

## Cyclo-croisières Cycling cruises

# BORDEAUX



*Thank you for all your interest in our cycling cruises. Herewith I confirm your booking for your cruise from Libourne to Castets en Dorthé.*

*Traditionally, we have designed and offered unique cruises that focus on the three rivers that we know best: the Garonne, the Dordogne, and the Gironde. enjoying their uniqueness, discovering the Bordeaux vineyards by bike, pairing food with wine...*

*Navigation schedules change every week depending on the tides ... You will find in this document the map and program with all your bike tours. You will discover absolutely all regions of Bordeaux wines : **Saint Emilion-Pomerol, Blaye-Bourg, Médoc-Margaux, Bordeaux, Sauternes-Graves, Entre-deux-mers...***

*Wine typologies very different every day with historical monuments and many of them classified in Unesco. Welcome aboard the MS Bordeaux !»*

**Pascale Bories**



# Le vignoble de BORDEAUX





[Learn more about the Bordeaux wine – CIVB interactive map](#) -

BORDEAUX

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 UNESCO SITES

 **Parcours vélos conseillés**  
 **Navigation du MS Bordeaux**

## LIBOURNE

SATURDAY

**Libourne**

Individual arrival and optional bus transfer from the train station at 2:00 p.m in Bordeaux to the mooring location of the boat in Libourne. The crew is waiting for you and you will have a first meeting to explain everything there is to know for your cruise. You settle in the cabin. You can try your bike and enjoy a short first test bike ride by the river Dordogne. You can also enjoy the town rightly called “the little Bordeaux”. In the evening, a welcome cocktail awaits you on board.

**Note :**

Each Day, you bike in the heart of a new appellation of Bordeaux's wine. Your Tour leader and roadbook will indicate you a **Maison du Vin** where you can stop few minutes to discover the wine area of the day also with tasting of local wines (free for individual ). A worthwhile stopping point also for those intending to visit the vineyards, they serve as an information source for wine related activities in their surrounding area. Every day you will also find on your way a **tourism office, historical monuments, coffee shops, restaurants and others places good to know.**

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## SAINT-EMILION

SUNDAY

**Libournais and Saint-Emilion vineyards (21–43 km/ 13-27 miles) Level 2**

After a restfull night, today's exploration will allow you to discover Libourne, and well-known vineyards of [Saint-Emilion](#) and [Pomerol](#) . In Saint-Emilion, you will viisit this stunning medieval UNESCO World Heritage village, with surrounding vineyards of the same name. Panoramas are unique here. The [Monolithic Church](#) in the centre of the town is a monument not to be missed.

Your ride will continue on small picturesque back roads. Along the way, you will see some of the classified and famous Châteaux, such as **Angelus** and its special bells, **Beauséjour**, **Ausone**, **Cheval Blanc**, **La Dominique**, **Trotteville**, **Gaubert**, **Barde-Haut**, **Clos La Madeleine**, **Bel Air Monange**, **Laroque**, **Fombrauge**, **Grand Corbin**, **Gazin** and **Petrus**, **Petit Village**, **Nenin**...some of the world's most famous wines. A very pleasant road, prestigious Châteaux, wine shopping in Saint-Emilion...

Paradise here for bike and wine lovers!

[Château Ambe Tour Pourret](#)

[Manoir Galhaud](#)

[Château Clinet](#)



**Côtes de Bourg vineyards – Citadelle of Blaye (25-41kms / 16–32 miles) Level 4**  
 Libourne to Bourg

This region offers hilly landscapes covered with vines and dotted with scattered fairy tale chateaux and manor houses. The opportunity to discover very pleasant wines and Châteaux such as **Monconseil-Gazin, Eyquem, Marquis de Vauban** and others: another good reason to stop and enjoy visit and wine tastings!

The **Gironde Corniche road** is a must-see of this round tour: a calm and beautiful road which split beautiful manors on the one hand, and gardens on the other. In Blaye, take a loop through [the Citadelle of Blaye](#), a Vauban Fortress built on Louis XIV, the Sun King's request and now on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Visit underground passages of the Citadelle to understand the whole history of the Fortress. Stop in Plassac where you can visit [the Gallo-Roman villa](#) and its associative museum.

Back in Bourg, you can stop to the typical and historical wash house. Water is very refreshing on your face after this biking day!



[Château Monconseil Gazin](#)



**Margaux – Médoc round bike (42kms / 26 miles) Level 1**

[Bourg to Lamarque](#) and [Lamarque to Bordeaux](#)

In the morning the ship will leave Bourg for Lamarque, here you will be in the Médoc wine region, one of the most famous in the world. You will quickly find yourselves near **Château Lamothe Bergeron**, Cru Bourgeois du Médoc, where wine and tourism are quite highlighted. Then, prestigious properties will come one after another: **Maucaillou, Poujeaux, Rauzan Ségla, Palmer, Issan, Prieuré Lichine, Kirwan** and last but not least **Château Margaux**. Many chances to stop on your road, taste, learn about **Grand Crus classification** and learn about wine making process.

