



Médoc – beaches and wines

6 days/7 nights – A loop from Moulis-en-médoc



This trip is by the ocean side, mythical wine châteaux, vast forests, a place redolent of history and famous food. On one side the Atlantic Ocean. On the other, the Gironde estuary and the immense Landes Forest, the Médoc is about a third of the Gironde Department (its North-West). It is first of all world renowned for its vineyards, however its landscapes have a lot of variety, from the marsh areas of Lower Médoc to the large straight beaches of the Atlantic with the ocean breakers. Going by the Graves headlands where the waters of the Gironde and those of the Atlantic Ocean merge, the

Landes forest and its mind boggling pine woods stretch as far as the eye can see, a succession of lakes (Hourtin, Carcans, Lacanau) from North to South.

Program motorized riders are welcome to arrive at the B&B in Moulis en Médoc at the end of the afternoon. For the others participants: meet at 6:30 pm HALL B at the “Brioche Dorée” snack bar at Bordeaux airport. Riders arriving at the Bordeaux train station must take the shuttle for the airport. Transfer to Moulis-en-Médoc. Night in a B&B.



Day 1: Departure from Moulis through the vineyards of the Listrac and Moulis Appellations.. Picnic and wine tasting Château Lannessan. We end our the afternoon at Pauillac.

Day 2: Through the Pauillac Appellation vineyard, we pass not far from Lafite Rothschild (first Grand Cru Classé Pauillac) whose vineyard dates from the XVII century, or Cos d’Estournel (Saint Estephe appellation) dating from 1811. Then, we’ll head for a visit and picnic at the archaeological dig site of Brion. There used to be a Gallo-Roman villa there. Afternoon through vineyards, we’ll then reach Begadan (Bordeaux, Bordeaux superior appellation).



Day 3: We'll head northward on the Palus to get to the banks of the estuary. "Palus" are land ridges between marshes and streams of water. We'll head for the picturesque seaport of Goulée. Picnic and visit of the Richard lighthouse. From its top (18 m high) we'll have a beautiful view on the river. Overnight at the hotel a few meters from the ocean.



Day 4: Westward to Soulac. The landscape looks like Camargue; vast expanses of lakes filled meadows and horses on the range. Visit of the church of Our Lady of Land's End. Then to the beach: a very large one to in L'Amélie for picnic. Same route in the afternoon, long canters on the beach to Montalivet (depending to the tides, the program may change). Night in a hotel.

Day 5: Today we ride southward, beach or forest depending on the tide, picnic at the Pin Sec. In the afternoon on the Gironde moors we'll make it a day at Hourtin, a small yachting harbour. Night in a hotel.



Day 6: We go eastward, the forest promises us long canters on sandy lanes where we may spot deer or stags. The fragrance of the pine trees is inebriating, the forest is engulfing us. Picnic in the hamlet of Bernos. In the afternoon we'll go southwards to get back to where we started. Dinner and night in a B&B.

Day 7: After breakfast, depending on train and flight schedules, transfer to Bordeaux airport. Riders with a train take the shuttle from Bordeaux airport to get to Bordeaux train station. A single transfer to Bordeaux is planned.

PRICE: room for two (6 days/7 nights), single with supplement. This price does not include visits or beverages in hotels and restaurants.

Please note that this program is for information only. Changes due to weather, security, technical criterias and other imponderables may occur.

LIST OF ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

ACCOMMODATIONS (depending on availability)

Night 1 and Night 7 : www.quittignanbrillette.com/



B&B and « table d'hôte » Quittignan Brillette to Moulis in Médoc - swimming pool - 4 guest houses - 1 holiday cottage in the middle of the vineyard of Moulis

Night 2 : **Hôtel de France et d'Angleterre** on the quays of Pauillac in front of the estuary of the Gironde
www.hoteldefrance-angleterre.com



- **Night 3 :** **Hôtel les Vieux Acacias** Queyrac www.hotel-vieuxacacias.net



The Hotel Les Vieux Acacias is located in the famous Médoc wine region, near the road leading to the prestigious castles.

- **Night 4 : Hôtel Les Pins** Soulac www.hotel-des-pins.com



In the Gironde, it is at the tip of the Medoc that was born in 1890. Located on the edge of pine forest and 100 meters from the sandy beach, it is the ideal setting for a stopover or a pleasant stay.

- **Night 5 : Hôtel le Marin** at Montalivet www.hotellemarin.com



A few steps away from the Atlantic Ocean, this hotel benefits from a privileged situation. The completely equipped rooms offer a beautiful living space.

- **Night 6 : Hôtel les pins** Hourtin www.hotellespins-hourtin.com



The LES PINS hotel in Hourtin is located next to the largest lake in France and the Atlantic Ocean. In Aquitaine, in the Médoc, you will discover the joy of the large ocean beaches, the calm of the lake and to rest, the large swimming pool of the hotel, on which all the rooms have direct access.