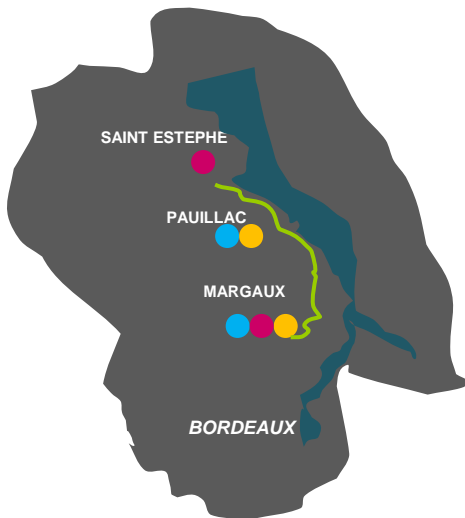




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# EXPLORE

## BORDEAUX AT YOUR OWN PACE

### Day 1: Arrival in the Medoc

Upon your arrival at Bordeaux train station or airport, you will be met and transferred directly to your first hotel in the heart of the Medoc wine country in Margaux. After settling in to your room, you will be given your trip package and will do a final check on your bike fitting with our Trip Manager. Take some time to wander the small town of Margaux itself, after which the famous wines are named; the visitor's centre, The Maison du Vin, is also an excellent centre for information about the region's wines, Your first dinner this evening is included - welcome to the Medoc!

### Day 2: Prestigious Margaux appellations 30 to 50 km

Your first ride, one of the prettiest, also takes you past some of the greatest names of wine in the world, which spread out around the town of Margaux to the north and the south: Chateau Margaux (which boasts the Premier Grand Cru appellation), Chateau Giscours, Chateau d'Issan... we include a visit and tasting at Chateau Lascombs or Chateau Prieuré Lichine along the way (not on Sundays). Enjoy the easygoing ride through pretty vineyards and flat marshland; you'll see the pretty town of Moulis along the way (whose name reminds us that the many mills in the region date from a time when wheat was the principal product in the Medoc, rather than wine!).





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### Day 3: The Chateau Route 28 km

Today's ride will take you by some of the most famous chateaux of the region, with their impressive and elegant architecture. Be sure not to forget your camera! Amongst others, you'll see Chateau Beychevelle, Chateau Lagrange, and Chateau Pichon Longueville. We include a tasting at Pichon Longueville or Chateau Haut Bages Libéral (not on Sundays). The ride takes you northwards along the estuary through small villages filled with history, as well as vineyards. Stop and take some time (the ride is not long today so you can really enjoy your explorations), to visit the Vauban-designed Fort of Medoc, or to imagine the steam boats, or "gabares", piled with wine barrels filling the harbour of St Julien, as you ride into the prestigious vineyards of Pauillac, the capital of the Medoc, on the banks of the Gironde Estuary. The day ends with another delicious included dinner

### Day 4: Multiple Facets of the Lowlands 30 or 55 km

The riding today is easy, and fascinating, with a variety of landscape, dear to the hearts of the region's fishermen. You are riding further along the longest estuary in all of Europe, through vineyards and pretty marshland. As well as seeing today the famous chateaux of Chateau Pontet Canet, Chateau Marbuzet and Chateau Lafite Rothschild, you can also stop in charming small port towns such as Port de la Marechale, or villages like Vertheuil with its 12th century abbey, and St Sauveur. You'll have some beautiful panoramas of the estuary as you pedal along. Of course, before you leave the Medoc region, a we have organised as well a final tasting, this time at either Chateau Phelan Segur or chateau Pomys (not on Sundays). Your ride loops back for a second night to your hotel.

### Day 5: Departure

After a final breakfast, we will transfer you to Bordeaux airport or train station for your further travels - Bon Voyage!

### What's included in your package

- 4 nights' accommodation of the comfort level of your choice, all hotel taxes
- All breakfasts, and 2 dinners (drinks not included with the dinners)
- Orientation with our Trip Manager
- Fully equipped high quality hybrid bike
- Detailed maps and step-by-step route notes
- Regional information and advice
- 3 visits and tastings at Chateaux as described
- Transfer from Bordeaux to Margaux upon your arrival
- Transfer from *the* end of the trip back to Bordeaux
- Luggage transfer hotel to hotel
- Emergency phone call support 7 days a week