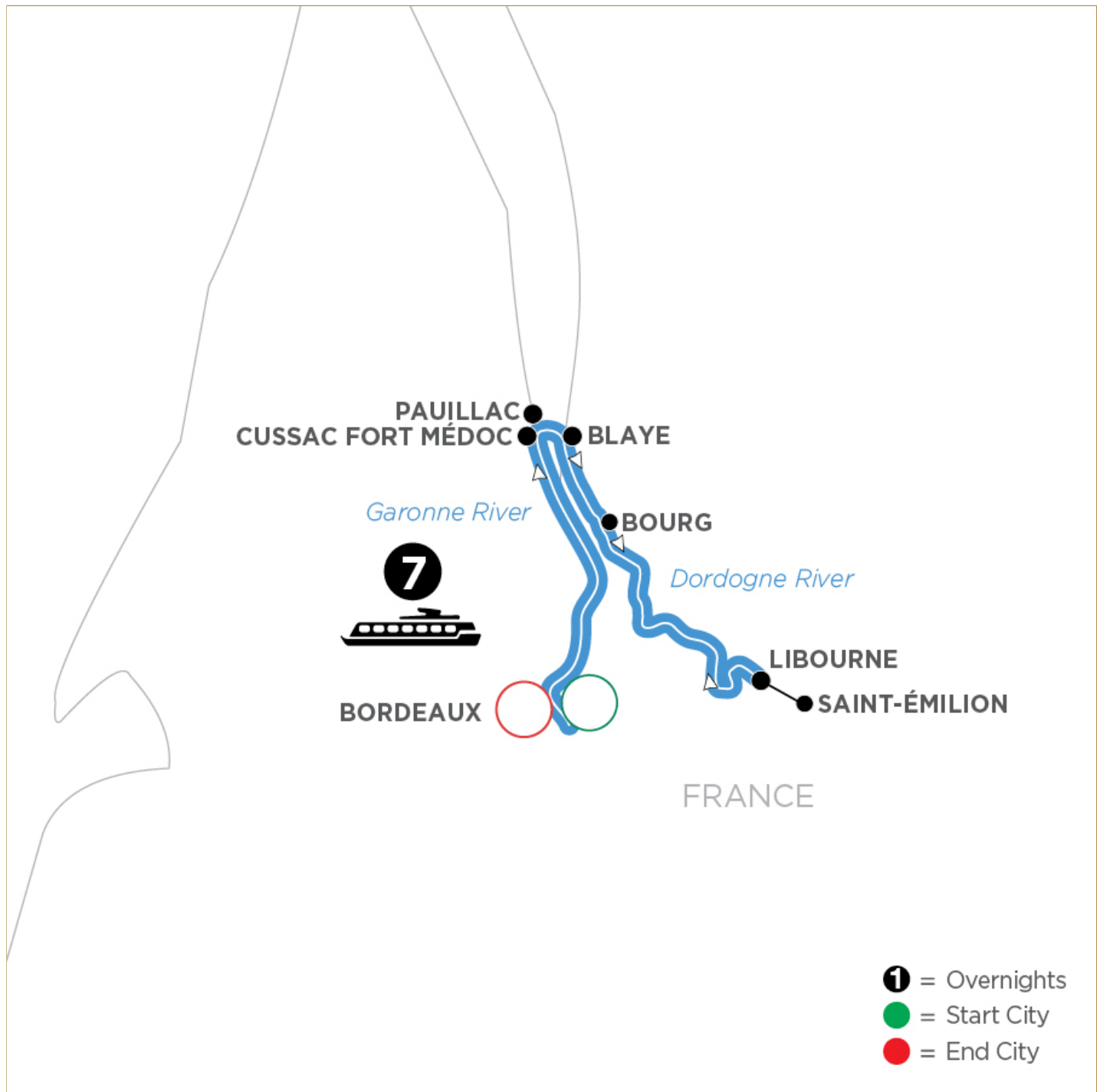


8 DAY BONJOUR BORDEAUX

CHATEAUX, WINERIES & CHARMING VILLAGES (WXX)





Bid bonjour to the bountiful beauty of Bordeaux with a captivating cruise on the Garonne and Dordogne Rivers to delight in one of France's most exquisite regions. Embark from Bordeaux itself, the capital of the splendid Nouvelle-Aquitaine region—famed for its legendary vineyards and wines. Be carried away by Avalon's signature included Classic, Active, or Discovery experiences of your choice—from the regal histories of castles and Châteaux to the romantic cellars where wine bouquets and bon-vivant cuisine tempt the palate. While the landscapes and lush pastoral treasures are plentiful along the shores of the Garonne and Dordogne, Avalon elevates each immersive experience for a deeper discovery of the cultural and architectural treasures that recall the rich traditions of Southwest France. From

unparalleled panoramic drives to forested two-wheel excursions by bike to the delicacies of seaside Arcachon—the world is your oyster on this adventure in la belle vie of Bordeaux!

CRUISE OVERVIEW

8

DAYS

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COUNTRY



COUNTRIES

France

DAY-BY-DAY

ITINERARY

1

BORDEAUX, FRANCE (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to France! Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding

Flights into Bordeaux must arrive by 3 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Your day is free to explore the city before starting your cruise on the Garonne and Dordogne. Get acquainted with this city, capital of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region and famous worldwide for its vineyards and wines.

This evening, enjoy a very special scenic sailing in Bordeaux.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BORDEAUX



Dinner

2

BORDEAUX-PAUILLAC

On the Steps of Montesquieu



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a delicious onboard experience in Bordeaux wines with a presentation by a worldclass wine sommelier.



