursdeloire.fr](http://www.passeursdeloire.fr), ranging from a short 90 minutes discovery ride (*découverte*, in the sub-section *promenades*) running every day of the week during the season at 15:00 and 17:00, up to a full day discovery of both riding the river on a boat and learning about professional fishing on the river. With also a lot of thematic ride mixing navigating the river, enjoying a meal on the boat, special animations on theme such as Loire Valley wines, Loire sailors songs...

As a minimum for all rides, we provide lots of information whilst moving up and down on the river: characteristics of the river (floods, icing, height & flow), the boats (various types, characteristics), navigation in the past, wildlife (beavers & their lodge, birds & flora, fish & fishing technics). In addition, we have a picnic ride whereby we stop on an island and have lunch (passengers bring their own food), and a twilight ride where we add to the picnic the bright and amazing colors of the sunset and run the chance to meet with a beaver swimming across!

All rides need prior reservations, so as to arrange for sailors and boats; we have 3 boats that can accommodate a total of 69 passengers (12 + 12 + 45). Of the two 12 passengers boats, one has a mast and sail to be use on specific circumstances, the other one a cabine that is heated during winter season.

As a professional organization, *Passeurs de Loire* have all the necessary permits and authorization to carry passengers commercially. A large parking allows for cars to park, or bicycles (the *Loire-à-vélo* track passes less than 2 kms away).

Last, all those rides are narrated in French, but we can deliver in English, providing prior reservation as only one sailor speaks English and has to be available, and no multi-languages rides : the whole ride will be narrated in English (but we will accept all nationalities in as long as they speak/understand English).

For additional information, please call our English speaking partner at +33 6 80 91 58 61 or write an email to [contact@passeursdeloire.fr](mailto:contact@passeursdeloire.fr) or [nocturnes@orange.fr](mailto:nocturnes@orange.fr).