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# Bordeaux/Armagnac/Biarritz Spanish Basque country



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## Our Philosophy

***Wine Tour in France combines three simple principles:***

- *partner agencies renowned for their know-how in every wine-producing region,*
- *the combination of wine with other passions (well-being, gastronomy, golf, history.),*
- *one-of-a-kind personalized service.*



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# Our regions

*Wine Tour in France currently covers:*

- *Bordeaux / Cognac*
- *Burgundy/Côtes du Rhône*
- *Champagne*
- *Provence*
- *Loire Valley*
- *Paris*



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# Accommodation

## 3 Best de luxe hotels in South West France

- Grand Hotel de Bordeaux – Leading Hotels of the world – a magnificent 18th century building facing the Opera House – in the very heart of the Triangle d’Or – a pedestrian area with all deluxe shops as in Paris
- A Relais & Chateaux in the Armagnac country – a 3 star Michelin restaurant and the most de luxe spa
- Hotel du Palais – the palace built by Emperor Napoleon III for empress Eugénie in Biarritz : a prime destination forever The queen city and the city of Kings



# Le Grand Hotel Bordeaux 5\*



Located just opposite the Opéra National de Bordeaux (the Grand Théâtre) The Regent Grand Hotel Bordeaux is reclaiming its place as the most majestic hotel in the city.

The hotel has undergone a comprehensive and faithful restoration which respects its colorful history while offering a level of luxury and elegance never before experienced.

Experience the splendors of the gourmet restaurant Le Pressoir d'Argent where you will taste the best fish along with a wine presentation on "all you want to know about wine".

Discover a hushed, relaxed atmosphere bathed in natural light and entered the enchanting world of Les Bains de Léa(Nuxe beauty range)



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# Day 1

A stay dedicated to art in the city and in the vineyards

- City tour of Bordeaux themed on 18th century , visit of the Opera House from the backstage (decors and costumes, concert hall) ,the Decorative Arts museum showing the best of the best during the Golden age of Bordeaux in termes of furniture, silverworks, cristal and finally the Taconné's workshop: the most looked for place to take care of the most famous cord instruments
- Full day in the vineyards to discover the best modern art realization of famous architects in either Medoc such as in Cos d'Estournel or in Saint Emilion with Château Cheval Blanc (visits subject to owner's approval – very limited numbers – wine connoisseurs)



# Bordeaux City Tour



With your guide take a walking tour of Bordeaux.  
Visit the Cathedral and discover the city.

Bordeaux, part of the world heritage since 2007, is a jewel of 18th century architecture with a rich past starting in the gallo roman period.

Bordeaux is known to have the second largest patrimony of the 18th century after St Petersburg. This tour is the occasion to discover most of these treasures along the waterfront: Palais de la Bourse, in the Triangle d'Or such as Grand Théâtre and private mansions.



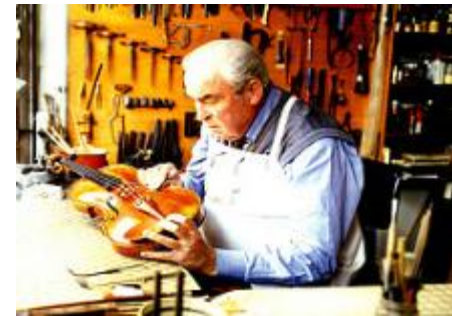
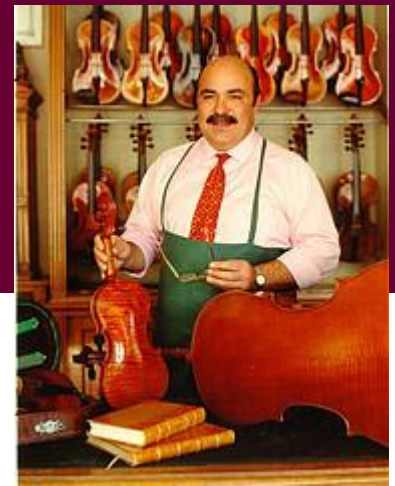
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# Taconné workshop

The workshop Taconné, in the district “les grands hommes” in the heart of Bordeaux, it is held by Patrice Taconné and Benoit Guilbaud. This passion is shared profession from father to son in parr. The son of the famous stringed-instrument maker Pierre Taconné who made the glory of his workshop, Patrice, is one of the 12 best workers in France and he exposed Stradivarius traffickers with interpol.

