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**Four unforgettable days
in the world famous
Bordeaux wine region**



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Your trip to Bordeaux

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to Bordeaux with Decanter Tours! We've curated a selection of the finest chateaux for your visit, ensuring an unforgettable stay. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about the itinerary, please feel free to share them with us. Your satisfaction is our priority, and we're here to make your wine tour experience exceptional. Cheers to discovering the best of Bordeaux with Decanter Tours!

What to expect?

On the banks of the Garonne River, Bordeaux city stands as a testament to the intertwined legacies of history and fine wine. This enchanting destination, tailored for American wine enthusiasts, unveils a wealth of experiences that invite you to explore its rich cultural tapestry and indulge in the vinous treasures that have earned Bordeaux its esteemed reputation.

Bordeaux boasts an impressive array of some 6000 châteaux, each with its own tale to tell. More than mere vineyards, these châteaux extend a warm invitation to visitors, beckoning them to taste and explore the wines that have matured within their historic walls.

With Decanter Tours, all of your château visits and tastings are private, unless otherwise specified, which will allow you to truly learn about the wines, varieties, and the history of the region.



Day 1: One Fine Day in Bordeaux



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Your Program:



- 10:00 AM **Pick up at your accommodation OR at Gare Saint Jean train station.** Your driver-guide will meet you and on the way to the city tell you everything you ever wanted to know about Bordeaux! Approximately 1h drive, can vary depending on traffic.
- 11:00 AM **Explore Bordeaux with a city tour** Your guide will meet you at your hotel. Departure for a guided walk in Bordeaux.
Once named the "Sleeping Beauty" of France, Bordeaux has definitely awakened. This tour will cover the historic center of this UNESCO city. *An all day City Pass will be provided, which includes a full day tram ticket, entry into 20 different museums including.
- 12:30 AM **Lunch at a traditional Bordelaise Bistro in the heart of the old city.** Cuisine that is deeply rooted in the local terroir, incorporating ingredients from both land and sea, as well as the world-famous wines produced in the region, this bistro will give you a taste of the *bon vivant* lifestyle of the French.
- 2:00 PM **Cité du Vin Museum Visit** One of the best wine museums in the world, the Cité du Vin's permanent exhibition invites you to travel through the world of vines and wine, from Antiquity to the present day on all five continents.
- 5:00 PM **Bassin de Lumières** The Bassins des Lumières offers high quality visual and sound experiences tailored to the great artists of art history and contemporary creation, like the Van Gogh exhibition.
If museums aren't your thing, let us take you on a **gourmand's tour around town, stopping at our favourite pâtisseries and chocolateries, cute cafes and hip wine bars. Alternatively, book a private cooking class to learn the secrets of French cuisine à la Julia Child!
- 7:30 PM Consult us for **dinner recommendations** & if you require any assistance for your reservations



Day 2: On The Left Bank



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Your Program:

- 08:15 AM **Pick up at your Accommodation** Your driver-guide will meet you at your accommodation. Immediate departure for your first destination of the day. On the way, your guide will explain everything there is to know about the grapes, terroir, wine history of the region, or any topic you might be curious about.
- 10:00 AM **Natural Pairings at Château Ferrière** Château Ferrière is located in the Margaux appellation. known for producing red wines primarily from Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc and for working biodynamically. From ancestral methods to sustainable precision viticulture, discover the art of living of Ferrière, the property and the evolution of its wines. Tasting of 3 vintages of Château Ferrière with food and wine pairing by their chef, along with their signature bread.
- 12:15 PM **Lunch reservation at Marquis de Terme** Discover the cuisine of Chef Grégory Coutanceau at the restaurant located in the heart of of Château Marquis de Terme in Margaux.
- 02:30 PM **Château Léoville Poyferré Panoramique Tasting** Family owned Leoville Poyferre is a gem in the heart of Saint Julien. A visit to Leoville Poyferre is to experience the art of tasting the quintessential characteristics of Saint-Julien. The selected wines and vintages offer a panoramic, elegant, and complex perspective: Pavillon de Léoville Poyferré 2017, Château Moulin Riche 2016, Château Léoville Poyferré 2015
- 03:30 PM **Return to Bordeaux & your hotel** Relax on the way back to Bordeaux. Approximately 1,5 hour drive, arrival time can vary according to traffic.



