



French Wine EXPLORERS



5-day private GREAT ESTATES of BORDEAUX

Get to know the major appellations of Bordeaux as you taste at some of the most prestigious estates of the Médoc, Graves, and Saint Emilion/Pomerol. From Grand Crus to Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnels and exclusive “boutique” wineries, this tour offers a fantastic overview of the best that Bordeaux has to offer. Between tastings, you’ll experience the history and charm of the medieval village of Saint Emilion, and enjoy the luxury of Bordeaux’s premier hotels and Michelin-starred restaurants. A truly first-class experience for the Bordeaux wine lover!

(Monday through Friday tour dates are preferable, as more wine estates are open. Saturday is also possible if necessary.)

DAY 1

Welcome to Bordeaux~Graves

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- Arrival at Bordeaux airport or train station, where you’ll be greeted by your English-speaking, wine expert guide/driver.
- Travel south to the **vineyards of the Graves Region**. The Romans planted some of the first vineyards in the Bordeaux area here, just outside what is now the city limits. Here you will be the **guests of Classified Grand Cru Chateau**, such as **Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte or Chateau La Louviere** where a great tour and tasting awaits you.
- Enjoy a **welcome lunch at a local restaurant** in the area, with a possible tour and tasting at another **Classified Cru Chateau** or if you prefer, a **Classified Grand Cru Chateau such as Chateau Suduiraut or Giraud in Sauternes**.
- Check in late afternoon to your **luxury hotel**: the centrally located 5* **Grand Hotel de Bordeaux and Spa**.
- Enjoy **dinner** (not included) tonight at your hotel’s fabulous restaurant, or in one of Bordeaux city’s many fine restaurants.

DAY 2

The Mighty Medoc: Margaux and Pauillac

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- Today we explore the **Médoc**, world-renowned for its Classified Growth chateaux, following the “Route des Chateaux” through the famous villages of Margaux and Saint Julien.
- Your first tour and tasting will be at a **Grand Cru chateaux as their VIP guests** in Margaux: such as **Chateau Palmer or Kirwan**.
- Enjoy a **lovely lunch** (not included) at one of the finest restaurants in the area, a favorite of local winemakers.
- This afternoon, you’ll enjoy **1-2 tours and tastings at a Grand Cru property as VIP guests** at estates such as **Chateau Pichon Lalande, Chateau Lynch Bages or Chateau Grand Puy Lacoste**. We will provide an itinerary for the day that allows for variety in estates visited in different appellations to help uncover the nuances of each appellation. Typically we focus this day around Margaux and Pauillac.
- Return to your hotel in the late afternoon for evening on your own.

DAY 3

The Mighty Medoc: St. Estephe and St. Julien

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- Today we return to the **Médoc**, to discover **St. Julien** and **St. Estephe**. Saint-Julien is considered by some the right balance between **Pauillac** and **Margaux**. **Saint-Estèphe** wines are very colored, earthy, robust and tannic. They reach their maturity slower than other Médoc wines.
- Our explorations in the Médoc start in **St. Estephe** with a tasting at one of the elite group of nine Cru Bourgeois *Exceptionnels*, **Chateau Phélan Ségur or Chateau Haut Marbuzet**.
- Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant featuring specialties of the region.
- This afternoon, you’ll visit one of the finest chateaux in **Saint Julien** (usually **Léoville Las Cases, Gruaud Larose or Ducru Beaucaillou**).
- Check in late afternoon to your second 4-star luxury **Chateau Hotel and Spa Grand Barrail in St. Emilion**.
- Dinner is on your own tonight at the hotel or one of Saint Emilion. (You are welcome to stay in one hotel during the entire stay if you prefer)

DAY 4*St. Emilion***B**

- Known since Roman times for the quality of its wines, the village and vineyards of **Saint Emilion are designated today as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.**
- Saint Emilion has some of Bordeaux's oldest vineyards, producing well-structured wines with great character that comes from a judicious **blending of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot grapes.**
- **VIP tours and tastings at two great Grand Cru estates** await you this morning, like **Chateau Franc Mayne** with its ancient underground cellars, or the great **1st Growths Clos Fourtet, Chateau Angelus or Chateau Canon.**
- Following lunch on own, **explore the beautiful medieval village** on your own, its monuments and its many shops and galleries (including some of the region's best wine shops).
- We suggest your final dinner at the restaurant of the hotel, one of the most coveted tables of the area.

DAY 5*Pomerol~Transfer***B, L**

- This morning discover the other prestigious appellation of this area, **Pomerol.** This tiny appellation is considered the world's preeminent terroir for **Merlot**, producing wines of great character and complexity.
- Although it seems very understated, this appellation is home to some of the most famous cult wines, including Petrus and Le Pin.
- **Two tours and tastings** await you today in **Pomerol** as you round out your week of wine discovery in the Bordeaux region. Enjoy tours and tastings at some of the best estates of the region including estates such as **Chateau Petit Village or Le Bon Pasteur.**
- End your day with a **farewell lunch** and a transfer to the Bordeaux St. Jean Train Station or Bordeaux Merignac Airport. Continue your journeys with fond memories of Bordeaux and all its splendor.

LEGEND FOR MEALS INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

YOUR 5 DAY, 4 NIGHT LUXURY TOUR IN BORDEAUX INCLUDES:

- A customized itinerary featuring the best hotel, estate and touring elements tailored to your preferences
- The services of an English-speaking wine expert guide throughout the tour
- Deluxe, air-conditioned transportation throughout
- 4 nights' accommodations at the Grand Hotel & Spa de Bordeaux or Chateau Grand Barrail in St. Emilion, or a combination of the two. Deluxe and Suite accommodations.
- A traditional welcome and farewell lunch with coffee, tea and mineral water included
- VIP Tours and tastings at some of the finest chateaux of the region
- Information on the region and its wines sent to you in advance of your tour

Price based on 2 guests, double occupancy: US \$ 4990 per person

Price based on 4 guests, double occupancy: US \$ 3890 per person

Price based on 6 guests, double occupancy: US \$ 3690 per person

Subject to availability. Single supplement: please inquire. For groups of 7 or more guests: please contact us for a price quote.

Not included: any personal expenses, or any service not specifically mentioned above as included in the price of your tour.

WINE CHATEAUX AND ESTATES

We include only top-quality wine chateaux and estates in our programs. Chateau visits are scheduled by special arrangement, and some chateaux or estates, including any mentioned in the Itinerary, may not be available on your dates. Once you book your program with us, we will contact the estates to determine which are available. If there are specific chateaux or estates you would like to visit, please let us know, and we will contact your preferences first when arranging visits and tastings for you.

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