



## TOUR ITINERARY

Europe / France / Bordeaux

# Bordeaux Bike Tour

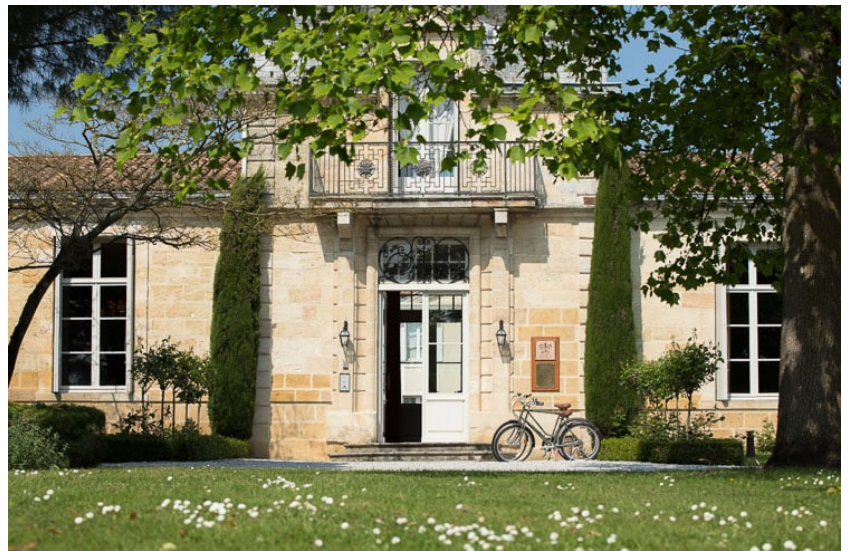
Battle of the Banks: From the Médoc to Saint-Émilion

RIDING  
LEVEL

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Be treated to haute cuisine, local wine pairings, and a Michelin-starred dinner at our exquisite hotel Les Sources de Caudalie
- Bike among world-renowned vineyards, including Château Cheval Blanc, Château Pétrus, Château Mouton Rothschild, and Château Cos d'Estournel (to name just a few)
- Marvel at the monolithic church and picture-perfect shops in the town of Saint-Émilion
- Understand the nuances of area wines during exclusive tastings in subterranean cellars and at top wineries like Château La Dominique, Château Gazin, Château Sigalas Rabaud, Château Lamothe Bergeron, and more



## ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

### Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**  
Paris or Bordeaux, France
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**  
Bordeaux Train Station
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**  
10:30 am

### Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**  
Paris or Bordeaux, France
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**  
Bordeaux Train Station
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**  
12:00 pm

**NOTE:** DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

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### Emergency Assistance

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or [emergency@duvine.com](mailto:emergency@duvine.com).



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## Tour By Day

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### Welcome to the Médoc!

Your guides will greet you at the Bordeaux train station for a transfer to the heart of the famous Médoc wine appellation district. There's no better way to begin our week than with a wine tasting and garden picnic at Château Lamothe Bergeron, a historic estate and leading producer of Cru Bourgeois Supérieur. After a safety review and bike fitting, our first ride takes us along Bordeaux's internationally recognized estates, including Château Mouton Rothschild, Château Lafite Rothschild, and Château Cos d'Estournel. With our palates primed for a week of wine tasting, circle back towards Pauillac and settle into our luxurious hotel. Tonight, we're treated to the first of many memorable dinners together.

**Meals:** Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Saint-Estèphe, Pauillac

**Accomplished:** 18 miles / 29 km, elevation gain: 564 feet / 172 meters

**Accommodations:** [Château Cordeillan-Bages](#)

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### Crossing the Gironde Estuary

