



CRUISE OF 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS - REF. BYA_PP

Cruise through the Aquitaine Region from Bordeaux to Royan, along the Gironde Estuary and the Garonne and Dordogne Rivers (port-to-port cruise)

BORDEAUX - CUSSAC-FORT-MEDOC - ROYAN - Rochefort(1) - La Rochelle(1) - LIBOURNE(2) - Saint-Emilion(1) - CADILLAC - Arcachon(1) - BORDEAUX

This magnificent itinerary will take you to the heart of Southwestern France, well known for its idyllic landscapes, famous wines, historical monuments, and emblematic sites.

What better way to explore this corner of French paradise than through its longstanding maritime cities and its unequivocal art of living?

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover(1):
 - The **Médoc Wine Route**
 - The charming, retro city of **Royan**
 - **Rochefort** and the **Corderie Royale**
 - The seaside city of **La Rochelle**
 - **Arcachon Bay** and the **Dune of Pilat(1)**

CRUISE PROGRAM (7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS)



Day 1 : BORDEAUX - CUSSAC-FORT-MEDOC

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail and enjoy our first evening together. Our ship will begin to cruise to Cussac-Fort-Médoc. We'll begin on the Garonne River, before entering the Gironde River, where we'll pass the islands of Cazeau and Patiras before reaching Cussac-Fort-Médoc.



Day 2 : CUSSAC-FORT-MEDOC - THE MEDOC(1) - Gironde Estuary - ROYAN

This morning, join us on a CLASSIC / DISCOVERY optional excursion: Tour through the Médoc vineyards (only on pre-booking before departure). Visit the prestigious earth that nurtures the most renowned red wines of the planet, tucked between an ocean and an estuary. We'll cross through most of the famed names in the Médoc region—Saint Julien, Haut-Médoc, etc.—stopping along the celebrated wine route to have a tasting of some of the illustrious regional wines.* While we are on the road, we'll also get a glimpse of the famous label vineyards and domains such as Châteaux Lafite-Rothschild, Latour, and Mouton Rothschild.

CLASSIC / DISCOVERY excursion: Royan, guided tour on foot. You'll set out on foot with your guide to discover this Atlantic seaside resort known for its early- to mid-20th-century architecture and vibrant energy. Old villas, luxuriant gardens, quaint boutiques, and the beautiful harbor forge the city's charm. The impressive church was rebuilt in the 1950s using sleek lines and natural light as the focus. Enjoy some time on your own.

Join us for an evening of dinner and dancing.



Day 3 : ROYAN - Rochefort - La Rochelle - ROYAN

Optional excursion for both packages: The seaside cities of Rochefort and La Rochelle. We'll leave by coach for Rochefort. Rochefort was originally chosen by Jean-Baptiste Colbert as a refuge, defense, and supply post for the French Navy back in the mid-1660s. Its arsenal remained a naval base and dockyard until as late as 1926. The historic downtown area boasting lovely private mansions and beautiful homes—where the legendary sailors and explorers lived—still retain their air of adventure and glamor. We'll visit the Corderie Royale, a historical rope-making factory. Built between 1666 and 1669, it was the first industrial building in France, and the factory provided ropes for the French Navy and its ships for over three centuries. We'll tour the main building and learn about the techniques used to produce the ropes used on the large sailing ships.

Afterwards, we'll head to La Rochelle. We'll stop for lunch in a local restaurant. The over 1,000-year-old city of La Rochelle is the capital of the Charente Maritime. It's tucked along the Bay of Biscay and contains some of the most beautiful natural and architectural heritage in the area. During a guided tour of the old town and port, you'll learn about the Grosse-Horloge gate, Renaissance arcades, lovely half-timbered homes, finely sculpted facades of the private mansions, and the cathedral. Enjoy some free time before returning to the ship. After we return on board, we'll spend the rest of our day cruising up the Dordogne to Libourne.



Day 4 : LIBOURNE(2) - BORDEAUX

This morning, we offer two optional excursions:

CLASSIC: Saint-Émilion. We will take a guided tour of Saint-Émilion's underground monuments, discovering the rich history of this medieval city, including its enigmatic monolithic church. We'll then head to a vineyard where we'll learn about how the famous local wine is produced. We'll enjoy a tasting of local products at the end of our tour.*

DISCOVERY: Libourne by bike and wine tasting*. Guided tour of Libourne. Discover this former English bastide. Located at the confluence of the Isle and Dordogne Rivers, Libourne expanded around its port. We'll see the Saint John the Baptist Church, Abel Surchamp Square, and the imposing clock tower in the grand harbor. Then, we'll hop on our bikes and head over to the Pomerol wine-growing area. We'll enjoy a tasting of wine.*

We'll return to the ship in Libourne and spend the afternoon cruising to Bordeaux.



