



14 DAY TOUR *departs* MAY 2021 — Escorted by Dr Wendy Nolan Joyce of Savour Tours

## ITINERARY

Ⓟ BREAKFAST Ⓛ LUNCH Ⓟ DINNER

### DAY 01 ARRIVE BORDEAUX Ⓟ

On arrival in Bordeaux, we will be transferred to our hotel. Check in and enjoy some time at leisure.

This evening we have included dinner at Michelin star restaurant **Le Davoli**. The restaurant is ideally located in the historic heart of Bordeaux, two steps from the Place de la Bourse, behind the church of Saint Pierre and serves elegant and traditional French cuisine with finesse and originality. We will enjoy a 'Saint-Pierre' three course set menu.



Les Sources de Caudalie

### Les Sources de Caudalie *Accommodation for 5 nights*

Les Sources De Caudalie is located within the heart of the vineyards of Château Smith Haut Lafitte, less than a 20-minute drive from the Bordeaux historic district. It features a luxury spa centre, tennis courts and an outdoor swimming pool. Rooms have a private terrace or balcony with views across the lake or vineyards.

Les Sources De Caudalie also offers a number of wine-tastings with the resident sommelier.

### DAY 02 BORDEAUX > SAINT-EMILION > BORDEAUX Ⓟ Ⓛ

This morning we will be met by our local guide and transferred to Saint-Emilion where we will enjoy a full day of touring.



Saint-Emilion

Saint-Emilion is a unique site where world famous wineries, fine wine, beautiful architecture and great monuments are all found in one small area. We will have a morning walking tour of the underground city, including the catacombs, underground church and medieval paintings.

Then proceed to the Michelin star restaurant **Logis de la Cadene** where we will enjoy a 3 course 'Menu du Marche'.

Founded in 1848, Logis de la Cadène is one of the oldest restaurants in Saint-Emilion and over time has become a true institution revered by passing visitors as well as regular locals. The restaurant serves excellent award-winning food and is famous for its extensive wine collection, offering several hundred varieties of wine.

Later this afternoon, we will visit a typical wine cellar and enjoy a Grand Cru wine tasting before returning to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

**DAY 03 BORDEAUX > SATURNES > BORDEAUX** ® ①

This morning we will travel to Sauternes and Château d'Yquem and Relais du Château d'Arche followed by a tasting of grand cru at the local French Oenology School.



Enjoy a glass of wine in one of Bordeaux's town squares

After the class we will enjoy dinner, with wine pairings followed by coffee.

This afternoon we will learn to cook traditional French food at **Les Drôles** restaurant in the heart of Bordeaux.

Return to the hotel in Bordeaux and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**DAY 04 BORDEAUX > ARCACHON > BORDEAUX** ® ②

This morning drive west to Arcachon, located at the northern end of the longest, sandiest coast in Europe. One of the gems of the French Atlantic coast, this seaside resort is famous for its harvest of oysters. Visit the Dune of Pilat, the largest natural sand dunes in Europe. Before leaving the area, we'll have the opportunity to taste the famous oysters in a typical oyster "cabane" or hut.

**DAY 05 BORDEAUX** ® ③



A pedestrian street in the Old City, Bordeaux

This afternoon we will enjoy a half day walking tour of the city of Bordeaux. The tour is flexible, and the guide can cater the touring to what we wish to see today.

We'll be raising our glasses many times in Bordeaux, which is renowned for its wines, considered amongst the best in the world. This evening enjoy dinner at **Le Gabriel Bistrot**. We have included the three-course 'Menu Truffle.' Set within a superb building

displaying the architectural style of the first half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the Gabriel is on three floors featuring a salon de thé providing simple, flavoursome dishes served non-stop all day, a bistro offering delicious, generous regional food, as well as a gastronomic restaurant devoted to subtle, delicate and audacious cuisine.

After our meal return to the hotel.

**DAY 06 BORDEAUX > PÉRIGUEUX > SARLAT** ®

Today we transfer to Sarlat, located in the Dordogne region, a drive of around 2.5-3 hours. En route we will stop in Périgueux and enjoy a guided walking tour of the town centre. Périgueux is a town in the Dordogne region of southwestern France. It's known for the landmark Saint-Front Cathedral, with domes and turrets.

Then we will visit the Tower of Mataguere before continuing to the Cathedral of Saint-Front. From the top of the Cathedral enjoy an amazing view of the surrounds.

Continue to Sarlat and check into the hotel.



Périgueux

**Au Grand Hôtel de Sarlat**

*Accommodation for 3 nights*

Grand Hotel de Sarlat is located just steps from the medieval centre of Sarlat. We will be accommodated in the 4 star part of the property, Pavillon Selves. Enjoy a green setting, built around a lovely park and with a superb swimming pool. The hotel takes in all the light of Perigord and an exceptionally serene town centre.



Grand Hotel de Sarlat



Abbey of Saint-Sauveur, Sarlat

### DAY 07 SARLAT & DORDOGNE ⑥ ①

Dordogne (also known as the Périgord), is a region rich in vineyards and fortified 'bastide' towns, with an extraordinary range of natural and historical heritage sites.

