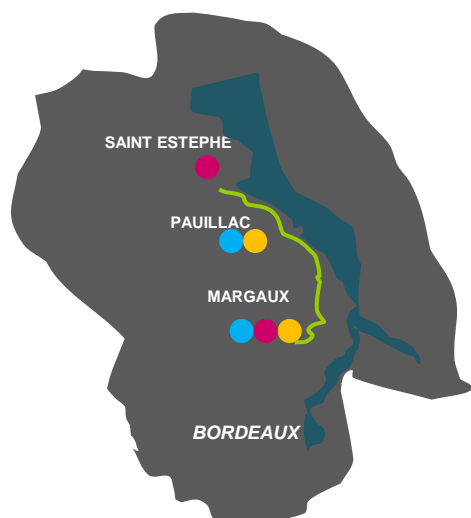


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4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS
HEART OF THE MEDOC



EXPLORE

BORDEAUX 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 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.





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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 Ste 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

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

What's included in your package

- 4 nights' accommodation of the comfort level of your choice * CLASSIC, CLASSIC+ or DELUXE
- All breakfasts, Hotel taxes and 2 dinners (drinks not included with the dinners)
- Orientation with our Trip Manager at the start of the trip
- 3 visits and tastings at Chateau as described, or equivalent depending on availability**
- Fully equipped high quality hybrid bike
- Detailed maps and step-by-step route notes
- Uploadable GPS file of the route to use on a free APP in your smartphone
- Regional information and advice
- Transfer from Margaux train station to your hotel upon your arrival
- Transfer to Pauillac train station at the trip, back to Bordeaux
- Luggage transfer hotel to hotel
- Emergency phone call support 7 days a week