



Bonjour Bordeaux: Chateaux, Wineries, Charming Villages

8 days | roundtrip from Bordeaux to Bordeaux

July 8-15, 2025



Bid bonjour to the bountiful beauty of Bordeaux with a captivating cruise on the Garonne and Dordogne Rivers to delight in one of France’s most exquisite regions. Embark from Bordeaux itself, the capital of the splendid Nouvelle-Aquitaine region—famed for its legendary vineyards and wines. Be carried away by Avalon’s signature included Classic, Active, or Discovery experiences of your choice—from the regal histories of castles and Châteaux to the romantic cellars where wine bouquets and bon-vivant cuisine tempt the palate. While the landscapes and lush pastoral treasures are plentiful along the shores of the Garonne and Dordogne, Avalon elevates each immersive experience for a deeper discovery of the cultural and architectural treasures that recall the rich traditions of Southwest France. From unparalleled panoramic drives to forested two-wheel excursions by bike to the delicacies of seaside Arcachon—the world is your oyster on this adventure in la belle vie of Bordeaux!



Panorama Suite, Avalon Artistry II





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Day 1 BORDEAUX, FRANCE (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to France! Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding. Your day is free to explore the city before starting your cruise on the Garonne and Dordogne. Get acquainted with this city, capital of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region and famous worldwide for its vineyards and wines. (D)

Day 2 CADILLAC-SUR-GARONNE

Take a guided tour of Château de la Brède—birthplace of Montesquieu. Visit the fortress-style castle still reflected in its impressive moat. Or, join a Guided Visit with wine tasting at a local château. Sip Sauternes, the beloved golden-yellow wine. This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board your Suite Ship®. (B,L,D)

Day 3 CUSSAC FORT MÉDOC

This morning, enjoy a leisurely sailing to Cussac Fort Médoc. Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host. Enjoy a relaxing E-bike guided tour in Bordeaux's finest wine region. You will be amazed by the picturesque countryside while you enjoy a wonderful ride through the vineyards. You may choose to take a Guided Visit to an historic Château in the Médoc area and enjoy a tasting of their wonderful wines, with Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon as protagonists. (B,L,D)

Day 4 BLAYE-BOURG

A brief morning sailing to Blaye. Ask your Adventure Host for today's special activities. Choose from the following included excursions. Take a guided visit to the Citadel of Blaye, an UNESCO World Heritage site, followed by a panoramic drive following the famed Route de la Corniche. Join a Guided Tour to discover Blaye from a different perspective, including a visit to a local art gallery with wine tasting. Scenic afternoon sailing on the Dordogne River to the storybook village of Bourg. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship. (B,L,D)

Day 5 LIBOURNE. EXCURSION TO SAINT-ÉMILION

Join a guided tour of the medieval village of Saint-Émilion—a UNESCO World Heritage site. Later, sail Bordeaux. (B,L,D)

Day 6 BORDEAUX

Join a guided walking tour to discover the heart of Bordeaux with a stroll amid its stunning squares, avenues, and cathedrals. This afternoon, consider an optional guided excursion to Les Bassins des Lumières for a breathtaking visit to the submarine base where art and music surround you in an immersive experience. (B,L,D)

Day 7 BORDEAUX. EXCURSION TO ARCACHON'S BAY

Today's choice of included activities: Join your Adventure Host for a bike ride along Bordeaux' postcard river views of the Les Quais. Join a full-day guided tour of the seaside resort of Arcachon on the Atlantic coast. Gaze upon its 19th-century architectural treasures and taste its local delicacy of oysters and wine. (B,L,D)

Day 8 BORDEAUX (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Pricing per person (based on double occupancy)

Category E & D (Deluxe): \$3,359
Category B (Panorama): \$4,609
Category A (Panorama): \$4,609
Category P (Panorama): \$4,609

Includes port charges and prepaid gratuities
Airfare and travel protection available for additional cost

Deposit: \$250 per person
Final Payment due: April 2, 2025