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FRANCE'S DORDOGNE & BORDEAUX GRAND WINE ESTATES



BIKING | Premiere Hotels

Travel through time across the French countryside. In Dordogne, swans and boats glide along the meandering river. Quiet hamlets rest among walnut groves. Next there's Bordeaux, with the World Heritage site of St-Émilion. A grapevine-laden land graced with noble châteaux and world-famous vineyards. Discover these landscapes on two wheels.

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"This was my first Premiere Trip and it was amazing...I consider it one of life's greatest experiences. The mix of superb leaders, great cycling, fascinating excursions, and exceptional food, wine and accommodations made this trip a once in a lifetime experience."

Terry Downey / Tucson, AZ

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6 DAYS, 5 NIGHTS

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ACTIVITY LEVELS 2-4

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WHY BACKROADS?

"Backroads is the best of the best."
Sheryl Simons | St. Catharines

Never Subcontracted

We operate our own trips around the globe. That way we control the quality—and we're fully responsible for your great experience.

Two Support Vans

We provide two support vans on all of our trips* so you can count on us to be there when you need us, regardless of the route you take.

Three Leaders

Our trips have three leaders*, for an average 6:1 guest-to-leader ratio. Guests consistently score our leaders 9.7 out of 10, telling us they make all the difference.

Thoughtful Trip Design

We know how to create exceptional travel experiences, ensuring that you get the most from your trip as it unfolds.

Multiple Daily Routes

Being able to choose among several expertly designed routes each day gives you the freedom to enjoy the best of a region at your own pace.

We Celebrate Mixed Abilities

To accommodate varied activity levels, you need three leaders, two vans, multiple route options, detailed directions, a rating system showing if shuttles are required, and plenty of well-matched riding/hiking companions.

*See web for more information on leaders and van support

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Backroads Quality Guide

DAY 1

On the first day of the trip, meet your Backroads Trip Leaders (the folks in Backroads T-shirts) at 11:15 a.m. outside the St-Jean train station in Bordeaux, France. Please arrive dressed in your biking clothes (or have them handy so you can change before the ride) and bring your luggage and a daypack with your rain gear and anything else you may want for today's ride (your luggage will be transported to our first night's accommodations).

SHUTTLE TO PONTOURS 2¼ Hours

BIKING OPTIONS:

Molières Route: 6 Miles * (300' elevation gain)

Le Vieux Logis Route: 13 Miles (800')

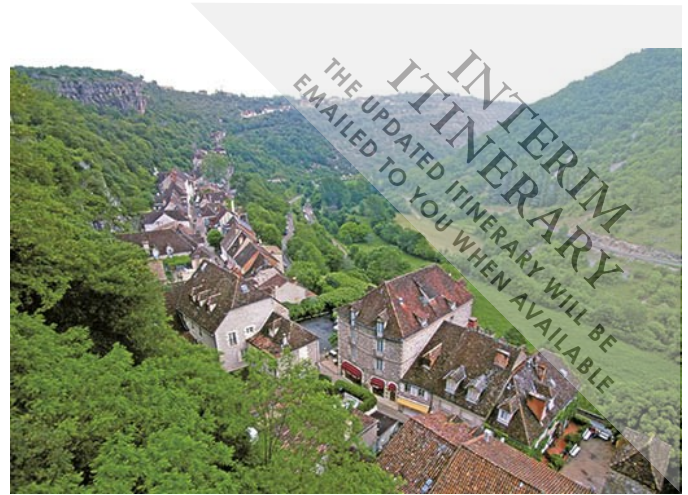
Trémolat Village Loop: 23 Miles (1,300')

**with shuttle*

Bienvenue! Welcome to the Dordogne! After meeting we shuttle to the charming village of Pontours, where your Backroads Trip Leaders fit your bike and give a brief talk on biking techniques and safety. We begin our week on two wheels heading east on picturesque country roads, passing by walnut groves and tobacco fields, and through the bastide town of Molières. It's the perfect introduction to this part of France, a region steeped in charm, mystique and history.

