



## FRANCE

# CYCLING HOLIDAY - BORDEAUX WINE ROUTE (TOUR CODE: 11723)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Bordeaux

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Mar 2023 - 31 Oct 2023

### EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine  
Cycling

### TRAVEL STYLE

Active Holiday Packages

This cycling tour of Bordeaux and the Aquitaine include some of the most famous wines: Saint Emilion, and other small wine villages.

## Highlights

- A **detailed Road Book** allows you to travel freely with all the information you need for your trip! It boasts colour maps, highlighted routes, touristic information, orientation points to reach hotels, and easy to follow step by step directions!
- **The SCOTT SUB SPORT 20 Bike** (or equivalent) features a sporty "trekking" geometry that suits trips of all distances. Equipped with a Shimano 27 speed transmission and integrated front and rear lights, this bike is begging to go on an adventure.
- **Cycle at your own pace** (Self-guided), stopping when you see something truly remarkable or if you simply want to rest and recharge.
- Explore **Bordeaux** why not taking time to visit **La Cité du Vin** a unique cultural facility where wine comes to life through an immersive, sensorial approach, all set within an evocative design.
- Visit World Heritage Site of **Saint Emilion** with Romanesque churches and Roman ruins
- Discover the charming medieval village of **Saint Macaire**, a remarkable urban complex

You will start in Bordeaux, which is easily accessible from Paris. Then cycling along the charming Garonne River, you will make your way to Entre deux Mers, a famous wine region and then to Saint Emilion. This tour brings you back to Bordeaux where you can visit the Cathedral and shop on the Rue Sainte Catherine. You will enjoy cycling around Aquitaine, a region known for its wine, its food, and a rich heritage of walled towns, abbeys and medieval castles.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Bordeaux at Hotel de Normandie - 4\*
- 1 night in Saint Macaire at Les Feuilles D'Acanthe - 3\*
- 2 nights in Duras at Hostellerie Des Ducs - 2\*
- 2 nights in Saint Emilion at Hotel Auberge De La Commanderie - 2\*
- Hybrid bike rental included
- 9 meals included - 7 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Orientation in person with local guide
- Detailed ROAD BOOK, including details maps, touristic information, step by step itinerary and cue sheets (no cue-sheet on day 3,4 & 5)
- 1 GPS for every 1-3 people
- All luggage transfers
- Comprehensive trip literature
- Technical and emergency support available at all times

## ITINERARY

### Map Bordeaux Wine Cycle Route

Average / Day : Distance : 54.17 Km

Elevation gain : 559.67 Metres



Day 1

## Bordeaux

Arrive in Bordeaux - a large city with good rail access and commercial airline flights from several European capitals. The historic city center is picturesque and offers a variety of attractions including wine museums and shops for local wines. Orientation in the evening with bike delivery and set up at your hotel.

Overnight in Bordeaux at the **Hotel de Normandie**.



Day 2

## Bordeaux Sauve-Majeure Abbey Cadillac Saint Macaire

Distance 1 : 64 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 583 Metres

Start your tour by riding out of Bordeaux on a bicycle path alongside the Garonne River and out to the vineyards. Along the way you will pass the famous wine town of Cadillac where you can stop at the Chateau. Arriving at St Macaire you can relax at the hotel and stroll around the town in search of a good wine aperitif! Discover the charming medieval village of Saint

Macaire, which used to be a rich merchant town in the Bordelais area.

Overnight in Saint-Macaire at **Hotel Les Feuilles D'Acanthe**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

### Saint Macaire Duras

Distance 1 : 47 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 650 Metres

Ride through the **Entre Deux Mers region and its vineyards**. You will use both bicycle paths and some small country roads during your ride. Numerous small towns and bastides are along the route and each is worth exploring.

Overnight in Duras at **Hostelleries des Ducs**.

Breakfast, Dinner



## Duras Monsegur Château des Ducs Duras

Distance 1 : 55 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 710 Metres

Ride through the quiet country roads and vineyards of this widely unknown area. You can see the Château des Ducs in Duras, as well as the vineyards of the Cotes de Duras. From there, you will head back to the Gironde department through the Dropt Valley, back to your hotel via Monsegur, where you can stop at the Bastide of Monsegur, an ancient Medieval village.

Overnight in Duras at **Hostellerie Des Ducs**.

