

# BORDEAUX RIVERBOAT CRUISE 2020

29 MARCH - 5 APRIL 2020



YES, WE HAVE SAILED IN FRANCE BUT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO BORDEAUX. THE AREA IS FAMOUS FOR ITS WINES AND ITS UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES. THE MOST FAMOUS WINES OF THE WORLD HAVE BEEN PRODUCED HERE SINCE THE 8TH CENTURY. THINK OF MEDOC, CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD, SAUTERNES, ST. EMILION! SAIL ALONG THE GARONNE AND THE DORDOGNE RIVERS. SIP THE WORLD'S PREMIER WINES. VISIT HISTORIC SITES. ENJOY FRENCH CUISINE .



## **DAY 1: Bordeaux (Embark)**

Arrive at Bordeaux-Mérignac International Airport.

## **DAY 2: Cruising the Garonne River and Gironde Estuary, Cussac Fort Médoc, Pauillac La-Fayette**

Journey from Bordeaux, the “Pearl of the Aquitaine,” a famed wine-growing region, to the historical village of Cussac-Fort-Médoc, before arriving in coastal Pauillac later in the afternoon. Pauillac, once a crucial enemy stronghold during World War II, is still home to remnants of its war-torn past. Embark on an afternoon Bunker Archaeology tour, where you’ll begin to understand WWII from the enemy’s point of view. Led by a local guide, tour the remains of defensive army camps, wander inside bunkers and get up close and personal with the Atlantic Wall, an extensive coastal defense system and series of fortifications built by Nazi Germany that lies along the coast of numerous European countries.

Choice of Médoc Châteaux route with exclusive wine tasting or Bunker Archaeology tour

## **DAY 3: Cadillac**

Satisfy your sweet tooth in elegant Cadillac, a town known for its production of sweet dessert wines and perfectly situated in the center of an acclaimed international wine region. The town, which still holds on to its medieval structure, is home to a plethora of impressive wine estates, beautiful chateaus and trails perfect for

enjoying the French countryside. We'll treat you to an exclusive artisanal wine-pairing lunch at Château Royal de Cazeneuve prior to an appropriate photo stop at Château d'Yquem.

Choice of Sauternes vineyard with exclusive artisanal wine-tasting or Château de Cazeneuve

## **DAY 4: Blaye, Bourg sur Gironde, Libourne**

Spend your morning on a scenic drive along the Route de La Corniche Fleurie. Marvel at the spectacular homes etched into cliffs, sprawling gardens, Blaye Fortress and Lansac's windmills along your way. Or, choose to experience it by bike, where you'll cycle towards quiet roads, riverside paths and charming villages.

### **Featured Excursions:**

Scenic drive along the Route de la Corniche Fleurie with Blaye Fortress

"Let's Go" bike tour: Corniche Fleurie

## **DAY 5: Libourne (Saint-Émilion)**

A full day in Libourne means you'll have plenty of time to explore the majestic landscape of villages and vineyards. Nestled along the confluence of the Isle and Dordogne rivers, the quaint town is as pretty as a postcard. On the outskirts of Libourne, you'll find neighboring Saint-Émilion. Discover the wine-making town by foot on a tour of its most picturesque sights, such as the magnificent Monolithic Church, all capped by a wine tasting at a beautiful château.

### **Featured Excursion:**

Saint-Émilion walking discovery tour with wine tasting

## **DAY 6: Libourne, Bordeaux, Cité du Vin**

The French insist that the key to their superb wines is the soil in which they're grown, the terroir. That same terroir also makes for extraordinary produce—the foundation for the country's acclaimed cuisine—as you'll discover today at a local farmers' market.

### **Featured Excursion:**

Libourne "Village Day" with farmers' market

Cocktail party - Island of Patiras

## **DAY 7: Bordeaux (Quai des Chatrons)**

There's so much to discover with a full day in Bordeaux's port of Quai des Chatrons. The architecture is impressive, the wine is exquisite and the shopping is to die for. Explore La Cité du Vin, a one-of-a-kind cultural center and museum that brings the heritage of wine to life through interactive exhibits, shows, academic seminars and more. Do as the locals do and uncover Bordeaux's unique heritage on a walking tour or choose to traverse the city by bike. Celebrate the end to a spectacular trip with a farewell dinner onboard.

Choice of "Do as the Locals Do" Bordeaux Heritage walking tour or "Let's Go" biking in Bordeaux backstreets

## **DAY 8: Bordeaux (Disembark)**

Disembark the ship.

Itinerary subject to change. Dates and prices will be available by beginning of 2019.



## DINING

All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients

7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners

Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions

Welcome and Farewell Gala Dinners

Unlimited beverages onboard, including fine wine, beer, spirits, specialty coffee and tea, soft drinks and mineral water



## EXCURSIONS

6 days of excursions, including “Choice Is Yours” options, all fully hosted by English-speaking local experts

Guided “Let's Go,” “Do as the Locals Do” and “Village Day” programs

State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audioheadset system on all excursions

Use of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks



## EXPERIENCES

1 country: France

3 UNESCO World Heritage sites

Captivating onboard local entertainment

Cultural enrichment, including a Signature Lecture: "Aquitaine: Three Rivers, One Ocean and a Unique Land"

All transfers on arrival and departure days

All gratuities, both onboard and onshore

\$100 onboard credit per person

Classic Cabin 2499

Deluxe cabin 3099

French Balcony 3699

Suite 5799

Port Charges \$190

\$150 discount if you are a Uniworld Repeat Customer