After perhaps stopping for *un café* in town, continue riding past the ruins of a 13th-century castle and along treelined roads before crossing over the Dordogne River to our hotel. Our home for the first two nights, Le Vieux Logis, is nestled in the beautiful village of Trémolat. Feel free to cool off in the hotel's limestone pool or stroll through the gardens.

Tonight we toast to the week ahead before enjoying a relaxed dinner at nearby Le Bistro de la Place. *Bon appétit!* Lodging: *Le Vieux Logis*



DAY 2

BIKING OPTIONS:

Le Grotte de Rouffignac Route: 21 Miles * (1,700' elevation gain)

Limeuil Route: 42 Miles * (2,900')

Le Vieux Logis Extended Loop: 47 Miles (3,200')

ROUFFIGNAC CAVE VISIT 1 Hour

**with shuttle*

Fuel up with breakfast this morning before setting off into the undulating countryside. The route starts out with a mellow stretch along the Dordogne River Valley before taking you over the hills, past quiet farmland and tranquil hamlets, to Rouffignac Cave, renowned for its well-preserved prehistoric drawings.

We take a guided tour for an up-close look at these impressive depictions, which include rhinos, horses, mammoths, bison and other large game. It's an astounding visualization of how dynamic the landscape of Europe must have been eons ago.

After the visit, hop back on your bike and ride to our lunch spot at a family-run farm before continuing by bike or shuttling back to the hotel. If you decide to keep riding, stop for an afternoon coffee in the picturesque village of Limeuil along the banks of the winding Dordogne. You can then shuttle from here or opt to conquer a few last hills, where you'll be rewarded with spectacular views of the valley and verdant farmland below.

Later we convene for an elaborate meal created by

Michelin-starred chef Vincent Arnould, lauded as one of France's best culinary artists. *Lodging: Le Vieux Logis*

DAY 3

BIKING OPTIONS:

St-Nexans Route: 24 Miles (1,600' elevation gain)

Monbazillac Route: 28 Miles (1,900')

The Vines Route: 46 Miles (2,900')

Château Route: 52 Miles (3,400')

CHÂTEAU DE MONBAZILLAC VISIT 1 Hour

Today we relish the gorgeous scenery hidden among the hills above the city of Bergerac. Trace the banks of the Dordogne River on one of the most scenic rides of the week. Fertile fields line the rolling route that leads you from one charming village to the next and through shady sections of national forest.

This area just east of Bordeaux boasts some of France's most luscious reds, rosés and whites. Spin past row upon row of maturing grapes, stopping in the quaint town of St-Nexans for a delicious meal.

After lunch, make your way to the spectacular 16th-century Château de Monbazillac. Situated in the midst of prestigious Monbazillac vineyards, the castle boasts a unique architectural blend of medieval fortifications and Renaissance exuberance. After soaking in the views of the Dordogne Valley, explore the château's multiple floors—don't miss the wine cave, where you can stop in for a tasting. Then end your ride with a climb to our hotel, Château des Vigiers, located outside of Monestier.

Settle into your elegant room and explore the grounds of this historic property. Dinner tonight is at the château's sophisticated Michelin-starred restaurant, Les Fresques. *Lodging: Château des Vigiers*



DAY 4

BIKING OPTIONS:

Roman Ruins Route: 19 Miles * (300' elevation gain)

St-Émilion Route: 34 Miles (1,300')

Saussignac Route: 41 Miles (2,600')

VIGNOBLES & CHÂTEAUX VISIT & TASTING 1 Hour

**with shuttle*

Ready to venture into the celebrated Bordeaux wine region? Jump in the saddle to roll along bucolic lanes and into hills that lead to a magnificent grapevine-laden landscape. Bike past some of the world's best-known vineyards and through seemingly undiscovered towns, replete with blooming gardens and friendly farmers. Then head to the delightful property of the amiable Mel family, where a gourmet lunch awaits you.

In the afternoon, shuttle or pedal to St-Émilion, a picturesque medieval town in the heart of the Bordeaux region. This area has a prestige all its own thanks to its outstanding Grand Cru wines, bustling streets, remarkable monuments and distinguished architecture; in fact, it's earned World Heritage status.

