

LUXURY BORDEAUX

Wine Tour

October 1 - 10, 2021

Tour The Legendary Bordeaux Wine Region of France
With Chicagoland Wine Expert, Jim Bryant

We begin in Paris where we will board our high speed First Class rail to Bordeaux while exploring 2,300 years of wine making history at some of the worlds most famous and boutique chateaus, castles and vineyards.

Join us as we travel to the breathtaking wine region of Bordeaux where we will lodge at elegant 5-star or historic hotels. Visit famous wineries for private tastings and dining experiences, meet local wine makers, chefs and more!

Our evenings offer included gourmet dining opportunities at some of the areas unique or Michelin Starred restaurants.



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Wine Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Friday, October 1, 2021 - Paris (D)

Welcome to beautiful France!

Upon your arrival at CDG airport, your **meet and greet** service will welcome you and escort you to your private coach.

Board your private coach and head for your 5-star hotel in **Paris**.

Check into your **5-star hotel, Hotel Napoleon**.

Day at leisure to enjoy Paris at your own pace.

Dinner at the hotel in a private salon.

Overnight in **Paris**.

Day 2: Saturday, October 2, 2021 - Paris - Bordeaux (B-C-D)

After breakfast at your hotel, check-out and meet your assistant in the lobby.

Private transfer to the Montparnasse train station and board your **TGV train** for a **first-class** journey to Bordeaux.

Upon arrival, meet your guide and driver at the pickup point in **Bordeaux**. Your guide will be waiting for you with a group sign. Board your **private coach** and head for your 5-star hotel in **Martillac**.

Check into your **5-star hotel, Les Sources de Caudalie**.

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and enjoy a **pre-dinner cocktail** with champagne and canapés followed by **dinner** at the hotel restaurant **La Table du Lavoir**. This is a wonderful time to go over the program of the week.

Overnight in **Martillac**.

Day 3: Sunday October 3, 2021 - Saint-Julien/Margaux (B-L-D)

Wake up to a typical French breakfast of café and pastries meet your guide and driver at the hotel.

Board your **private coach** and embark on a journey to explore the cultures and civilizations of wine, in a new generation museum in Bordeaux at the **Cité du Vin**. Enjoy a **guided visit** (approx. 1 hour) of the museum followed by a **wine tasting**.

Regain your private coach and set off to **the Margaux region** (approx. 1 hour drive). Discover the **Château Lascombes**. Have lunch at the **château** and enjoy a guided visit and more **wine tasting**.

After which, board your private coach and ride back to **Martillac**.

Dinner at the hotel at the Two-Michelin Star restaurant **La Grand'Vigne**.

Overnight in **Martillac**.

Day 4: Monday, October 4, 2021 - St Emilion (B-L)

Wake up to a typical French breakfast of café and pastries and meet your guide in the hotel lobby. Board your coach for an approx. 1 hour drive to **Saint Emilion**.

You can't come to **Saint Emilion** without visiting this picturesque **medieval village**. Enjoy a **guided walking tour** around the winding streets or "terres", along the ramparts and on the cobblestone squares. Discover the underground heritage and immerse yourself in the heart of the limestone by visiting the **Hermitage Cave**, a simple cave around which the village of Saint Emilion was built and the former house of the monk Emilion, founder of the city. It also has a source of water, which Saint Emilion would have used as a baptismal font and which is still flowing today.

The group will split in two. One group will start at **Château Figeac** while the other group will visit Saint-Emilion and switch.

Start with **Château Figeac** in two groups, 9:30am one group for the 1 hour visit and **wine tasting**. 11:00am visit and tasting for the second group.

Enjoy lunch at a gourmet restaurant.

On the way back, you cannot miss the **Château Smith Haut Lafitte**. Meet the owner and enjoy a private visit of the domain and cellar. **Taste 4 exceptional vintage wines**.

Walk to your 5-star hotel, **Sources de Caudalie** (approx. 5 minute walk).

Evening and dinner at leisure.

Overnight in **Martillac**.

Day 5: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - Pomerol (B-L-D)

After breakfast, meet your guide in the hotel lobby, board your **private coach** and set off for a day in **Pomerol** (approx. 1 hour drive).

Start your day with the **Château La Roberterie**. You will be welcomed by the owners themselves and **relish some lovely wine** accompanied by local ham and cheese, a wonderful aperitif before heading for lunch.

Continue on to **Château La Dominique**. Enjoy lunch there at **La Terrasse Rouge**. They offer a convivial atmosphere as well as seasonal and local products with a touch of creativity.

