

## Bordeaux and Medoc de Luxe - 7 days

Enjoy this outstanding bike tour between marshes, vineyards, forests, rivers, small ports, towns and charming villages, castles, wine estates and churches. Discover the vineyards of the Medoc, Pauillac, Margaux, Gironde Estuary, Upper Gironde, the vineyards of Saint Emilion, Pomerol, Fronsac, the Entre-Deux-Mers and the beauties of Bordeaux. You will love the comfort of luxury accommodations we have selected as well as the quality of the local cuisine you can enjoy during dinner. You go through the Pauillac and Margaux vineyards before taking the boat to cross the estuary and continue your tour on the other side, in the Haute Gironde. You will take the Medoc 'Route des Vins', where are some of the most famous wine chateaux in the world, visit the citadel of Blaye, built by Vauban, stroll through cities and charming villages and discover the sunny slopes of the beautiful hills of Entre-Deux-Mers, a succession of vineyards and prestigious monuments. You will stay in the heart of World Heritage Sites by UNESCO, such as Bordeaux and Saint-Emilion. This cycling tour, alternating cycle paths and minor roads in quite flat terrain along the river and vineyards, will delight you with its diversity of landscapes. You will be accommodated every night in relais & chateaux, hotels 4 and 5 stars and private castles.

### Day 1: Arrival in Bordeaux and transfer to Pauillac

Arrival at the train station or airport of Bordeaux and transfer by taxi to Pauillac. Delivery of your bike, information about the area and the road book, which will indicate your circuit. Accommodation in Relais & Château in Pauillac. Dinner in restaurant « Café Lavinal ».

### Day 2: Pauillac > Margaux, ~45 km

You will leave Pauillac, home of three of the five first Grands Crus Classés and 15 Crus Classé Medoc, toward Margaux. You will discover the biggest stars of the 1855 wine ranking with stunning architecture, but also all the other jewels of this reference vineyard. Your tour will pass by the famous Lafite Rothschild, Latour and Mouton Rothschild, 1st Great Classified Growths, but also by the Châteaux Pichon Longueville (2d cru), Pontet Canet and Lynch Bages (5th classified growth). This route is certainly magnificent! Throughout this trip you will ride from Pauillac to Moulis via Saint-Julien and the village of Margaux and the famous Chateau Margaux. Stop in front of the entrance of Château Margaux to admire the classical facade of the building constructed in the early 19th century. Dinner and night in 4\* hotel in Margaux.

### Day 3: Margaux > area Bourg sur Gironde, ~35-45 km

This route will lead you to Lamarque where you embark for a crossing of the Gironde estuary. And you will reach the magnificent citadel of Blaye before continuing your journey on the banks of the estuary. Imposing and majestic, the citadel overlooks the estuary with its 33 hectares in the heart of the city, offering a splendid view over the Gironde. You will pass through the vineyards of the Cotes de Blaye AOC Bordeaux and Bordeaux Supérieur. Finally, you will cycle towards Bourg-sur-Gironde, along the "Corniche Fleurie", where the presence of countless palm trees, pink laurels and oaks reflects a climate of great sweetness. A visit is a must for lovers of beautiful stones: Bourg sur Gironde is an architectural jewel. Clinging to a rock, surrounded by walls, the village is one of the most beautiful and best preserved of the Estuary.

Dinner, night and breakfast in guesthouse in Bourg surrounding

### Day 4: area Bourg sur Gironde > Saint-Emilion, ~40-50 km

On the road to get to Saint-Emilion vineyards you will cross two other appellations: Fronsac and Pomerol. The appellation Pomerol, close neighbor of Saint-Emilion, covers a small plateau north of Libourne. Small area, but great reputation ... The wines of Pomerol are among the most appreciated in France, including the famous 'Petrus'. This circuit will lead you into the heart of the best wines of Pomerol and Saint-Emilion as Château Angelus, Château Petrus and Château Cheval Blanc! Let's talk about Fronsac: this is the most historic vineyards of Bordeaux since we drank Fronsac in the court of King Louis XIV ... At the confluence of two rivers, the Dordogne and Isle, great terroirs of Saint-Emilion, Pomerol and Fronsac marry beautiful landscape of hills and plateaus, forming a beautiful mosaic of plots, vines extends to infinity. On this tour you will discover beautiful domains, often planted in the vineyards and inhabited by the growers and their families.

### Services:

6 nights in 4\*\*\*\* and 5\*\*\*\*\* Relais & Château and 1 guesthouse  
6x copious breakfast  
3x dinners  
luggage transport (1 piece per person)  
transfer between Bordeaux and Pauillac (1st day or last day if arrival by car)  
the Gironde estuary crossing by ferry  
detailed documentation with maps and road book  
GB, FR  
navigation app  
service hotline

### additional services:

supplement solo traveler (luggage)	190 €
theft insurance for the bike	15 €
theft insurance for the e-bike	30 €
rental bike	165 €
electric bike	305 €
own bike	0 €

### Price:

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double room, BnB	1882 €
single room, BnB	2782 €
twin room, BnB	1882 €



Accommodation 4\* hotel or deluxe guesthouse in Saint-Emilion.

**Day 5: Around Saint-Emilion, ~25 or 35 km**

Circuit between stones and wine. This circuit within the jurisdiction of Saint-Emilion will make you travel around the eastern part of the court of Saint-Emilion vineyards and villages. The program, estates, old stones and remarkable sceneries. You can reach Castillon la Bataille and return by the bank of the Dordogne River. You will stay in the same hotel as the night before.

**Day 6: Saint-Emilion > Bordeaux, ~50 km**

After passing through Branne on the Dordogne River, you will reach the bike path 'Roger Lapébie' and enjoy an ideal route for a bike ride in the heart of natural landscapes, with several rest stops and water points. You will follow this pleasant track which goes to Creon, typical bastide village in the region. You will ride through a rich architectural heritage marked by medieval towns, country houses, fortified mills, abbeys and Roman churches. This track will take you to the majestic Place de la Bourse in the heart of Bordeaux. You will have an overview of the wharves, the Garonne and the stone bridge you crossed a few minutes before!

Accommodation in 5\* hotel in Bordeaux.

**Day 7: Departure or extra nights in Bordeaux**