After retiring your bike for the day, make yourself comfortable at tonight's hotel, Hostellerie de Plaisance, which combines authentic charm with modern elegance and superb views of St-Émilion. Later we join an expert oenologist for a private tasting at Vignobles & Châteaux, St-Émilion's wine school. Then you're on your own for dinner in town—ask your leaders for their recommendations! *Lodging: Hostellerie de Plaisance*

DAY 5

BIKING OPTIONS:

Grand Estates Loop: 17 Miles (700' elevation gain)

St-Émilion Route: 38 Miles (1,600')

Romanesque Churches Route: 51 Miles (2,400')

ST-ÉMILION WALKING TOUR 1 Hour

Spend today discovering enchanting villages and vineyards surrounding St-Émilion. Warm up your legs on a mostly flat section before starting a gradual climb to St-Georges and Montagne. Along the way feel free to take a breather and explore the Romanesque churches and quaint hilltop towns. Continue pedaling across rolling hills and farmland through the wine-producing communes of Lussac and Neac before stopping for lunch at a favorite winery.

The afternoon ride descends from St-Émilion, curving through the walled vineyards of Château Canon and passing Château Pavie. Leisurely bike through several of the valley's communities before a challenging climb leads you into the Côtes de Castillon. After cresting the hill you can look forward to a shaded picturesque stretch featuring many interesting sights, including churches, farms and reputable wineries.

If you're craving additional miles and want to tackle serious ascents, take the extra loop past small villages and 12th-century churches—you'll still make it back in time to relax before dinner. Otherwise, enjoy some downtime at the hotel or venture into St-Émilion, home to a multitude of wine shops worth visiting. For a tasty treat, be sure to sample the macarons of Madame Blanchet. A local specialty, the sweet and chewy cookies have been produced in St-Émilion since the 1600s.

This evening's walking tour highlights the 8th-century cave dwelling of St-Émilion, the catacombs and Église Monolithe, Europe's largest monolithic church. Later we celebrate our week with a festive dinner at the hotel's restaurant. *Lodging: Hostellerie de Plaisance*

DAY 6

POMEROL GRAND CRU LOOP 12 Miles (500' elevation gain)

SHUTTLE TO BORDEAUX 45 Minutes

If you'd prefer to sleep in this morning, hang back at the hotel and enjoy a leisurely breakfast. Otherwise, embark on a final spin to explore beautiful villages along St-Émilion's network of intertwining roads. Soak it all in, perhaps taking some last photos of châteaux ruins, old mills and vineyards.

After freshening up at the hotel, we gather for a farewell lunch. Afterward we shuttle to the Bordeaux train station, where our trip ends, and say our goodbyes. Please see "Arriving & Departing" for end-of-trip logistics.



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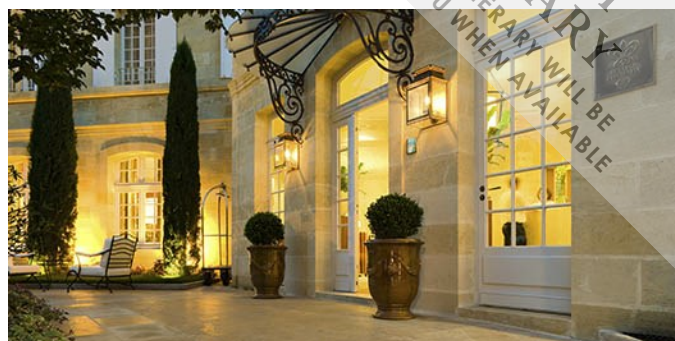
We are always seeking opportunities to enhance this itinerary. We'll be certain to notify you of any important changes prior to departure; other changes may be communicated on trip by your leaders.

SHIFT GEARS

Our trips are designed to be flexible, giving you the freedom to experience the best of the region the way YOU want. Feel like you're ready to go, go, go? We can show you the way! Want some downtime or prefer to head out on your own? No problem! Your Trip Leaders will make sure to tell you the best days to take time for yourself (if you want it) without feeling like you're missing out. So feel free to shift gears and make it your day!

