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## Bordeaux Wine Tours

### *Sample Full Daily Itinerary*

Nothing is better than being on a **Bordeaux Wine Tour** to immerse yourself in Bordeaux's fantastic wine culture. Delight in seafood entrees paired with cool crisp Graves, and succulent lamb dishes alongside powerful complex reds from the Haut-Médoc or the Right Bank. **Treat yourself to vineyard tours and enlightening wine tastings.** This is why our Bordeaux Wine Tours have been so successful and you'll have so much fun.

This itinerary features top classified growths, petits châteaux, and an unbeatable experience of the Bordeaux wine business. Expert local wine professionals spend each day with you. After this enlightening and enjoyable vacation together, you will have an intimate understanding of what Bordeaux is all about.

*"I want to thank you again for an AMAZING week of fun, knowledge and quite frankly a trip of a lifetime through Bordeaux! You were great in all aspects of the trip and everything was done just so well.*

*Thanks again....I look forward to Tuscany next year!"*

Tim Morse- Washington, D.C.

### Day 1 - Kick-off in Historic Bordeaux Center

#### Highlights:

- **Champagne welcome**
- **Guided tour of Bordeaux's Historical District**
- **Typical Bordelaise dinner**
- **Special Dinner Host**



Start your wine tour of Bordeaux with a guided tour of Bordeaux's historic wine district: *Chartrons*. Your hotel is right in the heart of the charming city of Bordeaux, so come early and hit the town. There's a fantastic wine bar down the street where you can taste and compare some great Bordeaux, and great shopping, cafés, and restaurants just steps away. This evening we will kick off your wine tasting vacation with a festive glass of champagne. Tonight's welcome dinner is accompanied by a great selection of terrific Bordeaux and a special host.

## Day 2 Bordeaux and the Médoc

### Highlights:

- **Bordeaux Wine Tasting Tours:** Château Durfort-Vivens, Château Brane Cantenac
- **Entertaining Bordeaux Tutorial**
- **Lunch & Wine Tasting Tour:** Château Chasse Spleen



Whether an expert or novice, you'll enjoy this morning's wine tasting course where a local expert covers Bordeaux's wine history and a guided wine tasting: the Bordeaux way. Lunch is with a prominent producer in the Médoc, paired with their exquisite wines. This afternoon, the **Lucien Lurton family** is today's insider connection to the Haut Médoc. You will have our dinner suggestions back in Bordeaux this evening, for everything from a light seafood dinner, to a Michelin-starred feast.

## Day 3 Grands Vins of the Right Bank

### Highlights:

- **Bordeaux Wine Tasting Tours:** Château Cheval Blanc, Château Bertinat Lartigue
- **Lunch & Wine Tasting Tour:** Château de Cornemps



Danielle Dubois is Master of Ceremonies today, starting with a memorable visit to Château Cheval Blanc. At lunch, enjoy Florence Fagard's traditional '*repas paysan*' at gold medal Château de Cornemps. The wine cellar sits alongside a 13th century Romanesque church. After lunch, Danielle leads a wine tasting of her Orisse du Casse, Artemis, and P. du Roy at Château Bertinat Lartigue.

## Day 4 The Haut Medoc

### Highlights:

- **Bordeaux Wine Tasting Tours:** Château Margaux, Château Mouton Rothschild, Château Lynch-Bages
- **Lunch & Wine Tasting Tour:** Château Lamothe Cissac
- **Dinner:** In the heart of Bordeaux
- **Visit of Barrel Maker at Château Margaux**



Two of the Five *Premier Grand Crus Classés* kick off today's agenda – first you will enjoy a wine tasting tour of **Château Margaux**, where you will also discover the ins and outs of oak barrel making. Then you are tasting wine and touring **Château Mouton Rothschild**. After a delicious lunch at Vincent Fabre's Lamothe Cissac, Château Lynch-Bages welcomes you for an enlightening visit and wine tasting. Look forward to a fabulous dinner back in

Bordeaux this evening.

## Day 5 Pomerol and Petits Châteaux

### Highlights:

- **Bordeaux Wine Tasting Tours:** Clos Fourtet, Château Garraud
- **Lunch & Wine Tasting Tour:** Château La Cabanne
- **Guided tour of underground St Emilion**



Today's outing in the Right Bank begins with a unique **guided tour of St Emilion**. Famous not only for its wine, St Emilion's history goes back over 1,200 years. Medieval alleyways crisscross above the ancient caves and catacombs. St Emilion's unique underground church is carved out of a single piece of rock! You'll have a little time to visit St Emilion's wine boutiques and enjoy a tasting at Clos Fourtet before heading off to Château la Cabanne for a delicious meal highlighted with a special old vintage red. After lunch, Vincent Duret is an exemplary host at Château Garraud.

## Day 6 Graves, Pessac-Léognan, Sauternes with the André Lurton Family

### Highlights:

- **Bordeaux Wine Tasting Tours:** Château d'Yquem, Château Haut-Brion, Château La Louvière
- **Lunch & Wine Tasting Tour:** Château Couhins-Lurton
- **Dinner:** Special Michelin-starred feast



**André Lurton** is a legend in Bordeaux. He's organized a fantastic day for you as you tour Bordeaux's southern reaches of Pessac-Léognan, Graves, and an unforgettable visit to **Château d'Yquem**, the Emperor of Sauternes. You'll visit André's Château La Louvière and enjoy lunch at his Château Couhins-Lurton. Dinner tonight is an unforgettable Michelin-starred extravaganza.

## Day 7



Your Bordeaux tour ends today after breakfast, so we bid you goodbye and hope to see you again in Burgundy, Champagne, Provence, or Tuscany.

*"I cannot thank you both enough for such a phenomenal experience this past week. Each and every day was greater than the last and I will not soon forget all the people, places, food, and wine that we all shared. I was constantly amazed at both the region and the organization that you were responsible for.*

*- Shea Gottshal - Charlotte NC*

## Includes:

- 6 nights hotel in Bordeaux's historic center
- 6 full breakfasts
- 5 lunches together, dining with local wine experts
- 3 dinners together at our experts' favorite restaurants or at their châteaux (including a Michelin-starred restaurant)
- All châteaux visits & wine tastings
- Barrel tastings of the most recent vintages
- Daily educational components (wine tasting, vineyard decisions, the harvest, wine making, distribution)
- 2 guided cultural visits:
  - St Emilion & Troglodyte Church
  - Bordeaux Historic Wine Center
- visit to a barrel maker
- Entertaining Bordeaux Tutorial
- local experts

## Price:

\$3995 based on double occupancy. Single supplements \$525

## Dates:

September 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

September 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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