Afternoon visit and **wine tasting** at the **Château La Fleur-Pétrus**.

End your day with a visit at **Château Cheval Blanc**, enjoy a visit and **wine tasting**.

Drive back to your hotel.

Freshen up before meeting your guide and driver at the hotel and going out to **dinner** at a One-Michelin-star restaurant in Bordeaux.

Overnight in **Martillac**.

Day 6: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - Medoc (B-L-D)

After breakfast, meet your two guides and drivers at the hotel and board your **two private buses**.

Today, go on an approximate 1.5 hour drive to the **Pauillac** region where you will discover a wide range of highly reputed wineries.

The group will split in half. The first group will start the morning with the visit and **wine tasting** at **Château Pontet-Canet** - first visit at 9:30am and second visit at 2:30pm.

The second group will start with the visit and **wine tasting** at **Château Cos d'Estournel** - first visit at 9:30am and second visit at 2:00pm.

Both groups will meet up for lunch at **La Maison d'Estournel** for a wonderful gourmet **lunch**.

The group will switch the visits for the afternoon.

Make your way back to Martillac by **private coach**.

Rest and freshen up at your hotel and enjoy some time at leisure.

Early evening, meet your guide and driver at the hotel and make your way to **dinner in a private dining room** at the Michelin-starred **Le Pressoir d'Argent** in **Bordeaux**.

After this amazing dinner, board your private coach and head back to your 5-star hotel, **Sources de Caudalie**.

Overnight in **Martillac**.

Day 7: Thursday, October 7, 2021 - Graves (B-D)

After breakfast meet your guide and driver at your hotel.

Here you will follow the steps of **Bernard Magrez**, Bordelais businessman specialized in enology. You will have a **guided visit** of his castle, **Château Pape Clement**, discover its secrets and **taste great wines**, exchange with wine specialists and learn about and experiment with grand cru wine making.

After this fascinating experience, you will regain your **private coach** and head for **Bernard Magrez's Cultural Institution** for a **guided visit**. Here he shares his love and passion for art, innovation and creativity.

Lunch at leisure in Bordeaux city center.

Board your **private coach** and head out to the **Château Haut-Brion and Château La Mission Haut-Brion**. Meet the owners and enjoy a **guided visit** of the two domains and compare their fabulous wines. Back to your hotel to relax and refresh.

Board your **private coach**. Enjoy a refined French **dinner** at a Michelin star restaurant.

After dinner board your **private coach** and return to **Les Sources de Caudalie**.

Overnight in **Martillac**.

Day 8: Friday, October 8, 2021 - Sauternes (B-L-D)

Wake up to your last day of wine tasting in the Bordeaux region.

After breakfast, meet your guide and driver and set off on an approx. 30 minute drive to **Sauternes**.

Morning visit at **Château Haut Bailly**, enjoy a visit and **wine tasting**.

Enjoy **lunch** at a gourmet restaurant.

Group split in three.

Visit the **Château d'Yquem** and **taste three vintage wines** (2015, 2009 and 2001). The château allows 6 participants per visit maximum. Visit at 2.00pm, 3.00pm & 4.00pm.

Switch the visits with **Château Raymond Lafon** and **Château Lafaurie Peyraguey**. **Wine tastings** at both domains.

Next, regain your **private coach** and head back to **Sources de Caudalie**.

Enjoy time at leisure to freshen up before your farewell dinner at the hotel.

Gather round an exceptional **farewell dinner** at the Two-Michelin Star restaurant **La Grand'Vigne** to recall your week and go over all the unforgettable moments you shared with your group, family and friends.

Overnight in **Martillac**.

Day 9: Saturday, October 9, 2021 - Bordeaux-Paris (B)

After breakfast at your hotel, **check-out** and meet your guide in the lobby.

Board your **private coach** and head for the train station **Gare de Bordeaux Saint-Jean** where you will catch the high-speed train to Paris in **first-class** to Paris.

Upon arrival in Paris, board your **private coach** and head to your **5-star hotel** in Paris.

Check into your **5-star hotel, Hotel Napoleon**.

Rest of the day and evening at leisure.

Overnight in **Paris**.

Luxury Bordeaux Wine Tour Pricing

Double Occupancy: \$14,495 per person

Single Supplement: \$2,295

Your initial deposit of \$2,500 per person has held your spot on this tour.

A second deposit of \$5,000 per person is due by June 18, 2021.

From that point on, ALL deposits and final payments are non-refundable, and the purchase of Travel Protection is strongly advised.

Final Payment will be due by July 16, 2021.

A minimum of 18 passengers is needed to operate this tour.