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# THE ROAD OF THE GREAT WINES OF BORDEAUX

## The great wines by bike

For wine lovers, one can undoubtedly say that the Bordeaux region is by far one of the most beautiful and diversified in this field. Whether it is for its five world-famous grape varieties: Médoc, Sauternes, Grave, Entre-de-mers and Libournais or for its sumptuous wine estates and châteaux, this region never ceases to amaze. Do you want to discover the most beautiful Bordeaux detours associated with wine? Don't wait any longer and dive into the heart of the vineyards and castles of the South-West.



From 755 € per person.

## ITINERARY

## **DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN BORDEAUX**

#### Welcome in Bordeaux

Welcome to Bordeaux, elegant city, capital of wine and an architectural gem!

Before arriving in our guest house or charming hotel, ideally located near the St Jean de Bordeaux train station or the city center, let yourself be tempted by a stroll through the beautiful streets of this city. Whether it is by going to see the water mirrors, the column of the Girondins or the market of the Capucins, take time to discover this marvel of the south west.

Your host will be able to advise you on possible visits, activities and restaurants not to be missed.

Your bike will be available from 7pm for a possible evening ride.

Night in Bordeaux.

Suggestion 1: Overnight and extra day in Bordeaux

Enjoy a day in the sun of Bordeaux to discover the treasures of this city.

The city of wine, the restaurants of starred chefs, the Opera or the small shopping streets are waiting for you for unforgettable moments.

## DAY 2: FROM BORDEAUX TO MÉDOC

## Distance : 43 to 60 km

It's time to head for the wine route. Leaving the beautiful city of Bordeaux behind and following the Garonne River, you will discover a more rural and natural landscape. In front of you, the Médoc region, known for its exceptional wine and its great vineyards. From the "Haut-Médoc" with its intense, powerful and tannic wines to the "Bas-Médocs" and its more colorful wines that keep a softer taste in mouth, don't hesitate to let your oenological hedonism run free.

Night in the city of arrival.

# DAY 3: FROM MÉDOC TO BOURG SUR GIRONDE

#### Distance: 30km

After a night in a charming winery, you will head to the Blayais-Bourgeais region on the other side of the estuary. Once the ferry crossing is done (Tickets to be paid on site), you just have to get back on your bike for a new day of escapades where many wineries are waiting for you. A few stops are to be expected if you do not want to miss the wines with notes of game, red fruits, spices and chocolate that characterize this region. Despite these somewhat unusual productions, the winegrowers' secrets of the most beautiful wine route do not stop there.

Night in the city of arrival.

## Distance : 45km

Today is a day dedicated to the Libournais region. Of course, this name calls for two other emblematic ones: Pomerol and Saint-Emilion. On your way, take the time to admire the landscape that surrounds you: castles, rivers, alluvial terraces and vineyards as far as the eye can see. You will end up in Saint-Emilion, a medieval city where old bastides and its fortified enclosure constitute a picturesque heritage known throughout the world. On these lands your nose and your palate will be put to contribution to appreciate wines of a great variety. Any wine tasting will also lead to the enjoyment of delicious food, which will complete an experience like no other.

Night in the Saint-Emilion region.

## Suggestion 2: Overnight and additional day in Saint-Emilion.

What could be better than another day spent in this prestigious place of the South-West? Here, culture, oenology and gastronomy come together to form a most pleasant stopover. Our favorites to visit: the medieval city, the Cordeliers cloister, the monolithic church and catacombs, the royal tower and the ursuline convent (the origin of the local specialty: macaroons). Of course, the vineyards surrounding the city are also a must-see.

## DAY 5: FROM SAINT-EMILION TO CADILLAC

#### Distance : 47 km

It's our last day in this little corner of paradise for wine lovers, with a new region on the agenda: the Entre-Deux-Mers and the discovery of sweet wines. We'd like to welcome you to Cadillac, a bastide town that has turned towards modernity while preserving its strong heritage. Known in particular for its ducal château, one of the earliest examples of French-style architecture, the region is full of historical gems just waiting to be discovered in the midst of vineyards offering breathtaking views over a calm green sea.

Overnight in Cadillac.

# DAY 6: FROM CADILLAC TO BORDEAUX

#### Distance : 52 km

Today you leave Cadillac behind you and finish this tour of the grands crus in style with, in part, a new range of wines: dry whites made from Sauvignon and Semillon grapes. In the distance, Bordeaux again takes shape as you leave behind the relaxing seas of vines that surrounded the cycle path. Return to the city of wine, its secrets of history and its typical architecture.

Overnight in Bordeaux

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#### Disclaimer

The stages and partner accommodations mentioned on the site are those we prefer. Depending on your registration date, we may have to reserve for you another accommodation of the same category or different stages. For "last minute" registrations, we may have to offer you less comfortable accommodations, especially during the high summer season. We know perfectly well the different accommodation options available for each stage: we will choose for you the best offer available at the time of your registration.

