



## Cruise Details

Name:	Grand Seine & Bordeaux
Reference:	AMAFE250501PB
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaLyra
Regions:	Seine
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Departs On:	01 May 25
Departs From:	Paris
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Arrives On:	15 May 25
Arrives At:	Bordeaux
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Paris (France)

EMBARKATION - PARIS, FRANCE. Board the ship in Paris for your *Grand Seine & Bordeaux* cruise. (D)

Arrives On: 01 May 25

### Day 2: Les Andelys (France)

LES ANDELYS. Uncover the history of Château Gaillard, the former stronghold of Richard the Lionheart, situated on the chalk cliffs high above the Seine, on a morning tour. Or, if you prefer a more active adventure, you can hike there from the banks of the Seine, admiring the scenic views along the way. For those who wish to explore the area on two wheels, join a guided bike tour through the charming town of Les Andelys. After your adventures, set sail along the meandering Seine for a scenic cruise. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 02 May 25

### Day 3: Le Havre (France)

LE HAVRE. During your time in Le Havre, set out on an excursion to the seaside town of Honfleur, renowned for its picturesque harbor, and for being an inspirational site for Impressionist painters. During the afternoon, you can join a city tour of the UNESCO-designated Le Havre. Alternatively, you have the choice of a bike tour through Le Havre. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 03 May 25

### Day 4: Le Havre (France)

LE HAVRE – NORMANDY BEACHES – CAUDEBEC EN CAUX. Experience the Normandy region with a variety of excursions. For those wishing to go to the American sector of the historic Normandy Beaches, you will visit the cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, Omaha Beach, the artillery battery at Longues-sur-Mer and the village of Arromanches, where the remains of the floating harbor used during the WWII landings can be seen. If you prefer, you can tour the Gold and Juno beaches in the British and Canadian sectors, where you will visit Ranville Cemetery, Pegasus Bridge, the Canadian cemetery at Beny-sur-Mer, the WWII museum in Courseulle and, finally, Arromanches. Alternatively, you can set out on a full day excursion to the delicious Pays d’Auge region of Normandy, where apple cider, Calvados and pommeau outrank French wine. If you wish to experience a different kind of inspiration in Caudebec-en-Caux, you can journey back in time with the interactive exhibits and vessels at the Seine Museum. (B,L,D)  
  
*\*Not combinable with other tours on this day.*

Arrives On: 04 May 25

### Day 4: Caudebec-en-Caux (France)

Arrives On: 04 May 25

### Day 5: Rouen (France)

ROUEN. Spend the morning enjoying medieval Rouen with a choice of several excursions. Join a walking tour and see the square where Joan of Arc was martyred, as well as the Medieval Quarter and Great Clock. You also have the choice to go on the “Tastes of Normandy” tour, where you’ll be treated to the delicious flavors of the region, including chocolate, Norman cheese and cider; or get active by going on a guided bike tour. Then visit Bonnemare Castle, a 16th-century architectural treasure lined with picturesque poplar trees. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 05 May 25

### Day 6: Vernon (France)

VERNON. Enjoy scenic cruising around Vernon before disembarking the ship for your excursion. You will have a choice of three excursions, depending on your interests. Visit Claude Monet’s home

and gardens in Giverny. Art lovers will immediately recognize images immortalized in Monet's most beloved paintings—such as water lilies, Japanese bridges and graceful willow trees. Wander around his famous gardens and home where he lived for more than four decades. Or visit the regal 18th-century Château de Bizy, inspired by the opulence of Versailles. Enjoy an escorted tour of the palace and gardens. If you prefer a more active adventure, go on a guided bike tour, taking in the beautiful French countryside. (B,L,D)   
  
***\*PLEASE NOTE:** Monet's Gardens may be closed; therefore, an alternative tour will operate instead.*   
*\*\*Not combinable with other tours on this day.*

Arrives On: 06 May 25

#### Day 7: Paris (France)

PARIS. Travel to Auberge Ravoux in the heart of Auvers-sur-Oise, the last home of artist Vincent van Gogh. His spirit still lingers in his former attic rooms at the Ravoux Inn. The mere 70 days Van Gogh spent in Auvers-sur-Oise were astonishingly prolific as he painted more than 70 works here before his death. Or enjoy the exquisite architecture and gardens of the Château Malmaison, the former home of Napoleon and Josephine Bonaparte. Alternatively, stay in Paris explore the “City of Light” on a guided bike tour. Later, enjoy some of Paris' most famous sights during your panoramic tour. You will be guided through the charming Latin Quarter, home to the world-famous Sorbonne University, and through the stunning 400-year-old Luxembourg Gardens, created by King Henry IV's widow, Marie de' Medici. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 07 May 25

