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Bordeaux, the vineyards and Arcachon



Day 1: Arrival to Bordeaux

Arrival in **Bordeaux**, capital of the Aquitaine region. Welcome by our tour guide at the train station or the airport, transfer and hotel check-in. Rest of the day at leisure. Make your first contact with the city. Stroll through the old Bordeaux or seat on the terrace of a cafe or a wine bar and let yourself be surprised by the exciting atmosphere of town.

Day 2: Bordeaux and the Haut-Medoc

Morning guided visit of the city by bus and on foot (approx. 2 hours).

Among visited sites: the **place des Quinconces** and the **Monument aux Girondins**, the **Grand Theatre** on the Place de la Comedie, the Place de la Bourse with the Three Graces fountain, **St. Peter's Bridge**, the facades along the quays from the left bank, the **Cathedral Saint Andre** and the **Rohan Palace** (Town Hall), Rue Sainte Catherine and the Place of Parliament, etc..

Afternoon excursion to the region of **Haut-Medoc**, along the banks of the Gironde delta. Here are renowned, classified large domains of Bordeaux wines directly close to each other: **Listrac, Margaux, Medoc, Moulis, Pauillac, Saint-Estèphe and Saint-Julien**. Wine tasting at **Chateau Giscours** classified third great growth (Grand Cru) and **Château Lascombes** second great growth. Return to Bordeaux in the early evening.

Day 3: Pure nature at the Bassin d'Arcachon

Drive to **Gujan Mestras** 'oyster capital of the Bassin d'Arcachon'. Visit of the oysters harbour and oysters tasting at an oyster breeder

Then onward to **Arcachon** - Sightseeing and stroll on the beach promenade. Afternoon boarding a boat and ride through the bay to the **bird island**, mysterious island in the middle of the Bassin d'Arcachon, dominated by the famous stilt houses. Return to Arcachon and continue by bus to the **Dune du Pilat**. The dune is located opposite the entrance of the Bassin d'Arcachon and the tip of Cap Ferret. It is the largest sand mass of Europe. Opportunity to climb up the dune. From the top of this veritable mountain of sand you can see the ocean, the forests of the Landes, the Bassin d'Arcachon, the tip of **Cap Ferret** and the sandbank of Arguin: a fabulous view! Then drive back to Bordeaux.

Day 4: Saint-Emilion

Morning at leisure in Bordeaux. Afternoon drive to **Saint-Emilion** known for its vineyards, but also for its millennial city classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. Guided tour of the medieval town and visit of a wine cellar with explanations of the various stages of production of the Saint-Emilion wine followed by a wine tasting. Return to Bordeaux at the end of the afternoon.

Day 5: Bordeaux - trip home

Transfer by bus to the station or the airport and departure.

Our services:

- 4 x hotel accommodation with breakfast in a good standard 3-stars hotel
- Bus and English speaking tour guide for city tours and excursions from Bordeaux as described
- Wine tasting at Chateau Giscours, Château Lascombes and Clos de la Madeleine in Saint-Emilion
- Oyster tasting in Gujean Mestras
- Boat trip in the Bassin of Arcachon

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