

Wine Tasting Weekend Break in Bordeaux



Highlights

Explore the famous Bordeaux wine region of France with this classy wine tasting weekend break staying in a sleepy village vineyard. Taste and learn all there is to know about the region's fine wine at an all-day wine workshop, tour famous Grand Cru vineyards and eat magnificently, all in rustic tranquility.

Bordeaux is near the Atlantic coast in south-western France and Bordeaux wine takes the name from the region's main port and city; the region spreads 60 miles around the city. With a short winter, hot summers and temperate winters the region produces some of the world's finest and most famous wines, red and white, in fertile valleys dotted with picturesque villages.

Besides wine, Bordeaux city boasts an intoxicating mix of culture and architecture, museums and three UNESCO world heritage monuments: Saint Michel Basilica, Saint Andre Cathedral and Saint Seurin Basilica, that mark the French pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

The delights of this wine tasting weekend break include a full day's Wine Workshop. This will unlock the mysteries of the 'appellation' or naming system of French Grand Crus then illustrate the subtleties of vineyard, geography and soil with a healthy tasting session followed by an afternoon of winemaking. The pace is gentle and snacks and lunch are included so the fun/drinking is uninterrupted!

The next day is a tour of the Grand Cru vineyard and their old chateaux and warehouses where you can sample the delights and put your knowledge to the test in stylish surrounding rich in wine-making history.

Is it for me?

This is an elegant mini-break in a delightfully high-brow region of France, perfect for a couple of any age. There is no need to be a wine snob as the workshop is tailor made for all levels of knowledge and your hosts and guides will be very friendly. If you're looking for a weekend getaway in Europe with the right mixture of culture, history and alcohol, this is a great option. Being able to rent a car is a plus point as pick up is not included and train services are less reliable.

Accommodation

What is there to say? The accommodation, food and drink are what make this holiday! Your stay will be in a sophisticated B&B in the rustic setting of Saussignac, a stone-roofed sleep village typical of the region, surrounded by vineyards and lush farming meadows. Rooms are well-appointed with their own bathroom. Lunch is included at the vineyards you will tour and is a farmyard table: cheeses, hams, organic vegetables and plenty of wine! Breakfast and superlative dinners are also included back at your B&B and, feature regional classics such as fig preserves, foie gras, pate and duck breast.

Itinerary

Two days of vineyard learning and fun:

Prices from

345 GBP (2 days) per person

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Arrive to welcome drinks at your B&B then enjoy a delicious meal with your hosts

Day One: The Complete Wine Workshop: an introduction to French Wine in the morning followed by Winemaking in the afternoon. In the evening enjoy dinner and fine wines at your accommodation or at a restaurant a short walk away.

Day Two: The Grand Cru Classé tour including lunch. By the end of this getaway you will be an expert in wine and in the Grand Cru classés of France!

Details

Getting there

Fly to Bergerac, Bordeaux or Rodez then drive. (no more than an hour and half from each)

Fly direct to Bergerac Airport from London (Gatwick or Stanstead), Edinburgh, Nottingham, Leeds, Southampton, Exeter, Brussels or Rotterdam. The organic vineyard and wine estate, the start of your Bordeaux wine weekend that includes a grand cru classé tour, is just 15 minutes from Bergerac airport.

Price includes

Excellent accommodation, two breakfasts and two dinners in a luxury Guest House on a vineyard

A full day wine class including lunch

A full day wine Grand Cru classé tour including lunch

Price details

The price quotes is based on 2 people sharing and may vary according to the season.

Comfort level

Refined (boutique or luxury accommodation and food)

Experience required

Not relevant