# DATES & PRICES

We propose 2 ranges of accommodation for this stay:

Package	Double room 2 pers.	<b>Twin room</b> 2 pers.	<b>Triple room</b> 3 pers.	Single room 1 pers.
Comfort range				
The wine route of Bordeaux 6 days / 5 nights	€815	€835	€755	€1,330
Premium range				
The wine route of Bordeaux 6 days / 5 nights	€1,330	€1,360	€1,125	€2,360

NB: prices shown are per person.

#### Possible trips from 01/04 to 15/10/2025 at the above price.

Departure on the day of your choice (departure possible on weekends). Discount from 4 participants.

For a trip between 01/04 and 14/06/2025, or between 16/09 and 15/10/2025:

Luggage transfer supplement "low season" for a group of 1 pers. 50€/person/stop Luggage transfer supplement "low season" for a group of 2 pers. 25€/person/stopover Luggage transfer supplement "low season" for a group of 3 pers. 15€/person/stopover Luggage transfer supplement "low season" for a group of 4 pers. and more: +10€/person/stopover

NB: These supplements are justified by the fact that we organize transfers privately for your group in low season.

Outside these periods, please contact us.

For "last minute" bookings (less than 15 days before the departure date), supplements relating to the transport/transfer of your luggage may apply depending on the number of people and the number of stops on the tour.

## OUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- The 5 nights in guest houses or hotel\*\*
- Breakfasts
- Luggage transfer (1 labelled bag per person, max 15km per bag)
- Telephone assistance 7 days a week
- Registration fees
- Tourist taxes
- Your road-book in digital version on your smartphone.

## **OUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Bike rental (rental from two bikes)(For only one bike rental, please contact us)
- Transfers from your home to the meeting point and dispersion
- The parking space for your vehicle for the duration of your trip
- Boat ticket 4.50€/ person
- Lunches and dinners
- Personal expenses, drinks
- Our bicycle insurance (1,5€ per day and per bicycle)
- Our Europassistance cancellation / interruption / assistance & repatriation insurance (6% of the price of your stay, including COVID-19 and to be taken out when you register)

In general, everything that is not mentioned in "Our price includes".

# OPTIONS

# OPTIONS, SUPPLEMENTS AND REDUCTIONS:

COMFORT RANGE	
REDUCTIONS	
Discount: No luggage transfer	-€50
Discount: groups of more than 4 people	-€15
SUPPLEMENTS	
July / August	€40
Early baggage delivery before 1 p.m. (by transfer, excluding public holidays)	€150
EQUIPMENT HIRE	
Bike hire throughout the trip, including delivery to the start and its collection at the end - 6 days	€215
Extra bike hire for one day	€10
Hire of an electric bike (ebike), including delivery to the start and its collection at the end - 6 days	€295
Extra E-bike hire for one day	€25
Luxury E-bike rental (including delivery to the start and its collection) - 6 days	€380
Extra Luxury E-bike rental day	€29
Extra waterproof rear bag (20L) for the whole trip	€25
SUPPLEMENTARY NIGHTS AT THE BEGINNING OR END OF YOUR TRIP	
Extra night in Bordeaux in double/twin room (breakfast included)	€80
Extra night in Bordeaux in triple room (breakfast included)	€50

Extra night in Bordeaux in single room (breakfast included)	€125
OUR SUGGESTIONS DURING YOUR HOLIDAY	
Extra night in Saint-Émilion in double/twin room (breakfast included)	€95
Extra night in Saint-Émilion in triple room (breakfast included)	€70
Extra night in Saint-Émilion in single room (breakfast included)	€170
PREMIUM RANGE	
REDUCTIONS	
Discount: No luggage transfer	-€50
Discount: groups of more than 4 people	-€15
SUPPLEMENTS	
July / August	€75
Early baggage delivery before 1 p.m. (by transfer, excluding public holidays)	€150
EQUIPMENT HIRE	
Bike hire throughout the trip, including delivery to the start and its collection at the end - 6 days	€215
Extra bike hire for one day	€10
Hire of an electric bike (ebike), including delivery to the start and its collection at the end - 6 days	€295
Extra E-bike hire for one day	€25
Luxury E-bike rental (including delivery to the start and its collection) - 6 days	€380
Extra Luxury E-bike rental day	€29
Extra waterproof rear bag (20L) for the whole trip	€25
SUPPLEMENTARY NIGHTS AT THE BEGINNING OR END OF YOUR TRIP	
Extra night in Bordeaux in double/twin room (breakfast included)	€95
Extra night in Bordeaux in triple room (breakfast included)	€75
Extra night in Bordeaux in single room (breakfast included)	€145
OUR SUGGESTIONS DURING YOUR HOLIDAY	
Extra night in Saint-Émilion in double/twin room (breakfast included)	€210
Extra night in Saint-Émilion in triple room (breakfast included)	€125
Extra night in Saint-Émilion in single room (breakfast included)	€400

NB: prices are per person.

# HOSTS

#### Comfort range

## OUR PARTNER HOST IN BOURG-SUR-GIRONDE

This old winegrower's house will charm you. Take advantage of the jacuzzi as well as the magnificent garden to rest after a great day of cycling.



**OUR PARTNER HOST IN LISTRAC-MÉDOC** 

This guest house is an area that will welcome you in a bucolic and peaceful setting, close to the prestigious Merlot and Cabernet vines of the Médoc. A swimming pool awaits you there, to relax after a day of cycling.



