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Bordeaux, Vineyards & Châteaux

8 Days - Bordeaux to Bordeaux

DAY 1: Bordeaux (embark)

Arrive at Bordeaux-Merignac International Airport, where you will be transferred to the ship.

FEATURED EXCURSION: Cadillac, Chateaux and Sauterns vineyards with exclusive

DAY 2: Cadillac Bordeaux

Embark today on a fascinating study of Sauternes, the highly prized, golden-hued dessert wine that takes its name from the region. Meet friendly local winemakers, sample a variety of fine vintages and savor an elegant lunch with paired wines at Château de Cazeneuve, an 85-acre estate with a centuries-old manor house. In the evening, enjoy a Captain's Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner.

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

Cruise the Garonne to the pretty town of Pauillac, gateway to the fabled Médoc wine route. You'll have a panoramic tour of the heart of the celebrated Haut-Médoc winegrowing region and taste wines at a local winery. As an alternative, you can choose to experience the local *terroir* in an entirely different and memorable way, with a wine tasting and a guided bike ride through the lush Médoc vineyards.

DAY 4: Blaye, cruising the Gironde Estuary and Dordogne River, Libourne

<u>FEATURED EXCURSION: Scenic drive along the Route de la Corniche Fleurie with</u> Blaye Fortress

Head ashore for a wonderfully scenic drive along the Route de la Corniche Fleurie, which winds its way through picturesque hamlets filled with old stone houses. Later, you'll have a guided walk through the imposing 17th-century Blaye Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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FEATURED EXCURSION: Saint-Émilion walking discovery tour with wine tasting

DAY 5: Libourne (Saint-Emilion

Saint-Émilion was the first UNESCO-designated wine-growing region, and its verdant vineyards have flourished since ancient Roman times. The quaint city of the same name is known for its 12th-century Monolithic Church, carved out of limestone rock and extending partially underground. After your walking discovery tour, make your way to the cellars of a Premier Grand Cru estate for a wine tasting.

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: Libourne "Village Day" with farmers' market, and exclusive private evening tour of Bordeaux

DAY 6: Libourne, cruising the Garonne River, Bordeaux

Libourne's sprawling farmers' market is a food lover's paradise, with stands selling fresh produce, cheeses, charcuterie and more. Explore its bounty with a local expert and take a peek inside the workshops of talented local artisans. Later, enjoy an exclusive evening tour of the city of Bordeaux.

FEATURED EXCURSIONS: Choice of exclusive "Do as the Locals Do" Bordeaux walking tour OR exclusive guided "Go Active" bicycle ride through the Bordeaux back streets

DAY 7: Bordeaux

Discover the best of the city of Bordeaux on a special guided walking tour that features luxury food halls, local delicacies such as *canelés* and chocolates, grand 18th-century architecture and a popular wine bar. Or, you can choose to "Go Active" and see the sights on a guided bike ride. You'll also have free time to explore this charming and historic city on your own. In the evening, enjoy a Captain's Farewell Reception and Gala Dinner.

DAY 8: Bordeaux (disembark), transfer to the airport

<u>Disembark the ship and transfer to Bordeaux–Mérignac International Airport for your flight home.</u>

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