

Gironde's discover : cultural and wine patrimony

DAY 1 ST EMILION

Arrival by the end of the morning. Meet your guide who will take care of you all through your stay.

Leave for St Emilion.



A gem of stone work enshrined in noble vineyard, St Emilion is one of those incredible architectural sites which seem to have been created by Man to integrate into the surrounding landscapes throughout centuries. It stands as an astounding open-air museum. Its cave-dwelling tradition is probably the most breathtaking, but certainly not the only characteristic that will move its visitors. Defying the rules of time, its monuments and the beautiful remains of past Roman grandeur stretch along steep streets.

Lunch served at the restaurant

There will be a **guided tour all around the city and its monuments** (listed to the World Inheritance of UNESCO) walking the picturesque alleys, discovering the charming secret beauties of the Medieval city.



Stop to taste the **famous St Emilion macarons** directly at the producing workshop: revel in trying those delicious round delicacy biscuits!

Free time in the Medieval city.

The afternoon will end with a visit of a wine growing estate and a tasting session of wine classified St Emilion Grand Cru.

Back to **BORDEAUX** – settling at 4-star hotel.

Welcoming aperitif.

Dinner and night at hotel.

DAY 2 : MEDOC

Breakfast at hotel.

Leave for **MEDOC**.

Tour begins with the Route des Châteaux where you will pass such renowned towns as MARGAUX, SAINT JULIEN, PAUILLAC...

You will stop in **PAUILLAC** : *with its charming little harbour, its unique landscape displayed by its exceptional vineyards, its gastronomy, its wines, its aims at modernity but in the respect of the ancestors' traditions, Pauillac is an unavoidable place of interest for visitors.*

You will continue with a wine estate: visit before lunch.

Lunch will be served on the property classified Cru Bourgeois.

Then board has edge of the local ferry across the **Estuary of the Gironde with the bus** from Lamarque to Blaye (Half an hour crossing).

There, you will visit **the town's Citadel with your tour leader**. It was built by Vauban from 1685 to 1688 and along with the Fort Paté and the Fort Médoc on the other side of the estuary; it formed the defense line across the Gironde. From the ramparts, you will have a wonderful view of the town and the estuary.

Back to Bordeaux for **dinner and night at hotel**.

DAY 3 : BORDEAUX

Breakfast at hotel



Guided tour of Bordeaux (2 hours) : This tour will offer you a full view of the architectural main streams of the town from the Middle Ages to the present time. It will take you from the Grand Théâtre to the cathedral, the Palais Rohan passing through the Porte Cailhau (an ancient gate to the city) and make you discover the fascinating guidelines of the history of Bordeaux, its great families and its famous guests.

You will then cross the Pont de Pierre to the right bank of the Garonne, benefiting thus from a wonderful panorama of the town, enabling you to appreciate the architectural unity of its famous eighteenth century façades.



“the tasty moments of your visit”: you will savour a canelé, this very old specialty typical of Bordeaux and its region. It is in fact a little cake soft at heart, with vanilla flavour and a drop of rum, the whole of it in caramel topping,

You will also appreciate the taste of a glass of Lillet, the wine-based aperitif of Bordeaux... Paul and Raymond Lillet, experienced and talented oenologists in Podensac (30 km south of Bordeaux) devised this aperitif in 1887, and it is now officially recognised all over the world as the Aristocrat of aperitifs.

To put it in a nutshell. **Lillet, the aperitif of Bordeaux, is simply the aperitif Epicurians won't do without. It is the essential prologue to moments of exceptional import...**

Lunchtime at a restaurant in Bordeaux

In the afternoon, **Leave for Planète Bordeaux, the Maison des Bordeaux and Bordeaux supérieur, where you will discover a fabulous way of being initiated and of appreciating wine. Through an initiation course including various parts such as an interactive diaporama, an animation film, a model, a son et lumière display and a sensory and playful approach to the universe of wine.**

End of our services. Journey back to your place of origin.

THE ORDER OF THE VISITS CAN BE CHANGED ACCORDING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF OUR VARIOUS HOSTS.

The Bordeaux region 3 days/ 2 nights	
AT THE TIME OF PRINTING	PRICES FOR 2009
BASED ON 30 PEOPLE	From 272 €

Depending on availability on the day of your reservation

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Your accommodation for two nights in a 4-star hotel, based on a double room in Bordeaux,
- A welcoming aperitif
- A welcoming gift
- All meals from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on Day3
- ¼ l of wine per meal and coffee
- All entrances mentioned in this programme
- The tourist tax at the hotel
- A tour guide during the whole stay

THE PRICE DOESN'T INCLUDE:

- The transport from and to your place of origin
- Single room supplement 33 € per night per person
- The cancellation or repatriation insurance: 13 € per person
- Administrative fees: 35 € for the group
- Personal treats and spendings

Ask us for others ideas:

- γ “L’ Ange Bleu” : the biggest music hall place of France with 1200 seats
- γ Arcachon,
- γ The Sauterne’s area
- γ ...

Your customized programming : discover, culture, gastronomy, oenology...
Themed week-end and active...

And: seminars, week-ends for companies

OUR BEST POINTS :

- ◆ Our knowledge of the area gives us the possibility to organize any type of trip
- ◆ An assistance during your group’s stays
- ◆ Your accommodation in a 4-stars hotel, based in Bordeaux, at the cost of a 2 stars hotel
- ◆ A welcome gift at your arrival
- ◆ Your lunch on the properties in Médoc
- ◆ Taste regional specialities
- ◆ We are the Ambassadors of the biggest Music Hall place of France, “L’Ange Bleu”. We welcome you for lunches shows and dinners shows and themed evenings
- ◆ An other way to discover the cultural, wine & gastronomic patrimony of our region.
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