



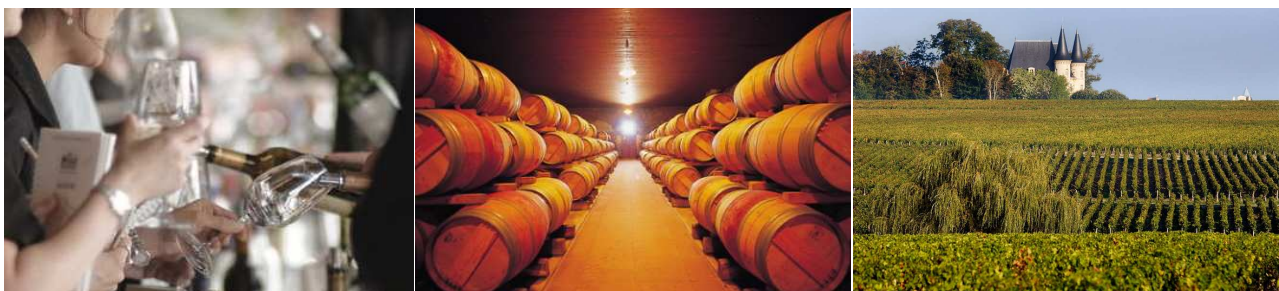
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BORDEAUX FOR « GRANDS AMATEURS »

May 11th to 13th, 2012

For the seventh time, the Union des Grands Crus is bringing together Bordeaux wine enthusiasts from all over the world to enjoy an outstanding weekend in the heart of the region's finest appellations. During this "Week-End des Grands Crus", you will be able to taste exceptional wines, meet château owners, share meals with them, and visit their prestigious estates.

In order to offer you a complete experience, we will take you out into the vineyards to enjoy exclusive and convivial visits & encounters.



3 days / 2 nights

Friday May 11th, 2012 . Welcome to Bordeaux

Individual arrival in Bordeaux and check in for two nights in a hotel in the city centre.
Welcome at your hotel in the early evening.

Tasting-dinner in a gourmet restaurant in the historical area of the town. Food and wine matching menu (service of 5 wines). Presentation of the vineyards and the wines of Bordeaux and introduction to the art of wine-tasting by a wine specialist. Thanks to his information and advice you will take full advantage of the Saturday wine-tasting. Return and overnight at your hotel.

Saturday May 12th, 2012 . The "Week-end des Grands Crus"

Over 100 Grands Crus to taste and to discover... all under one roof in Bordeaux !

The tasting will take place in the historic port of Bordeaux, designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. More than a hundred châteaux owners will welcome you and pour two vintages of their wines (2008 and another vintage from the 2000s).

You will have the rare chance to be on an equal footing with Bordeaux wine professionals and to learn the secrets and subtleties of this type of tasting. This is a unique opportunity to discover the amazing diversity of these great wines, appreciate their quality, and speak with the people who make them.

You will be free to appreciate your tasting with a wine specialist or alone.

According to your preference, you can enjoy lunch at the tasting or at one of the many restaurants in close proximity.

In the evening, you will participate in a **gala dinner** at a Grand Cru Classé wine estate. Several Château owners will present their wines and estates : : Troplong Mondot (Saint-Emilion), Coutet (Sauternes), Malartic Lagravière (Pessac-Léognan), Labégorce (Margaux), Phélan Ségur (Saint-Estèphe)

Return to Bordeaux by coach and overnight at your hotel.

Sunday May 13th, 2012 . A Sunday among Pomerol and Saint-Emilion vineyards

All day long, **3 wine estates**, members of the Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux, will receive you at their wine estates. They will open their doors – and their bottles ! – for thematic visits and a winegrower's lunch. You will also have the opportunity to stroll along the streets of Saint-Emilion medieval town, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Departure by coach from Bordeaux at 9:45 am and return at 6:00 pm

Other tour available : Médoc OR Graves/Pessac-Léognan & Sauternes

- **Circuit 1** – Médoc : Châteaux Giscours ; Lagrange (déjeuner) ; La Lagune
- **Circuit 2** – Saint-Emilion et Pomerol : Châteaux Franc Mayne ; Lapointe (déjeuner) ; Troplong Mondot
- **Circuit 3** – Pessac-Léognan, Sauternes : Châteaux Bouscaut ; Guiraud (déjeuner) ; Climens



Rate 2012

Net price per person (double occupancy) :

- 572.20 € in the three-star hotel Quality Sainte-Catherine (single room supplement 75 €)
- 602.90 € in the four-star hotel Mercure Chateaux Chartrons (single room supplement 80 €)
- 772.90 € in the five-star Grand Hotel de Bordeaux & Spa (single room supplement 245 €)

This price includes:

- two nights including breakfast and tourist tax in Bordeaux city centre ;
- transportation from Bordeaux during the Sunday excursion as well as the in&out transfer to the château for the gala dinner on Saturday night ;
- two dinners and one lunch, wines included;
- the presence of a wine specialist during the Friday tasting-dinner and the tasting on Saturday.
- the services of an English-speaking guide for the Sunday excursion;
- admission fees to the wine-tasting on Saturday;
- the wine estate visits and tastings mentioned in the itinerary;
- a wine and tourist documentation.

Not included are personal expenses, the hospitality tax and generally speaking any service not mentioned in the itinerary.

Extra night: price per person in a double occupancy room (breakfast and city tax included)

- three-star hotel Quality Sainte-Catherine : 66,10 €
- four-star Mercure Château Chartrons hotel : 71,45 €
- five-star Grand Hotel de Bordeaux & Spa : 177,95 €

Prices & services subject to availability at the time of booking.

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