

**REGISTRATION FORM,
Treasures of Bordeaux and Cognac. May 22, 2017**

Name (As on passport) _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal code _____ e mail _____

Phone: home _____ Work _____

Date of Birth _____ Passport no. & expiry date: _____
(day) (month) (year)

Single room? _____ Double room? _____ Twin room _____ Name of room mate _____
(Roommate must also submit a registration form.)

Please describe any dietary or relevant medical concern:

Emrg. Contact _____

Phone no. _____ e mail _____

I agree to the terms and conditions of the tour program. I certify that I am aware that this tour requires me to be in good condition and that I will not require personal assistance.

Signed _____ Date _____

A non-refundable deposit of \$600.00 is due when booking. A second payment will be due on February 1st, 2017 and the balance will be due on April 1st.

Amount enclosed _____

Please make payment (By cheque, or credit card) to: Elan Travel

How did you learn of this tour? _____



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Elan Tours reserves the right to change the tour or amend the itinerary. Program changes may be deemed necessary prior to, or after departure. Elan Tours will make every effort not to defer additional costs incurred but reserves the right to do so.

A minimum of eight guests is required to offer this tour, if we do not meet this number the tour may be cancelled. In which case all monies will be refunded.

Elan Tours reserves the right to cancel any individuals membership in the program if Elan Tours deems such action is in the best interest of the group.

Elan Tours will not be responsible for any loss, damage, injury, delay, expense or inconvenience occasioned by acts of God, errors or omissions by their agents and suppliers, or any cause or event beyond its control. The passenger contract in use by each airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between each airline and the group members. No transportation company supplying services to the group shall have or incur any responsibility for liability to any traveler aside from their liability as common carriers.

You are advised to contact your Doctor or Public Health authority regarding inoculations, medications etc.. There is some walking involved when visiting scheduled sites, a certain degree of fitness is required. Please plan your luggage to your ability to carry it at times. Those with disabilities are welcome but must provide their own companion as there is no provision



**Small group (max 10 guests)
wine tour
Treasures of Bordeaux and
Cognac.
22 May. 2017
7 night tour Cdn. \$5,062.00
Not included airfare
optional 3 night Paris extension \$823.00
Includes: 3 or 4 star hotels, sightseeing, admissions,
7 breakfast, 7 lunches, welcome dinner, wine tastings.
Price is per person based on two persons sharing a room.
Single rooms available for a supplement of \$650.00.**

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Bordeaux approx. 1:00 PM Check in to your hotel for 2 nights. Chef Eric will greet the participants at the hotel in the afternoon with a wine and cheese reception and wine tasting workshop. Visit to Place de La Bourse and historical district a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 2: Drive to the Medoc region on the left bank of the Gironde estuary. Lunch in Margaux, wine tasting at a World renowned estate vineyard. Visit and tasting at the Chateau d'Agassac.

Day 3: Guided visit and tasting of world famous Château Pape Clément producing Grand Cru Classé red and white wines in Pessac-Léognan in the Graves Classification.

Drive to the right bank of the Gironde today, where the luscious Entre-Deux-Mers wines are produced; lunch en-route. Check-in to your Château hotel adjacent to the Leognan vineyard which we will visit for a private tasting.

Day 4: Departure for Arcachon. Visit of the Grande Dune du Pilat; the tallest sand dune in Europe over the Arcachon Bay. Visit Arcachon Bay with oysters and shellfish lunch with local Bordeaux Blanc.

Day 5: Check-out and depart for Sauternes and visit of a 1er Grand Cru Sauternes where the world's finest sauterne is produced. (Last time we visited and tasted Château d'Yquem). Then departure to St.Emilion where we will stay in a Château hotel. Visit of Saint-Emilion.

Day 6: After check-out you will take the short drive to Cognac. Guided visit of Château Otard and the Château of Cognac. Learn about the history, the terroir and the cognac making process. Taste fine Cognacs.

Day 7: Free morning in Cognac, lunch in Cognac. The afternoon will be spent with a world renowned. Cognac producer, after visiting the distillery and cellars you will have an opportunity to taste XO Cognacs. Departure for Bordeaux.

Day 8: Return flight to Vancouver. Those choosing to travel onto Paris will be taken to the station for the TGV train.

OPTIONAL PARIS EXTENSION \$ 854.00*

Day 1: You will be met at Paris Montparnasse Station and driven to your hotel, the Sainte-Louis en l'Isle Hotel in the shadow of Notre Dame.

Day 2: Free time, you will be provided with a one day Hop-on Hop-off bus pass for use on any day you choose.

Day 3: Free time.

Day 4: Transfer to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport for your flight home.

