



CRUISE OF 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS - REF. BYB_FESPP2

Fall Festival: History, Wine, and Heritage on Rivers in Southwestern France

BORDEAUX - CUSSAC-FORT-MEDOC - ROYAN – Cognac– BORDEAUX

This magnificent itinerary will take you to the heart of southwestern France—well known for its idyllic landscapes, famous wines, historical monuments, and emblematic sites. Take part in this exclusive cruise!

Favorite : The charming, retro city of Royan

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Onboard presentation
- Onboard contest: Win a gastronomic cruise on the Rhine with Marc Haeberlin, top chef at the Michelin two-star restaurant L'Auberge de l'III(1)
- ONLY WITH CROISIEUROPE: Cruise all the way to Royan in the Gironde Estuary
- Evening of traditional entertainment on board
- ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED
- THE MUSTS:
 - The prestigious Médoc region
 - Cognac, its world-famous brandy and art museum
 - The medieval city of Saint-Émilion

CRUISE PROGRAM (5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS)



Day 1 : BORDEAUX - CUSSAC-FORT-MEDOC

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6 p.m. Our ship will begin to cruise. We'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Enjoy an evening of entertainment.



Day 2 : CUSSAC-FORT-MEDOC - The Médoc Region - Gironde Estuary - ROYAN

This morning, join us for an excursion along the Grands Crus Wine Route in the Médoc region. Visit the prestigious lands nurturing the most renowned red wines on the planet. We'll come across most of the famed names in the Médoc region—Saint-Julien, Haut-Médoc, etc.—stopping along the celebrated wine route to have a sampling of the illustrious regional wines. While we are on the road, we'll also get a glimpse of the famous label vineyards and domains such as Châteaux Lafite-Rothschild, Latour, and Mouton Rothschild.

We'll return on board the ship to cruise the Gironde until we reach the estuary.

Onboard presentation: "The Gironde Estuary: The Largest and Most Protected in Europe."

ONBOARD CONTEST.(1)

We'll pass by marshes, the steep cliffs of Meschers-sur-Gironde, troglodyte homes, and fishing cabins before arriving in Royan at the end of the afternoon.

Join us for a tasting of oysters.

Enjoy an evening of traditional entertainment on board.



Day 3 : ROYAN - Cognac - ROYAN - LIBOURNE(2)

This morning, the included excursion is: Royan, guided tour on foot. You'll set out on foot with your guide to discover this Atlantic seaside resort known for its early- to mid-20th-century architecture and vibrant energy. Old villas, luxuriant gardens, quaint boutiques, and the beautiful harbor forge the city's charm. The impressive church was rebuilt in the 1950s using sleek lines and natural light as the focus. Enjoy some time on your own.

After our excursion, we'll return on board for lunch.

This afternoon, join us for an included excursion: The charming city of Cognac. Take a stroll along the history-laden cobblestones within the oldest section—from the château where King Francis I was born to the homes of wealthy salt and brandy merchants. Learn about five centuries of the city's history. Afterwards, we'll visit the Musée des Arts du Cognac, where you'll discover the liquor's passionate history through recollection of its viticulture, oenology, distillation, cooperage, commerce, and glassworks—as well as its modern packaging designs. Of course, we'll enjoy a tasting of the world's most famous brandy before returning to Royan.

After we return on board, the ship will begin to cruise to Libourne, arriving in the evening.

Tonight is our festive gala.



Day 4 : LIBOURNE(2) - Saint-Émilion - BORDEAUX

Tucked between the confluence of the Isle and Dordogne Rivers, Libourne's heritage expanded progressively over the centuries.

Included excursion: Saint-Émilion. This extraordinary medieval city has retained its original charm, including golden-hued stone buildings, clay roof tiles, and a labyrinth of small streets—all snuggled within an expanse of beautiful vineyards. We'll stop at one of the wine cellars for a tasting of local spirits.

We'll then spend the afternoon cruising to Bordeaux. Our ship will glide past the village of Bourg before reaching the tip of Ambès, a small city at the confluence of the Dordogne and Garonne Rivers. We'll continue our trip on the Garonne up to Bordeaux.

ONBOARD CONTEST.(1)

Included excursion: Guided tour of Bordeaux by night. Discover the most beautiful sites in Bordeaux at night. See the nocturnal illuminations highlighting the city's magnificent structures, including the spectacular reflecting pool designed by landscape artist Michel Corajoud and the historic Palais de la Bourse. At nightfall, we'll visit Bordeaux's Old Town as the spectacle of thousands of lights begins to dazzle onlookers.



Day 5 : BORDEAUX

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembarkation at 9 a.m. End of our services.

This offer includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - all onboard beverages (not including our special wine and drinks list) - accommodations in a double-occupancy, climate-controlled cabin with shower in private bathroom - excursions mentioned in the program - onboard presentation - evening of traditional entertainment - onboard entertainment - assistance from our onboard, multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala evening - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

This offer does not include

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - cancellation and baggage insurance - transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - personal expenses.

Transport

Port-to-port cruise without transfers

Requirements

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- **All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED** with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail
- **Free Wi-Fi** onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

MENTIONS

For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

(1) Participants will answer questions and the winner will be entered in the random drawing at the end of the cruise. Grand prize: A gastronomic cruise on the Rhine with Marc Haerberlin for one person in a Main Deck cabin (only one prize per cruise program available).

(2) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Libourne could be replaced by a stopover in Bourg.

Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.