



## Cycling & Wine Tour in Bordeaux

5 Nights

May – September 2018



### Summary

Let nature and culture guide you through the beautiful Bordeaux wine country. Boundless green vineyards, the gently rushing Dordogne River and quaint medieval villages provide an idyllic backdrop for your 6-day cycling and wine tour. This relaxing vacation is an indulgent escape to charming, pastoral France. Famous for its elegant wine châteaux, this region of France also offers excellent bike paths in a perfectly manicured countryside. As you cycle through the historical terroir, (environmental factors that influence the produce grown in a region), you'll sample the finest wines at prestigious châteaux, enjoy traditional gourmet meals, and stay at luxurious accommodations.

### Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

### Overview

**Dates:** May – September 2018

**Interest:** couples – family – seniors – group

**Level of Comfort:** 5/5

**Minimum # of passengers:** 2

**Maximum # of passengers:** none

### Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Euro
- **Language:** French - English
- **Transportation:** private car or bus
- **Dialing Code:** 33
- **Recommended vaccines:** none
- **Banks & currency exchange:** It is better to exchange currencies before you go

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#### **Day 1: Bordeaux – Coubeyrac**

Upon arrival at Bordeaux's international airport, meet greet and transfer to the train station

Board a train to Libourne

As soon as you arrive at the Libourne train station, you'll be greeted by your guide. The program begins with a light lunch and then a short drive through the countryside to your hotel.

After getting set up on your bike and a quick safety review, you'll set out for your first bike ride. This scenic cycling tour takes you along the Dordogne River on a loop through Pessac-sur-Dordogne. You'll stop to visit with a local resident, who has converted his old watermill and bakery into an upscale winery. He will share his passion for wine and teach you how to taste Bordeaux wines properly

#### **Day 2: Sainte-Foy-la-Grande - Lac de Gurson - Gensac**

In the morning you'll begin your cycling tour. Pedal through miles of green vineyards in the Entre-Deux-Mers, an area steeped in history and viticulture. After crossing over the Dordogne River, the route continues towards Sainte-Foy-la-Grande, a tiny medieval village on the banks of the river. You'll cycle until you reach the tranquil Lac de Gurson, where you will enjoy a lakeside picnic on the beach. Your delicious gourmet picnic includes typical French specialties, accompanied by a refreshing glass of Bordeaux Rosé wine

After lunch, you'll return to Gensac for another gentle scenic ride, with plenty of stops along the way for photos.

This afternoon, you'll have a chance to freshen up before setting out for a special visit to a château with a small wine estate. Your guides will take you on an exclusive tour of the Château Carbonneau including a tasting of the wines produced at the château.

After an invigorating day on the biking trails, you'll enjoy a traditional Bordelaise dinner prepared by your hosts

#### **Day 3: Dordogne River - Saint-Émilion**

Today's ride takes you on a cruising descent alongside the meandering Dordogne River.

You'll travel across the river and continue cycling past three tiny medieval villages nestled amidst vineyards: Flaujagues, Saint-Christophe-des-Bardes and Saint-Magne-de-Castillon and through the historic city of Castillon la Bataille, an important site in the Hundred Years' War. Then you'll arrive at the medieval town of Saint-Émilion, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its historical importance. Surrounded by picturesque vineyards and châteaux, this charming old village is famous for its wine appellation.

You'll visit the church and then have lunch at a restaurant in the town's main square.

Your tour also includes a wine class in Saint-Émilion, where you develop your "inner sommelier" by sampling some of the renowned wines from nearby estates. Conclude the tour in an afternoon "pause café" (coffee stop) and a visit to a bakery that sells authentic Macarons de Saint-Émilion (almond cookies) that are a specialty of Saint-Émilion.

After visiting Saint-Émilion, you'll continue your bike ride through the beautiful vineyards and past the famous Grand Cru Classé wine châteaux.

Tonight you'll enjoy an exquisite dinner at your world-class accommodation, where you will spend the night in scintillating luxury.

#### **Day 4: Pomerol -Saint-Émilion**

In the late morning, you'll begin your bike ride by cycling into the rolling hills, blanketed with green vineyards. This region offers the perfect biking terrain for an easy-going scenic ride. Your journey takes you along the route lined with some of the most significant wine-producing estates in the Pomerol and Saint-Émilion regions, including Château Cheval Blanc, Château Figeac, Château Pétrus and Château Ausone. You will stop to taste the wines of Château Figeac or Château Pétrus and Château Gazin. Then enjoy an indulgent gourmet picnic in a lovely setting surrounded by historical windmills. Afterward, cycle back to Saint-Émilion, where you can spend some time sightseeing or shopping. Another option is to return to your hotel to be pampered at the luxury spa that features a sauna, hammam and beauty treatments.

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#### Day 5: Bordeaux

Today, you'll set out for another scenic ride through the Bordeaux vineyards.

Leave the Pomerol and Saint-Émilion regions and head toward the Médoc, another famous wine-producing area. You'll wind your way through the vineyards and villages of the Bordelais landscape down to the Dordogne River Banks and the Gironde Estuary that flows into the Atlantic Ocean

Between the tiny village of Bourg-sur-Gironde and the working wine town of Blaye, you will stop for a leisurely lunch of regional specialties. Then you'll board a ferry and travel across the Gironde River to the Médoc, the cradle of Cabernet Sauvignon wine production. You'll enjoy a scenic bike ride through the vineyards of this famous appellation until you reach your destination

#### Day 6: Bordeaux

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

#### Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Bordeaux (economy class)  
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport  
5-night accommodation at hotels  
Meals: daily breakfast  
Tours and excursions as per the program  
Assistance of our representative in France

#### Prices Exclude

Airport taxes  
Fuel surcharge  
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket  
Optional Tours  
Visa fees  
Travel insurance  
All other expenses

#### Starting Price Per Person in US\$

Hotel	Double
3* Hotel	3395
4* Hotel	4055
5* Hotel	6105

- Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

#### Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Paris	AF 5107	07:55	11:35
Paris	Bordeaux	AF 7624	13:15	14:30
Bordeaux	Paris	AF 7625	10:30	11:50
Paris	Beirut	AF 5106	13:40	18:55

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