



## THE BEST OF BORDEAUX

**7 DAYS/ 6 NIGHTS**

**ARRIVAL IN : BORDEAUX**

**DEPARTURE FROM : BORDEAUX**

### **Day 1            Arrival**

- Afternoon arrival.
- Meet and greet by your chauffeur at the airport and transfer to Bordeaux centre.
- Check in at the Hôtel de Sèze\*\*\*\* in the heart of Bordeaux.

Located in the commercial and historical city center of Bordeaux, which is part of the UNESCO World Heritage, this four-star hotel will give you a warm welcome and meet all your needs. It offers elegant rooms that blend a classical decoration and modern equipment.

- **Welcoming dinner at the restaurant or your hotel:** an authentic and creative French cuisine.
- Night at your hotel in Superior room.



## Day 2                    Bordeaux Discovery & La Cité du Vin

- Breakfast at your hotel.
- **Private guided visit of the city of Bordeaux.** Discovery of the historical centre, listed a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Through this visit, you will have the opportunity to discover one of the largest examples of XVIIIth and XIXth century architecture and sumptuous stone facades decorated with mascarons and sculpted arches.
- Lunch at your leisure in Bordeaux.
- **Visit of La Cité du Vin : The permanent tour with a personal digital guide – NEW !**

At the heart of La Cité du Vin, the immersive and sensorial permanent tour occupies some 3000 m<sup>2</sup> and features 20 different themed spaces, the majority of which are interactive. Visitors are free to wander around the exhibition space as they see fit, with no fixed, compulsory route.

The permanent tour is structured around an array of different experiences: sometimes visitors will be standing, interacting directly with the *E-vines* or *Meeting the experts*, at other times they will be seated, or ushered *All aboard* a ship for a voyage across the oceans and throughout the ages... The permanent tour is an invitation to a voyage of discovery, a journey through time and space exploring the evolution of wine and its civilisations.
- Dinner at your leisure
- Night at your hotel in Superior room.

## Day 3                    French Cuisine in the Médoc

- Breakfast at your hotel and transfer to the Medoc with your private driver.
- **Cooking course in a château of the Médoc region:** an initiatory journey into the gourmet world of French cuisine with the property's chef.
- **Lunch served in the château's dining room.** You will be received as a special guest for a prestigious lunch followed by a visit of the cellars (gastronomic menu, wine and beverages included)
- **Private cellar visit and tasting in a Château Grand Cru Classé of Medoc:** commented visit of the cellars and discovery of the wines of this prestigious property.
- Return to Bordeaux.
- **Dinner on a boat-restaurant.** During this cruise, you will discover the city and its UNESCO listed World Heritage architecture, as well as the bridges of Bordeaux: the 'Pont de Pierre', the 'Pont d'Aquitaine', the new drawbridge. Enjoy fresh dishes made with regional products.
- Night at your hotel in Superior room.



#### Day 4

#### Arcachon

- Breakfast at your hotel and transfer to Arcachon Bay with your private driver.
- **Visit of a typical oysters' farm.** The owner will share his passion and knowledge for oysters' growing. He will especially teach you how to easily open them and propose you a flavoursome tasting.
- **Lunch in a restaurant on the Dune du Pyla.** Between dune and pine forest, the restaurant enjoys an exceptional location and offers a breathtaking view, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and the Bay of Arcachon
- **Private boat trip in a « pinasse », typical boat with a plane bottom, on the Bassin d'Arcachon (2 hours).** This trip will take you to oysters beds, the birds' island, the "cabanes Tchanquées" (cabins on stilts), the peninsula fishermen villages and the Pyla Dune.
- Return to Bordeaux.
- **Dinner at a gastronomic restaurant within the prestigious and majestic Opera House of Bordeaux.** A famous chef offers a refined and original cuisine in a "classy bistro" spirit.
- Night at your hotel in Superior room.