* single room supp. \$ 470.00

Highlights

Bordeaux: The flourishing capital of the Aquitaine region, is world famous for its wines which contribute \$14B to the French economy. A wonderful mixture of old and new it is a UNESCO World Heritage City.



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Saint Emilion: Wine production here dates back to Roman times, later monks continued the tradition. Emilion was one such monk. Wines produced here are known to be robust, richly coloured and quick to mature. This area is also famous for food, particularly dishes featuring mushrooms, sauerkraut, spareribs, lamb and salmon. Located on the right bank of the Gironde, the region is a UNESCO Heritage site due to its prehistoric ruins and fine Romanesque Churches.

Cognac: In medieval times Cognac was an important stop along the pilgrimage trail to Santiago de Compostella. Excellent white wines are produced here to match the seafood, particularly oyster, dishes for which Cognac is also justly famous. But, of course, Cognac is most famous for the drink that bears its name. To be called Cognac only brandy made in certain designated locations close to the town.

Paris: City of Light, but when you stroll along the banks of the Seine in the evening and observe young Parisian couples, you will soon realize why it is also the City of Romance. Paris is also one of the most beautiful cities from the point of view of architecture. And let's not forget culture; the Louvre is, perhaps the World's most famous museum and the Quai d'Orsay is certainly one of the finest Modern Art museums anywhere; particularly if you like Impressionism. My personal favourite is L'Orangie, the gallery, close to the Louvre, which houses Monet's giant Water



Tour price & inclusions:

CDN. \$ 5,062.00

per person based on two persons sharing a room
(Single room supplement \$650.00)

Price includes:

- Meet and greet on arrive and departure
- Four or five star accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 7 lunches, welcome dinner lunch
- Wine tastings
- Bilingual guide throughout
- Local transportation and excursions as described by A/C
- Admissions to historical and cultural sites, as per the itinerary
- All taxes and Airport fees and transfers

Not included:

- Beverages (other than included tastings), laundry, telephone calls and all items of a personal nature, travel insurance

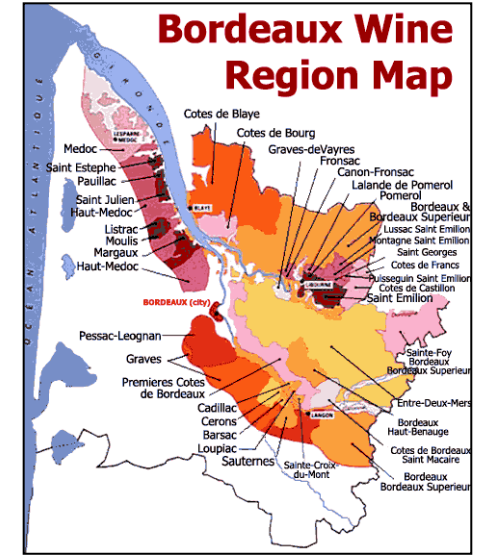
Guests are limited to one suitcase and a small carry-on bag. We intend to book at least one Chateau style hotel, but this will depend on availability.

The lowest current air fare from Vancouver/ Bordeaux return is \$1007.09 incl. taxes. However, seats per flight are limited at this fare and may not be available unless you book early

**Once paid for the tour is non-refundable.
Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended.**



Bordeaux Wine Region Map



Chef Eric Arrouze, your host in France.

Originally from France, Chef Eric has worked in famous hotels and restaurants in his home country and Canada. He once served as Executive Chef in a five star hotel on the French Riviera. Passionate about cuisine from an early age, Chef Eric has over 30 years of gourmet experience. He holds a British Columbia Instructor Diploma and has been teaching culinary arts to adults for 15 years. Eric has, in conjunction with UBC, also led many culinary and wine tours to France. Elan Travel is proud to be partnering with Eric to offer a program of unique tours, designed for wine lovers and foodies.

What is a Thalassotherapy hotel?

Thalassotherapy is the therapeutic use of the seawater and marine products like algae, seaweed, and marine mud. The name comes from the Greek words *thalassa* ("the sea") and *therapia* ("treat"), created by Frenchman Jacques de la Bonnardière in 1876. Thalassotherapy was pioneered in France in the early 1900s, and it still has more thalassotherapy spas than any other country, mainly along the Atlantic Coast.

The principle behind thalassotherapy is that repeated immersion in warm seawater, marine mud, and protein-rich algae helps restore the body's natural chemical balance. Seawater and human plasma are very similar in terms of mineral content. When immersed in warm seawater, the body absorbs the minerals it needs -- trace elements of magnesium, potassium, calcium, sodium and iodide -- through the skin.