



French Wine EXPLORERS

Treasures of Bordeaux and Dordogne

Imagine pairing your Bordeaux sojourn with the riches of the Dordogne region. Discover the “Route des Chateaux” of the Medoc, the lovely village and wines of St. Emilion, and visit the best estates of the region. Travel through some of the most picturesque villages of the Dordogne and immerse yourself in the colorful history of the world renowned pre-historic caves. Along the way you’ll stay in deluxe accommodations, and savor the sights and distinctive cuisine of the region, one glass at a time.

DAY 1

Bordeaux

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Arrive at the Bordeaux St. Jean train station or Bordeaux Merignac airport by noon. Meet your English speaking professional guide. 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. Enjoy a **welcome lunch at a local restaurant** in the area with your guide. Following lunch, you will be the **guests of Classified Grand Cru Chateau in either Graves or Sauternes**, where a great tour and tasting awaits you. Check in late afternoon to the centrally located **5* Grand Hotel and Spa** in the heart of Bordeaux. Enjoy an evening on own.

DAY 2

The Mighty Medoc

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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, Saint Julien, Pauillac and Saint Estephe**. Your first tour and tasting will be at a **Grand Cru chateaux as their VIP guests** (for example, Chateau Lynch Bages, Chateau Pichon Longueville Lalande, or Chateau Rauzan Segla). Enjoy a **lovely lunch (not included)** at one of the finest restaurants in the area, and a favorite of local winemakers. This afternoon, you’ll enjoy **1-2 tours and tastings at a Grand Cru property as VIP guests**. 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.

DAY 3

St. Emilion

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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 1st Growths **Clos Fourtet, Chateau Angelus or Chateau Canon**. Following lunch, **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). Optional guided tour of St. Emilion included. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon for evening on your own.

DAY 4

Transfer to Sarlat

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Check-out and private transfer to Dordogne, with lunch on own enroute. Start your day with a visit to the **market of Sarlat**, which has been famous since Middle Ages! Taking place all year long, this very colourful and tasty market will charm lovers of local gastronomy. Then drive to the beautiful village of **La Roque Gageac and enjoy a boat ride on the Dordogne** on board an authentic Gabarre. Then reach the small historic and scenic villages of **Beynac and Domme**. Walking tour in the villages, free time for personal discovery. Arrive in **Sarlat-la-Canéda, possibly one of the most beautiful towns in France**. Much of the architecture of its Bastide history survives intact and the winding streets, squares, pavement cafes, specialty shops and pretty apartments give Sarlat a unique character not found anywhere else.

Check into your lovely hotel, **Clos la Boetie**. The only 5-star hotel in Sarlat, Clos la Boetie brings complete harmony with a luxurious, comfortable and romantic setting. Remainder of afternoon and evening on own.

DAY 5*Dordogne***B, L**

Roughly 12,000 years ago unknown painters created breath taking cave paintings of which the most extraordinary examples are found in the Dordogne area. **Start the day in Les Eyzies** and follow your guide on an English guided tour of the National Prehistory Museum. Then, we will take you to **Rouffignac Cave**, the cave of **160 Mammoths**, with authentic etchings and drawings. Saving the most anticipated for last, visit world famous **Lascaux II a perfect reproduction of the original cave** including one painting that is considered as the largest prehistoric painting in the world. There are over 2,000 detailed images of animals and mysterious symbols to discover! Your farewell lunch is included. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon for evening on your own.

DAY 6*Transfer to Bordeaux***B**

Free time in the morning, **transfer to Bordeaux** and take the train or fly to Paris (not included). Continue your journeys with fond memories of the Treasures of Bordeaux and Dordogne.

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

** Itinerary subject to change: every effort will be made to keep the itinerary as close as possible to what appears here; however, the final itinerary may vary due to wine producer schedules, availability and factors beyond our control.*

YOUR 6 DAY, 5 NIGHT private TREASURES OF BORDEAUX & DORDOGNE INCLUDE:

- 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
- 3 nights' deluxe accommodations at the Grand Hotel de Bordeaux & Spa
- 2 nights' suite accommodations at Clos la Boete in Sarlat
- A traditional welcome and farewell lunch with wine, coffee, tea and mineral water included
- VIP Tours and tastings at some of the finest chateaux of the region
- Entrance fees for all the museums and sites mentioned in the itinerary
- 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 \$ 5990.00 per person

Price based on 4 guests, double occupancy: US \$ 4990.00 per person

Price based on 6 guests, double occupancy: US \$ 4790.00 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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~ Travel + Leisure



"Worlds Great Wine Tours"
~ Food and Wine

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