



FRANCE

## BORDEAUX TO DORDOGNE JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 15805)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Bordeaux

### TRAVEL PERIODS

11 Apr 26 - 10 Oct 26

### EXPERIENCE

[Group Journeys](#)  
[Food & Wine](#)

### TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Travel in a small group of just eight guests and uncover the soul of Southwest France. Explore Bordeaux's legendary vineyards and châteaux, then wander through the Dordogne's storybook villages, where history, charm, and gourmet traditions await.

### Highlights

- **Guaranteed departures with a maximum of 8 guests**
- Discover **Sarlat's** vibrant market and indulge in **gourmet tastings** of cheese, foie gras, and walnut delicacies
- Sip world-class wines in **Saint-Émilion and Medoc** while exploring Bordeaux's legendary vineyards and chateaux
- Cruise the Dordogne River on a traditional Gabarre and **visit Domme and Beynac**, two of France's most beautiful villages
- Step back in time at **Lascaux IV and Rocamadour**, uncovering prehistoric art and medieval pilgrimage history

Journey through Bordeaux's renowned vineyards and historic chateaux, sipping world-class wines in Saint-Émilion and Médoc. Stroll through Sarlat's vibrant market and savour gourmet tastings of cheese, foie gras, and walnut delicacies.

Glide along the Dordogne River on a traditional Gabarre and uncover the charm of Domme and Beynac, two of France's most beautiful villages. Step back in time at Lascaux IV and Rocamadour, where prehistoric art and medieval pilgrimage history come alive.



GUARANTEED  
DEPARTURES



SMALL GROUP  
SIZES



SUSTAINABLE  
TRAVEL



ENGLISH-ONLY  
EXPERT GUIDES



CITY-CENTRE  
QUALITY HOTELS



CULTURAL  
EXPERIENCES



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Bordeaux at Hotel de Sèze 4\* or similar
- 3 nights in Sarlat at Hôtel Plaza Madeleine 4\* or similar
- Travel in a premium A/C vehicle Minivan
- Private Arrival Transfer from Bordeaux Train Station/Airport (daytime)
- Departure transfer from Sarlat to Bordeaux TGV Train Station or Bordeaux Airport
- Daily Breakfast
- Bordeaux wine tour to Médoc
- Bordeaux wine tour to Saint-Émilion
- Guided walking tours of Sarlat and Rocamadour
- Guided visit of the Prehistory Museum with entrance fees to Prehistory Museum, Lascaux IV and La Roque Saint Christophe
- Boat ride on the River Dordogne
- English speaking guides throughout

## ITINERARY

Day **1**

### Bordeaux

Arrive independently in Bordeaux and enjoy a private transfer to your accommodation for a relaxing start to your journey.

Overnight stay in Bordeaux at **Hotel de Sèze 4\*** or similar.





BORDEAUX

Day **2**

## Bordeaux Saint Emilion Bordeaux

After breakfast, embark on a full-day journey through Bordeaux's world-famous vineyards and the enchanting Saint-Émilion wine region.

First, explore the prestigious **Saint-Émilion Grand Cru vineyards**, where centuries of tradition meet exceptional craftsmanship. Visit renowned châteaux, learn the secrets of grape varieties and terroir, and enjoy exclusive tastings of Merlot-based wines that have made this region legendary.

Beyond the wine, Saint-Émilion itself is a UNESCO World Heritage gem. Wander its medieval streets, marvel at the monolithic church, and uncover the fascinating history hidden in its underground catacombs.

Overnight stay in Bordeaux at **Hotel de Sèze 4\*** or similar.

Breakfast



SAINT EMILION

Day **3**

## Bordeaux Medoc region Bordeaux

Discover the elegance of Bordeaux's Medoc region on this full-day wine adventure designed for true enthusiasts. Your journey begins at the Bordeaux Tourism Office in the city centre, just steps from your hotel.

Embark on a scenic drive along the famous **Castle Road**, passing legendary estates like Château Margaux and Château Palmer. Your first stop is a prestigious winery, where you'll explore the estate, learn about the art of winemaking, and enjoy a guided tasting of Medoc's world-class wines.

Pause for lunch in the charming town of **Pauillac** (at your own expense), then continue to two more exceptional wineries. Each visit offers a unique perspective on the region's terroir and traditions, with tastings that showcase the depth and complexity of Medoc wines.

Along the way, your guide will share fascinating insights into Bordeaux's wine heritage and the history behind its renowned appellations.