TRIP ACCOMMODATIONS

Premiere Hotels



2 Nights Le Vieux Logis

This enchanting manor house-hotel with idyllic gardens and a Michelin-starred restaurant was a priory in the 1500s. A Relais & Châteaux member. (pool) | Trémolat | www.vieux-logis.com | +33-(0)5-53-22-80-06

1 Night Château des Vigiers

This grand château, set on the Bordeaux Route des Vins amid vineyards and a golf course, dates back to 1597 and its restaurant boasts a Michelin star. A Small Luxury Hotels of the World member. (pool) | Monestier | www.vigiers.com | +33-(0)5-53-61-50-00

2 Nights (above) Hostellerie de Plaisance

In the heart of a medieval village, an exceptional hotel with a two Michelin star restaurant that exudes refinement and discreet luxury. A Relais & Châteaux member. | St-Émilion | www.hostellerie-plaisance.com | +33-(0)5-57-55-07-55

ARRIVING & DEPARTING

After reviewing the following information, please inform us of your arrival and departure plans on your *Personal Information Form*.

Depending on train schedules, you may need to spend the night before your trip in our meeting town or wait at the train station between your arrival and the start of your Backroads trip.

All prices are in US dollars and subject to change.

Meeting Time & Location

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Conclusion of the Trip

On the last day of the trip, a private coach will drop you off at Bordeaux's St-Jean train station at approximately 1:30 p.m., in time to catch an afternoon train to Paris or other destinations.

Flight Arrangements

This trip starts and ends in Bordeaux, France. We suggest flying into Paris and then taking a train to Bordeaux's St-Jean train station. Alternatively, you can fly directly to Bordeaux.

For information on Paris airports, visit www.adp.fr, the Aéroports de Paris website, which offers maps of the airports' terminals, up-to-date security advisories, and details on transportation options to and from Charles de Gaulle (also known as "Roissy;" airport code: CDG) and Orly (ORY) Airports.

Flying into Bordeaux: Alternatively, you can fly into the Bordeaux-Mérignac Airport (BOD; www.bordeaux.aeroport.fr). Flight time from Paris to

Bordeaux is about 1 hour. The Bordeaux airport is serviced by most major airlines operating domestic flights within France, and departures are frequent.

For help arranging air transport to and from your Backroads trip, please work with your own travel advisor or you may choose to work with the Backroads Travel Desk at Dimensions in Travel. Their professional expert travel advisors are ready to share their insiders' knowledge of Backroads and our worldwide destinations and are available to assist you with any of your travel needs. Call 800-GO-ACTIVE (462-2848) to be connected with an advisor. Please note that consulting or ticketing fees may apply, depending on the services requested. The Backroads Travel Desk at Dimensions in Travel is open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Pacific time.

Train Travel Between Paris & Bordeaux

French Rail TGVs (*trains à grande vitesse* or high-speed trains) run regularly between central Paris' Montparnasse station and Bordeaux's St-Jean station. The trip takes 3½–4 hours and tickets start at about \$80.

Reservations are required on all TGV trains.

When returning to Paris from Bordeaux, it's possible to skip central Paris by taking the TGV from Bordeaux's St-Jean station directly to the Charles de Gaulle Airport. Travel time is around 4–4½ hours and tickets start at about \$100.

Transportation between Charles de Gaulle Airport & Central Paris

Taxi: The fare to central Paris is \$60–\$80. Rates vary according to the time of day; supplements are added on Sundays and holidays, for each piece of luggage and for additional passengers. Although the airport is just 15 miles outside of central Paris, the trip into the city often takes close to an hour because of traffic.

Super Shuttle Paris (en.supershuttle.fr; +33-(0)8-11-70-78-12): This is a convenient and stress-free way to reach your Paris destination. Shared shuttle service costs around \$30 for one person and around \$20 for each additional passenger. Reservations are required. You can also reserve a private shuttle for up to eight passengers for approximately \$110.