Day 3: On The Right Bank



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Your Program:

- 08:45 AM **Pick up at your Accommodation** Your driver-guide will meet you at your accommodation. Immediate departure for your first destination of the day.
- 10:00 AM **Chateau Troplong-Mondot** Discover this recently renovated estate, a jewel of the Saint Emilion Grand Cru Appellation. Stroll through the Troplong Mondot vineyard to discover the secrets of its terroir, and in the park to discover the sustainable initiatives of the property. A tasting of a Mondot vintage and a vintage of Troplong Mondot conclude your visit.
- 12:00 PM **Lunch (not included) reservation at La Réserve du Presbytère.** In the heart of a wine-growing village, Montagne, and facing a Romanesque church, you can enjoy cuisine with traditional flavors. Lovely terrace in the back too, should weather permit.
- 02:00 PM **Wine glass workshop at Château Rol Valentin** A Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé, Château Rol Valentin has 7.30 hectares (17.3 acres) and is located in the village of Saint-Etienne-de-Lisse, in the eastern part of the Saint-Émilion AOC, on the northern rim of a clay-limestone plateau. Owners Alexandra and Nicolas Robin bought the estate in 2009, seeing its potential. The estate has since gained a reputation for producing high-quality, terroir-driven wines that express the unique characteristics of the Saint-Emilion appellation.
- 04:00 PM **Walking Tour of the Village of Saint-Emilion** Discover this enchanting medieval village, an architectural jewel built in a half circle on hills opposite the Dordogne and learn about the history of the monk Emilion who gave his name to the town. Free time to do some shopping.
- 05:00 PM **Return to your accommodation** Approximately 1 hour drive, arrival time can vary according to traffic.



Day 4: The Origins

Your Program:



- 09:00 AM **Pick up at your Accommodation** Your driver-guide will meet you at your accommodation. Immediate departure for your first destination of the day.
- 10:00 AM **Mosaic Terroir Tasting at Château La Garde** Domaine de 'Lagarde' already featured on the first general map of the kingdom of France drawn up by the Cassini family in 1756. Located in the upper reaches of the appellation, Château La Garde boasts an exceptionally rich mosaic of great terroirs. Enjoy a tour followed by the Mosaic tasting, this experience highlights the relationship between soils and grape varieties. Tasting of 6 "Mosaic" cuvées & Château La Garde rouge.
- 12:00 PM **Serene Picnic at Chateau Cérons** Château de Cérons is a wine-growing Carthusian monastery built at the end of the 17th century on a terrace overlooking the Garonne River. Xavier and Caroline Perromat took up the family estate and the 26 hectares of vines surrounding it in 2012. After your visit and tasting, enjoy a pleasant picnic in the park. Made with organic and local products, the picnics are served under magnolia trees, in the cool shade. The food and wine pairing-menus are designed after the color of each wine.
- 03:00 PM **Smith Haut Lafitte's Road to Paradise** Everything comes from the soil. At Château Smith Haut Lafitte, they do our utmost to respect nature and biodiversity, both in the vineyard and cellar. Following a customized tour of the estate, you will visit the owners' private cellar, taste the estate's first wine, both white and red, accompanied by grilled almonds, a nod to the heaters of our cooper. Psst: the owner might just show you around himself!
- 04:30 PM **Return to your accommodation.** Approximately 45-1 hour drive, arrival time can vary according to traffic.

DETAILS OF SERVICES

PRICE PER PERSON:

THIS IS A SAMPLE ITINERARY, PRICE TO BE DETERMINED DEPENDING ON CHOICES

What's included?

- ★ Tour organisation
- ★ A professional English speaking qualified wine guide
- ★ Entry and tasting fees for all guests
- ★ Transportation for the entire program

What's not included?

- ★ Guide's lunch
- ★ Your personal expenses
- ★ Gratuities for the chauffeur and your guide
- ★ Transfers to & from airport or train station
- ★ Any other extras not stated in the itinerary.

Options available upon request:

- Airport and station transfers available upon request
- Depending upon your arrival time a city tour may be arranged for your group
- An introductory tasting class may be organized upon your arrival to familiarize you with the region
- Ask us for restaurant recommendations and bookings

Other information:

This is only a proposition. The choice of chateau is dependant upon the availability at the time of booking. No reservations have been made at this stage.

Don't hesitate to contact your
your travel planner
for more information!



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We hope this proposal suits your wishes.
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