



# Bordeaux France

## 4 Day Itinerary

### Day 1

#### **BORDEAUX**

We will start the day with a wine master class, given by one of our wine specialists. - (level adapted to the group.)

Then a tour of Bordeaux to visit this beautiful city that over the last few years has gone through a true “renaissance” and now re-appearing as one of the most beautiful cities in France. A number of places are musts to visit and a local guide will take you through Bordeaux and let you in on the wine trade that has gone on for centuries. We will include a visit to a wine merchant with some of the most impressive stock of fine wine in the region and you will have the chance to taste some of these famous wines in the company of people who are passionate and very happy to share their experiences with you.

There are 2 major top grape varieties for red wines in Bordeaux; Cabernet Sauvignon produced by Château Mouton Rothschild (Medoc) and Merlot from Château Pétrus (Pomerol). Each grape variety tastes very different. The “terroir” and the work carried out by man can exalt each grape to create amazing Bordeaux wines. In the Graves region even white wines can be classified Grand Cru. In Sauternes the grape botrytis cinerea (noble rot) is essential to the quality of production of this great wine for example Ch Yquem. All while visiting and tasting at great properties, and letting you in on the best addresses in the region, we want you to live an experience, meet the people and taste plenty of good wine in good company. Meet people who share their passion with you.

### Day 2

#### **MEDOC**

Today off to one of the world’s most mythic vineyards; the Medoc. The group will be conducted by a wine specialist who will guide you through the Bordeaux terroir. Bordeaux accounts for 57 different vineyards, therefore many different soils and climates that influence the maturity of the grape varieties to produce great Bordeaux wines. Can wines taste different if

only a street separates 2 wine areas? Let us do a horizontal tasting of 4 Médoc wines of the same vintage. Be it Pauillac, St Julien, Margaux or St Estephe.

### **Day 3**

#### **GRAVES / SAUTERNES**

Graves is one of the few regions to produce both white and red wines. Sauternes is the region where the famous sweet wines such as Château d'Yquem are produced. We will visit properties such as Château Carbonnieux, Château Haut Brion, Château Guiraud..., and will include a "Best Of" such as Château La Louvière or Latour Martillac...

### **Day 4**

#### **SAINT EMILION / POMEROL**

This day will be spent in the region of Saint Emilion. You will visit very prestigious châteaux in Saint Emilion and Pomerol such as Figeac, Troplong Mondot, Gazin... or a "Best Of" like Château de Pressac and we also want to include one of the small but beautiful wineries, your stop here will be memorable. Theme for today is vertical tasting. Wine experts give a great importance to vintages – great vintage, poor vintage, how to recognize the quality of the vintage, or the exact vintage. We will take several vintages from the same property and comment. The wine expert guides you and shares his knowledge while you comment and learn the tricks of the trade. This day also includes a visit to the beautiful medieval village of Saint Emilion part of the Unesco World Heritage.

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