



Explore France at your own pace

Day 1: Arrival in Margaux

Welcome to the Medoc! A taxi will be waiting for you at the Margaux train station upon your arrival to transfer you to your first hotel. At the end of the afternoon, our Trip Manager will meet with you for your Trip Orientation, to answer questions, and to check your bike fitting, before your first dinner.



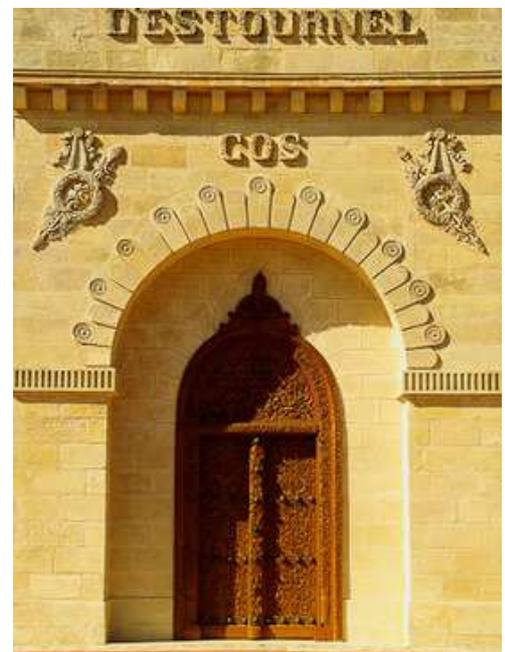
Day 2: Loop Ride around Margaux & The Route des Chateaux 43 km / 27 miles

A great loop ride awaits you today, replete with great Chateaux names, as well as tranquil countryside and small villages. Lots of photo opportunities, as you pass by Chateaux such as Giscours, Dauzac, Kirwan, Prieure Lichine, Palmer, and Chateau Margaux. Even for those who aren't wine fanatics, the beauty and grandeur of the extraordinary architecture will not leave you unmoved! And of course, we have set up and organized visit and tasting for you near the end of your ride. Take some time to pull your thoughts

away from the wine to enjoy a stop at the artisanal chocolate factory in Margaux as well, or perhaps the pull of the great names will be too much, in which case you can stop at a local wine bar for an end-of-the-day drink.

Day 3: Margaux to Pauillac 44 km / 27 miles

Today's ride takes you northwards along the Garonne Estuary, passing by more great names from the Medoc wine world (Pichon Longueville Baron, Gruaud Larose, and Beychevelle, for example). But you'll also enjoy a stop at the impressive Fort Medoc fortification, built by the war engineer and architect Vaubun, famed for his skill in both designing fortifications and breaking through them in the 1600s under King Louis XIV. The ride isn't too long, so you can consider catching a ferry at Lamarque to cross over the estuary into the town of Blaye, and visit the UNESCO-listed Citadel there. But be sure not to miss your visit and tasting, near the end of your ride that we have organized for you!



**Day 4: Loop around Pauillac and Saint Estephe** 52 km / 32 miles

Today's ride is perhaps the prettiest of your tour, and it gives you a great variety of sites and scenery: shady forest and groves, fields of wheat and sunflowers, trickling streams, and little villages of the lovely golden stone of the Garonne Estuary. And let's not forget the renowned vineyards! You'll get opportunities to photograph a couple more of the big names of the Medoc today, as you pass the grand chateaux of Pontet Canet, Lafite Rothschild, and Cos d'Estournel. You can also explore several villages, and the beautiful 10th century abbey of Vertheuil. A visit and tasting is organized for you today to fit in with your ride.

Day 5: Departure – Bon Voyage!

After your final breakfast, we transfer you to the Pauillac train station for your further travels

What's included in your Bordeaux package

- 4 nights' accommodation in the comfort level of your choice: CLASSIC, CLASSIC +, or DELUXE
- Hotel taxes
- All breakfasts, 2 dinners (drinks not included with the dinners)
- Orientation with our Trip Manager at the start of the trip
- Fully-equipped quality touring bike (*E-bikes and road bikes are available on request, subject to a supplement)
- 3 Visits and tastings at Grand Cru Classé Chateaux as described, or equivalent (depending on availability*)
- Luggage transfers from hotel to hotel
- A set of detailed maps and step-by-step route notes
- Uploadable GPS file of the routes to use on a free App on your smartphone (*can be used offline without international internet plan)
- Transfer from Bordeaux train station upon your arrival
- Transfer to Pauillac train station upon your departure
- Regional information and advice
- Phone call support 7 days a week



* Please note that chateaux visits may not be available on Sundays