At Taconne’s “the soul of the violin is a chord that vibrates from childhood.”

Come discover in this workshop the production of these violins identical to the technique of the 18th century.



# Day 3 & 4

Driving from Bordeaux to Eugénie located in the heart of a superb and quiet area reminding of Tuscany – 1h45

A stay dedicated to well being at Ferme Thermale, tasting of Armagnac at Château de Laubade and gourmet food at Michel Guérard gastronomic restaurant

## Day 3

- Lunch at Ferme aux Grives – the elegant countryside inn of the chef
- Spa treatments at Ferme Thermale
- Dinner at Prés d'Eugénie – 3 star Michelin

## Day 4

Spa treatment in the morning, visit at Château de Laubade before departing to Biarritz



# LES PRES D'EUGENIE



This romantic country palace is a haven for the senses and pure therapy for the mind and body. How can we not sing the praises of a paradise that still floats with the silky scent of the Empress? Enchanted gardens, an aristocratic dwelling, a symphonic cuisine. A love story, a little duet with vegetable and herb gardens, ancient roses and a dreamlike spa, the Ferme Thermale®. In the kitchen Michel Guérard creates celestial marvels. Everywhere else lies Christine's poetic touch... An angel has been here!

## Activities:

Golf, Tennis, Outdoor pool, Spa, facial treatments, Whirlpool, Fitness, Hammam, Fango, Mud bath, mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, Flying club , La Ferme Thermale® Garden Spa, Health trail (300 m)



# Château Laubade: Armagnac

The Laubade castle has belonged to the family Lesgourgues since three generations and remains a benchmark in Armagnac. The family Lesgourgues has six prestigious wine estates from the Bas-Armagnac to Uruguay, from Madiran to Bordeaux up to the Graves, the Laubade castle is the largest property in the appellation. It has 105 hectares of vines in the vineyards of Armagnac.

Visits are possible through the park, from the greenhouse winter to the distillery, from the aging cellars to the tasting room. It is also possible to visit the room called Paradise where are maintained the oldest brandies.



# Day 4-5-6

A stay dedicated to de luxe style, modern art and fashion

## Day 4

- Relax dinner on « Port des Pêcheurs »

## Day 5

- Visit of the city of kings and the queen of beaches ending up by a lunch in a shepherd's house called a kayolar, passing by on the return across the most beautiful villages . Stop in Larressore to discover the BEST CRAFTSMAN OF France where the makila basque walking stick is made
- Dinner at La Rotonde at Hotel du Palais



# HOTEL DU PALAIS 5\*



Among the most beautiful hotels in the world, the Hotel du Palais overlooks Biarritz main beaches. Its luxury charm coupled with the area's outstanding sports facilities make the Hotel du Palais an international mecca for vacationers and sports enthusiasts alike.



Discover this luxury hotel with the Imperial Spa with Guerlain dedicated to well-being: relaxing pool, jacuzzi, sauna, hammam, massage rooms and body cares by Guerlain, fitness center with cardio-training, and Hair Care Institute by Leonor Greyl. We'll welcome you to an invitation to taste the sweet harmony of this region, where the gentle caress of time fades into the magic during a delightful stay.

# BIARRITZ WALKING TOUR



Guided walking tour of Biarritz will start and finish at the "Grande Plage", the main beach in town, where surfers from the world over come to ride the waves. From here guests will head to the cosy fishing port nestled in the rocks, which is considered by many a tiny village unto itself within the city of Biarritz. Then to the Rock of the Madonna, a landmark in Biarritz, attainable only by an imposing bridge constructed by Gustave Eiffel. The on to view the ancient whaling port, which is an integral part of the history of Biarritz. The tour continues towards the center of town to Place Clémenceau.