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a guided tour of Château de la Brède—birthplace of Montesquieu—political philosopher and author of “The Spirit of Law.” Visit the fortress-style castle still reflected in its impressive moat, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a guided visit with wine tasting at a local wine estate. Sip the sweet notes and fresh acidity of Sauternes, the beloved golden-yellow wine.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board your Suite Ship®.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN PAULLAC



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

3

CUSSAC FORT MÉDOC

Bikes, Vines, and Wines

This morning, enjoy a leisurely sailing to Cussac Fort Médoc

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Enjoy a relaxing E-bike guided tour in Bordeaux's finest wine region. You will be amazed by the picturesque countryside while you enjoy a wonderful ride through the vineyards, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a guided tour to discover the culture and traditions of the southern Médoc region at one of Margaux' beautiful château and enjoy a wine tasting, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a scenic drive through the famed Médoc wine country and enjoy a tasting of their wonderful wines, with Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon as protagonists.

This evening, enjoy a brief sailing to Blaye.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BLAYE



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

4

BLAYE-BOURG

Fine Art, Fine Bubbly, and a Fine Day for a Drive

Ask your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Join a refreshing power walk through the historic Citadel of Blaye with your Adventure Host, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a guided tour to discover Blaye from a different perspective, including a visit to a local art gallery with wine tasting, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a panoramic drive following the famed Route de la Corniche along the right banks of the River Dordogne, followed by a guided visit to the Citadel of Blaye, an UNESCO World Heritage site.

Relaxing afternoon sailing on the Dordogne River to Bourg.



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a wonderful walking tour in the Citadel of Bourg on the banks of the Dordogne River and visit the carriage museum.

Alternatively, join an optional guided excursion to learn how the Fine Champagne of Cognac is made while enjoying a Rémy Martin tasting.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BOURG



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

While we include your choice of many excursions on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your cruise.

Visit to Cognac House & Tasting at Rémy Martin

Visit to Cognac House & Tasting at Rémy Martin

5h 15m

Price Range: \$\$\$\$



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LIBOURNE. EXCURSION TO SAINT-ÉMILION

The Village Amid the Vineyards



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Enjoy a guided visit to Saint-Émilion to discover one Bordeaux' must-see wine-growing towns and celebrate your day with a wine tasting, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a guided tour of the medieval village of Saint-Émilion—a UNESCO World Heritage site of legends and legendary landscapes, OR:

Take an orientation walking tour to discover the history and beauty of Libourne, where wine and wonderful views are cherished in the 12th-century fortified town.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Onboard lecture about WWII hosted by a history expert.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LIBOURNE



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

While we include your choice of many excursions on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your cruise.

Pastry Chef for a day: Baking Class

Learn the art of the perfect French cream puff with a local chef at Château Fleur de Lisse.

3h 0m

Price Range: \$\$\$\$



Chocolate & Wine at Château Fleur de Lisse

Discover one of the world's most perfect pairings with a chocolate-and-wine tasting at Château Fleur de Lisse!

3h 0m

Price Range: \$\$\$



Wine Blending Experience

Create your own custom wine blends under the guidance of expert winemakers during a hands-on experience at a local wine property.

2h 30m

Price Range: \$\$\$



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BORDEAUX

Bordeaux Sights and Brilliant Lights

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

While sailing to Bordeaux, enjoy a pastry demonstration.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Join your Adventure Host for a bike ride along Bordeaux' postcard river views of the Les Quais, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a guided walking tour to discover the heart of Bordeaux with a stroll amid its stunning squares, avenues, and cathedrals sights.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BORDEAUX



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

7

BORDEAUX. EXCURSION TO ARCACHON'S BAY

Seas, Shells, and Sips



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Join your Adventure Host for a bike ride along Bordeaux' postcard river views of the Les Quais, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a guided tour to La Cité du Vin, Bordeaux's iconic wine museum and cultural center, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a full-day guided tour of the seaside resort of Arcachon on the Atlantic coast. Gaze upon its 19th-century architectural treasures and taste its local delicacy of oysters and wine.

This afternoon, consider an optional guided excursion to Les Bassins des Lumières for a breathtaking visit to the submarine base where art and music surround you in an immersive experience.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BORDEAUX



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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Les Bassins des Lumières

Discover Bordeaux' stunning art installation of Bassins des Lumières in the former WWII German submarine base.

2h 30m

Price Range: \$\$



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BORDEAUX (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.



Breakfast

NOTES

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

HAND-PICKED

HOTELS

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

Bordeaux



Le Burdigala

115 Rue Georges Bonnac



WiFi



Deluxe Hotel as shown or similar

Located in Bordeaux city centre, Le Burdigala is a lifestyle hotel synonymous with good living, day and night. It features large, open spaces where the watchword is `sharing`. This vibrant venue sets the pace of the neighbourhood, bringing travellers and Bordeaux locals together. Far from the hustle and bustle of the city, our rooms are calm and peaceful. Every detail helps guests to focus on themselves and find new energy to better reconnect with others.

Hotel Amenities

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| • Spa Services | • Business Center |
| • Elevator | • Laundry Available |
| • Concierge Desk | • Restaurant On-Site |
| • Free WiFi | • Luggage Storage |
| • Gift Shop | • Bar/Lounge |

Room Features

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| • Coffee Maker | • Desk |
| • Phone | • Television |
| • Hair Dryer | • Mini-Bar |
| • In-Room Safe | • Room Service |
| • Internet Access | • Cable/Satellite |
| • Climate Control | • Complimentary Toiletries |
| • Air Conditioning | |