

Bordeaux Wine Tour 2019

Bordeaux Wine Tour Highlights

- Explore the Left Bank, Right Bank, Graves and Sauternes.
- Discover the authenticity and value that Bordeaux can offer.
- Two tours at harvest time.
- Visit a wonderful mix of wine producers, including classed growths on the Left Bank, Grand Cru on the Right Bank, smaller family businesses and the wonderful Château d'Yquem.
- Based in the city of Bordeaux, with its superb ambience - and restaurants!
- Comprehensive tastings at every visit, and four fabulous tasting lunches or dinners

[Read about the tour I ran in 2017](#) *the success of which has inspired me to return in 2019.*

Tour dates

18th - 21st September 2019

25th - 28th September 2019

Both tours are nearly full so please [contact me](#) to check availability

Outline Itinerary

Wednesday

From the Meeting Point at Bordeaux Airport (see Flight Transfers below) we will take a coach directly to our first visit in Pessac-Léognan, where we will have an introductory lunch. The evening is free to settle in to our hotel and explore Bordeaux city.

Thursday

We visit the Left Bank, and the hallowed vineyards of Saint Julien and Margaux, where 4th growth Château Beychevelle and 5th growth Château Dauzac will welcome us. Both are historic estates but we will see modern technology deployed to great advantage, and enjoy some fascinating and unexpected wine and food pairings. Lunch will be at the picturesque Cru Bourgeois Château d'Agassac. Dinner at leisure.

Friday

An unforgettable day, as we visit the legendary Château d'Yquem in the morning. We should see the swirling mists essential for inducing the development of noble rot as we approach the estate. With luck we will witness grapes arriving from the overnight harvest and even sample some recently picked botrytised berries! Following lunch at a local brasserie we will visit Château Biac, an estate which is actually in the AOC Côtes de Bordeaux as it is on the 'wrong' side of the Garonne river. There is nothing 'wrong' with the wine, and despite the relative youth of the vines the quality is so exceptional it is served in London's Le Gavroche!

We will have a final night gastronomic meal at a local restaurant, but our tour does not end here...

Saturday

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Our exploration of the Right Bank takes us to Château Croizille, a recently designated Saint Émilion Grand Cru whose sister vineyard Château La Tour Baladoz will provide a fascinating contrast between old and new methods. We will provide a transfer to Bordeaux airport to coincide with the evening flight home (see Flight Transfers below).

Note: the Itinerary may be changed at Tim Syrad Wine Tours discretion so as to facilitate the smooth running of the tour and to accommodate great opportunities for visits or tastings that may become available.

Key Tour Information

*** The Key Tour Information specifies what you should expect from the tour, no matter how far ahead you book. As additional information is published on the website, it will be advised to clients who have booked. The daily itinerary will be finalised in the weeks leading up to the Start Date.**

[Download the Key Tour Information as a pdf.](#)

Pricing

- £1,149 per person based on 2 people sharing a double/twin room.
- £100 supplement for single occupancy of a double room.
- £100 discount for bookings made before 1st January 2019, and paid for 8 weeks before departure.

Price includes:

- Coach for all activities in the itinerary, the tour commences and ends at Bordeaux Airport.
- Three nights bed and breakfast in good quality hotel in central Bordeaux.
- Four days of visits and tastings.
- Six visits/tastings, including wineries in the Right Bank, Left Bank, Graves and Sauternes.
- Approximately 12 wines will be tasted each day.
- Four lunches/dinners with local wines.
- All local taxes and service charges .
- The services of Tim Syrad as your Wine Tour manager and Wine Guide.

The maximum number of people I can accommodate on either tour is 18.

It is a condition of my accepting a booking that you will take out appropriate travel insurance - please see our Terms and Conditions Section 8.

[Terms and Conditions are available here](#) or on request.

Please note flights are not included in the price. Many of my clients prefer to extend their holiday before or after my tours, so I let people make their own flight arrangements.

Flight Transfers

Our Meeting Point and Departure Point is Bordeaux Airport. The tour will commence following the arrival the early morning British Airways flight from Gatwick arriving at 0915 on the Wednesday, and we will return from Saint Émilion in plenty of time to connect with the the British Airways departure at 2055 on the Saturday.

