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8-Day Bordeaux, Dordogne and Loire Valley Package

\$2,489.00



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TRIP SUMMARY

Day 1

Great Cabernets of the Medoc - Château Margaux, Saint-Julien-Beychevelle, Château Palmer, Chateau Mouton Rothschild

Hotel Mercure Bordeaux Cité Mondiale Centre Ville, Hotel ibis Styles Bordeaux Gare Saint Jean, Best Western Gare Saint Jean, Quality Hotel Bordeaux Centre

Day 2

Pomerol and Saint-Emilion - Pomerol, Saint-Émilion

Day 3

Private transfer to Sarlat la Canéda

La Lanterne Bed and Breakfast, Hotel ibis Sarlat

Day 4

Sarlat Walking Tour, Domme and Dordogne Boat Ride - Domme, La Roque-Gageac, Beynac-et-Cazenac

Day 5

Lascaux IV and Art of the Caves - Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil, Rouffignac

Day 6

Rocamadour - Rocamadour

Private transfer from Sarlat to Bordeaux train station

Train Bordeaux - Tours

Check in your hotel in Tours - Grand Hotel de Tours, Le Choiseul, Hotel de L'univers

Day 7

Guided tour of the castles of Blois, Cheverny and Chambord with wine tasting and lunch - Château Royal de Blois, Château De Chambord, Château de Cheverny

Day 8

Guided tour of the castles of Villandry, Langeais, Azay-le-Rideau - Chateau De Miniere, Château De Villandry, Château d'Azay-le-Rideau

Train from Tours to Paris

Price per person: \$2,489.00 USD

DAY 1



Start the tour based in the recently declared UNESCO city of Bordeaux where your local driver/guide will make you discover the best of the Bordeaux vineyards. Pick up will be at centrally located rue Gobineau near the tourism Office and you will depart towards all the main Bordeaux wine regions that are famous worldwide. From the famous Grand Cru Classé of the Médoc to the more intimate garage wines that produce only 3000 bottles a year in saint Emilion , our Bordeaux wine tours are designed to bring you where wine tasting has become an art. During the tour all will be able to comprehend the different techniques involved in wine making, understand the relationship between the wine grower and his/her vineyard and mostly get the feel and authenticity for a region where traditions and values are as deeply rooted as the vineyard itself. Certainly one of the main features of the tour will be the visit of some of the most famous Classified growth chateau's of the most famous appellations: the Médoc and St Emilion.

The tour will then move along towards the Dordogne region where you will be based in Sarlat. Here, your local driver/guide will make you discover the best the Dordogne region has to offer. Pickup will be at centrally located Place Pasteur bus stop and you will depart towards the main attractions this unique region offers every day. Small traditional Dordogne villages will be yours to discover as many are classified among the “most beautiful of France”. The region also boasts some of the most incredible medieval castles as this was the region where the French and English armies faced each other during the 100 year war. Certainly one of the main features of the tour will be the visit of Lascaux IV international center for Parietal Art. The Dordogne is famous in the world for having the largest number of prehistoric cave paintings and shelters in a sole location.

For the last leg of this beautiful tour, you'll get a chance to visit the playground of the kings of France. Get a chance to discover the Chateaux of Chambord and Chenonceau, try some of the Loire Valley wines, so different from the Bordeaux and have lunch in typical local restaurants.



Great Cabernets of the Medoc

Leave Bordeaux in the morning and follow the châteaux route where you will come across such pearls as Château Margaux, Château Palmer or Mouton Rothschild.

Your first stop will be in one of our selected Classified growths where you will enjoy a visit of the installations and a wine tasting session.

Then, enjoy some free time for lunch. In the afternoon, visit and wine taste in 2 other selected classified growths. Appellations visited include Margaux, Saint Julien,

Pauillac and Saint Estephe. Night in Bordeaux.



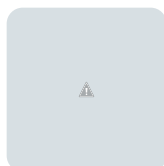
Château Margaux

Margaux, Aquitaine-Limousin-Poitou-Charentes, FR, 33460
05 57 88 83 83



Saint-Julien-Beychevelle

Saint-Julien-Beychevelle, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, FR, 33250



Château Palmer

Margaux, Aquitaine-Limousin-Poitou-Charentes, FR, 33460
05 57 88 72 72



Chateau Mouton Rothschild

Lieu-Dit Le Pouyalet, Pauillac, Aquitaine-Limousin-Poitou-Charentes, FR, 33250
05 56 73 20 20



Check-in

Choice of hotels for your Package

The hotels we have selected for this package are the following. We have chosen them based on:

Past customer reviews
Central location in Paris
Clean and safe



Hotel Mercure Bordeaux Cité Mondiale Centre Ville

Bordeaux, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, FR, 33080
05 56 01 79 79



Hotel ibis Styles Bordeaux Gare Saint Jean

Bordeaux, Aquitaine Limousin Poitou-Charentes, FR, 33800
05 56 91 55 50



Best Western Gare Saint Jean

15 Rue Charles Domercq, Bordeaux, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, FR, 33800
05 56 91 72 16



Quality Hotel Bordeaux Centre

27 Rue Parlement Sainte-Catherine, Bordeaux, Nouvelle-Aquitaine,
FR, 33000

05 56 81 95 12

DAY 2



Pomerol and Saint-Emilion

Today your tour will take you to the right bank of the River Garonne.