Start the day with a dreamy French breakfast before we bid farewell to the left bank of the Gironde estuary. Warm up your legs on a short spin through vineyards heavy with Cabernet Sauvignon grapes and famous château estates. Then board a ferry bound for the right bank and arrive in Blaye, which stands just opposite the river from Pauillac. Back on soil, visit the UNESCO-classified 17th-century Citadel of Blaye and enjoy lunch with a view of the Gironde estuary. Continue cycling into the little-known wine regions of the Côtes de Bourg and round out the afternoon riding into Saint-Laurent-d'Arce. Tonight, our dinner is lovingly prepared at the hotel from garden-fresh produce and ingredients sourced from regional producers. The cherry on top is the *domaine's* own wine, made in partnership with Château Angelus—known for their Saint-Émilion Premier Grand Crus.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Blaye, Bourg, Saint-Laurent-d'Arce, Guîtres, Sainte-Colombe

**Accomplished:** 22 miles / 40 km, elevation gain: 1,102 feet / 336 meters

**Longer option:** 32 miles / 53 km, elevation gain: 1,935 feet / 590 meters

**Accommodations:** [Château du Palanquey](#)

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### Exploring Pomerol and Saint-Émilion

Today we'll ride past some of the most important estates in Pomerol and Saint-Émilion—Cheval Blanc, Beau-Séjour Bécot, Pressac, Petrus, Angélu—and taste velvety reds from the Saint-Émilion appellation. After a tasting and lunch at the impressive Château Dominique, we'll close the loop and ride back to our hotel. Freshen up and return to Saint-Émilion this evening to meet our friend and local wine merchant, Benoît. Browse his shop or stroll the town's charming streets and quaint boutiques, then dine on your own in town or back at the hotel—your guides will gladly recommend their favorite restaurants.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch

**Destinations:** Pomerol, Bertin, Montagne, Saint-Émilion, Sainte-Colombe

**Accomplished:** 24 miles / 39 km, elevation gain: 1,056 feet / 322 meters

**Accommodations:** [Château du Palanquey](#)

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### Through the Entre-Deux-Mers and into Les Graves

After tucking into breakfast, set out on the tranquil bike paths that lead us to the Dordogne River. Here, we'll cross into the Entre-Deux-Mers region, known for its crisp white Bordeaux wines. The scenery from the saddle includes lush vineyards under endless blue sky, ruins of medieval abbeys, and classic sun-drenched villages. Following a locally sourced picnic lunch prepared by your guides, we near the vineyards of Paysage Bordelais and arrive at the banks of the Garonne river where our hotel is located. Tonight we'll have the opportunity to taste wines produced directly on-property during dinner at our hotel's bistro.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Saint-Émilion, Langoiran, Martillac

**Accomplished:** 39 miles / 64 km, elevation gain: 1,528 feet / 466 meters

**Shorter Option:** 26 miles / 42 km, elevation gain: 1,010 feet / 308 meters

**Accommodations:** [Sources de Caudalie](#) or [Château Leognan](#)

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### Sweet Wine and Bittersweet Farewells

Begin the day with croissants and coffee on the terrace of our hotel, then hop on the bike to reach another stellar wine region—Graves. Pedal through medieval villages that marry French and English architecture en route to Sauternes, the capital of sweet wine. These wines were made to pair with lunch, and we'll do just that at a favorite Sauternes Château where we'll learn how the influence of "noble rot" gives Sauternes its tasty notes of honey, caramel, and tropical fruit. This afternoon, challenge yourself and ride all the way back to the hotel, or take a quick transfer back to indulge in some of the hotel's famous vinotherapy spa treatments. Tonight, it's time to toast our week together: first with a cocktail in the salon, and finally with a two-Michelin-starred dinner overseen by Chef Nicolas Masse. *Bon appétit!*

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Martillac, La Brede, Landiras, Sauternes

**Accomplished:** 27 miles / 44 km, elevation gain: 1,052 feet / 321 meters

**Longer Option:** 43 miles / 70 km, elevation gain: 2,024 feet / 617 meters

**Accommodations:** [Sources de Caudalie](#) or [Château Leognan](#)

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### Au Revoir

After breakfast, enjoy a leisurely stroll around the grounds and through the vineyards, or seize the opportunity for a last spin through Bordeaux's sleepy villages and superior wineries. Then it's back to the city of Bordeaux, where your guides will see you off to your next destination.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Destinations:** Martillac, Bordeaux

**Accomplished:** 14 miles / 22 km, elevation gain: 525 feet / 116 meters

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