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SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Bordeaux Itinerary

2 adults

5 days/4 nights

Subject to availability



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DAY 1: Arrival + Bordeaux City Tour

Welcome to Bordeaux!

Upon arrival at Bordeaux train station meet with your driver.

Private transfer to your accommodation in the heart of the historic city of Bordeaux.

Early afternoon meet with your private guide & explore the city of Bordeaux during a walking tour.



Previously named “the sleeping beauty”, the city is coming out of a 20 year renovation program that has brought it back to its former glory. Part of the world heritage since 2007, **Bordeaux is a jewel of 18th century architecture** with a rich past starting in the Gallo roman period. Bordeaux is known to have the second largest patrimony of the 18th century after St Petersburg. This tour is the occasion to discover most of these treasures along the waterfront: Palais de la Bourse, the Triangle d’Or the Grand Theatre

and some private mansions. Discover the unique cityscape where the traditional buildings contrast with the modern, more recent constructions.

During the tour, stop for a selection of tasting including a cheese sampling a remarkable ripening cellar located ten meters underground in the historic site dating from the 15th century.

Then stop at one of the local chocolatiers in Bordeaux for a tasting of their exceptional production.



DAY 2: Saint Emilion, village & wines

This morning with your driver guide, depart for a full day tour of Saint Emilion.



Cross the Garonne River to the Right Bank and arrive in the **enchancing medieval village of Saint-Emilion**, classified by Unesco in 1999. A luminous, ochre-colored jewel built of limestone and Roman roof tiles, it's perched on a plateau and completely surrounded by a sea of vineyards. The steep and narrow cobblestone streets are lined with remnants of monasteries and convents dating from the 11th to 18th centuries that tell the story of the village. We will also include a visit of the very impressive underground monuments.

At the end of the visit, stop at an ancient cloister where the region's "crémant" (sparkling white wine) is produced. Enjoy a tasting along with a Saint Emilion macaron – a unique specialty from the region.

In the afternoon, explore the world-famous right bank vineyards of Saint Emilion & Pomerol, also listed by UNESCO as world heritage.

The vineyard includes 18 "Premiers Grands Crus Classés" (A & B) and 65 "Grands Crus Classes", and also thousands of less known family estates producing excellent wines, all of them mainly made of Merlot and Cabernet Franc grape varieties.

Learn about the unique 'appellation' system specific to this wine region as you drive along the country roads and stop at 2 of the local wineries for a visit & tasting.

DAY 3: The Iconic Medoc Wine Region

Today you will depart for a full day tour of the iconic Medoc Wine Region.



There are few things that wine lovers enjoy more than driving along France's D2 highway, the route des châteaux just north of Bordeaux on the Médoc peninsula, hemmed in on both sides by row upon row of vineyards as far as the eye can see. The names on road signs tick off a fabulous list: Latour, Lafite and Mouton Rothschild, Palmer, Léoville Barton, Pichon Longueville, Cos d'Estournel.



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During the day, we will introduce you the famous wine appellations from Medoc: Saint Julien, Margaux, Pauillac; Saint Estèphe....

Each just a short distance away from each but very different thanks to the terroir (soil).

Explore 3 wineries during the day that will include a selection of wineries from the top Grand Cru Classés to smaller, family owner properties to give you an extensive overview of the Left Bank wine region.

DAY 4: Arcachon Bay

Depart for a full day exploring the Arcachon Bay.



Who knew that Bordeaux is so close to the Atlantic ocean with a superb and protected spot: the **Arcachon Bay and in particular Cap Ferret**. This part of this inland lagoon is the week end fashionable venue of Bordeaux - famous for its tiny wooden oystermen villages.

Start the day by boarding a **Pinasse – a typical wooden boat Bay** - & enjoy a tour of the Arcachon bay including a close-up view of the Oyster Parks.



With your skipper you will discover the area 'like a local' & learn all there is to know about traditions & treasures from this beautiful part of France!

Make a stop at a local oyster farmer & learn all the secrets to this local specialty & of course enjoy a tasting overlooking the Dune de Pyla – Europe's highest sand dune.

Lunch at Chez Hortense



Chez Hortense is an institution for the Bordelais, with its brown tables, its green shades, its amazing view on the Dune du Pyla as well as the warm welcome of the owner, Bernadette, whose grandmother, Hortense, founder of the restaurant.

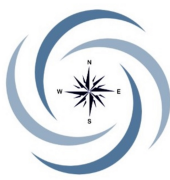
Taste the mussels prepared using the Grandmother's recipe served with homemade fries, or the wild turbot just grilled...simple, fresh & local!

Continue the day exploring the local fisherman's towns along the coast, each full of colors & charm.

DAY 5: Departure /Extend the stay

Meet with your driver.

Private transfer to Bordeaux Airport or train station to enjoy your free overnight stay in Paris



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The package includes:

ACCOMMODATION

- ✓ 4 nights in Deluxe room at Intercontinental Bordeaux incl. breakfast & local taxes – double occupancy
- ✓ 1 night in Paris at 4* Hotel including breakfast (free of charge)

TRANSPORTATION & TOURING

- ✓ Arrival & departure transfers from / to Bordeaux Airport or Train Station
- ✓ Private English-Speaking Guide for walking tour of Bordeaux City
- ✓ Private English-Speaking Driver-Guide on Day 2, 3 & 4 – sedan or minivan
- ✓ Private pinasse cruise on day 4 (2.5 hours)
- ✓ Entrance fees & tastings as per itinerary
- ✓ High Speed train Bordeaux – Paris on 1st class
- ✓ Transfer in Paris from Railway Station to Hotel
- ✓ Transfer in Paris from Hotel to CDG Airport

Rate do not include:

- ✓ Airfare
- ✓ All meals unless mentioned on the itinerary
- ✓ All activities not mentioned above or in the itinerary
- ✓ Gratuities & Personal expenses
- ✓ Travel insurance

SPECIAL OFFER - HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL BORDEAUX

- Guaranteed upgrade at time of booking to the next room category if available
- Complimentary Buffet Breakfast
- 85 Euros Credit at Restaurant Le Bordeaux, Spa by Guerlain, Bar
- Early check-in/late check-out, subject to availability
- Complimentary Wi-Fi