



France - The Bordeaux Vineyards Hiking Tour (2025)
Individual Self-Guided
8 days/7 nights OR 7 days/6 nights



Self-guided hiking tour across some of the most famous vineyards of the world. A mix of landscape beauty, oenological pleasure and cultural discoveries... From the vineyard of St Emilion, without any doubt the most famous, to the vineyard of Sauternes, famous for its high class wines, you will also cross the Entre-Deux-Mers area to discover charming villages which astonish by their marvellously preserved inheritance... and by many wine châteaux and wine storehouses which decorate the landscape by their sumptuous architectures.



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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Bordeaux and transfer to St Emilion

Arrival in the train station or Bordeaux Airport. Taxi transfer your guesthouse or hotel in St Emilion. Delivery of the route notes.



Day 2: Saint Emilion vineyards – UNESCO inheritance 10 or 15 km +/- 70 m

You will begin your week with a hiking day in the jurisdiction of St. Emilion. All around the city extends the vines: châteaux and wine properties, like Petrus or château La Clotte or Beau Séjour, draw up themselves there, well planted in the grounds, proud of their history and the men who set them up. Circuit through the characteristic landscape as well as specificities of the vineyards. Exceptional site covered with vines. This “landscape” was the first “no architectural” site, classified by the world inheritance of UNESCO.

Day 3: Saint Emilion: Exceptional medieval village. This Step is optional and not available in the 7 days 6 nights tour

In the morning, a private guided visit of one of the oldest wineries of Saint Emilion. This winery is one of the jewels of Saint Emilion: The Couvent des Jacobins followed by a wine tasting of 3-4 great wines of Saint-Emilion and/or Pomerol... About 1.5 hours
In the afternoon, you will have a guided tour of the underground monuments of the city. Built in an amphitheatre and true museum in the open air, the town of Saint Émilion will astonish you. Its troglodyte tradition is seizing: a single church monolith in the world, more than 70 hectares of underground galleries dug in the calcareous rock. The monuments and vestiges of the great Roman time follow one another along the steep lanes, defying the rules of



time the most established. Around 1 hour. At the end of the afternoon, taxi transfer to Saint-Martin de Lerm or Caudrot, in the “Entre-Deux-Mers” vineyard. Dinner included at guesthouse.

Day 4: The Entre-deux-Mers area: From St Martin de Lerm or Camiran to Caudrot 15 km - 100 m

Notice: If accommodation in Caudrot, short transfer the morning to the daily walking departure, in Camiran. The Entre-Deux-Mers area, between the Dordogne and the Garonne rivers, is a triangle of ground, water and stones which surprises by its cultural variety. You will cross a part of this vineyard which profits from an exceptional geographical site on the slopes dominating the valley of the Garonne. At the end of the afternoon, you will arrive at your destination, down the Garonne Valley and will be accommodated in an entirely restored old house, with a 3000m² shadowed and flowered park, in the heart of the cute village in the edge of the Garonne. At the end of the walk in Caudrot, return transfer to your previous accommodation. Dinner included

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Day 5: From Caudrot to St Macaire 10-13 km +/- 25 m

You will walk in a landscape of greenery, along the vines and the estuary of the Gironde. Castles and fishermen's huts of the area offer astonishing sights. You will be able to make a stop in the small port and its locks marking the departure of famous "Canal du Midi", linking the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea. The footpath leads you directly to one of the doors of the medieval city of St Macaire, a site protected by the historic buildings since 1965. You will take some time on your own to visit this village. Night at hotel In Saint-Macaire or Langon

Day 6: Loop from St Macaire to Sainte Croix du Mont 8 or 16 km according to option +/- 100 m

Above Saint-Macaire, the hills open to splendid scenic views. In this landscape of hills and small valleys, the vines succeed the meadows and the thickets of leafy trees. One discovers many mills and castles there, opening very broad sights on changing reliefs. This circuit will carry you to the "Domaine de Malagar", the residence of the writer François Mauriac, and to the tomb of the famous painter Toulouse Lautrec. You will be able to visit the Château Laurette (sweet white wine producer) or the Château Loubens before reaching the village of Sainte Croix du Mont.



Perched on a slope, offering a spectacular view of the Garonne Valley and renowned for its wines and caves, the walls are covered with fossilized oyster benches and where cellars and even a vault were arranged. Do not forget the church as well. At the end of the afternoon, a taxi will transfer you to Sauternes. Dinner included NOTE: in case of non availability, you will spend 2 nights in Barsac

Day 7: The Famous Sauternes vineyards area. From Sauternes to Barsac 15 km +/- 60 m