Outbound on 18th September/25th September: Gatwick (LGW) to Bordeaux (BOD)

BA2786: Departs LGW 0640 - Arrives BOD at 0915

Inbound on 21st September/28th September: Bordeaux (BOD) to Gatwick (LGW)

BA2789: Departs BOD 2055 - Arrives LGW at 2130

Please contact me if you would like to discuss travel options, for example making the journey by rail or driving, and extending your stay at the hotel. I cannot arrange travel for you, but I can advise on what might work best.

How to book this tour

Please contact me by phone or email, or use the enquiry form on the [Contact page](#) on the website to check availability. If I confirm a place is available, please complete the [booking form](#) and send it to me with your deposit. A deposit of £100 is taken at booking to reserve your place, the balance must be paid 8 weeks before the tour starts.

If you don't have travel insurance arranged for the dates of the tour at the time you are booking you will need to provide me with details (name of insurer, policy number, 24 hour emergency telephone numbers) before the tour starts.

Once I have confirmed a tour is proceeding I advise clients to arrange flights and confirm travel arrangements to me. **Please do not arrange flights before I have confirmed your place and that the tour is proceeding.**

More about my Bordeaux Wine Tour

Anyone organising a wine tour to Bordeaux must clearly make some difficult choices, given the huge number of famous châteaux that could be visited. My focus is always on getting to know the region through its people, so even in the Médoc and Saint Émilion where corporate ownership is the norm, I ensure that we will meet people who truly understand how to bring their winery's story, and its wines, to life. Château d'Yquem limits visitors to 18 per day, so I am limiting the size of our group, and I'm hoping that our September tour will be as lucky as we were in 2017, arriving at the winery at the same time as the grapes coming in from harvest.

To achieve the great value for money I strive for in every tour, and ensure we meet people with 'skin in the game' we will also visit wineries such as Château Biac, where former Lebanese banker Tony Asseily has been making wine since 2008. In Saint Émilion we visit the innovative

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estate of Château Croizille, which adds a modern twist to a historic area.

Given we are visiting a region that produces some of the best reds and sweet wines in the world, not to mention some very fine still whites, our food and wine matching experiences will be a highlight. Our lunches on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday will allow us to experience the wines from the area we are visiting with some perfectly matched cuisine, while our Friday night dinner will provide a master class in indulgence!

Due to the timing of flights to and from Bordeaux, I have designed this tour to last three nights, with four full days of tastings. We will still visit the same number of wineries and taste the same amount of wine as we did on my very successful 2017 tour – do read the [tour report](#). For a more relaxed experience you could arrange to travel out by air or train on the Tuesday and return on the Sunday – do get in touch if you would like me to reserve you additional nights at our hotel. Bordeaux is a lovely city to get to know, our hotel is well situated and strolling out in the evening is a joy.



Château Beychevelle



Château Biac



Château d'Yquem

More about Tim Syrad Wine Tours

Since 2001 I have escorted over 100 groups of people on tours to wine regions in Europe and the New World. My clients keep coming back year after year because in addition to tastings and visits we really do meet the people who make the wine and tend the vines.

I pride myself in offering tours that are informative, imaginative and enjoyable. I keep group sizes manageable so that we spend our time appreciating our visits, not getting on and off the bus or queuing for the loos! I personally escort all of my tours, and I ensure as much as possible of the money my clients pay is spent on great food and wine, and good hotels.

I believe you can combine appreciating fabulous wine with relaxation and laughter, which is why so many of my clients come on tour with me every year. There is a friendly and welcoming atmosphere on every tour from the start, and I am proud that many friendships have been made between the people who come on tour with me.

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For more information [about me](#), my [next tours](#), and [previous tours](#) I have run, and to [find out what my clients](#) say (some of whom have been coming on tour with me since 2001) please explore the website.

I hope I have inspired you to consider this tour, please do not hesitate to [contact me](#) to find out more.

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Or use the online enquiry form on the [Contact page](#)