Your first stop will be in one of our selected classified growth chateau's of the appellation: Pomerol or Saint Emilion.

Here you will follow a guided visit of the installations and enjoy a wine tasting session. Then follow your guide on a walking tour of the village. After some free time for lunch and personal discovery, we will take you to another selected chateau for a visit and wine tasting session.

Return to Bordeaux after the visit and night in Bordeaux



Pomerol

Pomerol, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, FR, 33500



Saint-Émilion

Saint-Émilion, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, FR

DAY 3



Departure

Private transfer to Sarlat la Canéda

This morning enjoy some free time in Bordeaux to admire some of the UNESCO monuments or why not shop in one of the longest shopping streets of Europe?

After lunch, pick up at your hotel and departure transfer for the town of Sarlat la Canéda. Night in Sarlat.



Check-in

Choice of hotels for your Package

The hotels and beds and breakfast we have selected for this package are the following. We have chosen them based on:

Past customer reviews

Central location in Paris

Clean and safe



La Lanterne Bed and Breakfast

9 Bis Rue Montaigne, Sarlat-la-Canéda, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, FR,
24200

05 53 59 17 79



Hotel ibis Sarlat

8 Rue Gabriel Tarde, Sarlat-la-Canéda, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, FR,
24200

05 53 30 33 33

DAY 4



Sarlat Walking Tour, Domme and Dordogne Boat Ride

In the morning, follow a guided walking tour of historic Sarlat, a rich merchant town of the 18th century.

Then reach the small village of Domme. Enjoy a walking tour and some free time for personal discovery. Then we drive to the beautiful village of La Roque Gageac where you will depart on a boat ride on the River Dordogne.

Finally, we head to Beynac where you will admire a truly spectacular view and one of the most impressive medieval castles of the Dordogne. Walking tour in the village and free time for personal discovery.



Domme

Domme, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, FR, 24250



La Roque-Gageac

La Roque-Gageac, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, FR, 24250



Beynac-et-Cazenac

Beynac-et-Cazenac, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, FR, 24220

DAY 5



Lascaux IV and Art of the Caves

Some 15,000 years B.C. unknown painters created breath taking cave paintings of which the most extraordinary examples are found in the Dordogne area.

During this day enjoy some time in Les Eyzies and follow your guide on a commented visit of the National Prehistory Museum. Continue to Rouffignac Cave that possesses original and authentic engravings dating back to the late Magdalenian.

Finally, visit the new center for Parietal Art, Lascaux IV where a thrilling new experience awaits in what is considered to be the ideal 21st century museum dedicated to Paleolithic Art.



Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil

Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil, AQUITAINE, FR, 24620



Rouffignac

Rouffignac, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, FR, 17130

DAY 6



Rocamadour

In the morning, fepart for the pilgrimage and fortress village of Rocamadour that has attracted visitors for its setting in a gorge above a tributary of the River Dordogne.

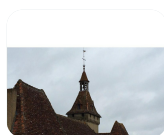
The village is renowned for its historical monuments and its sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which for centuries has brought pilgrims from every country, among them kings, bishops, and nobles.

Here, follow your guide and visit the renowned Notre Dame Chapel, part of an extraordinary 13th-century chapel complex perched on a cliff and one of the most dramatic pilgrimage sites in Europe.

Enjoy some free time for personal discovery and return to Sarlat.

Afternoon in Sarlat is free for you to enjoy.

Return to Sarlat. End of our services.



Rocamadour

Rocamadour, MIDI-PYRÉNÉES, FR, 46500



Departure

Private transfer from Sarlat to Bordeaux train station



Departure

Train Bordeaux - Tours



Check-in

Check in your hotel in Tours

The hotels selected in Tours or Amboise are based on past customer reviews, consistent high grade, cleanliness and central location



Grand Hotel de Tours

9, place du Général Leclerc
0247053531



Le Choiseul

36 quai Charles Guinot, Amboise, FR, 37400
00 33 (0) 2 47 30 45 45



Hotel de L'univers

5 Boulevard Heurteloup, Tours, FR, 37000

02 47 05 37 12

DAY 7



Guided tour of the castles of Blois, Cheverny and Chambord with wine tasting and lunch

You'll meet the group at 9:30 AM in Tours or 10.00 am Amboise Tourist Office.

Your first guided visit of the day will be the chateau of Blois, featuring a unique combination of 4 styles: medieval, gothic, renaissance and classical. Home of kings Louis XII and François I, it keeps the souvenir of a tragic historical event.