Air France Bus (www.lescarsairfrance.com; +33-(0)8-92-35-08-20): Air France buses provide service from all terminals to several specific locations in central Paris,

including the Champs-Élysées, Gare Montparnasse and Gare de Lyon. Buses leave about every 30 minutes (depending on your destination) from early morning to late evening; one-way fares cost around \$20. Tickets can be purchased online, at the Air France Coach ticket office at the airport or from the driver.

Roissybus (www.ratp.fr; +33-(0)8-92-69-32-46): The Paris Transit Authority's (RATP) Roissybus offers service between the airport and Place de l'Opéra (at the corner of Rue Scribe and Rue Auber) every 15–20 minutes, 6 a.m.–12:30 a.m. Cost per person is approximately \$12. Travel time to central Paris varies from 45 minutes to well over 1 hour, depending on traffic. RATP also offers **RER (or "RoissyRail")** metro service between the airport's TGV stations and several Paris stations including Gare du Nord, Châtelet-Les Halles and Denfert-Rochereau. Trains run every 10–20 minutes 5 a.m.–midnight. The trip takes 25–45 minutes depending on your destination, and tickets cost about \$10 per person.

Transportation Between Orly Airport & Central Paris

Taxi: Expect to pay \$45–\$70 for the trip into central Paris. Rates vary according to the time of day; supplements are added on Sundays and holidays, for each piece of luggage and for additional passengers. Orly is located about 9 miles south of the city center, a 20- to 40-minute ride, depending on traffic.

Super Shuttle Paris (en.supershuttle.fr; +33-(0)8-11-70-78-12): Super Shuttle also provides shared shuttle service from Orly Airport. The fare is about \$20 for one person and about \$10 for each additional passenger. Reservations are required.

Air France Bus (www.lescarsairfrance.com; +33-(0)8-92-35-08-20): The Air France bus runs between Orly, Gare Montparnasse, Invalides and Étoile/Champs-Élysées Metro stations every 30 minutes from around 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The cost one-way is approximately \$14 per person; the trip time is 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Orlybus (www.ratp.fr; +33-(0)8-92-69-32-46): The Paris Transit Authority's (RATP) Orlybus provides service every 8–15 minutes, 6 a.m.–12:30 a.m. to Denfert-Rochereau Metro station for around \$9 per person; average trip time is 30 minutes. Another option is the Orlyval monorail, which departs for the Antony RER station from each terminal's arrivals area every 4–7

minutes, 6 a.m.–11 p.m.; the 6-minute trip costs about \$10. From here the RER B line will get you to Paris in about 25 minutes.

Transportation Between Bordeaux Airport & St-Jean Train Station

The **Bordeaux Airport Shuttle** (www.bordeaux.aeroport.fr) operates between the Bordeaux-Mérignac Airport and the rail station every hour, 8 a.m.–11 p.m. The cost one-way is approximately \$9 per person; journey time is about 30 minutes.

PRICES & SCHEDULES

All prices and schedules were current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time.



DURING YOUR TRIP

Meals

Food is an important part of the Backroads experience. For lunch we look for the best way to capture the essence of the region. It may be a Backroads Grand Picnic, when your Trip Leaders prepare the freshest and healthiest local fare at a carefully chosen setting along the day's route; a boxed lunch; a packed lunch; a meal together at a favorite restaurant; or the opportunity to have lunch on your own.

On many nights, the gourmet restaurants where we dine offer specially prepared limited menus featuring a delicious selection of authentic regional cuisine.

All breakfasts, five lunches and four dinners are included in the trip price.

Because dining is an event unto itself in Europe, our restaurants encourage you to slow down and enjoy a leisurely paced meal.

Be aware that vegetarian/vegan, gluten-free and low-carb dishes are not always available. If you have special dietary requirements, please indicate them on the *Personal Information Form*. Your Trip Consultant will pass on the information to your Trip Leaders. Alcoholic beverages at meals are not included in the trip price, unless otherwise noted.

DESTINATION DETAILS

Climate

The Dordogne Valley and Bordeaux regions are pleasant during the months of May and June, with warm days and cooler evenings. Temperatures can get hot in July, August and September, with highs sometimes reaching the mid-to high-90s; October brings cooler weather. On most days you'll be comfortable biking in a short-sleeved jersey or T-shirt, although when you head out in the morning, you might want to wear a lightweight jacket or vest, arm warmers and knee or leg warmers. Rain is possible year-round; don't forget to bring waterproof breathable rain gear.