A secondary road is available here as a different loop or an additional one to the first in Margaux. You will reach Pauillac and Saint-Espèphe wine regions. Obviously, you will ride near **Château Mouton Rothschild, Lafite Rothschild, Latour, Lynch-Bages, Cos d'Estournel, Pontet Canet, Pichon Longueville** and many other Grands Crus Classés wines.

[Château Maucaillou](#)

[Château Prieuré Lichine](#)

[Château Lamothe Bergeron](#)

Once back to the MS Bordeaux, you will sail on the Garonne River to the majestic city of Bordeaux. You will enjoy the best panorama of the city: “**Port of The Moon**” with the “**Pont de Pierre**”, “**Place de La Bourse**” and the beautiful Quais which lead to the historical wine merchant area, the **Quai des Chartrons**, transformed into outlet shops and restaurants...a pleasant place to visit!



**Bordeaux UNESCO bike tour (10 miles / 16 kms) Level 1****Bordeaux**

Bordeaux is a **UNESCO world heritage** for a reason. The list of buildings, place and hidden gems is worth seeing : Walk into the city via **La Porte Cailhau**, the royal entrance. We suggest a thorough tour: Bordeaux is a City that doesn't just glow due to its individual buildings, but through the grandiose, well preserved old city. Worth seeing is the **Capuchine Market** (perhaps with tastings of wine and oysters), **the basilica**, **the Pont de Pierre**, the first bridge of the city, which was built back in the day on Napoleons orders. You may admire the many squares, the **Big Bell of Pey Berlan**, the **Golden Triangle**, the **Girondins column**, the **Water Mirror**...and more. Take time to ride through the newly opened **Cité du Vin**, **Chaban Delmas bridge** and **Darwin ecosystem**, a refurbished factory where you will enjoy the view of the Quais, drinking a good coffee in a tree-filled place.

A wonderful city to explore by bike or on foot. Many opportunities for shopping, souvenirs, food and wine tastings.

And for bike challengers who want to ride a long loop, the **Roger Lapébie's cycling lane** will take you to Créon and Sauveterre-en-Guyenne, in the Entre-Deux-Mers wine region.

**Loupiac/Graves – Sauternes round tour (35-50 kms / 21-32 miles) Level 3****Bordeaux – Loupiac and Loupiac – Castets-en-Dorthe**

Today we will discover the Sauternes region, where sweet dessert wines are made. We start by enjoying the view from **Sainte-Croix du Mont** before having a look at the grave of painter **Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec** in the lovely town of Verdélais. The then route follows the winding banks of the Ciron River, whose icy waters flow into the warmer waters of the Garonne. In the autumn, when the climate is warm and dry, the combination of the two different temperatures produce the mist that descends on the vineyards, promoting the perfect conditions for the famous Sauternes wine.

You will pass the famous vineyards of **Château d'Yquem**, **Château Guiraud**, **Clos Haut Peyraguey**, and many more. Cadillac is located in the region of Graves, also known as the birthplace of Bordeaux wines. It is a fortified medieval village known as the Bastide in the Entre-Deux-Mers wine region in between the Garonne and Dordogne rivers.


[Château de Malle](#)
[Château Suduiraut](#)
[Château Guiraud](#)
[Clos Haut-Peyraguey](#)



## 6 ENTRE-DEUX-MERS

FRIDAY

**Castets-en-Dorthe – Entre-Deux-Mers (27-46 kms / 16-28 miles) - Level 2**

[Château du Hamel \(picture above\)](#)

The first town you will discover today is the lovely [Saint Macaire](#) and its wonderful gate and walls. There is opportunity to visit the former residence of the writer Francois Mauriac as well as having your first wine tasting at a château.

Riding along corn and sunflower fields you reach [La Réole](#), using an Eiffel style bridge over the river Garonne. This town is famous because in 1190 Richard Lionheart, on his way to the holy Land, gave the town hall building to thank the locals for their loyalty to the English crown. This historical place holds two castles, an impressive church as well as narrow cobblestoned streets.

To end the day you will enjoy **the bike path along the « canal de la Garonne »** and its deep blue water, built in Napoleon times. You can either go directly back to the ship or ride to [Meilhan-sur-Garonne](#) and the amazing scenery it has to offer.

SATURDAY

**Castets-en-Dorthe: Débarquement & (option) transfert back to Bordeaux**

After your last breakfast on board it will be time to say farewell and disembark.

Disembarking will take place 9.00-9.30am, taking an (optional) bus to the trainstation of Bordeaux

Rough distances for bike tours are indicated. They are equivalent to recommended bike tours. On most days, shorter and longer, easier and more challenging cycling options are being offered: please ask your tour leader on board for details; Visits are most often booked the day before, depending on sailing hours and availability, also to be checked with your tour leader.

When a guest does not want to cycle one day, he or she can skip the bike tour, relax on board or choose one walking tour.

The Gironde, Garonne and Dordogne Rivers are part of a tidal river system that results in changing water levels (daily changes of up to 6 meters / 20ft.) in the region. Every effort is made to follow the scheduled itinerary, however, based on tides it may be amended or modified for safety reasons.