

Sunday, June 25th:

Depart en route for Bordeaux – Merignac Airport

Monday, June 26th:

Arrival in Bordeaux, France by noon, our bus driver will be welcoming us as we land.

Transfer to the hotel, Hotel Mercure in the heart of Bordeaux, on the bank of the Garonne River, for a welcome cocktail and lunch. Check-in, unpack and get accustomed to the hotel and surroundings. Dinner and night at the hotel.

Tuesday, June 27th:

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for a “Day in Bordeaux”. Guided visit of Bordeaux Center with our own local guide. Bordeaux history, sceneries and landmarks. Followed by lunch at **Le Quatrieme Mur** (extremely renowned Chef Etchebest) in Bordeaux. Prestige restaurant located in the grand theatre. Spacious and elegant in a majestic décor will charm you with an array of amazing local flavors.



Afternoon visit of the unique cité du vin (www.laciteduvin.com), we will discover this world exclusive museum relating to wine and everything revolving around it since its first apparition. Back to the hotel where we will dine together and a relaxing event.

Wednesday, June 28th:

Breakfast then departure for St. Emilion. Greeted at Chateau Villemaurine grand cru classé, situated on a limestone plateau which gives its wines their special character. We will visit an immense natural underground hand carved cave where the wines rest. Follow with tasting of some of these amazing beverages.



Lunch in the heart of this beautiful village at the 1 Michelin Star “**Hostellerie De Plaisance Relaix Chateaux**” overseeing the town down below.

Afternoon, guided visit of the Steeple, Ramparts, and seeing St. Emilion with a different eye, along with some history of the city’s development. Free time to explore this renowned village.

Back to the hotel for an evening on your own to linger and explore at your rhythm.

Thursday, June 29th:

Breakfast then departure for the Dune Du Pilat. Known as the tallest dune in Europe. 1 million visitors see it every year. The dune is moving landward slowly pushing the forest back. Our journey continues to the “Bassin D’ Arcachon” with lunch at “**Chez Pierre**”, with its seafood specialties, where an array of huge fresh seafood and crustacean platters will be awaiting us. Afternoon in the “Bassin D’Arcachon”. Visit of the typical Villa Arcachonnaises. A panoramic visit of this prestigious area, its winter town, relating its rich past throughout an architectural inspired neo classic style and neo gothic style, Swiss chalet and colonial houses. Return to Bordeaux to the hotel for dinner and rest.

Friday, June 30th:

Breakfast and departure for a “Day in Médoc” where we will ride on the Route de Vin” with a stop and visit of one of the well-known Domaine in Bordeaux, finishing with a tasting of a remarkable wine.

Lunch at “**Chateau Cordeillan-Bages**”, 2 Michelin Stars for an amazing meal in Pauillac. Afternoon panoramic visit of the Margaux region to discover these very different vineyards on which vines average 30 years of age. Initiation class on wine tasting techniques.

Returning to the hotel for an evening on your own.



Saturday, July 1st: (A Day in Cognac)

Breakfast, departure for the amazing region of cognac. We will learn about the history of this interesting little town totally unknown prior to the 9th century with guided visit of its medieval street and explanation on when and how it did become famous. Lunch in the village at a quaint and local fares restaurant, followed by a guided visit of one of the world’s biggest name in brandy with tasting and description including opportunities for interesting purchases.

Return to our hotel with a nice panoramic visit on our way back. Dinner together at hotel.

Sunday, July 2nd:

Breakfast and departure for a “Day in Périgord”. The morning will entail a visit of the well-known Sarlat, our guide will walk us

through this city of art and history with its brilliant architecture and its historical monuments. Its Medieval streets and bright plazas are the most pleasant and not to be missed.

Lunch at **La Petite Tonnelle**, on the edge of the Dordogne in one of the most beautiful villages in France.

Afternoon we will climb onboard a Gabare (barge) and will travel down the Dordogne to discover some of the most beautiful castles in France. Finishing this little cruise at the home of Josephine Baker ("The Black Pearl"), 1906-1975, where we will enjoy a tour of her home, and visit of a special display of the animals she loved.

Return to the hotel and relaxing evening on your own.

Monday, July 3rd:

Breakfast and departure for a "Day in the Sauternes Region". Visit of Chateau de Myrat, the property of the Pontac family, one of the Grands Crus Classés of Sauternes. We will discover the cellar and learn about this very intriguing way of harvesting and tasting of 2 vintages. The owner themselves will also guide us through the English garden, wooded alley in this Centennial Forest where pheasant, squirrel and deer have chosen to live.

Followed by a lunch at **Le St. James** known as the "**Balcony of Bordeaux**". Afternoon visit of La Citadelle de Blaye, one of the epic Vauban constructions from the Middle Ages we will linger through the little streets of this village.

Early return to the hotel where we will all enjoy our special last dinner together.

Tuesday, July 4th:

Early Breakfast and Departure, back to the USA



Hotel Mercure, Bordeaux

The all-inclusive price includes hotel, ground transportation, most meals with wine (with the opportunity on some evenings to venture out for your own dining pleasure), all guided visits and excursions, taxes and fees.

**Price per person is \$4,495. Single Supplement of \$450.
(Airfare is not included - we will advise you what time you will need to arrive)**

This price is based on the Euro exchange rate not climbing over 1.50 US dollars to the Euro. To reserve your space a \$1,000 per person non-refundable deposit is due. A non-refundable payment of 50% due by March 1st and balance due by May 15th. 18 Person minimum, 30 Person maximum.

For additional information: (336) 449-6266

**RSVP for Informational Meetings:
Thursday, November 10, 2016 4:30pm
& Saturday, January 14, 2017 2:00pm**

Burke Manor Inn & Pavilion
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Lil's Outstanding 2017 **Adventure to Bordeaux**



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The most acclaimed food and the most renowned wine in the entire world. In an unparalleled demonstration of history through stunning scenery. The locals are welcoming and warm, the land is pure and the traditions are everlasting. As French-born I can assure you that if any places in France need to be visited, these are the ones.