Bordeaux

Average:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
High °F	49	52	57	61	67	73
Low °F	36	38	40	43	50	55
Precip. inches	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.6
Average:	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °F	79	79	74	64	56	50
Low °F	59	59	54	48	41	38
Precip. inches	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.4	3.5	3.4

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GETTING ACTIVE FOR YOUR TRIP

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Our state-of-the-art GPS devices offer easy-to follow directions and come pre-loaded with all the route options specific to your Backroads Biking Trip in Europe.

Activity Level

The routes on this trip are rated Levels 2–4.

ACTIVITY LEVEL	BIKING			WALKING	
	Avg. Time in hours	Avg. Miles	Max Elev. Gain in feet	Avg. Miles	Max Elev. Gain in feet
1	2–3 hrs	8–22	1000′	2–5	800′
2	2–4 hrs	18–32	2200′	4–7	1300′
3	3–5 hrs	26–42	3400′	5–9	2000′
4	4–6 hrs	36–54	4400′	6–11	3000′
5	5–7+ hrs	48–70+	4400′+	7–13+	4000′+

Review the "Activity Level" section on the web for more details on daily route options.

Conditioning Tips

Every Backroads trip is designed to appeal to a wide variety of interests and fitness levels. We know your pace may vary from one day to the next – and your traveling companions' may differ somewhat from yours. So we present a range of mileage options, and each day you decide exactly what and how much you want to do.

Before your trip, we suggest biking regularly and hitting a few hills whenever you can. Review the route options in the daily itinerary for the range of mileages offered on this trip. But mostly, just show up and have fun!



WHERE TO STAY BEFORE & AFTER YOUR TRIP

For help making hotel reservations for before and after your Backroads trip:

- Work with your own professional travel advisor.
- Contact the Backroads Travel Desk at Dimensions in Travel by calling 800-GO-ACTIVE (462-2848), Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Pacific time. Please note that consulting or ticketing fees may apply, depending on the services requested.
- Book directly with the hotel or through a discount website.

Please note that Backroads does not block rooms and does not offer special rates for pre- and post-trip stays. If you plan on extending your stay at our first night's hotel before the trip starts or our last night's hotel when the trip ends, let the hotel reservations agent know that you're traveling with Backroads—you may be able to avoid changing rooms. **We recommend booking your rooms as early as possible, especially during peak travel season!**

The following is a selection of recommended properties that span a range of prices, amenities and locations. Refer to the Hotel Room Rates guide for the starting double-occupancy rates, which were accurate at time of printing. Note that rates are subject to change and some hotels may require a minimum stay.



HOTEL ROOM RATES	
IN US DOLLARS PER NIGHT	
\$501 and up.....	
\$300 to \$500.....	
\$201 to \$300.....	
Up to \$200.....	

Bordeaux

Hotel map: bit.ly/BordeauxHotels

La Grande Maison à Bordeaux

Housed in an 18th-century mansion, this grand residence pays homage to the art, wine and gastronomy of the Bordeaux region, featuring two dining rooms headed by Joël Robuchon, the world's most decorated chef. | 10 Rue Labottière | www.lagrandemaison-bordeaux.com | +33-(0)5-35-38-16-16 | 6 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Les Sources de Caudalie

About 15 minutes from Bordeaux and set amid Château Smith Haut Lafitte vineyards, this enchanting hotel combines a relaxed feel with top-of-the-line amenities. A Small Luxury Hotels of the World member. Condé Nast Traveler Gold List. (pool, spa) | Chemin de Smith Haut-Lafitte, Martillac | www.sources-caudalie.com | +33-(0)5-57-83-83-83 | 49 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Best Western Bayonne Etche-Ona Hôtel

This renovated 18th-century boutique hotel, now a Best Western property, is 100 yards from the Grand Theater and steps from shopping, museums and restaurants. | 4 Rue Martignac | www.bordeaux-hotel.com | +33-(0)5-56-48-00-88 | 61 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Château Cordeillan-Bages

