



2027 – TASTE OF BORDEAUX BB

11 NIGHTS · 2 NIGHTS BILBAO and 2 NIGHTS SAN SEBASTIÁN, 7-NIGHT ROUNTRIP BORDEAUX CRUISE

Begin your journey in the heart of Basque Country, Bilbao! Home to the world-renowned Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao is a cultural hub for rich history and flavorful cuisine. Then enjoy two nights in the stunning seaside resort of San Sebastián before embarking on your river cruise journey in Bordeaux. From romantic walks to red wine, Bordeaux is the cultural capital of all that is quintessentially French. Follow wine's journey from countryside to cask as you tour centuries-old vineyards and taste Bordeaux's finest vintages throughout your river cruise experience. Step into living history when you visit historic Roquetaillade Castle and Château Boutinet, delighting in their elegant décor and regal architecture. Then, contrast their grandeur with the pastoral gems including the historic village of Saint-Émilion and the peaceful commune of Cussac-Fort-Medoc. After indulging in Bordeaux's colorful culture and rich flavors, you and your palate will remember this journey for years to come.

DAY	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES
1	Bilbao	Hotel check-in
2	Bilbao	Guernica excursion “A City of Contrasts” walking tour and introduction to tapas
3	Bilbao San Sebastián	Guggenheim Museum Hotel check-in Evening walk of Old Town
4	San Sebastián	“City by the Bay of Biscay” tour
5	San Sebastián Bordeaux	Transfer to Bordeaux via Bayonne EMBARKATION
6	Libourne	Saint-Émilion Excursion OR Saint-Émilion bike tour
7	Libourne	Bastide town and market visit OR Ancient Watermill Visit and Breadmaking Workshop OR Château Boutinet hike with wine and tapas tasting
8	Blaye Bourg	Citadel visit OR Blaye Chemin de Fer bike tour Bourg walking tour, Carriage Museum, and WWII Petrol Cistern Exclusive wine festival
9	Cussac Fort-Medoc	Medoc Grand Cru wine tasting and scenic vineyard tour Margaux vineyards hike & local specialties tasting
10	Cadillac	Chateau Royal de Cazeneuve OR Roquetaillade Castle and Cadillac visit OR Cadillac bike tour

11	Bordeaux	UNESCO city tour and market tasting OR Bordeaux bike tour Bassins de Lumières OR Bordeaux Cité du Vin (wine museum) visit
12	Bordeaux	DISEMBARKATION

Day 1, BILBAO. Check into your hotel for the beginning of your Basque Country land package.

Day 2, BILBAO. Travel to the Basque town of Guernica, infamously bombed by German and Italian air forces during the Spanish Civil War – and the subject of one of Picasso’s most renowned paintings. Immerse yourself in culture and visit the open-air market where you’ll find a variety of local specialties, from cheese to peppers to fish. Later in the day, take an informative walking tour through Bilbao and learn how to order Basque tapas, known locally as *pintxos*, and revered for their small size and big taste. (B)

Day 3, BILBAO – SAN SEBASTIÁN. Take a deep dive into the contemporary art within the world-famous Guggenheim Museum, a work of art itself. Designed by architect Frank Gehry, the museum features a daring and innovative façade and showcases work by such artists as Andy Warhol, German artist Anselm Kiefer, and Basque masters Eduardo Chillida and Jorge Oteiza. Later in the day, transfer to San Sebastián and check into your hotel. In the evening, take a stroll through Old Town, the second oldest neighborhood in the city, where distinctive architecture and *pintxos* bars beckon, made even more romantic by the evening light. (B)

Day 4, SAN SEBASTIÁN. Discover the charms of the “City by the Bay of Biscay.” Known in the Basque language as Donostia, San Sebastián was once a prominent fishing village and was burned to the ground in 1813 after being occupied by Napoleonic troops. However, by 1887, after rebuilding, the city flourished as a popular tourist destination and spa resort. Later in the day, enjoy some free time in the city renowned for holding the second highest number of Michelin stars per square meter. (B)

Day 5, SAN SEBASTIÁN – BAYONNE – BORDEAUX - EMBARKATION. Check out of your hotel and transfer to Bordeaux via the French Basque town of Bayonne. Later, embark the ship in Bordeaux for your *Taste of Bordeaux* cruise. (B,D)

Day 6, LIBOURNE. Welcome to Libourne, a gateway to one of Bordeaux’s most elite wine regions. Join an excursion to Saint Émilion, known for its celebrated vineyards, and while here, explore the monolithic church carved out of one piece of limestone rock, and then go under the church to discover its catacombs and caves. If you prefer a more active adventure, pedal through the vineyard-rich countryside to Saint-Émilion. (B,L,D)

Day 7, LIBOURNE – BLAYE. Stroll through the colorful, open-air market, tasting some of the region’s specialties. As a unique alternative, travel back in time to visit an ancient watermill and learn the tradition of breadmaking. Or, you can get your heart pumping by venturing deeper into town by hiking through one of Libourne’s renowned vineyards, accompanied by a tasting of local wine and tapas. (B,L,D)

Day 8, BLAYE – BOURG. Once in Blaye, you can join a tour of its 17th-century citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For a more active excursion, take a bike ride around Blaye along a former railway. Later in the day, in the ancient village of Bourg, take a walking tour and visit the Carriage Museum, which houses a wonderful collection of horse-drawn vehicles, and the World War II Petrol Cistern. Towards the evening, experience the hospitality of this charming medieval village with an exclusive wine festival. Meet the local wine growers and taste the fruits of their labors as well as enjoy live French music and dancing. (B,L,D)

Day 9, CUSSAC-FORT-MEDOC. Cussac-Fort-Medoc is a peaceful commune in southwestern France and your gateway to the famed Médoc region, renowned for producing some of the world’s finest Bordeaux wines. Today, you can join a tour of the commune’s famous wine estates and savor a tasting of Grand Cru wines. More active guests can hike through the vineyards, followed by a tasting of local specialties. (B,L,D)

Day 10, CADILLAC. Visit the impressive Royal Chateau Cazeneauve, an amazingly preserved masterpiece owned by the same noble family for generations to the current day. For those wishing to explore more of the history on the decadent castles, you can enjoy a visit to the Roquetaillade castle and Cadillac castle. Or, pedal through the charming town of Cadillac for a guided bike tour. (B,L,D)

Day 11, BORDEAUX. The breathtaking capital of the wine world, Bordeaux is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and classified as a “City of Art and History.” You’ll have an opportunity to experience much of the rich culture and architecture on a city tour followed by a visit to the famed indoor Les Halles de Bacalan market for a tasting of local specialties to please the palate. Bike enthusiasts will wish to join a tour along the city’s amazing network of bicycle paths. In the afternoon, be treated to a spectacular sound and light show, Les Bassins des Lumières. Alternatively, you can enjoy a visit to the immersive and interactive Bordeaux Wine Museum, housed in an awe-inspiring building. (B,L,D)

Day 12, BORDEAUX – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship. (B)

B,L,D – Indicates Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner are included on this day.