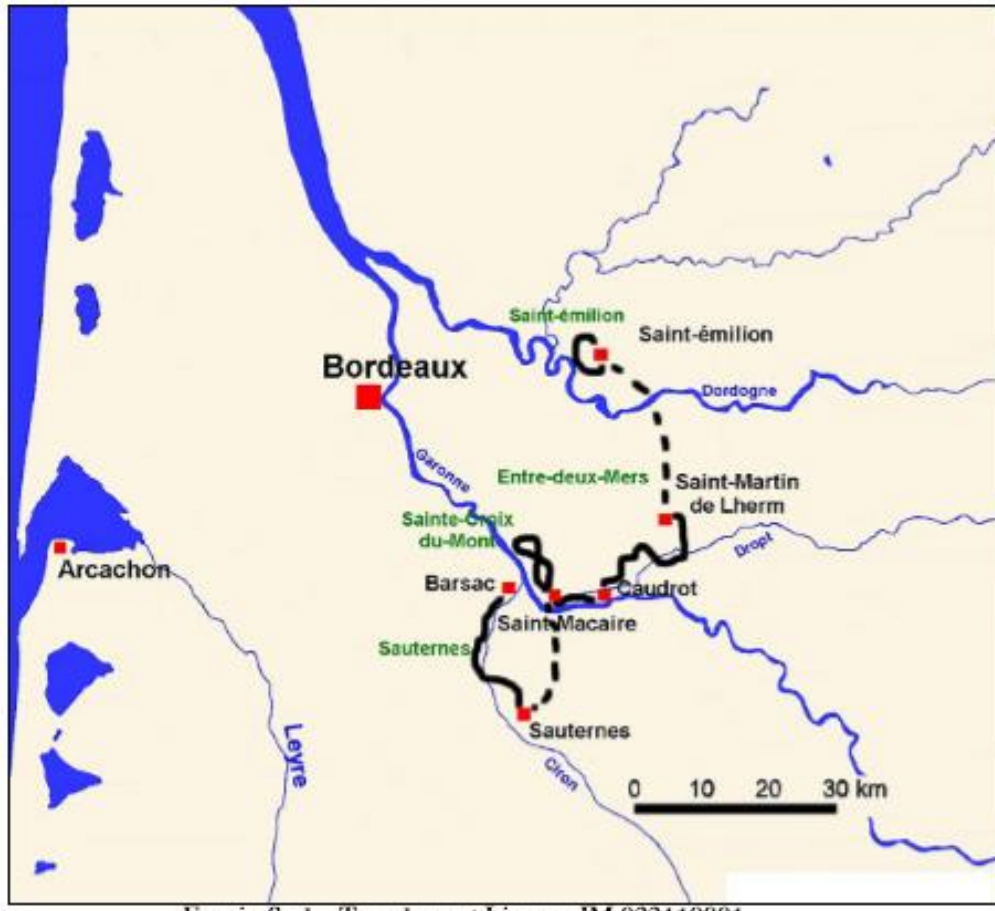
Notice: If accommodation in Barsac, short transfer the morning to the daily walking departure, in Sauternes. Located on the left bank of the Garonne, the high class wines of Sauternes are yours to discover. Throughout your course, you will walk to well-known wine producers like Château La Tour Blanche and château Rayne Vigneau and will be able to appreciate the small local heritage (churches, mills, laundrettes...) but also a varied natural heritage: landscapes of vine, forest and the Ciron river (a wild small river formerly used for the transport of wood). Once accommodated, you will finish the day by an "aperitif tasting" in the Château Gravas. Like other high class wines of Sauternes, the fame of the Château Gravas date to the time of Richard Coeur de Lion (XII century). Lodging and dinner in the castle of Camperos which preserved the elegance of the XVIIIth century and the Néo-Renaissance charm of XIXth century with its vast rooms having a view on the vines or the park. Dinner Included

Day 8: End



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Route



Technical Characteristics

Tour Profile: Relatively Easy. Hiking tour with varied landscapes, alternating footpaths across vines and woods, edges of rivers and minor roads, without forgetting stopovers in wine producers.

Total distance: 58 - 71 km

Travel Season: Departures every day from April 6 to October 30 In July and August :

If 7 days version : no departure Thursday

If 8 days version : no departure Wednesday

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Prices per person:	7 day tour	8 day tour
Double Occupancy Standard Hotels	€990	€1150
Single room supplement Standard Hotels	€430	€500
Supplement July and August double occ	€60	€72
Supplement July and August Single occ	€84	€95
Double Occupancy superior Hotels	€1030	€1230
Single room supplement superior Hotels	€480	€560
Supplement July and August double occ	€70	€72
Supplement July and August Single occ	€95	€95
Extra Nights Bordeaux	On request	
GPS app for smart phone	7	

All prices subject to confirmation on booking

Accommodation:

Standard Hotels: equivalent to 3 stars
Upgrade available contact us for details

Included:

- Accommodation with breakfast for duration of your stay
- Route notes
- Transfer of the luggage
- Taxi transfers from Bordeaux on day 1- small transfers needed during stay
- 4 dinners (drinks not included)
- The wine tasting (4-5wines) in Saint-émilion (in 8 days tour version). The Guided visit of Saint-émilion (in 8 days tour)

Not Included:

- Dinner(s) in Saint Émilion and in Saint-Macaire (or Langon)
- Train from Barsac (or Langon) to Bordeaux: around 8€ per person
- Transfer from Bordeaux train station to Bordeaux airport (Bus shuttle) : around 8€ per person
- Taxi transfer back to your car at the end of the tour

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