

VIP “Grands Crus de Bordeaux” de Luxe tour

Bordeaux & St Emilion 2019

Wednesday 15 to Saturday 18 May

A special tour only available to the luxury hospitality industry and invited guests

Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux - The size and the diversity of the vineyards of the Gironde with more than 10,000 châteaux and 57 appellations, the vineyards of Bordeaux are larger than all of Australia's and cover the same area of those of the Côtes du Rhône, the Alsace and the Loire combined. Such diversity makes The Union an indispensable contribution to the owners for the training and education of those who dictate consumer choice. This special tour has been produced in conjunction with the support of the members of the prestigious “Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux” for which we are very grateful. Please see the dedicated website at **www.ugcb.net**



St Emilion is one of Bordeaux's largest producing appellations, producing more wine than Listrac, Moulis, St Estèphe, Pauillac, St Julien and Margaux put together. St Emilion has been producing wine far longer than the Médoc. St Emilion itself is the prettiest of Bordeaux's wine towns, perched on top of the steep limestone slopes upon which many of the region's finest vineyards are situated.

More than half of the appellation's vineyards lie on the plain between the town and the Dordogne River on sandy, alluvial soils with a sprinkling of gravel. Further diversity is added by a small, complex gravel bed to the north-east of the region on the border with Pomerol.

In recent years there has been an explosion of experimentation and evolution, leading to the rise of the "garagistes", producers of deeply concentrated wines made in very small quantities and offered at high prices. The appellation is also surrounded by four "satellite" appellations, Montagne, Lussac, Puisseguin and St. Georges, which enjoy similarity but not the complexity of the best wines.



The Tour – together with Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux and our specialist team we have produced a luxury three day wine tour of Bordeaux, St Emilion and its surrounding region limited to just 10 couples.

The tour will include –

- Scheduled flights from London or Manchester to Bordeaux
- Welcome ‘Meet & Greet’ at Bordeaux Merignac airport
- Deluxe coach transfer with bi-lingual guide to St Emilion
- Three nights at the luxury Hotel 4* in Bordeaux, with breakfast
- Welcome cocktail at the hotel on the first evening
- High quality wine pairing dinner at the famous ‘Dubern’ in Bordeaux, Grand Crus wines
- Visit and tasting with specialist wine guide to a producer in St Emilion
- Visit, tasting and superb VIP luncheon with exclusive wines and accompanied by our specialist wine guide at a top producer
- Three course evening dinner with wines at Comptoir Cuisine
- Two further visits and tasting with specialist wine guide in Medoc or Graves
- Informal luncheon with wines and mineral water on day three
- Visit to local GCB wine merchant and shops
- Free time to relax and enjoy the hotel
- Return airport transfers and flights to the UK

Description –

Meet and greet at Bordeaux airport; executive transfers to the hotel. Check in to your reserved rooms at the Hotel. Welcome cocktail reception prior to dinner with the opportunity to meet our guide.

We will then take a short stroll to visit the famous DUBERN restaurant, founded in 1894, and renowned for fabulous cuisine and fine wines. We will follow a food and wine pairing menu, commencing with aperitif and amuses-bouches, four course dinner, Grand Crus wines, mineral water and coffee. Our English speaking wine specialist will be with us throughout the evening.



Free time to enjoy the rest of your first evening in Bordeaux.



On the second day after breakfast in the hotel we will board the deluxe coach with our wine guide and visit two of St Emilion's producers.

Our first visit will include the opportunity to taste the wines and discuss the wines with the producers.

On our second visit after a tour and tasting we will enjoy a fabulous relaxed VIP luncheon as guests of the producer at the

Vineyard. The lunch will include a high quality meal accompanied by the finest wines.

Mid-afternoon we will return to the hotel to give you some free time to perhaps visit the local wine merchants or shops or chill out at the hotel.

In the evening, again just a short walk and we will visit the very contemporary Comptoir Cuisine for a relaxed informal evening with a three course dinner. Wines and beverages will be served from the extensive cellars.

After dinner free time to enjoy Bordeaux after dark.



On the third day we will again enjoy breakfast at the hotel prior to departing on the deluxe coach for two visits and tastings at high quality vineyards in Medoc or Graves.

At each vineyard there will be an opportunity to meet the producers and taste the wines. Our wine specialist guide will again be with us to offer informative advice and answer any questions you may have.



After leaving the second vineyard in the late morning we will travel to Bordeaux.

We will enjoy a light two course luncheon in Bordeaux with wines and mineral water.

Free time in the afternoon and evening to visit the local wine merchants and shops for any last minute presents .

Evening dinner at your leisure.

On the last day after breakfast we will check out of the hotel before heading for the airport on our private executive coach.

Return flights to the UK.

Inclusions – this very special VIP tour is available for just **10 couples** and included in the cost are –

- Return scheduled flights from London or Manchester to Bordeaux Merignac airport. Other regional flights may be available on request.
- Three night's accommodation on a twin or double room basis at Hotel 4* in Bordeaux with breakfast and including all taxes.
- Deluxe coach transfers to and from the airport and at our disposal throughout the tour.
- English speaking assistance at the airport and arrival transfer to the hotel.
- Our English speaking wine specialist guide for the duration of the tour.
- Four course wine pairing dinner, aperitifs, amuse-bouches, Grand Crus wines, mineral water and coffee at the celebrated Dubern restaurant in Bordeaux
- Four visits to Grand Cru producers with tasting and one with a very special luncheon as guests of the producer, served with fine wines.
- Informal three course evening dinner at the contemporary 'Comptoir Cuisine' with wines and mineral water
- Light luncheon with wines on day three
- Free time to enjoy Bordeaux and visit local wine merchants on the last day



Reservations – This very special tour is limited to just 10 couples. The very attractive cost is just £1495 per person inclusive of all the inclusions and taxes from London, and £1695 per person inclusive from Manchester. 50% deposit on booking and balance due February 2019

To reserve your places please call **01253 780000** to speak to our friendly team alternatively please email **enquiries@rms-group.com**. **Payment by cheque, ebanking, bacs and all major cards.**

All monies & tour financially protected

Flight times – specially selected with outbound flights mid-morning check-in -

Guide time only - Manchester - Bordeaux - 1115h – 1610h

Guide time only - Bordeaux – Manchester - 1355h – 1655h

Guide time only - London – Bordeaux - 1145h – 1420h

Guide time only - Bordeaux – London - 1450h – 1525h

