



Taste of Bordeaux – April 8, 2016

Visit One of the World's Undisputed Wine Capitals



BORDEAUX, FRANCE



SAINT EMILION, FRANCE

On a 7 Night Wine Cruise with AmaWaterways



INCLUDED features

- » Luxurious cruise accommodations in an outside stateroom – most with French balconies
- » Fine dining including complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch and dinner
- » Entertainment on demand featuring free in-room direct internet access, free Hollywood movies and more
- » Life-enriching tours and daily excursions with personal headset included
- » Special highlights include lectures, theme dinners, cooking demonstration, onboard music and/or dance performances and live piano music every afternoon and evening

Optional - 2 Nights Paris (pre-cruise)/3 Nights Loire Valley/Paris (post-cruise)

Book by July 31, 2015 and take advantage of an Exclusive Canadian Offer.

This offer is subject to availability. Deposit of \$400US per person. Final payment is due by January 5, 2016.

Please contact Debra at 705-524-TRIP for pricing and availability.

Detailed Itinerary (Cruise Only)

- Apr 8 BORDEAUX (EMBARKATION)** Arrive at your luxurious ship, where you will gather this evening for a Welcome Dinner. (B,L,D)
- Apr 9 CADILLAC**
Arrive this afternoon in Cadillac, a region renowned for its sensational white wines. You have your choice of two tours today. The first option is a visit to the Sauternes wine region, where you'll taste the highly sought-after sweet wines made here. As an alternative, you can choose to see the historic Roquetaillade Castle, a fortress which was initially built in the 10th century by Charlemagne as his army advanced toward the Pyrenees. This evening, the ship departs for Pauillac. (B,L,D)
- Apr 10 PAUILLAC**
Today, you will enjoy a tour of the lovely village town on the Left Bank of the Gironde estuary known as Pauillac. Situated in the famed Médoc AOC (appellation d'origine contrôlée, a government controlled designation of origin which signifies where grapes are grown), Pauillac's gravelly soils are renowned for producing some of the world's finest Bordeaux wines – especially those made from the Merlot grape variety. You'll be able to dabble in local blends this afternoon at an authentic Médoc wine tasting. Return to the ship for a wonderful dinner, and then spend the evening as you please – we will be docked in Pauillac overnight. (B,L,D)
- Apr 11 PAUILLAC - BLAYE - BOURG**
Take in the riverside scenery this morning as we make our way from Pauillac to Blaye. North of Bordeaux, this small town is best known for its red wine and historic significance. Today, you'll be able to enjoy an excursion to the city's 17th century citadel – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – which was built by famous military engineer Major Vauban. From the top of this famous fortress, you can admire fantastic views of the impressive Gironde estuary. Return to the ship for a delicious lunch and prepare for an afternoon in Bourg. Ideally situated at the confluence of the Dordogne and Garonne, this historic village still lives inside medieval walls. Built during Roman times and later fortified by the English, it is filled with rich architectural tradition. Here, you'll be able to see the home of legendary French corsair, Jean Bart. The ship will remain overnight in Bourg. (B,L,D)
- Apr 12 BOURG - LIBOURNE**
This afternoon, you'll arrive in the wine-making capital, Libourne. Two of Bordeaux's most elite wine regions are very close by – St. Émilion and Pomerol. First, you will have the unique opportunity to savor exquisite blends during a tasting at a cave in St. Émilion, an old historic village known for its picturesque architecture and historic vineyards that were first introduced to the land by the Romans. Afterwards, enjoy a panoramic tour of the celebrated landscapes in Pomerol. The ship moors overnight in Libourne. (B,L,D)
- Apr 13 LIBOURNE - CUBZAC - BORDEAUX**
Start your adventure today with a tour of the magnificent Château D'Montaigne, a stunning 14th century castle which was the family residence of the philosopher, Michel de Montaigne. As an alternative you can visit a well-preserved local bastide town which was fortified during medieval times. We also offer an optional tour for guests to explore the flavors of Bergerac, a wine-growing region in the southern part of the Dordogne department that is home to 13 AOCs. Return to the ship for lunch as we cruise to Cubzac. This old town near the Dordogne once served as a watchtower during the Middle Ages and contains many historic treasures. While here, you'll taste wines from the Côtes de Bourg region. We sail to Bordeaux this evening where we will dock and indulge in a spectacular Farewell Dinner with your Captain. Later on, take in the brightly-lit sights on an illuminations cruise of this magical city. (B,L,D)
- Apr 14 BORDEAUX**
Today you'll see the elegant port city of Bordeaux on foot. The breathtaking capital of the wine world is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and, with over 360 historic monuments within its borders, it is also classified as a "City of Art and History." You'll have an opportunity to experience much of the rich culture and architecture here, including a tasting at the wine museum. An optional tour will also be available for those who wish to see Cognac, a place best-known for its unique, double-distilled spirit and six prominent AOCs. Tonight, the ship will stay in Bordeaux. (B,L,D)
- Apr 15 BORDEAUX - DISEMBARKATION - LOIRE VALLEY**
Disembark your ship in Bordeaux and continue your journey to Tours, France. Experience this charming city in the Loire Valley, which offers the best of French lifestyle with medieval streets teeming with art, history, lovely gardens and tasty cuisine. You'll have free time to stop at a lively restaurant or market for lunch on your own, and then take a walking tour.

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