The local "Cheverny" appellation produces elegant red wines from pinot noir and gamay as well as fruity white wines from chardonnay and sauvignon. You'll enjoy this moment to taste a wine for real connoisseurs: the "Cour Cheverny Appellation", a stunning white wine made from a grape called Romorantin, imported by King François I into the Loire Valley.

Lunch at a local restaurant including the wines.

The afternoon will start with a guided visit of the Château de Cheverny. It has been owned by the same family since the XIII. The Marquis Hurault de Vibraye, thanks to one of the most beautiful furniture in the Loire Valley, has succeeded in giving warmth and life to his chateau. The chateau, which led to the creation of Moulinsart in the famous comic book Tintin, is also famous for the tradition of the horse-back hunt and its impressive pack of 100 dogs. You may have a chance to witness the spectacular daily event of "the dogs' soup".

Drive to the Estate of Chambord, a national game reserve as large as the town of Paris. The chateau de Chambord (guided tour) is a unique monument by its architecture and proportions. Leonardo da Vinci probably took part in the conception of the project. With more than 400 rooms and its double spiral staircase, Chambord is a highlight of the Loire Valley.



Château Royal de Blois

6 Place du Château, Blois, CENTRE, FR, 41000

02 54 90 33 33



Château De Chambord

Domaine national de Chambord, Chambord, LOIR-ET-CHER, FR, 41250

02 54 50 40 00



Château de Cheverny

Cré, PAYS DE LA LOIRE, FR, 72200

DAY 8



Guided tour of the castles of Villandry, Langeais, Azay-le-Rideau

You'll meet the group at 9:30 AM in Tours or 10.00 am Amboise Tourist Office.

Your day will start with the visit of one of the purest gems of Renaissance architecture in the Loire Valley: the castle of Azay-le-Rideau Financer Gilles Berthelot's chateau, delicately placed on an island on the Indre river, still shines today thanks to the lightness and balance of its mullioned, pepper pots, dormers and above all its graceful staircase.

Don't not forget to admire the chateau under every angle with a stroll around the English style garden, a jewel case of greenness for what is considered today as one of the most beautiful stone diamonds in Touraine.

This will be followed by a wine tasting (Bourgueil or Chinon wines) and lunch at a family estate or at a traditional restaurant. Local products and wines will be there for your culinary pleasure. A true authentic moment.

The afternoon will include a visit of the fortress of Langeais.

A tour of the interior not only gives a good idea of the day-to-day life in the Middle Ages, but also provides reminders of a key event in French history: the marriage of Charles VIII and Duchess Anne of Brittany, which eventually led to her still-independent duchy becoming part of France. When Jacques Siegfried bought the Chateau of Langeais in 1886, he set out to recreate a model 15th-century residence, complete with furniture, tapestries and artifacts of the period.

Then your small group will follow with a visit of the beautiful Château de Villandry and grounds. By its diversity and originality (Love Garden, Kitchen Garden, Aromatic and Medicine Plant Garden, Water Garden and the brand new Sun Garden) and by its size (15 acres, 1150 linden trees), Villandry is the Loire Valley garden not to be missed. With your guide, learn to speak the language of a medieval and Renaissance garden, discover the power of thyme and basil on your health.

06.30 pm: your guide will drive you back to Tours or Amboise Tourist Office.

*Note: Azay-le-Rideau castle is being renovated. During refurbishment, the visit of Azay-le-Rideau castle will be replaced by a visit of the Chinon former fortress.



Chateau De Miniere

25 rue de Minière, Ingrandes de Touraine, INDRE-ET-LOIRE, FR, 37140

02 47 96 94 30



Château De Villandry

3 Rue Principale, Villandry, INDRE-ET-LOIRE, FR, 37510



Château d'Azay-le-Rideau

Rue de Pineau, Azay-le-Rideau, CENTRE, FR, 37190

02 47 45 42 04



Departure

Train from Tours to Paris



Price per person: \$2,489.00 USD

INCLUDED IN THIS 8-DAY PACKAGE:

- 2 nights accommodation in a selected 3 *** hotel in Bordeaux
- Services of an expert English speaking driver guide
- Wine tours to the Médoc & Saint-Émilion
- 6 Visits & tastings in classified growth chateaus
- All tasting fees
- Return Private transfer from Bordeaux to Sarlat
- 3 nights accommodation in a selected 3 *** hotel or Bed and Breakfast in Sarla-la-Caneda
- Guided walking tours of Sarlat, Rocamadour
- English guided tour of the Prehistory museum
- Boat ride on the River Dordogne
- Entrance fees and visit of Rouffignac and lascaux IV center
- Walking tour in Saint-Émilion, Beynac and Domme villages
- Travel in recent, comfortable and fully equipped minivans
- Small group shared tours of 2 to 8 passengers maximum
- 2nd class train ticket Bordeaux - Tours
- 2 days of guided tour in the Loire Valley, including Chateaux visits, wine tasting and 2 lunches
- 2 night accommodation in a 4* hotel on double occupancy, with breakfast
- 2nd Class train ticket Tours - Paris