

SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR OUR WINE TOUR IN BORDEAUX

August 31-Sept 6, 2014

*The French Traveler reserves the right to make changes to this itinerary as necessary.
Final itinerary will be mailed to participant before trip.*

Day 1, Sunday

Arrival day: The French Traveler welcomes you to Bordeaux.

Take a few moments to catch your breath in the beautiful city of Bordeaux. Afternoon at leisure before sharing cocktails and introductions this evening, followed by dinner at a renowned restaurant nearby.

DINNER

Day 2, Monday

Bordeaux is full of beautiful neighborhoods and architectural treats, as this historical city has been the home of nobility and seat of power for centuries. During our morning stroll, we'll admire the architecture, browse the boutiques, and revise our French history. Lunch together in a typical Bordelais brasserie, then a couple of must-see visits to the Opera House and the Town Hall. We'll relax in the afternoon at a classic watering hole with a glass of wine and *bien sûr*, French cheese.

LUNCH



Notre Dame Church, Bordeaux

Day 3, Tuesday

Late morning visit to a trendy wine bar where we'll sample wine and art. Afterwards, we'll leave the city to visit a renowned vineyard in the Médoc area on the left bank of the Gironde Estuary. Sample various wines, learn about the wine making process, admire the beautiful countryside basking in the lovely summer colors. Lunch in a fabulous country manoir.

LUNCH

Day 4, Wednesday

Off to the outskirts of Bordeaux again for a visit to a renowned vineyard on the right bank in the Blaye area. We'll discover the extraordinarily well-preserved citadel designed in the 18th century by Vauban in addition to sampling excellent wines from this area.

LUNCH



Day 5, Thursday



A visit to a beautiful coastal town today, where the crème-de-la-crème of Bordeaux residents have a vacation home. The city sparkles, refreshes, and excites. A special wine bar will host our luncheon and then we'll leave you to explore Europe's highest dune and most magnificent view of the Atlantic.

LUNCH

Day 6, Friday

Spend a leisurely morning at the excellent Musée des Beaux Arts or the Musée d'Aquitaine, or join us in an optional cooking class* where you'll amble through an outdoor market, choose the freshest ingredients, and observe the vendor rituals before being whisked off to the kitchen produce a sumptuous meal with a local chef. This afternoon, another spectacular visit to a vineyard on the outskirts of Bordeaux this afternoon in the Pessac Leognan region, where we'll discover all there is to know about the latest green trend in organic wine-making: *biodynamie*. Final dinner this evening in a very special restaurant.

DINNER

*extra cost

Day 7, Saturday

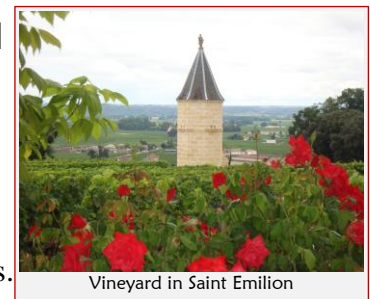
Departure today after breakfast if you can bear it, or stay another day to prolong the enjoyment and visit the renowned St-Emilion region with us.

1-DAY EXTENSION : SAINT-EMILION

MINIMUM OF 4 PARTICIPANTS

Day 7, Saturday

Saint-Emilion! Is your heart beating faster already? It should. Classified one of the best wines in the Bordeaux region and listed as a world heritage site, St-Emilion has it all: charming shops, beautiful Romanesque churches, historical ruins amongst the village, scintillating countryside, incredible wines. We'll have an exquisite lunch and a special wine tasting here today. Lots of wine cellars to explore on your own. Return to Bordeaux early evening.



LUNCH