Today we will enjoy a half day guided tour of Sarlat, taking in some of the region's best-preserved medieval architecture. The town is a wonderful place to stroll the maze of alleyways and cobbled streets. Sarlat is also famous for its gourmet treats of truffles and foie gras. We will have lunch at the Michelin star restaurant **Le Grand Bleu**. We have included the three-course 'Discovery Menu.' Le Grand Bleu is a restaurant near the centre of the medieval town of Sarlat, capital of Périgord Noir. Enjoy a gastronomic delight in a simple, warm and friendly environment.



Rocamadour

### DAY 08 SARLAT > ROCAMADOUR > SARLAT ⑥ ①

This morning we visit a local Foie Gras farm in Sarlat before enjoying an afternoon to the town of Rocamadour, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The village is built on three levels, with the castle sitting at the top, and the town on the lowest slopes.

Enjoy lunch at **Jehan de Valon**, a Michelin star restaurant. The extraordinary cuisine which changes seasonally is based on highlighting the finest regional produce. Generations of culinary skill marry with modern interpretations of old favourites.

After lunch enjoy a tour of Rocamadour before transferring to Saint-Cirq-Lapopie, a medieval town known as one of the most beautiful villages in France.

### DAY 09 SARLAT ⑥ ①

Day at leisure to explore Sarlat and enjoy some shopping. Sarlat is famous for its open air market which runs every Wednesday and Sunday.

### DAY 10 SARLAT > LACAVE ⑥

Today we drive around 45 minutes to our next hotel, located just outside of Lacave.

Enroute visit Château des Milandes, one of the prettiest of the Dordogne castles. It is famous for its former owner Josephine Baker, a legendary entertainer of the early 20th century. We will explore the gardens and enjoy a hawk show here.



Cave art on the walls of Lascaux II

We then visit Lascaux II, a cave that is an exquisite 39m-long replica of the renowned prehistoric cave paintings of animals, found in 1940.

After touring we continue to our charming castle hotel.

### Château De La Treyne

*Accommodation for 4 nights*

Overlooking the Dordogne Valley, Château de la Treyne (14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> century) is a fairy-tale castle combining the magic of a bygone era with the luxury and comfort of the modern age. The château is surrounded by a French garden, lined by century-old cedars and a large park with rare species of trees.



Château De La Treyne

### DAY 11 LACAVE ⑥ ①

This morning we will enjoy a kayaking excursion on the beautiful Dordogne river. The trip will last around 1 hour and 30 minutes and allow us to discover the unique landscapes of this area. Travel around 10km from Argenteat to Brivezac. Each kayak will take 2

passengers and all equipment and an expert guide are included.

If you do not wish to Kayak we can include a hiking tour at additional cost, or you can visit one of the caves in Lecave, travelling by train.

Then we enjoy a laid back lunch at **Le Pont de l'Ouisse**, a Michelin restaurant, where the chef Stéphane Chambon uses local produce to create simple yet delicious quality dishes. We have included the 'Menu du Vieux Pont'.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

#### DAY 12 LACAVE <sup>®</sup> <sup>Ⓛ</sup>

Full day at leisure today to explore independently or simply relax and enjoy activities at our unique castle hotel. We have included a farewell dinner at the hotel. Enjoy a 3-course dinner and cocktails with the group and reminisce on the highlights of the trip.

#### DAY 13 LACAVE <sup>®</sup> <sup>Ⓛ</sup>

This morning we will visit two gardens, Marqueyssac and Eyrignac Gardens. Both are famous for their exquisite topiary with Marqueyssac offering more than 6 kilometres of shaded paths in a maze of 150,000 hand-pruned boxwoods and Eyrignac Garden, which is almost entirely made up of topiaries, with huge hedges cut into intricate geometric patterns and pots full of clipped box.

It is complimented by its Manor house and associated buildings built of golden coloured stone and with the deep sloping roofs typical of the area which provide a beautiful setting for the gardens.

After our visit we will have lunch at **P'Essential Restaurant** and enjoy a 4 course 'Gourmand Menu.' This gourmet restaurant has an inventive and original fine dining menu.

After lunch return to the hotel for a leisurely afternoon.

#### DAY 14 LACAVE > BORDEAUX <sup>®</sup>

This morning you will be privately transferred to the airport in Bordeaux to meet your onward departure light.

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	<b>Twin</b>
<b>PRICE</b> <i>per person twin sharing</i>	<b>\$14,652</b>

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#### INCLUDED:

- Accommodation in hotels as per itinerary or similar
- Meals as specified within itinerary (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)
- Transfers as per itinerary on a private basis
- Touring as per the itinerary on a private basis with expert local guides and a coach at your disposal
- A range of premium culinary experiences at the best Michelin star restaurants and unique winery visits and touring throughout the itinerary
- Entrance fees

#### NOT INCLUDED

International flights, tipping, items of a personal nature, internal flights, travel insurance (mandatory) and optional activities.

NB: Price quoted is indicative only, based on a group size of 12 people, and is subject to change due to currency fluctuations. A final confirmed price and itinerary will be available closer to the time.



Marqueyssac and Eyrignac gardens

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