

## Bordeaux, Vineyards & Chateaux



### 8 Days from Bordeaux to Bordeaux | Pace: Leisurely

From its noble châteaux to its breathtaking estuary, Bordeaux is an oenophile's paradise and every traveler's dream. Sail three stunning rivers—the Garonne, the Dordogne and the Gironde—on one amazing journey.

## Trip Itinerary

### DAY 1: Bordeaux (Embark)

Arrive at Bordeaux-Mérignac International Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship. Your ship is conveniently docked right in the heart of the city, so if time allows, why not stroll to the nearby food markets or take the tram to the popular Saint-Michel flea market, which is just a few stops away?

Note: Ship schedule and order of sightseeing may change throughout the itinerary. Tour to port of destination by motorcoach and substitute visits to other sites may occur during your trip due to the impact of water levels, closures because of public holidays or other uncontrollable

factors.

### DAY 2: Cadillac

The French phrase "la douceur de vivre" is an accurate description for your time in Cadillac, known for its deliciously flavored dessert wines. Meet a local Sauternes producer and also enjoy a delectable wine-pairing lunch at a 14th-century fortress. Vous êtes arrivé à Cadillac, the area known for producing sweet dessert wines under the celebrated Cadillac AOC designation. You're in for a treat!

#### Featured Excursion:

Cadillac, châteaux and Sauternes vineyards with exclusive artisanal wine-pairing lunch at Château de Cazeneuve

A special Captain's Welcome Reception, and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

### DAY 3: Cruising the Garonne River and Gironde Estuary, Pauillac Lafayette

The legendary Médoc region abounds with prestigious wine châteaux in a dizzying array of architectural styles, as well as miles of grapevines stretching to infinity. Take a scenic drive to the tip of the peninsula or join a guide for a vineyard bicycle ride, followed by a wine tasting at a beautiful wine estate. Enjoy the waters of the Garonne River and the Gironde Estuary before heading to the pretty town of Pauillac, gateway to the storied Médoc wine route and the prestigious "châteaux road." Visit a celebrated winery for an exclusive special tasting. Or take a guided bicycle ride through the Médoc vineyards.

## Trip Itinerary (continued)

Choice of Médoc châteaux route with exclusive wine tasting or Exclusive guided "Let's Go" vineyard bicycle ride with wine tasting

### **DAY 4: Blaye, Bourg-sur-Gironde, Cruising the Dordogne River, Libourne**

The Route de la Corniche Fleurie... could this be the most beautiful road you've ever traveled? Find out today on the drive to Blaye Fortress, passing through one impossibly picturesque hamlet after another, with exotic flowers (brought here by local sea captains) all along the way. Sail across the peaceful waters of the estuary, where fishing huts rise above grassy marshlands edged by limestone cliffs, as you make your way to the town of Blaye. A visual feast awaits you on a storied road named for the many flowers that line it.

#### *Featured Excursion:*

Scenic drive along the Route de la Corniche Fleurie with Blaye Fortress

### **DAY 5: Libourne (Saint-Émilion)**

The medieval town of Saint-Émilion is an ideal place to linger. Wander its cobblestone lanes, lined with wine shops and bakeries, and stop to admire the amazing rock-hewn church that extends beneath the city's streets. Another treasure awaiting you underground? A wine tasting in the cellars of a premier Grand Cru estate. With Libourne as your base, travel to nearby Saint-Émilion and immerse yourself more deeply in the region's history and wine culture.

#### *Featured Excursion:*

Saint-Émilion walking discovery tour with wine tasting

### **DAY 6: Libourne, Cruising the Garonne River, Bordeaux**

The French insist that the key to their superb wines is the soil in which they're grown, the terroir. That same terroir also makes for extraordinary produce—the foundation for the country's acclaimed cuisine—as you'll discover today at a local farmers' market.

#### *Featured Excursion:*

Libourne "Village Day" with farmers' market

### **DAY 7: Bordeaux**

For Francophiles who are all Eiffel (ed) out, the city of Bordeaux is a delightful find, as elegant and sophisticated as big sister Paris, but with a younger and hipper vibe. Discover its many charms today, either on foot with a local expert or on two wheels, the locals' preferred way to navigate the city's charming back streets. How to spend your last day in Bordeaux? You have a wonderful selection of exclusive opportunities to see this magnificent place, whose seamless blend of classical and neoclassical architecture led to its being designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. "Do as the Locals Do" with a walking tour of the city, or venture out on a bicycle ride through the city. Either way, you'll have an up-close and personal view of one of the world's most bustling and dynamic cities.

Choice of Exclusive "Do as the Locals Do" Bordeaux walking tour or Exclusive guided "Let's Go" bicycle ride through the back streets of Bordeaux

A special Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

### **DAY 8: Bordeaux (Disembark)**

Disembark the ship. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Bordeaux-Mérignac International Airport for your flight home.

# Price Includes

## DINING

- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- Welcome and Farewell Gala Dinners
- Unlimited beverages onboard, including fine wine, beer, spirits, specialty coffee and tea, soft drinks and mineral water

## EXCURSIONS

- 6 days of excursions, including "Choice Is Yours" options, all fully hosted by English-speaking local experts
- Guided "Let's Go," "Do as the Locals Do" and "Village Day" programs
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audioheadset system on all excursions
- Use of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- 7-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the breathtaking River Royale
- Lavishly appointed riverview staterooms and suites have handcrafted Savoir® of England beds, high-thread count 100% Egyptian cotton sheets and European duvets, and a menu of pillow options
- Free Internet and Wi-Fi access

## EXPERIENCES

- 1 country: France
- 3 UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Captivating onboard local entertainment
- Cultural enrichment, including a Signature Lecture: "Aquitaine: Three Rivers, One Ocean and a Unique Land"
- Services of an experienced Uniworld Cruise Manager
- All transfers on arrival and departure days
- All gratuities, both onboard and onshore
- Exclusive Connoisseur Collection on select summer departures

# Extensions

## PARIS

### Included in your 3-day stay:

- 2 nights at the Westin Paris Vendome (or similar)
- Breakfast daily and all gratuities, service charges, taxes and portorage
- Opera Garnier Discovery Walk
- English-speaking expert
- All transfers

### Mar, Apr, Oct, Nov Pricing:

\$899 per person (for 2 guests)

For solo travelers, there is a single supplement of \$399.

### Jul, Aug Pricing:

\$999 per person (for 2 guests)

For solo travelers, there is a single supplement of \$399.

### May, Jun, Sep Pricing:

\$1,099 per person (for 2 guests)

For solo travelers, there is a single supplement of \$499.

**Note:** This extension is for cruises that begin in Bordeaux.