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EXCLUSIVE LUXURY TOUR
THE HIGHLIGHTS OF BORDEAUX
Bordeaux, Médoc, Arcachon, Saint-Emilion.

5 days / 4 nights.

Day 1. Welcome to Bordeaux.

If Bordeaux owes its world-renowned name to its famous vineyards, it is its history, so intimately linked to its river, that today invites the visitor to discover its extraordinary heritage.

Bordeaux was listed as a UNESCO world heritage site in 2007 and is first and foremost an 18th century architectural gem with its Place Royale (what is today Place de la Bourse), its Grand Théâtre, the Allées de Tourny... It is also a city of culture and gastronomy with an incomparable art of living.

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Welcome at the train station or airport and transfer to your hotel in the city centre.
Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 2. The splendour of the Médoc.

The Médoc, one of the world's most famous vineyard regions, invites you to follow the Route des Grands Crus. You will go past many prestigious châteaux, reflecting the prosperity and prestige of Bordeaux winegrowers -great names such as Margaux, Latour, Mouton-Rothschild, Lafite-Rothschild. Visiting the estates, you will taste wines of infinite nuances in luxurious cellars. Fine Médoc is full of vigour, with an unforgettable bouquet and inimitable finesse.



After breakfast, departure in the company of your chauffeur-guide for a tour to discover the famous appellations of Margaux, Saint-Julien, Pauillac, Saint-Estèphe and Médoc. Visit and tasting at a Grand Cru Classé 1855 such as Mouton Rothschild, Pichon Longueville, Lafite, Palmer Lunch at a typical Médoc restaurant. In the afternoon, visit and tasting at a family estate.
Gourmet dinner and overnight at your hotel

Day 3. The Graves and the Bay of Arcachon.

The cradle of Bordeaux winegrowing, the Graves appellation lies along the left bank of the Garonne. The name derives from the pebbly, "gravelly" soil, which provides excellent drainage and is perfectly suited to growing wine grapes. Created in 1987, the "Pessac-Léognan" appellation includes about sixty châteaux, which can be termed "urban vineyards" since they are really part of greater metropolitan Bordeaux.

Located less than an hour's drive from Bordeaux, the Bay of Arcachon is a wonderfully exotic location offering: sandy beaches, the Dune du Pyla, the Ile aux Oiseaux, the Cap Ferret peninsula, small fishing villages and oyster ports, the Leyre Delta and the Maison de la Nature – not to mention the town of Arcachon – the "City of the Four Seasons" established in 1857.



After breakfast, departure in the company of your chauffeur-guide for a day in-between the vineyards and the ocean. After a visit and tasting at a Cru Classé Pessac-Léognan (Haut-Brion, Pape-Clément, Smith Haut Lafitte ...) you will continue on to Arcachon to enjoy a tasting of oysters served with a glass of white wine and lunch by the bay. In the afternoon, commented boat tour around the « Île aux Oiseaux » for you to discover the oyster parks and the beauty of this natural and authentic site. Before returning to Bordeaux, take a stroll through the « winter town » of Arcachon with its astonishing 19th century villas or climb the Pyla Dune, the highest sand dune in Europe, for a magnificent view of the bay and the ocean. Free dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 4. Wine & Heritage in Saint-Emilion & Pomerol.

Saint-Emilion is set out like an amphitheatre in a splendid natural location. It is a vast indentation on top of limestone hill, exposed to the rising sun and covered with vineyards. The town has conserved its old walls and gateways as well as a series of prestigious archaeological sites. Saint Emilion and its surrounding vineyards were the first wine landscape to be listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Described as "the nectar of the gods" by King Louis XIV when he visited Libourne, the wines of Saint-Emilion are warm, generous and full-bodied, with a fine colour. They acquire a highly distinctive bouquet as they age.



After breakfast, departure in the company of your chauffeur & guide for a tour of the vineyards of Pomerol and Saint-Emilion including visits and tastings at a wine estate in the vicinity of Château Pétrus (Gazin, Clinet, Petit-Village ...) and at a Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion (Canon, Angélu, Figeac ...). Lunch at a renowned wine bistro in Saint-Emilion, well-known for the quality of its cuisine and its extensive wine list. Guided visit of the medieval town's subterranean monuments and stroll along the narrow cobblestone streets. Return to Bordeaux. Dinner in the city and overnight at your hotel.

Day 5. Departure.

After breakfast transfer to the train station or airport and departure.

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Chauffeur driven transportation and transfers included!

Price net per person based on a minimum of 2 people:

- Accommodation in a four-star luxury hotel (The Regent Grand Hôtel Bordeaux): from 2395 €
- Accommodation in a four-star hotel (Hôtel Burdigala or equivalent): from 1960 €
- Accommodation in a three-star hotel (Majestic, Bayonne Etche-Ona, Sainte-Catherine): from 1810 €

Price net per person based on a minimum of 4 people:

- Accommodation in a four-star luxury hotel (The Regent Grand Hôtel Bordeaux): from 1940 €
- Accommodation in a four-star hotel (Hôtel Burdigala or equivalent): from 1500 €
- Accommodation in a three-star hotel (Majestic, Bayonne Etche-Ona, Sainte-Catherine): from 1350 €

This price includes:

- Four nights' accommodation double occupancy including breakfast & tourist tax.
- 3 lunches and 3 dinners (excluding drinks).
- The guided wine estate visits and tastings.
- The guided visits and admission fees in Saint-Emilion.
- The oyster tasting (6 oysters served with a glass of white wine, bread & butter).
- A boat tour to the « Île aux Oiseaux ».
- The transfers on arrival & departure.
- A chauffeur-driven car (with English-speaking chauffeur-guide) for three days (based on 9 hours per day from 9 am to 6 pm)

Not included are drinks, personal expenses and generally speaking any service not mentioned in the above itinerary.

Optional:

- Private guided city tour of Bordeaux in English (2 hours on foot): 165 € for 1 to 15 people.

Prices & services subject to availability at the time of booking.

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