



## BONJOUR BORDEAUX: CHATEAUX, WINERIES & CHARMING VILLAGES

**8 Day River Cruise Bordeaux to Bordeaux**

**Dates of Cruise: 24 August – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2027**

**PRICING: Deluxe Stateroom from \$5,533 Panorama Suite from \$7,732**

**\*\* Earlybird Single supplement waived on this cruise – at the moment. Book now with a deposit and nothing more due until 2027.**



- 1** = Overnights
- = Start City
- = End City

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!

### **ITINERARY**

## **Day 1 Bordeaux**

Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding

You must arrive in Bordeaux 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

## **Day 2 Bordeaux – Pauillac**

On the Steps of Montesquieu

### ☐ 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 OR

### ☐ DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a delicious onboard Bordeaux wine experience while sailing to Pauillac with a presentation by a world-class wine sommelier.

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

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN PAUILLAC.      Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

## **Day 3 Cussac Fort Medoc**

Bikes, Vines, and Wines

This morning, enjoy a leisurely sailing to Cussac Fort Médoc

**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 wonderful wines, featuring Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

This evening, enjoy a brief sailing to Blaye.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BLAYE.      Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

## **Day 4 Blaye – Bourg**

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

**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.

Enjoy a 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 and Dinner**

## **Day 5 Libourne, Excursion to Saint-Emilion**

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:

☐ **CLASSIC EXCURSION** 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 and Dinner**

## **Day 6 Bordeaux**

## Bordeaux Sights, Bikes, and Bites

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.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BORDEAUX.      Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

### **Day 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 centre, 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 and dinner

### **Day 8 Bordeaux (Disembarkation)**