



# Cabernet's Original

By Longitude 180

Bordeaux – St Emilion – Cognac – Sauterne

**DETAILS** 07 Days / 06 Nights

**START**

Bordeaux

**FINISH**

Bordeaux

**PRICE:**

**January 1, 2010 thru October 31, 2010**

4\* hotels :\$ 3898 per person double occupancy

3\* hotels :\$ 2040 per person double occupancy

**2011 Prices: to be advised**

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

**This price includes:**

- Six nights, in a shared double room, in 3 or 4 stars
- Six breakfasts,
- Wine school session in Saint Emilion,
- Entrance fees, visits and wine tastings as per programme,
- Private visits of Saint Emilion (45minutes), and Bordeaux (2hours),
- Car rental (B Cat) for 7 days, all insurances and unlimited mileage included (but not gasoline),
- Roadmap and touristic documentation,

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED**

International air travel  
Travel insurance  
Airport departure taxes  
Personal items and alcoholic beverages  
Gratuities to escort, guides, drivers, hotel services



**Enjoy The Once-in-a-lifetime Opportunity To Taste At Some Of The World's Most Famous Chateaux, Including First Growths Like Chateaux Margaux, Latour Or Lafite Rothschild. At These Exclusive Estates You'll Be Welcomed For Private VIP Tours And Tastings. Learn From Insiders About The People, Power And Politics That Have Shaped Bordeaux's Past And Continue To Influence It Today. Along The Way, You'll Enjoy First-class Accommodations, And Sumptuous Meals Prepared By The Region's Best Chefs At Fabulous Michelin-starred Restaurants.**

**Day One Discovery of Bordeaux**

Arrival at Bordeaux airport or station in the morning. Pick up your **car rental** and direct departure to the centre of Bordeaux. Lunch will take place at a restaurant in the heart of the city. After the lunch departure for a **private guided walking tour of the city of Bordeaux**, which has been listed in June 2007 as a **UNESCO World Heritage** site (2h). Road towards the medieval town of **Saint Emilion** after the visit. Installation at Palais Cardinal ( Charming ) or L'Hostellerie de Plaisance (Grand ). Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

**Day Two St Emilion B**

**Private guided tour** of the **underground monuments** of the medieval town: the Emilion Hermitage, the exceptional monolithic church and its catacombs dug out of the limestone cliff between the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> centuries. Its 38 metre span makes it the largest such church in Europe (around 45mn).

Lunch will take place at a restaurant in Saint Emilion.

In the afternoon, **wine school session** at "Ecole du Vin" in Saint Emilion, for an introduction to wine tasting (smells, colours, flavours...): 2 hours of pure pleasure, under the leadership of an oenologist!

Then, **visit with tasting at a Saint Emilion Grand Cru Classé** (Château Lanote, de Pressac, Franc Mayne...).

Dinner will take place at a restaurant in Saint Emilion and overnight at the Palais Cardinal ( Charming ) or L'Hostellerie de Plaisance (Grand )

**Day Three Cognac B**

In the morning, visit at the **Maison Hennessy** where you will discover its « Quais Hennessy ». After having crossed the Charente River, you will learn the specificities of the

thanks to a sophisticated technique and a contemporary stage design. Back on the left bank of the River, you will **taste a glass of Cognac** coming from the prestigious Hennessy Distillery.

Lunch at the **Taverne du Coq d'Or** in the heart of the town. In the afternoon, visit of the « **Museum of the Arts of Cognac** » which is installed near the banks of the Charente River and which is dedicated to the Art of making Cognac. You will understand its economic importance thanks to the association of various trades and techniques: wine-growing, distillation, glassmaking, cooperage...

Departure to Blaye after the visit.

By the end of afternoon, installation at **Le Pavillon de Margaux ( charming )** in the village of Margaux or Château Cordeillan-Bages (Grand ). Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



#### **Days Four Medoc Vineyards**

Along the wine road, through the six famous village appellations (**Saint-Estèphe, Pauillac, Saint-Julien, Moulis en Médoc, Lustrac-Médoc, Margaux**), you will appreciate the various architectural styles of these châteaux: the loveliest medieval properties, Château d'Agassac, the Renaissance Château de Lamarque, and Château Clément Pichon and ranging from the Tudor style of Cantenac Brown to the Neo-Classical at the unique architectural ensemble of the superb Château Margaux...

Among the most well known wine estates in the Médoc are four of the five "Premiers Grands Crus" of Bordeaux: Château Margaux, Château Lafite Rothschild, Château Latour and Château Mouton Rothschild.

On that day, **visit with wine tasting** at three Grands Crus Classés (one Margaux, one Pauillac and one Saint Julien).

Lunch at a traditional restaurant of the vineyard.

Dinner will take place at restaurant **Le Savoie** in the village of Margaux and overnight at Pavillon de Margaux ( charming ) or or Château Cordeillan-Bages (Grand ).

#### **Day Five Graves Vineyards**

The oldest of the Bordeaux wine-producing areas is on the left bank of the Garonne, forming a belt of vines around the city, and some of the prestigious properties, such as Château Haut Brion, are now caught up in the web of the urban infrastructure. **Visit with tasting at a two estates** such as Château Smith Haut Lafitte, Haut Bailly, Carbonnieux...

#### **Day Five (contd)**

In the afternoon, you will visit of the historic **Château de la Brède**, mansion of Montesquieu, with one of the first "English style parks" installed by the philosopher.

*According to the days and opening hours of the château, this visit could be replaced by another historical or wine château.*

After the visit, road towards Sauternes and accommodation at **Le Relais du Château d'Arche**, (Charming) a 17<sup>th</sup> century chateau "Grand Cru Classé", with some luxury guest rooms or at les Sources De Caudalie ( Grand ) a small luxury wine resort .



#### **Day Six Garonne Valley**

Departure towards the Garonne Valley, through the beautiful road which crosses the Entre Deux Mers region. The relief is hilly and the landscapes beautiful.

In the morning you will enjoy a commented **visit with wine tasting at an Entre-Deux-Mers wine estate**. This wine region owes its name to the fact that it is located between the Garonne and the Dordogne Rivers. It is one of the largest dry white wine appellations in France.

In the afternoon, continuation of your discovery of **sweet wines**. These wines are extremely elegant, smooth, and have a remarkable bouquet. The magic of Bordeaux sweet wines is the remarkable balance between sugar and acidity, which never becomes cloying. Relais du Château d'Arche, (Charming) a 17<sup>th</sup> century chateau "Grand Cru Classé", with some luxury guest rooms or at les Sources De Caudalie ( Grand ) a small luxury wine resort .

#### **Day Seven Sauterne Vineyards**

In the afternoon, continuation of your discovery of sweet wines. These wines are extremely elegant, smooth, and have a remarkable bouquet. The magic of Bordeaux sweet wines is the remarkable balance between sugar and acidity, which never becomes cloying. **Visit with tasting** at a Grand Cru Classé Sauternes (Château Guiraud, Arche...).

Lunch at a traditional restaurant of the vineyards.

After the lunch, return of your car rental at Bordeaux Station or Airport.

□ **End of our services** □

Programme subjected to availability upon confirmation