



Southwest of France Luxury Tour: An Idyllic Getaway 09 nights



Summary

From the most elegant châteaux to the perfect glass of red wine, the luxuries of Southwest France invite you to indulge and enjoy the moment. On this customized Southwest of France Tour, you'll visit the region's highlights: sunny Toulouse, charming Provence, regal Biarritz and the beautiful Bordeaux wine country. Step back in time and into the scene of storybook castles, medieval villages, seaside resorts and the idyllic vineyards. You'll enjoy guided France tours of the monumental churches and châteaux and wander through hidden streets of historic towns. Visit prestigious wineries of the Médoc and Saint-Émilion while sampling world-renowned wines.

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Overview

Interest: group-couples-family-seniors

Level of Comfort: 5/5

Minimum # of passengers: 2

Maximum # of passengers: none

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Euro
- **Language:** French, English
- **Dialing Code:** 33
- **Recommended vaccine :** None
- **Banks & currency exchange:** It's better to exchange currencies before you go.

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Day 1: Toulouse

Upon arrival at Toulouse's airport, meet greet and transfer to the hotel

Begin your tour in the beautiful city of Toulouse, known as the "Ville Rose" ("Pink City") because of its lovely reddish brick buildings.

Day 2: Toulouse

In the morning, your guide will meet you at your hotel and lead you on a walking tour through the city. You'll walk over to the impressive Mairie de Toulouse (City Hall) to admire its splendid neoclassical architecture. Then you'll visit the exquisite Basilique Saint-Sernin, a church that was built in honor of a Christian martyr. An important stop on the medieval "Way of Saint James" pilgrimage, the basilica was built in the Romanesque style with five aisles (like many of the churches along the pilgrimage route), to accommodate the crowds of pilgrims.

You will also have a chance to see the Cathédrale Saint-Étienne

Day 3: Camargue Region - Saint-Thibéry

Today you will travel through the rugged countryside of Provence until you reach the Mediterranean Sea. Your destination is Saint-Thibéry, a quiet little village surrounded by a natural reserve

Rest of the day at leisure.

Day 4: Camargue Region - Saint-Thibéry

This morning, enjoy the slow pace of life in Provence, a region that follows the gentle rhythms of nature. In this idyllic rural location, you'll enjoy two wonderful days of rest and relaxation. You can sunbathe on the terrace, take a dip in the pool or go for a stroll through the gardens. Outdoorsy travelers can take long hikes through the Camargue countryside, a beautiful and wild landscape where hawks and eagles fly high above the grain fields.

Day 5: Carcassonne - Biarritz

Today you'll drive to one of the most interesting places in the Southwest France, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Carcassonne. This perfectly intact medieval walled city appears to be straight out of a fairytale

Take a virtual journey to the Middle Ages, as you explore this incredible fortified city

After your excursion to Carcassonne, you'll head west toward the Atlantic Ocean until you reach Biarritz.

An upscale seaside resort, Biarritz was a favorite holiday destination of England's Royal Family in the 19th century.

Day 6: Biarritz

Enjoy a leisurely day in Biarritz. You'll have plenty of time to relax by the beach and go for strolls along the pathways overlooking the ocean

Day 7: Biarritz - Bordeaux - Saint-Émilion

This morning, you'll take a two-hour drive from Biarritz to Bordeaux

Because of its exceptional wealth of historical monuments, UNESCO declared Bordeaux a World Heritage City

Continue to Saint-Émilion and check into your hotel

Enjoy a restful night's sleep in the countryside and wake up to birds chirping in the gardens

guides you through the shops and cafes. An orange colored path leads you through the bright ochre canyon outside of the village, where you can look back and see the hues shining against the trees.

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Day 8: Guided Tour of Saint-Émilion and Wine-Tasting in the Médoc

Today you will experience two highlights of the Bordeaux region: a visit to the UNESCO village of Saint-Émilion and wine tasting in the Médoc. Begin your guided tour in the medieval village of Saint-Émilion, an exceptionally charming hilltop village in France. Your guide will take you on a walking tour through the town's labyrinth of ancient cobblestone streets. From some of the highest points in Saint-Émilion, you can admire spectacular views of the Bordeaux countryside. Enjoy a pleasant stroll, pop into quaint boutiques and stop to relax in the public squares. After seeing the village of Saint-Émilion, you'll tour two châteaux (prestigious wineries) that produce wines of the Saint-Émilion appellation. Enjoy a guided tour of the wineries along with a tasting of the renowned Saint-Émilion wines.

Day 9: Médoc

Continue your wine-tasting experience in another of the famous Bordeaux wine regions, the Médoc. This famous wine region is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and the Gironde Estuary, which contributes to its gravely mineral-rich soil, which is ideal for growing vines.

After your visit, you may continue sightseeing in the Médoc. You could take a short drive along the Gironde Estuary to the charming villages of Pauillac and Saint-Estèphe that are well known for their wine appellations.

Day 10: Bordeaux

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

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