This classic 17th-century mansion is set among the Medoc vineyards. Enjoy a wine-tasting course offered by the château's École du Bordeaux or sip on your own from the comfort of the patio. A Relais & Châteaux member. (pool)

| Route des Châteaux, Pauillac |

www.cordeillanbages.com | +33-(0)5-56-59-24-24 |

28 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Hôtel Burdigala

This elegant hotel is conveniently located in the heart of Bordeaux within walking distance of its tourist attractions. If you enjoy indulgent soaking, request a deluxe room with a marble bathroom and whirlpool. | 115 Rue Georges-Bonnac | www.hotel-burdigala.com | 800-637-2873 (from the US) or +33-(0)5-56-90-16-16 | 83 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Hôtel Continental

Located in the center of the "Golden Triangle," this welcoming hotel offers the perfect base from which to explore Bordeaux. While guest rooms in this 18th-century townhouse are small and simple, their warm décor and the charming hosts will keep you coming back. | 10 Rue Montesquieu | www.hotel-le-continental.com | +33-(0)5-56-52-66-00 | 51 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

Mercure Château Chartrons

The area's tradition of viticulture is reflected in the décor of this Mercure-chain hotel. If you haven't sampled enough Bordeaux, head to their wine cellar for a tasting. | 81 Cours Saint-Louis | www.mercure.com | 800-637-2873 (from the US) or +33-(0)5-56-43-15-00 | 144 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦

Paris

Hotel map: bit.ly/ParisPPH

Hôtel Barrière Le Fouquet's

A Leading Hotels of the World member, this elegant five-star hotel is just a short walk from the Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe. Quintessentially Parisian, the hotel also features five restaurants and three bars and is eco-certified, committed to both luxury and sustainability. (pool, spa) | 46 Avenue George V, 8th Arrondissement | www.lucienbarriere.com | +33-(0)1-40-69-60-00 | 81 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Le Meurice

This hotel features a three-Michelin-starred restaurant, a

full-service health club with Valmont spa treatments and one of the finest locations in Paris—right across from the Tuileries Gardens. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best and *Condé Nast Traveler* Gold List. (spa) | 228 Rue de Rivoli, 1st Arrondissement | www.meuricehotel.com | +33-(0)1-44-58-10-10 | 160 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme

Housed in five separate Haussmann-era buildings, the Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme stands as a monument to modern-day luxury. The superb location, not far from the Champs-Élysées and Place de la Concorde, gives the Park Hyatt an edge over many comparable five-star hotels in the city. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (spa) | 5 Rue de la Paix, 2nd Arrondissement | www.paris.vendome.hyatt.com | +33-(0)1-58-71-12-34 | 162 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Hôtel d'Aubusson

A petite gem with an unbeatable location between the Seine and Boulevard St-Germain, Hôtel d'Aubusson offers the amenities of a larger hotel along with unusually (by European standards) spacious guest rooms. | 33 Rue Dauphine, 6th Arrondissement | www.hoteldaubusson.com | +33-(0)1-43-29-43-43 | 49 suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Hôtel Pullman Paris Montparnasse

Located in the heart of Paris, close to Montparnasse train station, the Eiffel Tower and Saint Germain des Prés, this 25-floor modern hotel is a convenient choice. | 19 Rue du Commandant René Mouchotte, 14th Arrondissement | www.pullmanhotels.com | +33-(0)1-44-36-44-36 | 957 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Hôtel Relais Christine

This boutique hotel offers a more intimate experience than many others. With its location in St-Germain-des-Prés on the Left Bank, there's no shortage of great cafés, restaurants and shops nearby. A Small Luxury Hotels of the World member. (spa) | 3 Rue Christine, 6th Arrondissement | www.relais-christine.com | +33-(0)1-40-51-60-80 | 51 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Hôtel Splendid Étoile

Its enviable address near the iconic Champs-Élysées and

Arc de Triomphe is just one of the reasons guests love Hôtel Splendid Étoile. This is a luxurious little corner of Paris not to be overlooked. | 1 Avenue Carnot, 8th Arrondissement | www.hsplendid.com | +33-(0)1-45-72-72-00 | 57 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Hôtel Caron de Beaumarchais