#### Day 5

#### Saint-Emilion

- Breakfast at your hotel and transfer to Saint-Emilion with your private driver
- **Introduction to wine blending in a Grand Cru Château of Saint-Émilion** with its renowned winemaker: Learn more about the terroir, the team' s meticulous work on vines and his winemaking secrets. During the blending workshop you will participate to barrel sampling and varietals tasting of various plots to apprehend the importance of the blending.
- **Picnic lunch at this Château:** Enjoy a basket fill of seasonal and local products. Discover a high range traditional cuisine that enhances French terroir: charcuterie, cheese...
- Transfer to Saint Emilion
- **Private guided tour of Saint-Émilion's underground monuments:** The city is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1999. A private guide will explain the background of Saint-Émilion's unique underground monuments. The tour covers several centuries of history and legend from the time of the monk Émilion to the carving out of the amazing monolithic church. You will be able to see paintings in the Chapelle de la Trinité and learn the secrets of the catacombs. This visit to four major monuments amounts to a condensed history of Saint Émilion!
- **Private tour of a wonderful and environment-conscious Château of Fonsac appellation:** This Château has been certified « organic agriculture » last year and it uses biodynamic techniques to produce their wines. You will be introduced in the Château's lab for organic and biodynamic agriculture that are usually closed to the public. During the tour, you will have the opportunity to discover the innovative technical facilities and to visit the XVIII<sup>th</sup> Century Château. Finally, your tour will culminate with a tasting from the bottle of the Château's 2 wines.
- Return to Bordeaux.
- Dinner at your leisure.
- Night at your hotel in classic room.

#### Day 6

#### Cognac: "Liquor of the Gods"

- Breakfast at your hotel and transfer to Cognac with your private driver.
- Discovery of a prestigious Cognac House: explore this prestigious house as a privileged guest with a tour of the ageing cellars followed by a Cognac tasting session with appetizers prepared by the chef.
- Lunch in the intimate dining-room of this great Cognac House: gastronomic menu, wine and beverages included.



- Return to Bordeaux.
- **Dinner at Le Chapon Fin**, a celebrated and historic restaurant of Bordeaux that will surprise you with its impressive rockery décor and Chef Nicolas Nguyen Van Hai inventive and refined cuisine.
- Night at your hotel in classic room.

#### **Day 7**

#### **Departure**

- Breakfast at your hotel.
- **Free time to enjoy Bordeaux on your own.** Bordeaux is a paradise for shoppers: pedestrian shopping streets, luxury brands, French designers... We will be happy to give you our suggestions and good addresses!
- Transfer to the airport.
- End of our services.

#### Included:

6 nights in 4-star hotel in double Superior room, the local tax, 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches (drinks not included, excepted for the lunches on day 3 and day 6), 4 dinners (drinks not included), 1 private guided visit of Bordeaux, 1 visit of La Cité du Vin, 1 private cooking class, 1 oyster tasting, 1 private boat trip (2h), 1 wine workshop, 1 private guided visit of Saint-Emilion and access to the underground monuments, all châteaux cellars visits and tasting mentioned in the itinerary.

Transportation in a private car (Mercedes E Class for 2/3 people – Minivan Mercedes Vito from 4 to 8 people) with driver (D1: train station or airport / hotel transfer – D2: no transportation needed – D3: full day – D4: Full day – D5: Full day – Day 6: Full day – D7: hotel / train station or airport transfer).

Not included: wine and beverages (excepted if mentioned), any extras.

**All the services mentioned are subject to availability**

**Client cancellations:** BSV must be informed in writing of cancellations as soon as possible. The date of the written cancellation is the only one that will be considered definitive. The money retained by BSV varies for total or partial cancellations:

#### **INDIVIDUALS:**

- **More than 30 working days before the start of a stay:** 50 € administrative fees per booking

- **From 30 to 16 working days before the start of a stay:** the deposit is kept by BSV but can be used as a credit for 1 year (from the cancellation date).

- **From 15 to 11 working days before the start of a stay:** 30% of the total cost.

- **From 10 to 4 working days before the start of a stay:** 50% of the total cost.



- **Less than 4 working days, or if the client fails to turn up:** 100% of the total cost of the stay

**GROUPS (minimum 8 people):**

- **Over 30 working days before the start of the stay:** 500 € administrative fees per booking

- **16-30 working days before the start of a stay:** 30% of the total cost

- **10-15 working days before the start of a stay:** 50% of the total cost

- **Less than 10 working days or if the group fails to turn up:** 100% of the total cost.

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