Breakfast



CHATEAU IN DURAS

## Duras Saint Emilion

Distance 1 : 56 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 610 Metres

A ride to one of the most famous vineyards of the region: Saint Emilion! Discover this UNESCO World Heritage site, with fascinating Romanesque churches and ruins stretching all along steep and narrow streets. The Romans planted vineyards in what was to become Saint-Emilion as early as the 2nd century AD. The town was named after the monk Emilion, a travelling confessor, who settled in a hermitage carved into the rock during the 8th century. It was the monks who followed him that started the wine production in the area. Take some time to explore this charming town and visit the Tour du Roy which dates back to 1237.

Overnight in Saint Emilion at **Auberge De La Commanderie**.

Breakfast



## Day 6 Loop Ride Around Saint Emilion Vineyards

Distance 1 : 52 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 376 Metres

Loop tour around the region to **Castillon La Bataille** and among the vineyards for a great wine day! You can also take the day off to explore the village and taste the local produce. Optional ride - approx 52 km. Wine tastings, shopping, and cultural visits abound in this famous town.

Overnight in Saint Emilion at **Auberge De La Commanderie**.

Breakfast



## Day 7 Saint Emilion Sauve-Majeure Abbey Creon Bordeaux

Distance 1 : 51 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 429 Metres

Ride back to Bordeaux through the vineyards and the charming town of Creon where you will pick up the cycle path back to Bordeaux. Dinner out on your own in Bordeaux, perhaps with an excellent bottle of local wine to celebrate your journey!

Overnight in Bordeaux at **Hotel de Normandie**.

Breakfast



Day

8

## Bordeaux

Departure after breakfast, trains run from Bordeaux to Paris frequently (own expenses).

Breakfast

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

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## Electric assisted bike rental

**Upgrade to a Scott Sub Tour Electric-Ride 10 or the Cannondale Mavaro HS City (or similar).**

With comfortable geometry, and ePowered by Bosch with a 400wh battery, those bikes are the ideal touring bike and are ready to provide many kilometres with no worries. Your bike rental comes with 2 bags (1 Rear pannier + 1 front pannier) so you can easily carry your stuff during your ride.

Included with your bike rental :

- Helmet
- Lock
- Hand pump
- 2 spare tubes
- Rear pannier
- Toolkit
- Tire levers
- Patch kit
- 1 souvenir water bottle
- Pedals are included, flat by default or toe straps on request

Note: "Please note that any bike change during the trip may incur an extra fee."



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

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## ACCOMMODATION

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Hotel de Normandie



## Bordeaux

The Hotel de Normandie is located in the heart of the 18th-century centre of Bordeaux, listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The Garonne riverfront, the Grand Théâtre opera house and the city's other main monuments are only a short walk away. The CIVB (Bordeaux Wine Trade Council), situated opposite the hotel, will allow you to discover the Bordeaux wine country. The windows of the hotel de Normandie offer a view of Bordeaux's famous Esplanade des Quinconces, a short distance from the Grand Théâtre and the Place Tourny square.



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## Les Feuilles D'Acanthe Hotel

### Saint-Macaire

Les Feuilles D'Acanthe is located in the very heart of the medieval city of Saint Macaire. It is housed within the walls of a magnificent merchant's house dating from the 16th century, which has been completely renovated to provide a perfect combination of the beauty of the local heritage with the latest modern facilities. The interior of the hotel such as the carreaux de Gironde (tiling typical of the region), the bare stone walls, oak furniture and crossed mullion windows will make you feel as if you have stepped back in time to the Middle Ages. The guest rooms offer every comfort plus fabulous views over the old town of Saint Macaire, making your stay an unforgettable experience. The centrepiece of the sunny internal courtyard is a covered swimming pool and Jacuzzi, where guests can relax, alone or as a family, before going on to enjoy the creative gourmet menus that are prepared by the chef from the finest produce of the region.



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## Hostellerie des Ducs

### Duras

The Hostellerie des Ducs is a 19th century convent, which inspired the Blanchet family to share their passion for this amazing region. The restaurant prides itself on blending subtle flavours, that if the Dukes of Duras were to return, they would certainly book the best table in the restaurant. They would also marvel at the welcoming, calm bedrooms, the magnificent floral garden and the swimming pool, before coming inside for a game of billiards.



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## Auberge De La Commanderie

### Saint Emilion

The Auberge de la Commanderie is one of the historic sites located at the heart of the medieval town. The main part of the building was of templar origin and the annex was used as a last hiding place by the counter revolutionary Girondin deputies. Both buildings are unique of old Saint-Emilion and were renovated in 2003 with modern amenities.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

### LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

Our hotels or B&B provide amenities that are ideal for active vacations, located in easy walking distance to downtowns, restaurants and sightseeing. We prioritise family-owned, authentic accommodations over large chains. If the hotel advertised on our website is full, we will book you in another hotel similar in category.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package