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The Great Bordeaux Wines

6 days/7 nights – From Moulis in Médoc to Sauternes or From Sauternes to Moulis in Médoc



Exceptional horseback riding with the discovery of the great wines of Bordeaux, the world's most famous Vineyard. You will ride through prestigious Vineyards that will not leave you indifferent. These are Médoc, Côtes de Blaye, Côtes de Bourg, Fronsac, Lalande de Pomerol, St Emilion, l'Entre deux mers, Premières Côtes de Bordeaux, Graves and Sauternes. All the human heritage such as the Citadelle de

Blaye, built by Vauban at the 18th century, the medieval city of Saint Emilion, the chateau de Rauzan and the English bastide of Cadillac (13th century) is also waiting for you.

<u>Program</u>: Motorized riders may arrive at the bed and breakfast in Moulis-en-Médoc or the Hotel 23 in Sauternes (according to the direction of the horseback riding). For nonmotorized riders: 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 to the airport. Transfer to the Quittignan Brillette estate in Moulis en Médoc or Hotel 23 in Sauternes.

Day 1: Breakfast at 8:00am, transfer to the horses at 9:00am and departure for horseback riding at



10:00am in a flat landscape between vineyards and forests. Picnic will take place on the borders of the Gironde, and the tasting of Medoc after lunch. We will cross the Gironde, with our horses, on a ferry, towards Blaye (crossing time of 40 mn). Upon arrival we will visit on horseback the citadelle Vauban (18th century). Night at the *Porche* hotel.

Day 2: Breakfast at 8:00am, departure from the hotel at 9:00am and on horseback at 10:00am. We will



ride through the Côtes de Blaye and the Côtes de Bourg in a hilly landscape. Picnic at a wine producers' place at the castle Lamothe and tasting of the Côte de Bourg. Departure at 3:00pm towards Cubnezais, through a flatter landscape, with passages in humid zones without vineyards.

The evening meal will be held at the winegrower of the vineyard Gravette's. Tasting during the meal. Night on site.

Day 3: Breakfast at 8:00am, departure on horseback at 9:30am. It is a region where vineyards alternate with little forests which will lead us to the castle Mayne Veil, for the picnic and tasting of Fronsac wine. Towards Libourne, we will pass through the famous region of Pomerol. We leave the horses in Pomerol. It is at the castle Belles Graves to taste the famous wine Lalande de Pomerol. We will spend the evening at the *La Tour* hotel in Libourne.



Day 4: We go in the direction of Saint Emilion passing through the famous properties of château Pétrus, Cheval Blanc and château Figeac. Picnic in Saint Emilion with tasting of this wine, followed by a free visit of the city of St Emilion. In the afternoon we will leave St Emilion to ride through the large valley of Dordogne and arrive near the Chateau Courros (tasting wine). by 7:00pm. We leave the horses and transfer to Saint Jean de Blaignac. We will spend the night there in a Bed and Breakfast.



Day 5: Breakfast at 8:00 am, departure on horseback by 9:30am. We are now in the region of the *l'Entre deux mers*, with its varied landscapes, hilly and wooded, and its beautiful wineries. We pass next to the castle of Rauzan (13th century). In the afternoon we will ride through slightly hilly landscapes where vineyards alternate with forests, which will lead us to the castle of Broustaret (Bed and Breakfast). We will have dinner in the city of



Cadillac where we will taste the Premières Côtes de Bordeaux, and later enjoy a nocturnal visit of the city.



Day 6: Breakfast at 8:00am, departure on horseback at 9:30am. Until Cadillac, the region is very hilly. Then we will pass through the valley of Garonne to reach the vineyards of Graves and Sauternes. Picnic at the castle of Myrat, the Comte of Pontac will show us his castle and will propose a tasting of this gold-coloured wine. In the afternoon gallops between vineyards and forests will lead us to Sauternes. During the meal we will taste the wine of Graves and spend the night at the hotel.

Day <u>7</u>: After breakfast, depending on train and flight schedules, transfer to Bordeaux airport. The riders, having a train, take the shuttle from the Bordeaux airport to get to the Bordeaux train station. Only one 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 : <u>www.quittignanbrillette.com/</u>

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 : <u>www.auberge-du-porche.com</u>

Hotel le porche at Blaye



A few minutes away from the city center and from the citadel of Blaye

Night 3 : Domaine de la Gravette at Cubnezais B&B <u>www.domainedelagravette.fr</u>



In a pleasant and flowery setting, a bourgeois house of the XIXth century with its big garden, situated on a old wine-making operation.



Night 4: Hôtel de la Tour at Libourne http://www.latourduvieuxport.com/



On the edges of the Dordogne, at the heart of Bordelais vineyards and to only 8 km to saint Emilion.

Night 6 : Château du Broustaret at Rions <u>http://broustaret.jimdo.com/</u>



The castle of Broustaret (the owners are wine growers) is situated on a domain of about forty hectares at the heart of the "Girondist Tuscany ", the mythical region of hillsides covered with vineyards in the rich medieval heritage.

Night 7: Hotel 23 at Sauternes <u>https://www.hotelsauternesle23.fr/</u>