# LUNCH IN PRIVATE SHEEPFOLD

For centuries the Basque people have been raising sheep on the rolling hillsides of the Pyrenees Mountains. The shepherds built shelters for their flocks to protect them from the sometimes-temperamental weather. These stone structures, called “Bergeries” dot the countryside. Over the years a few of these have been repurposed into cozy mountain retreats. Rustic assuredly but thoroughly charming, we like to invite you to discover the bergerie owned by Pascal located above the Basque village of Macaye. Pascal quit the restaurant business a few years back and decided to live full time in the mountains where he grows his own vegetables and raises his own chickens and rabbits. He’s also friends with all the local farmers and uses this wealth of great products to produce simple yet unforgettable meals for select guests in his home. An authentic experience to be sure. Includes: 3 course lunch made by Pascal with local products, mineral water & coffee.



# Day 6-7

## Day 6

- Departure to Spain to visit the small fishing village and the de luxe fashion house « Casa Balenciaga »

Or

- Departure to Bilbao to visit the Guggenheim museum with a private curator
- Dinner at La Villa Eugénie

## Day 7

- Visit of Bayonne city to discover the chocolate shops – Time at leisure for shopping in Biarritz

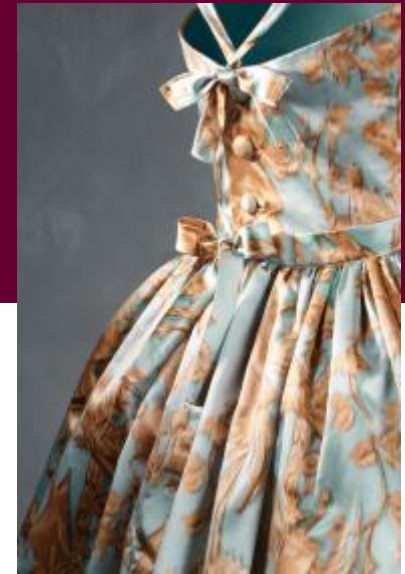
- Either Dinner in the old quarter of San Sebastian to taste the best « tapas in the world »

Or

- Dinner at Akelarre overlooking the Biscaye Bay – 3 Michelin star



# Casa Balenciaga



Balenciaga museum was created in the designer's native city, the city of Getaria. It is located in the park Aldabar and composed of two main buildings: Aldabar palace from the nineteenth century which displays temporary exhibitions and a building housing six exhibition rooms renovated after 10 years of work. This is the first museum in the world dedicated exclusively to a fashion designer.

The museum displays more than 1,200 pieces of the creator and models worn by celebrities like Mona Bismarck, or Grace Kelly. There are creations of haute couture and accessories, works of his early and his latest creations.



# Guggenheim museum



The Guggenheim Bilbao Museum was created by the American architect Frank O. Gehry in order to revitalize the city. Opened in 1997, the building quickly became a major tourist attraction thanks to its innovative design architecture made of a blend of stone and glass, water and titanium. This is a modern and contemporary art museum, it is one of the five museums of Solomon R. Guggenheim's society



There are four to six different exhibitions within one year which vary a lot, ranging from Chinese or Russian art to modern and contemporary art. But some works are permanent as the spider sculpture of Louise Bourgeois or the giant dog dressed in flowers of Jeff Koons.



# SAN SEBASTIAN TAPAS BARS AND OLD QUARTER RESTAURANT



The Kings and Queens of Spain chose San Sebastian as the royal seaside resort just as Napoleon III and the Empress Eugenie chose Biarritz. Today San Sebastian remains a brilliant and seductive city, a cultural hub of the Basque Country. No tour of San Sebastian would be complete without a visit of the city's "old quarter". Here, on the narrow pedestrian streets are located the famous "tapas" bars. Over one hundred such establishments open daily, their counters overflowing with delicious local appetizers or "tapas".

Each group will be led by a guide who knows the city perfectly to 2 different tapas bars where local culinary specialties will be offered. Our guests are free to help themselves to whatever tapas they'd like to taste off the bar and all drinks are included! (wine, beer, soda juices, water).

Dinner will follow in a superb typical basque cooking private circle.

An evening in San Sebastian is a sure winner, one to be remembered.



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# Akelarre



The restaurant Akelarre is the restaurant “Relais et chateaux” in Donostia San Sebastian, with the chef Perdo Subijana, with three Michelin stars.

The restaurant is worth visiting for its cooking and its wonderful view of the Cantabrian Sea that is located in the south of the Bay of Biscay. This restaurant also has its own garden where they grows their own vegetables.



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