#### Premium range

#### OUR PARTNER HOST IN THE MÉDOC

Located in the heart of the Médoc, you can relax in this warm and friendly setting. You will then have the opportunity to participate in tasting workshops, led by your host.



## OUR PARTNER HOST IN BOURG-EN-GIRONDE

You will discover a 19th century castle, surrounded by several hectares of vines. This is the perfect place to learn a little more about the vineyards. Let yourself be tempted by a tasting of the different grape varieties of the farm!



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\*NB: this is our preferred accommodation. Depending on your registration date, we may be able to reserve other accommodation of the same category for you.

## THE BIKES WE OFFER FOR YOUR STAY :

## THE MUSCULAR BIKE :



- Arcade Escape VTC mixed model
- Multiple frame sizes to fit your height
- 21 trigger speeds
- Aluminum frame
- Frame geometry for easy straddling
- Adjustable stem (for a more reclined or upright position)
- Comfortable gel seat
- Rear stand (handy with loaded rear panniers)
- Luggage rack

This bike is light, practical and comfortable.

NB: The above bike is our preferred bike. Depending on your registration date, we may be able to reserve another bike of the same category for you.

## THE ELECTRIC BIKE :



- Arcade Performance VAE mixed model
- At least 3 levels of assistance
- 7 speeds minimum
- 80km to 150km of autonomy
- Central motor in the pedal assembly
- Wide enough tires to guarantee extra comfort
- Aluminum frame
- Frame geometry for easy straddling
- Comfortable gel seat
- Rear stand (practical with loaded rear panniers)
- Luggage rack

This bike allows to accompany your efforts, in short a nice alternative to make a little more kilometers per day.

NB: The above bike is our preferred bike. Depending on your registration date, we may be able to reserve another bike of the same category for you.

# ALL YOUR EQUIPMENT IS INCLUDED :

Thule waterproof rear bag of 25L Thule waterproof handlebar bag with a smartphone/roadbook holder Anti-theft device for two bikes Repair kit Helmet provided free of charge on request (please ask us when you register)

# THEFT AND ASSISTANCE INSURANCE: NATURE OCCITANE INSURES YOU

In the event of an incident along the route (theft, breakage not resulting from wear and tear, etc.), we insure all equipment for only :

- 2€ per day per bike and/or per piece of equipment
- 3€ per day per electric bike

## AT YOUR EXPENSE IN CASE OF THEFT OF THE BIKE OR EQUIPMENT

Deductible - Without insurance :

• Muscular bike : 595€

• Electric bike : 2745€

Rate of repair in case of breakage

Deductible - With insurance :

- Muscular bike : 59.50€
- Electric bike : 274.50€

10% of the repair in case of breakage

At you expense in case of theft or loss of equipment :

- Rear bag : 50€
- Anti-theft : 75€
- Repair kit : 25€
- Helmet : 50€

NB: The declaration of theft from the police station must be provided to Nature Occitane in both cases within 48 hours after the facts.

## PARKING YOUR VEHICLE DURING YOUR STAY

#### **IN BORDEAUX**

For more security, we can advise you a cheap secure parking, located near the Bordeaux Saint-Jean train station. Click here to calculate the rate for your stay or reserve your place.

## HOW TO GET THERE?

In order to limit your CO2 emissions, we encourage you to use public transportation or to carpool. We will take care of returning our bikes from your arrival point.

#### → IF YOU COME BY TRAIN :

Bordeaux Saint-Jean train station is the closest and most accessible station to your departure bridge. It is 02h20 from Paris and Toulouse.

#### $\rightarrow$ IF YOU COME BY PLANE :

Bordeaux Mérignac airport is the closest and is served by a shuttle to the city center.

## $\rightarrow$ IF YOU COME BY CAR :

From Paris: Take the A10 towards Bordeaux. From Toulouse : Take the A62 then the A63 towards Bordeaux.

## **RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT :**

Take a travel bag or suitcase for a change of clothes for the week. You will find it in your accommodation each evening.

## CLOTHING :

- 1 sun hat or cap (helmet provided on request when you register)
- 1 scarf
- Breathable T-shirts
- NB: Avoid cotton, which takes a long time to dry; prefer short-sleeved t-shirts (breathable material)
- 1 fleece
- 1 Gore-tex jacket, waterproof and breathable
- 2 pair of shorts (short or long), preferably padded for comfort on the bike

## NB: The shorts must be worn next to the skin.

- 1 pair of comfortable trousers for the evening
- Underwear
- Socks
- NB: Avoid "tennis" type socks (cotton), which take a long time to dry.
- 1 swimming costume for the pool and your arrival at the sea

## SHOES :

- 1 pair of multi-activity shoes for cycling and walking
- Tennis shoes or sandals for the evening

## EQUIPMENT :

- 1 pair of sunglasses
- 1 pocket knife (to be put in the hold luggage if you take the plane)
- Toiletries
- Toilet paper
- Sunscreen
- Soothing cream anti-friction

This list must be adapted according to the chosen season.