



SOUTHWESTERN HOSPITALITY

LAND OF AUTHENTICITY, FLAVORS AND TRADITIONS

11 days/10 nights from \$5199 per person*

Discover a beautiful, *gourmande* and festive region with a strong identity, a long history, forceful traditions and a rich culture...indulge your curiosity in the historical and gastronomic discovery of the many facets of this unique region...enjoy a veritable open air museum...its heritage, its thousand and one aromas, its lively inhabitants...you'll be sure to have a very warm welcome in the fascinating Southwest of France.

Day 1:

Depart from Paris by high-speed TGV train to Bordeaux. Pick up your rental car at the train station and head for the charming little village of Trémolat in the heart of Périgord. Enjoy the rest of the day discovering this amazing site. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel Le Vieux Logis.

Day 2:

Departure for the Prehistoric site of the Abri Pataud. Your private guide will show you the largest prehistoric site in France. You will be amazed by the discovery of the traces of the everyday life of our Prehistoric ancestors. On the way, enjoy a lunch in a charming countryside restaurant and visit the picturesque village of Saint Leon Sur Vezere, a jewel of greenery, famous for its amazingly beautiful Roman Church. Then spend the rest of the day exploring the reproduction of the 17,000 year-old cave, Lascaux II. After this breathtaking day, enjoy a gourmet dinner at the hotel. Overnight at the Hotel Le Vieux Logis.

Day 3:

Discovery of the region with a guide, specialized in Prehistory and enjoy another aspect of Prehistoric art, sculpture. Discover Cap Blanc, with the only 14,000 year-old sculpted frieze in the world to be shown to the public, and other natural caves in the region such as Font de Gaume and Les Combarelles.

Day 4:

Today, head for the beautiful well-preserved city of Bordeaux. A local guide will show you the treasures of this old city. Stroll in old Bordeaux, its picturesque streets and squares, discover the Chartrons, a former wine merchants' district dating back to the 18th century and taste some gourmet delicacies from the city. Enjoy a gourmet diner at the best sea food restaurant in Bordeaux, "Philippe Chez Dubern". Overnight at the Hotel La Maison Bord'Eaux.

Day 5:

Departure for a full day tour with your personal guide to the medieval village of Saint Emilion listed as a UNESCO World heritage site ...enjoy a visit of the region's wine chateaux and discover how the grape from the vineyards is transformed into the amazing wine in your glass. Overnight at the Hotel La Maison Bord'Eaux.

Day 6:

Today, indulge yourself and forget the rest of the world. Enjoy the opportunity to experience the popular and unique Vinotherapie spa, Les Sources de Caudalie, in the heart of the vineyards. The treatments are absolutely unique: they combine the virtues of naturally deep warm spring water, rich in minerals and oligo-elements, with vine, grape and grape seed extracts... Truly unforgettable. Overnight at the Hotel Les Sources de Caudalie.

Day 7:

Departure for the scenic Bay of Arcachon, an inland sea with the colors of a lagoon and a wonderful nature reserve. Discover charming villages exuding a pleasantly rustic atmosphere, taste the most popular and best oysters of France. Stop in the attractive town of Arcachon, a seaside resort erected on the shores of a protected coastline, where light takes extremely delicate shades. If you are looking for something amazing, ascend the breathtaking Dune du Pyla, the highest sand dune in Europe. From its summit, the dune offers a unique panoramic view over the Bay, the Atlantic Ocean and the forest – all at the same time! A magic moment at sunset... Overnight at the Hotel Les Sources de Caudalie.

Day 8:

Take your time today to travel down the coast to the Basque Country and visit the city of Bayonne, famous for its ferias, its bullfighting and its ham. This city, surrounded by mountains and ocean, is very attractive because of its picturesque 16th century houses, its amazing cuisine and its festivals. Overnight at the Hotel l'Ostape.

Day 9:

Journey to the interior countryside of the South West, specially the Basque Country, rich in historical, natural and cultural heritage. Take the time to visit the little town of Dax, one of France's top spa towns, with its hot springs and mud baths. Between the beaches of the Atlantic and the Pyrenees, Dax is a delightful town, located at the gates of the Basque country and a stone's throw away from Spain. Discover the colorful markets, savor the culinary delights and enjoy the richness of the spa water. Overnight at the Hotel l'Ostape.

Day 10:

Enjoy your last day in the vibrant cosmopolitan town of Biarritz, former residence of the Emperor Napoleon III. Discover why the imperial couple fell in love with this surprising and charming town. Overnight at the Hotel du Palais.

Day 11:

Drop-off your rental car at the Biarritz rail station and return to Paris by the high-speed TGV train.

Package Price Includes:

- 10-nights accommodation in superior rooms at charming 4 Star hotels
- Daily breakfast, 1 country lunch, 3 gourmet dinners (beverages are not included)
- Full-day private discovery tour of the Perigord region
- Full-day private discovery tour of the Prehistoric caves
- Private guided walking tour of Bordeaux
- Full-day private discovery tour of the vineyards and villages of Saint Emilion
- 11-day economy car rental, manual, ac, insurance
- First-class TGV Paris-Bordeaux and Biarritz-Paris
- Hotel service charges & VAT

*Price per person and subject to change due to currency exchange rate. Entrance fees & gratuity not included.

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