Day 5 : BORDEAUX - CADILLAC

We'll cruise along the Garonne, getting a good glimpse of Bordeaux from the water as we continue on to Cadillac. This morning, we offer two optional excursions:

CLASSIC: a visit to the magnificent and prestigious Château de Roquetaillade. This castle has been the backdrop for several French films including Brotherhood of the Wolf (Le Pacte des Loups) and Fanfan la Tulipe. Explore the towers and keeps in this medieval château and take time to learn about the architecture, interiors, and ambiance of French life almost 500 years ago. We'll then head to a wine cellar in the Sauternais to enjoy a tasting of the famous Sauternes wine.* Afterwards, we'll return to Cadillac for a guided tour of the city. Located on the right bank of the Garonne River, the city was founded in 1280 and still retains its original structure. We'll explore the port, its ramparts, and the main square and stroll the streets to admire the old homes and 15th-century church.

DISCOVERY: Gourmet market in Cadillac. We'll head toward the hills surrounding Cadillac, crossing through the city and passing in front of the bastide. We'll then continue on through the vineyards, taking in the breathtaking views of the river below. The trek will finish up on a flavorful tone, with a tasting of wine and succulent local delicacies.

We'll spend the afternoon cruising to Bordeaux, and we'll arrive during the evening. Tonight is our festive gala evening.



Day 6 : BORDEAUX - Arcachon Bay(1) - BORDEAUX

Optional excursion for both packages: To the center of Arcachon Bay. Departure by coach from Bordeaux for the Bassin d'Arcachon. We will start our tour with a boat trip on the Bassin d'Arcachon. You'll be able to see the Bird Island, the famous "Cabanes tchanquées" houses on stilts and the oyster beds. Free time in Arcachon. We will have lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we will go to the Great Dune of Pilat. Culminating at 107m, it is the highest sand dune in Europe. The view from the top is awe-inspiring. Return to Bordeaux at the end of the day.

OR

This morning, we offer two optional excursions:

CLASSIC: The Chartrons District, Wine and Commerce Museum. Set out with your guide on foot to explore the old neighborhood where wine merchants performed their trade—the Chartrons District. You'll visit the Wine and Commerce Museum to trace the history of Bordeaux's classic nectar. We'll enjoy a tasting of wine.*

DISCOVERY: The Bassins des Lumières. The Bassins des Lumières With our guide leading you, discover this unique digital art center within a former submarine base built by the Germans during their occupation of France during World War II. Each year, the center hosts a different multimedia exhibit, perfectly adapted to the architecture's grandeur and reflective waters.

Lunch will be served on board. Enjoy some free time on your own in the city this afternoon.

Join us for dinner and an evening of entertainment.



Day 7 : BORDEAUX

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

This offer includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - all onboard beverages (not including the special lists) - accommodations in double-occupancy, climate-controlled cabin with shower in private bathroom - onboard entertainment - excursion to Royan and its waterfront (D2) - welcome cocktail - gala evening - assistance from our onboard, multi-lingual host/hostess - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

This offer does not include

Drinks from our special lists or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - cancellation and baggage insurance - transfers to/from departure/arrival points(3) - personal expenses.

Transport

Port-to-port cruise without transfers

Requirements

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- **All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED** with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail
- **Free Wi-Fi** onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

MENTIONS

For optimal organization of your cruise, the order of the excursions can be modified according to the tides.

(1) Optional excursions.

(2) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Libourne may be replaced by a stopover in Bourg.

(3) Please contact us for travel arrangements from your region.

*Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.

EXCURSIONS

Day 2 2 Excursion (s)



Pauillac and the Châteaux du Medoc Route *(Optional)*

Duration : 04h00

Classic



Morning



Guided tour of Royan on foot *(Included)*

Duration : 01h00

Classic



Afternoon

Day 3 1 Excursion (s)



The seaside cities of Rochefort and La Rochelle *(Optional)*

Duration : 10h00

Classic



Day

Day 4 2 Excursion (s)



Guided tour of Saint Emilion and wine tasting *(Optional)*

Duration : 03h00

Classic



Morning

Libourne by bike and wine tasting *(Optional)*

Duration : 04h00

Classic



Morning

Day 5 2 Excursion (s)



"Pick-me-up" walk in cadillac *(Optional)*

Discovery



Morning



Guided tour of the Château de Roquetaillade and Cadillac *(Optional)*

Classic



Morning

Day 6

3 Excursion (s)



Day trip in the Arcachon Bay (lunch included) (Optional)

Classic



The Bassins des Lumières (Optional)

Duration : 03h00

Classic



Bordeaux, the Chartrons District, Wine and Commerce Museum (Optional)

Duration : 03h00

Classic

