



## Itinerary

Journey through Southern France from Bordeaux to Provence

Apr 27, 2020 - May 6, 2020

### Day 1: Overnight Flight



Allons-! Ignite the senses on a journey to Bordeaux and the Dordogne Valley – two of the world’s most decadent wine regions – and continue through the French countryside to chromatic Provence.

### Day 2: Bordeaux, France - Tour Begins



Welcome to Bordeaux, a region known as much for its vibrancy and dynamism as its world-renowned wine. A local restaurant famous for its sélection de vins and locally-sourced meat invites you for a gastronomic adventure expertly pairing locally sourced foods and wine to mark the beginning of your journey through the south of France.

#### Hotel

Intercontinental Le Grand Hotel De Bordeaux  
Bordeaux

#### Culinary

Dinner

### Day 3: Bordeaux



This morning, explore Bordeaux through a local’s perspective during a guided city tour. Embark on an interactive journey through a world of wine and culture at La Cité du Vin. Referred to as the “Guggenheim of wine,” this sensory adventure takes you on a fascinating discovery of wine culture and history. Complete today’s adventure with a walk through a winery to absorb the atmosphere of the vineyards, smell the grapes and taste the wine. Enjoy the evening at leisure to take in the sights and sounds of Bordeaux.

#### Hotel

Intercontinental Le Grand Hotel De Bordeaux  
Bordeaux

#### Culinary

Breakfast

### Day 4: Bordeaux - Saint-Émilion - Monestier (Dordogne Valley)



Today it’s your choice! Take a tuk-tuk through the charming medieval village of Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Bordeaux’s largest winemaking areas -OR- take a guided walking tour of the Old Town featuring a visit to the underground Monolithic Church. After getting acquainted with the city, enjoy time to explore this perfectly compact French village. Next, head to a local winery and enjoy the flavours of the region. Then it’s on to the Château Des Vigiers, known as “Petit Versailles,” your home for the next two evenings. Tonight, enjoy a fine dining experience in this 16th-century estate.

#### Hotel

Chateau Des Vigiers

#### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

## Day 5: Dordogne Valley



Venture to the countryside for a vibrant local market experience. Stop in Eymet, one of Southern France's iconic "bastides" (fortified towns) before visiting the Château Monbazillac – a wine cooperative and symbol of the Bergerac region since the 16th century – best known for its dessert wine. This afternoon, explore the château grounds at leisure. Take in a round of golf or relax and enjoy the luxurious spa.\*

### Hotel

Chateau Des Vigiers  
Monestier

### Culinary

Breakfast

## Day 6: Dordogne Valley - Carcassonne



Bid adieu to the Dordogne Valley and make your way to Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site and virtual storybook replete with drawbridges, towers and cobblestone streets. This afternoon, step back to medieval times on an independent exploration of this breathtaking city.

### Hotel

Mercure Carcassonne La Cite  
Carcassonne

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

High 21°  
Low 11°  
Rain 1"

## Day 7: Carcassonne - Provence - Pont du Gard - Avignon - Saint-Rémy



Journey from Carcassonne to Provence. En route, marvel at the Saint-Benezet Bridge and the Pont du Gard, a surviving stretch of aqueduct built in the 1st century A.D. In the incredible village of Avignon, often called the "City of Popes," gain an inside look at all this village has to offer during a walking tour with your local expert guide. End with a visit to the dramatic Popes' Palace, a centre of European religion since the Popes moved there in 1309.

### Hotel

Hotel Le Vallon De Valrugues  
St RemydeProvence

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

High 23°  
Low 12°  
Rain 1"

## Day 8: Saint-Rémy



Let an unforgettable epicurean adventure commence with a truffle hunt led by a local chef and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Après hunt, savour the unique experience of farm tastings throughout the countryside, among landscapes said to have inspired van Gogh, Picasso, and Renoir. Next you may choose an optional tour to the hilltop town of Les Baux-de-Provence where you have time to explore before experiencing one of the world's most impressive multimedia presentations, the Carrières de Lumières; making use of a former quarry, art-based images are projected onto the surrounding rock and are accompanied by stirring music.

### Hotel

Hotel Le Vallon De Valrugues  
St RemydeProvence

### Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

### Weather

High 23°  
Low 12°  
Rain 1"

## Day 9: Saint-Rémy



France's famed lavender fields wait for you in Gordes. Visit the museum and learn the origin of this beautiful, fragrant flower. Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Gordes, then return to the hotel before tonight's farewell dinner leaves you to compare notes and experiences with fellow travellers as you say au revoir to the magic of Southern France.

### Hotel

Hotel Le Vallon De Valrugues  
St RemydeProvence

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 23°  
Low 12°  
Rain 1"

## Day 10: Saint-Rémy - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today.