









**5-day/4-night Self-drive Bespoke Itinerary of the Bordeaux region**

This is purely an *example* of a past itinerary – we will happily personalise your own Bespoke itinerary

 5-days/4-nights.	 2-nights St Emilion wine estate. 2-nights Bordeaux 4* hotel.	 Self-drive drive with medium size hire car and pre-programmed GPS.	 6 vineyard visits and private wine tasting & coaching class.
 1 lunch and 4 dinners included (one at a Michelin-starred restaurant with wine pairing).	<b>Misc</b>	 Cultural route through Entre-deux-Mers.	 Personalised guidebook & GPS sent in advance of arrival.
 1,790€ per person.	<b>+</b> Optional additions; Upgrade to a 5* hotel in Bordeaux city. Michelin-starred dinner upgrade in St Emilion. Car hire upgrades available.		

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Touring Region	St Emilion area	St Emilion	Entre-deux-Mers, Graves & Bdx city	Médoc	Bdx city & Pessac
Accommodation	2 night's accommodation with breakfast at Belles Perdix on the Château Troplong-Mondot estate just outside the town of St Emilion.		2 night's accommodation with breakfast at Hotel de Sèze in Bordeaux city centre.		
Activities	<p>Collect your hire car from Bordeaux airport.</p> <p>Drive to your château by selecting the pre-programmed location from the GPS that will be sent to you in advance of your arrival.</p> <p>Relax amidst the St Emilion vineyards surrounding your château.</p> <p>Free time to explore St Emilion town.</p> <p>Your evening meal tonight will be booked at an excellent, informal, restaurant in St Emilion that serves local specialities.</p>	<p>Enjoy a relaxed breakfast looking out over the vines.</p> <p>At 10:00am you will attend a private wine coaching session. The aim of the session is to de-clutter some of the complexities of Bordeaux's wine regions through the tasting of some very good wines. You will learn why the different appellations produce different styles of wines and understand in more detail the subtle differences between them and why you might prefer wines from one appellation more than another.</p> <p>A light lunch will be booked at a great little bistro in St Emilion not frequented by many tourists.</p> <p>In the afternoon two tours and tastings will be organised for you. One of these will be to one of the top 18 Premieres Grand Cru Classé St Emilion estates and the other to a more intimate family-run estate.</p> <p>Tonight's evening meal will be a gastronomic tasting menu in St Emilion or you can upgrade to a Michelin-starred meal at your accommodation.</p>	<p>After breakfast check-out of your accommodation. Visit a food market in a nearby historic bastide town and select some tasty morsels for a picnic lunch.</p> <p>A nice route, through the Entre-deux-Mers countryside, will be suggested in your guidebook. It will take you past historic places of cultural interest. A nice location will be suggested to stop for a picnic.</p> <p>Your afternoon will be spent in the Graves appellation. A visit and tasting to a vineyard will be organised for you here.</p> <p>Check-in to your new place of accommodation. Time now to explore a bit of Bordeaux city on foot before dinner.</p> <p>Tonight's evening meal will be at Bordeaux's best bistro that overlooks the most romantic square in the city.</p>	<p>Drive to Pauillac in the Médoc wine region. A tour and tasting will be organised for you at a top château in this famous appellation.</p> <p>Lunch suggestions will be given in your guidebook but nothing pre-booked as you will be eating very well tonight.</p> <p>In the afternoon a route will be prepared for you so that you can explore the famous <i>Routes des Châteaux</i>. All those châteaux of particular note or fame will be included in your guidebook and logged in your GPS system.</p> <p>On this route you will pass through St-Julien &amp; Margaux. A visit &amp; tasting will be organised for you at a Grand Cru Classé château in each of these two appellations.</p> <p>Tonight you will enjoy a gastronomic meal, with wine pairings at a Michelin-starred restaurant in Bordeaux city.</p>	<p>The morning will be set aside to explore Bordeaux city. It is a Unesco world heritage site so there is naturally plenty to see.</p> <p>After lunch a tasting will be organised for you at one of Bordeaux's top five estates – Château Haut Brion in Pessac Leognan.</p> <p>Bordeaux airport is a short drive from here.</p>
Included Meals	Evening meal (excl drinks) in St Emilion.	Lunch (excl drinks) at a chic café. Gastronomic dinner (excl drinks) at a wonderful restaurant in St Emilion town.	Evening meal (excl drinks) at a great bistro in Bordeaux city.	Gastronomic evening meal (including wine paring) at a Michelin-starred restaurant in Bordeaux city.	
Additional services	Throughout the duration of your stay you will be provided with a bespoke Satellite navigation linked to your personalised touring guidebook constructed specially for your stay. Gourmet Touring provides a complimentary 24-hour support service throughout the duration of your stay for any issues regarding advice or assistance that may be needed.				



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### Accommodations

#### **First place of accommodation**

You will stay your first two nights in St Emilion. The mahogany room will be booked for you at Belles Perdrix on the Château Troplong Mondot wine estate. The building is surrounded by vines and is an idyllic place to stay. The vineyard is one of St Emilion's top 18 – a Premières Grand Cru Classé St Emilion and is located a 5 minute drive, or a nice 25 minute walk, away from St Emilion town centre. There is an outdoor pool for your use and the Château also has its own Michelin-starred restaurant where you could choose to upgrade to dine on your second night if you wished.

#### **Second place of accommodation**

For your last two nights in the region we suggest that you stay in Bordeaux city centre offering you good access to the Médoc as well as Pessac-Leognan. Further to our discussion about your specific preferences in accommodation we are pleased to confirm that you will stay at Hotel de Sèze. It has been created within the exterior of a lovely 18<sup>th</sup> century building in the heart of Bordeaux city centre a stone's throw from the Grand Theatre. If one was to be critical it could be levied that things are executed in a rather formulaic manner, but this should also be taken as a compliment in that everything is done consistently well. The decor and furnishings don't have a creaky French charm about them but they are solid and do the job well. You will stay in one of their moderately-sized but very comfortable superior rooms. Breakfasts are included, as are all taxes. More or less costly rooms could be booked here if you would prefer.

### Car Hire

Car hire of a medium-sized manual transmission hire car such as a Toyota Auris is included in the quote. The exact model cannot be guaranteed but will be of this size and class. Car hire includes unlimited mileage, collision damage and third party liability for one driver. Damage excess levels can be reduced upon collection of the car for a nominal sum.

### Pricing

The cost of the self-drive holiday itinerary as described on the previous page is 1,790€ per person.

The cost of all specified meals, vineyard visits, tours, tastings, wine class, accommodation, breakfasts, car hire (of an intermediate sized manual transmission car the size of a Toyota Auris), and a personalised touring guidebook and accompanying GPS are covered by Gourmet Touring.

### Payment

A 20% deposit is required upon booking with the balance payable 8 weeks before departure.

Payment can be made by electronic transfer or by settling a PayPal request (which you can pay by credit card). Please note that no surcharges are made by us for payment by electronic transfer, but a 2% surcharge contribution is charged for payments by PayPal.

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