



📍 Hotel barge Rosa cruises along the beautiful Bordeaux region.



FRANCE

ROSA - BORDEAUX CRUISE

 (TOUR CODE: 9875)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Bordeaux

TRAVEL PERIODS

21 May 23 – 20 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Hotel Barge Rosa takes you on a breathtaking odyssey along the canals of southwest France. Discover Saint Emilion and the Château de Duras.

Highlights

- Cruise across the 1,900 foot Agen aqueduct
- Tour of the famous Saint Émilion
- Visit the impressive Château de Duras
- Wine, cheese and Armagnac tastings

Rosa features a clipper-style barge that was built in Netherlands in 1907. She was converted to a hotel barge in 1990. Beautiful and elegant, this barge was featured in the successful television series, "Rick Stein's French Odyssey" where it was taken on a relaxing voyage across the colourful, captivating part of southern France.

Rosa features a dining room, saloon bar, sun deck and 4 staterooms accommodating 8 passengers with full en-suite facilities. The crew includes the captain, tour guide, master chef and a housekeeper. There are bikes available for guests. Rosa still cruises in the calmer canals of southwest France, taking you to captivating locations such as the famous Saint Émilion, the impressive Château de Duras, the 1,900 foot Agen aqueduct, and other stunning places known for wine, cheese and Armagnac tastings.

INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge Rosa in a Stateroom
- Crew of 4 (Captain, tour guide, chef and hostesses)
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Use of barge facilities

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Bordeaux Castet-en-Dorthe

Guests are met in Bordeaux and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Rosa. Following a champagne welcome, there is time for a stroll before returning for your first dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Rosa** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Dinner



HOTEL BARGE ROSA

Day **2**

Castet-en-Dorthe Meilhan-sur-Garonne

This morning is spent cruising the picturesque canal, following the Canal de Garonne, to the port of Meilhan-sur-Garonne. In the afternoon, we visit the medieval town of **Saint Emilion**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and centre of the most famous of the Bordeaux appellations. Later, we stop at Château Beau-Sejour-Becot, producer of premier and grand crus wines, where we discover the secrets of the vine and, of course, enjoy a tasting. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Rosa** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.



Day 3

Meilhan-sur-Garonne Lagrère

This morning we depart early and enjoy the colourful market of **Casteljaloux**. Afterwards, we cruise to the charming little village of **Lagrère**, during the cruise you can cycle or walk the tow path and enjoy the stunning countryside. Following lunch on board we tour the Garonne river aboard a traditional flat-bottomed boat, after which we visit the beautiful village of **Le Mas d'Agenais**, its 11th century church playing host to an ornate Romanesque doorway and an original masterpiece by Rembrandt. After this we take a short drive to an artisanal dairy farm where we experience the entire cheese making process, culminating in a delicious tasting. Dinner, if the weather permits, is a gourmet barbecue beside the barge, overlooking the River Garonne.

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Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Lagruère Buzet-sur-Baise

This morning we cruise along the tranquil Canal de Garonne to our mooring at **Buzet-sur-Baise**, a pastoral haven. After lunch on board we visit the **Château de Duras**, an architectural wonder, which has been both a fortress and a stately home over its 900-year history. We wander through its 35 rooms and museum before returning to the hotel barge. Dinner tonight is a gourmet affair at the “Auberge du Goujon qui frétille”, a delightful local restaurant with a highly inventive menu.

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Buzet-sur-Baise Serignac-sur-Garonne

After breakfast we enjoy an informative guided tour of the **sustainable wine co-operative of Buzet**, with a tasting course! Next, we visit the cork museum at Mezin to learn about the history of cork-making, before heading to the 13th century bastide village of **Vianne**. Lunch on board is followed by an afternoon cruise to Serignac-sur-Garonne. Dinner on board.

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CHARMING SALOON OF BARGE ROSA.

Day 6

Serignac-sur-Garonne Boé

We start the day with a visit to the medieval town of **Nerac** and tread in the footsteps of King Henry IV and Queen Margot. The château was built in the 15th century but much was destroyed during the French Revolution and today only the impressive north wing remains. We then stop at the **Lapeyrate estate** for a cellar tasting of Armagnac, the oldest alcohol in France. In the afternoon, we cruise towards our final destination of **Boé**, crossing the Plan Canal d'Agen, one of the longest aqueducts in France which spans the River Garonne. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



THE SCENIC RIVER GARONNE.

Day 7

Boé Bordeaux

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to their choice of location in Bordeaux.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

Departure Dates and Pricing:

2023 Cruise Rates		
Rates are for 6 nights either: per person based on double occupancy per cabin or on a whole barge charter basis. Prices below are in Euros.		
Accommodation	Value	Regular
Stateroom	€ 4,350	€ 5,050
Single Supplement	€ 1,700	€ 1,900
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€ 29,900	€ 35,000
Charter 7 passengers	€ 30,800	€ 36,100
Charter 8 passengers	€ 32,000	€ 37,500
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
May 21 & 28	Regular	France - Gascony & Bordeaux
Jul 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20	Value	France - Gascony & Bordeaux
Sep 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct 1	Regular	France - Gascony & Bordeaux
Oct 8 & 15	Value	France - Gascony & Bordeaux

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14-Jul	Regular	France - Gascony & Bordeaux
Jul 21, 28; Aug 4, 11, 18	Value	France - Gascony & Bordeaux
Aug 25; Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Regular	France - Gascony & Bordeaux
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- Itinerary is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise is in the reverse direction.
- Approximate transfer duration for Rosa cabin bookings are 1 or 1.5 hours, depending on the cruise route.
- This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

Pick-up Point

- Cabin bookings - The Intercontinental Bordeaux – Le Grand hotel (if guests stay the prior night) at 4:00 pm or Bordeaux Train Station (in HALLE 3 by black and yellow sign 'Point Rencontre Groups/Group Meeting Point') at 4:20 pm
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in Bordeaux or Toulouse for pick-up at 4:00 pm

Drop-off Point

- Cabin bookings - Guests' choice of location in Bordeaux by 11:00 am
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in Bordeaux or Toulouse by 11:00 am

Booking / Payment Process

- On our website the Barge Cruise prices are show in Euros
- All payments will be made to us in Australian Dollars
- The current exchange rate will be used at the time of deposit and balance
- Our invoice will make this clear and our team is here to assist you

Supplier Booking Conditions Apply

Due to the boutique nature and limited capacity of this travel experience, under our Bookings Conditions this package classifies as "Booking Type 2 – Travel Experience where we act as agent only". Your contract for the delivery of travel arrangements will be with the principal supplier and will be subject to their Booking Conditions. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking the full details and Booking Conditions of the principal supplier. Our responsibility to you where we sell travel arrangements as agent for the supplier is specified in the 'Responsibility' section of our Booking Conditions.

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