End the day with a relaxing drive back to Bordeaux, carrying memories of fine wines and stunning landscapes.

Overnight stay in Bordeaux at **Hotel de Sèze 4\*** or similar.

Breakfast



## Day 4 Bordeaux Sarlat

After breakfast, enjoy a scenic transfer from Bordeaux to Sarlat, travelling through the beautiful landscapes of southwest France.

the remainder of the day is at leisure in Sarlat.

Overnight stay in Sarlat at **Hotel Plaza Madeleine 4\*** or similar.

Breakfast





Day **5**

## Sarlat Domme Beynac Sarlat

Start your day in the heart of Sarlat-la-Canéda, a medieval gem renowned for its vibrant market and culinary traditions. Meet your friendly local guide at Place Pasteur and set off on a **gourmet walking tour** designed for food lovers.

Wander through bustling market stalls brimming with fresh produce, aromatic truffles, foie gras, and seasonal treats. Your first stop is a **traditional cheese shop**, where you'll sample artisanal varieties like creamy Rocamadour and delicate Tomme, learning the stories behind these regional favourites.

Continue through Sarlat's cobblestone streets to a family-run delicatessen for tastings of duck and goose specialties, including pâtés and foie gras, paired with Bergerac wines. Then, indulge your sweet tooth at a walnut bakery, where you'll savour buttery walnut cakes and pastries while watching the baking process in an open workshop.

After lunch (at your own expense), the adventure continues with a scenic drive to **Domme**, one of France's "Most Beautiful Villages." Explore its fortified medieval streets and soak up panoramic views of the Dordogne Valley.

Next, enjoy a peaceful **boat ride on the Dordogne River** aboard a traditional Gabarre, gliding past majestic castles and picturesque villages.

Finally, visit **Beynac**, a stunning clifftop village crowned by its 12th-century fortress. Discover its rich history and marvel at the breathtaking views before returning to Sarlat with unforgettable memories of food, culture, and scenery.

Overnight stay in Sarlat at **Hotel Plaza Madeleine 4\*** or similar.

Breakfast





Day **6**

## Sarlat Dordogne villages Sarlat

Today, set out from Sarlat-la-Canéda for an extraordinary exploration of the Dordogne's most celebrated prehistoric sites. Accompanied by your expert English-speaking guide, a specialist in Paleolithic history, you'll uncover stories that date back tens of thousands of years.

Begin at the **National Prehistory Museum in Les Eyzies**, home to fascinating exhibits that set the stage for your cave visits. Next, marvel at **La Roque Saint-Christophe**, a dramatic limestone cliff inhabited since Paleolithic times. Your guide will explain how ancient communities adapted to this unique environment.

Pause for a leisurely **lunch at a local restaurant** (at your own expense), then continue to the highlight of the day: **Lascaux IV – International Center for Parietal Art**. Here, experience an extraordinary recreation of the original cave, complete with vivid Paleolithic paintings and immersive multimedia displays that bring prehistoric art to life. Return to Sarlat.

Overnight stay in Sarlat at **Hotel Plaza Madeleine 4\*** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **7**

## Sarlat Rocamadour Sarlat

Today, immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty of **Rocamadour**, one of France's most iconic villages, dramatically clinging to the cliffs of the Quercy region. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a masterpiece of medieval architecture and spirituality, offering a glimpse into centuries of devotion and legend.

Upon arrival, prepare to be captivated by Rocamadour's unique layout, symbolizing the medieval social order: peasants' homes at the base, the Sanctuary in the middle, and the Lord's castle perched high above. Stroll through the charming streets and ascend the **Great Staircase**, imagining pilgrims of old climbing on their knees in reverence.

Explore the Sanctuary's treasures, including the legendary sword of Roland embedded in the cliff and the **Notre Dame Chapel**, home to the revered Black Madonna statue. Marvel at ship models suspended from the ceiling, offered by sailors saved from shipwrecks, and listen for the miraculous bell said to toll for each rescue.

After the guided visit, enjoy free time to wander at your own pace. Stroll along the castle ramparts for panoramic views of the Alzou canyon—a perfect photo opportunity. Return to Sarlat for an evening at leisure.

Overnight stay in Sarlat at **Hotel Plaza Madeleine 4\*** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **8**

Sarlat   Bordeaux

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to the train station/airport in Bordeaux.

Breakfast



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Guaranteed departure with a minimum of 2 guests.

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package

## IN PARTNERSHIP

