



# French Wine EXPLORERS



## 3-DAY PRIVATE BORDEAUX SOJOURN

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

### DAY 1,

### *Medoc*

**L**

- Arrival at Bordeaux airport or train station, where you'll be greeted by your English-speaking, wine expert guide/driver.
- Depart for the **Médoc**, world-renowned for its Classified Growth chateaux, following the "Route des Chateaux" through the famous villages of Margaux, Saint Julien, Pauillac and Saint Estephe.
- Enjoy a **lovely welcome lunch** at one of the finest restaurants in the area, a favorite of local winemakers.
- This afternoon, you'll enjoy **tours and tastings at two Grand Cru chateaux** as their VIP guests (for example, Chateau Lynch Bages, Chateau Pichon Longueville, Chateau Pontet-Canet or Chateau Palmer).
- Check in late afternoon to your **luxury 4-star hotel**: choose from the centrally located 5\* Regent in the heart of Bordeaux, Relais & Chateaux member hotel Chateau Cordeillan Bages in Pauillac, Hotel Grand Barrail Chateau and Spa in Saint Emilion, or Les Sources de Caudalie in Martillac.
- Enjoy **dinner (not included)** tonight at your hotel's fabulous restaurant, or in one of Bordeaux city's many fine restaurants.

### DAY 2,

### *Graves and Sauternes*

**B**

- Travel south to the **vineyards of the Graves**. 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, where another great tour and tasting awaits you.
- Continue on to **Sauternes**, the most famous sweet dessert wine appellation in the world. Learn how these delectable wines are made using grapes that have developed the "Noble Rot" during a fascinating tour at one of the best Chateaux in the area (like Guiraud, Suduiraut or La Tour Blanche), followed by a tasting (you may prefer to spend another day in the Medoc, we will be happy to customize the itinerary for you to reflect your preferences).
- Return to your hotel in the late afternoon for evening on your own.

### DAY 3,

### *St. Emilion*

**B**

- After breakfast at your hotel, **depart for Saint Emilion**. 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.
- **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 1<sup>st</sup> Growths Clos Fourtet, Chateau Angelus or Chateau Canon.
- Lunch on your own in Saint Emilion.
- Enjoy a bit of free time in the afternoon to **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).
- Transfer to airport or train station at the end of the afternoon, with fond memories of Bordeaux and all its splendor.

LEGEND FOR MEALS INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR:

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner



### YOUR 3 DAY, 2 NIGHT PRIVATE BORDEAUX SOJOURN 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/driver throughout
- Transportation throughout, including transfers, by deluxe, air conditioned vehicle
- 2 nights in a Deluxe Room at a 4-star luxury hotel as described above, double occupancy in minimum deluxe category or junior suite
- A welcome lunch with wine, coffee, tea and mineral water included
- 2 buffet breakfasts
- 6 tours and tastings at some of the finest chateaux of the region
- A list of suggested restaurants and reservations made for you in advance
- Information on the region and its wines sent to you in advance of your tour

**Price based on 2 guests, double occupancy: US \$ 2600 per person**

**Price based on 4 guests, double occupancy: US \$ 1900 per person**

**Price based on 6 guests, double occupancy: US \$ 1600 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.

### **TO BOOK YOUR TOUR**

Contact us at [info@wine-tours-france.com](mailto:info@wine-tours-france.com) or **1-877-261-1500**.

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