#### Day 8: Bordeaux (France)

Arrives On: 08 May 25

#### Day 8: Paris (France)

PARIS – DISEMBARKATION – BORDEAUX - EMBARKATION. Bid farewell to Paris and the crew of our beautiful AmaLyra as you board your comfortable train for the transfer to Bordeaux. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the scenery as we take care of your luggage for you and whisk you off to Bordeaux. Once in Bordeaux, you will board our lovely AmaDolce, where your luggage will be waiting for you in your stateroom. Enjoy lunch on board and you may explore Bordeaux in the afternoon at your leisure. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 08 May 25

#### Day 9: Libourne (France)

LIBOURNE. Welcome to Libourne, a gateway to one of Bordeaux's most elite wine regions. Join an excursion to Saint-Émilion, known for its celebrated vineyards, and while here, explore the monolithic church carved out of one piece of limestone rock, and then go under the church to discover its catacombs and caves. Afterwards, enjoy a Grand Cru Classé wine tasting at either Château de Ferrand or Château de Pressac. Alternately, you can enjoy an excursion to Saint-Émilion solely to discover more of the small historic town. If you prefer a more active adventure, pedal through the vineyard-rich countryside to Saint-Émilion. Or visit Château de Vayres, one of the most prestigious historic buildings of Aquitaine, touring both its interior and its French-style formal gardens. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 09 May 25

#### Day 10: Libourne (France)

LIBOURNE – BLAYE. Stroll through the colorful, open-air market, tasting some of the region's specialties. Alternatively, step inside a cellar in Fronsac, known for its 2,000-year-old winemaking history, and sample some of the local wines. Or, get your heart pumping by hiking through one of Libourne's renowned family-owned vineyards at Château Boutinet, where you will learn about the challenges and rewards of combining winemaking with eco-friendly growing practices and business development. Cap your excursion off with a tasting of three wines as well as a variety of locally sourced tapas. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 10 May 25

#### Day 11: Blaye (France)

BLAYE – BOURG. Once in Blaye, you can join a tour of its 17th-century citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For a more active excursion, take a bike ride around Blaye along a former railway. Later in the day, you can choose to bike from Blaye through the idyllic French countryside to Bourg. Or, while in the ancient village of Bourg, take a walking tour and visit the Carriage Museum, which houses a wonderful collection of horse-drawn vehicles. Towards the evening, experience the hospitality of this charming medieval village with an exclusive wine festival. Meet the local wine growers and taste the fruits of their labors as well as enjoy live French music and dancing. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 11 May 25

#### Day 11: Bourg (France)

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#### Day 12: Cussac-Fort-Médoc (France)

CUSSAC-FORT-MEDOC. Cussac-Fort-Medoc is a peaceful commune in southwestern France and your gateway to the famed Médoc region, renowned for producing some of the world's finest Bordeaux wines. You will see some of the most beautiful and famous wine estates, including Château Latour, Château Mouton Rothschild, Château Lafite Rothschild and Château Pichon Longueville. You'll then visit either Château Gruaud Larose or Château Léoville Poyferré for a tasting of Grand Cru wines. Later in the day, you may hike through the vineyards of Château Margaux and taste local specialties, or enjoy a coast drive to Soulac-sur-Mer where you'll see unique sights, such as the Statue of Liberty and the Cordouan lighthouse known to be the oldest in France. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 12 May 25

#### Day 13: Cadillac (France)

CADILLAC. Visit the impressive Castle of Roquetaillade, an amazingly preserved masterpiece of medieval military architecture owned by the same noble family for 700 years and travel to the Sauternes wine region to either Chateau de Rayne Vigneau or Chateau Guiraud to taste the highly prized golden-hued sweet wines produced here. For those wishing to explore more of the history on the decadent castles, you can enjoy a visit to the Roquetaillade castle and Cadillac castle. Or, pedal through the charming town of Cadillac for a guided bike tour. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 13 May 25

#### Day 14: Bordeaux (France)

BORDEAUX. The breathtaking capital of the wine world, Bordeaux is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and classified as a "City of Art and History." You'll have an opportunity to experience much of the rich culture and architecture on a city tour followed by a visit to the famed indoor Les Halles de Bacalan market for a tasting of local specialties to please the palate. Bike enthusiasts will wish to join a tour along the city's amazing network of bicycle paths. Depending on your interests, you have a choice from three excursions in the afternoon. Enjoy a visit to the immersive and interactive Bordeaux Wine Museum, housed in an awe-inspiring building. Alternately, be treated to a spectacular sound and light show, Les Bassins des Lumières. Later in the evening, delight in a special illuminations cruise, gazing at the iconic structures of Bordeaux as they glow against the night sky. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 14 May 25

#### Day 15: Bordeaux (France)

BORDEAUX – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship and prepare for your flight home. (B)

Arrives On: 15 May 25

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