

2025 SEASON

# BONJOUR BORDEAUX: CHATEAUX, WINERIES & CHARMING VILLAGES

8 Day River Cruise Bordeaux to Bordeaux

CRUISE: WXX



Bid bonjour to the bountiful beauty of Bordeaux with a captivating cruise on the Garonne and Dordogne Rivers to delight in one of France's most exquisite regions. Embark from Bordeaux itself, the capital of the splendid Nouvelle-Aquitaine region—famed for its legendary vineyards and wines. Be carried away by Avalon's signature included Classic, Active, or Discovery experiences of your choice—from the regal histories of castles and Châteaux to the romantic cellars where wine bouquets and bon-vivant cuisine tempt the palate. While the landscapes and lush pastoral treasures are plentiful along the shores of the Garonne and Dordogne, Avalon elevates each immersive experience for a deeper discovery of the cultural and architectural treasures that recall the rich traditions of Southwest France.

From unparalleled panoramic drives to forested two-wheel excursions by bike to the delicacies of seaside Arcachon—the world is your oyster on this adventure in la belle vie of Bordeaux!

CRUISE OVERVIEW

 COUNTRIES

France

8

DAYS

1

COUNTRY

DAY-BY-DAY

## ITINERARY

### 1 BORDEAUX, FRANCE (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to France! Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding

Flights into Bordeaux must arrive by 3 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Your day is free to explore the city before starting your cruise on the Garonne and Dordogne. Get acquainted with this city, capital of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region and famous worldwide for its vineyards and wines.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BORDEAUX\*

\*Ship may sail in the evening to Cadillac-sur-Garonne based on tide and water levels.

 Dinner

### 2 CADILLAC-SUR-GARONNE

On the Steps of Montesquieu



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a guided tour of Château de la Brède—birthplace of Montesquieu—political philosopher and author of “The Spirit of Law.” Visit the fortress-style castle still reflected in its impressive moat, OR:



#### DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a Guided Visit with wine tasting at a local château. Sip the sweet notes and fresh acidity of Sauternes, the beloved golden-yellow wine.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board your Suite Ship®.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN CADILLAC-SUR-GARONNE

\*Sailing to Cadillac-sur-Garonne pending tides and water levels. Alternative motorcoach transportation for today’s excursions provided.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

### 3 CUSSAC FORT MÉDOC

## Bikes, Vines, and Wines

This morning, enjoy a leisurely sailing to Cussac Fort Médoc

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.



### ACTIVE EXCURSION

Enjoy a relaxing E-bike guided tour in Bordeaux's finest wine region. You will be amazed by the picturesque countryside while you enjoy a wonderful ride through the vineyards, OR:



### DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Take a Guided Visit to an historic Château in the Médoc area and enjoy a tasting of their wonderful wines, with Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon as protagonists.

This evening, enjoy a brief sailing to Blaye.

## OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BLAYE

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

### 4 BLAYE-BOURG

Fine Art, Fine Bubbly, and a Fine Day for a Drive

Ask your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a guided visit to the Citadel of Blaye, an UNESCO World Heritage site, followed by a panoramic drive following the famed Route de la Corniche along the right banks of the River Dordogne, OR:



### DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour to discover Blaye from a different perspective, including a visit to a local art gallery with wine tasting.

Scenic afternoon sailing on the Dordogne River to Bourg. Enjoy free time to explore this storybook village or join an optional guided excursion to learn how the Fine Champagne of Cognac is made while enjoying a Rémy Martin tasting.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.

## OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BOURG

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

### 5 LIBOURNE. EXCURSION TO SAINT-ÉMILION

The Village Amid the Vineyards



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a guided tour of the medieval village of Saint-Émilion—a UNESCO World Heritage site of legends and legendary landscapes.

Later, sail Bordeaux.

## OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BORDEAUX

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

### 6 BORDEAUX

## Bordeaux Sights and Brilliant Lights

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a guided walking tour to discover the heart of Bordeaux with a stroll amid its stunning squares, avenues, and cathedrals sights.

This afternoon, consider an optional guided excursion to Les Bassins des Lumières for a breathtaking visit to the submarine base where art and music surround you in an immersive experience.

### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BORDEAUX

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

7

### BORDEAUX. EXCURSION TO ARCACHON'S BAY

Seas, Shells, and Sips



### ACTIVE EXCURSION

Join your Adventure Host for a bike ride along Bordeaux' postcard river views of the Les Quais, OR:



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a full-day guided tour of the seaside resort of Arcachon on the Atlantic coast. Gaze upon its 19th-century architectural treasures and taste its local delicacy of oysters and wine.

### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BORDEAUX

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

8

### BORDEAUX (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

## NOTES

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

HAND-PICKED

## HOTELS

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

**1 Le Burdigala**  
115 Rue Georges Bonnac

 WiFi

 Deluxe

Located in Bordeaux city centre, Le Burdigala is a lifestyle hotel synonymous with good living, day and night. It features large, open spaces where the watchword is `sharing`. This vibrant venue sets the pace of the neighbourhood, bringing travellers and Bordeaux locals together. Far from the hustle and bustle of the city, our rooms are calm and peaceful. Every detail helps guests to focus on themselves and find new energy to better reconnect with others.