

# **Cruise Details**

Name: Wine Roads of France & Portugal

Reference: UNIWORLD53988

Operator: Uniworld

Cruise Type: River

Cruise Rating: Luxury

Ship: S.S. Bon Voyage

Regions: Garonne and Gironde

Departs On: 24 May 26

Departs From: Bordeaux

Arrives On: 10 Jun 26

Arrives At: Lisbon

Cruise Nights: 17

Total Vacation Days: 18

# **Itinerary**

# Day 1: Bordeaux (France)

Arrive at Bordeaux-Mérignac International Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

Arrives On: 24 May 26

### Day 2: Pauillac (France)

The legendary Médoc region abounds with prestigious wine châteaux in a dizzying array of architectural styles, as well as miles of grapevines stretching to infinity. Take a scenic drive through the storied Médoc wine route, followed by a wine tasting at a beautiful wine estate.

Arrives On: 25 May 26

Day 3: Cadillac (France)

The French phrase "la douceur de vivre" is an accurate description for your time in Cadillac, known for its deliciously flavored dessert wines. Visit Château Royal de Cazeneuve, site of Henry IV's and Queen Margot's tempestuous love. Meet the owner around a glass of Sauternes in the reception hall.

Arrives On: 26 May 26

## Day 4: Blaye (France)

The Route de la Corniche Fleurie...could this be the most beautiful road you've ever traveled? Find out today on the drive to Blaye Fortress, passing through one impossibly picturesque hamlet after another. Once you arrive, you'll discover the wonders of this historic fortress, a UNESCO-designated citadel that once protected Bordeaux from attacks by sea.

Arrives On: 27 May 26

## Day 5: Libourne (France)

With Libourne as your base, travel to nearby breathtaking Saint-Émilion and immerse yourself more deeply in the region's history and wine culture. The medieval town of Saint-Émilion is an ideal place to linger. Wander its cobblestone lanes lined with wine shops and bakeries, and stop to admire the amazing rock-hewn church that extends beneath the city's streets.

Arrives On: 28 May 26

#### Day 6: Libourne (France)

France's rich agricultural tradition is the heart and soul of the region's exquisite cuisine—and what better way to get a taste for the freshest vegetables, cheeses, breads and fruits than with a visit to Libourne's lively farmers' market?

Arrives On: 29 May 26

# Day 7: Bordeaux (France)

Discover Bordeaux's many charms today, either on foot with a local expert or on two wheels—the locals' preferred way to navigate the city's charming backstreets. You have a wonderful selection of active opportunities to see this magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Arrives On: 30 May 26

## Day 8: Bordeaux (France)

Disembark the ship and transfer to Bordeaux-Mérignac International Airport for your flight to Porto, where you'll board the S.S. São Gabriel.

Arrives On: 31 May 26

# Day 9: Régua (Portugal)

Today is all about wine, which has been cultivated in the Douro River Valley since ancient Roman times. Get a crash course on the history of Port during your visit to the Douro Museum. Later, partake in a choice of excursions, including a tasting at a prestigious Port wine estate or a vineyard hike with a wine tasting at a local quinta.

Arrives On: 01 Jun 26

# Day 10: Pocinho (Portugal)

Go medieval today at Castelo Rodrigo, both the name of a hilltop castle as well as the village that surrounds it. The view from the top is incredible and the village is a charming place to ramble, relax and replenish. Alternatively, lace up your hiking boots and unleash your inner Indiana Jones with an up-close gander at some prehistoric carvings at an archaeological park.

Arrives On: 02 Jun 26

# Day 11: Salamanca (Spain)

Today, you can visit the historic university town of Salamanca—the "Golden City"—famous for its sand-colored buildings and abundance of churches. Feel the centuries fall away as your ship winds its way through the pristine, dramatic UNESCO-protected landscapes of the Douro River Valley.

Arrives On: 03 Jun 26

# Day 12: Barca d'Alva (Portugal)

Discover the wonders of a special town right in the gateway of the Douro Valley, Lamego. Later, enjoy a Night Out with dinner at a local quinta.

Arrives On: 04 Jun 26

#### Day 13: Porto (Portugal)

Discover the oldest town in Portugal today on a visit to Braga, where 2,000 years of history mingle with a youthful modern culture.

Arrives On: 05 Jun 26

#### Day 14: Porto (Portugal)

Portugal's second city (after Lisbon), Porto gave its name to the nation's most famous export, Port wine, and to the nation itself. Today, choose to explore Portugal on foot or by panoramic drive.

Arrives On: 06 Jun 26

# Day 15: Lisbon (Portugal)

Disembark the ship and board a motorcoach, heading south through Portugal's picturesque countryside to Lisbon where you will check in to your hotel.

Arrives On: 07 Jun 26

#### Day 16: Lisbon (Portugal)

Everything old is new again in the Portuguese capital. Get to know this hilly metropolis with a city tour that shows you all the top sights and treats you to an iconic, locally made pastry.

Arrives On: 08 Jun 26

# Day 17: Lisbon (Portugal)

Experience your own "Age of Discovery" with a full day to explore Lisbon however you wish. The city hosts remarkable museums and excellent shopping, and natives of Lisbon boast that they have the best food in the world.

Arrives On: 09 Jun 26

## Day 18: Lisbon (Portugal)

If your cruise/tour package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Lisbon Portela Airport for your flight home.

Arrives On: 10 Jun 26

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