This charming hotel's eponym, Pierre Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais, the 18th-century playwright best known for *The Marriage of Figaro*, lived just up the road at one time. While not particularly spacious, guest rooms are well appointed with modern conveniences. You'll enjoy the location in the heart of historic Le Marais. | 12 Rue Vieille du Temple, 4th Arrondissement | www.carondebeaumarchais.com | +33-(0)1-42-72-34-12 | 19 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Hôtel du Panthéon

Set in the heart of Paris opposite the Panthéon, the hotel allows easy access to sightseeing, shopping, and a variety of restaurants and cafés. | 19 Place du Panthéon, 5th Arrondissement | www.hoteldupantheon.com | +33-(0)1-43-54-32-95 | 36 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Hôtel du Petit Moulin

This stylish boutique hotel, housed in a completely renovated 17th-century building, is conveniently situated near the Picasso Museum, the Carnavalet Museum, the Place des Vosges and the Hôtel de Ville. A Small Luxury Hotels of the World member. | 29/31 Rue du Poitou, 3rd Arrondissement | www.paris-hotel-petitmoulin.com | +33-(0)1-42-74-10-10 | 17 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Hôtel Mathis

Subtle but undeniably chic, this four-star boutique hotel is ideally located in the heart of the Triangle d'Or (Golden Triangle): Champs-Élysées, Avenue Montaigne and Avenue George V. Set on a quiet street but close to some of the city's best-known sites, this hotel is the ideal place to fall in love with Paris. | 3 Rue de Ponthieu, 8th Arrondissement | www.hotelmthis.com | +33-(0)1-42-25-73-01 | 23 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Hôtel Montalembert

Built in 1926, this five-star boutique hotel is ideally located in the heart of St-Germain just steps away from

art galleries and designer boutiques, and within walking distance of the Louvre and Musée d'Orsay. | 3 Rue de Montalembert, 7th Arrondissement | www.hotel-montalembert.fr | +33-(0)1-45-49-68-68 | 64 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Hôtel Victoria Palace

Set between St-Germain and Montparnasse, the Victoria Palace has been a Left Bank landmark since 1913, hosting such luminaries as writer James Joyce and painter Giorgio de Chirico. | 6 Rue Blaise Desgoffe, 6th Arrondissement | www.victoriapalace.com | +33-(0)1-45-49-70-00 | 62 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Grand Hôtel Français

Occupying a beautiful 18th-century building, the Grand Hôtel Français sits on the bustling Place de la Nation, one of Paris' major crossroads. The city's key sights are just a 5- to 10-minute ride away by bus or metro line. | 223 Boulevard Voltaire, 11th Arrondissement | www.grand-hotel-francais.fr | +33-(0)1-43-71-27-57 | 36 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦

Hôtel du Collège de France

Sitting pretty next to the renowned Sorbonne, this cozy hotel offers comfort and a bit of old-world Paris in the heart of the Latin Quarter. | 7 Rue Thénard, 5th Arrondissement | www.hotel-collegedefrance.com | +33-(0)1-43-26-78-36 | 29 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦

Hôtel Thérèse

Enjoy the warm relaxed atmosphere at Hôtel Thérèse, located within walking distance of the Louvre, Palais Royal, Rue St-Honoré and L'Opéra. Guest rooms are small, but the hotel has great character and excellent service. | 5/7 Rue Thérèse, 1st Arrondissement | www.hoteltherese.com | +33-(0)1-42-96-10-01 | 43 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦

New Orient Hôtel

The New Orient's location near the Villiers Métro station in the "Europe" district makes getting anywhere in Paris quick and easy. The Champs-Élysées and Montmartre are just a leisurely 20-minute stroll away, and you're only 5 minutes from Rue de Levis (the open-air market). | 16 Rue

de Constantinople, 8th Arrondissement | www.hotel-paris-orient.com | +33-(0)1-45-22-21-64 | 30 rooms |
Rates: ♦ ♦



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