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Cruise Details

Name:	Wine Roads of France & Portugal
Reference:	UNIWORLD57765
Operator:	Uniworld
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	S.S. Bon Voyage
Regions:	Garonne and Gironde
Departs On:	22 Aug 27
Departs From:	Bordeaux
Arrives On:	08 Sep 27
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: 22 Aug 27

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: 23 Aug 27

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: 24 Aug 27

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: 25 Aug 27

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: 26 Aug 27

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: 27 Aug 27

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: 28 Aug 27

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.Note: Included flights may be as early as 6:00am and/or have a connecting flight.

Arrives On: 29 Aug 27

Day 9: 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: 30 Aug 27

Day 10: Régua (Portugal)

Get a crash course on the history of Port during your visit to the Douro Museum. Later, discover the wonders of a special town right in the gateway of the Douro Valley, Lamego. This evening, enjoy a Night Out with dinner at a local quinta.

Arrives On: 31 Aug 27

Day 11: 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: 01 Sep 27

Day 12: 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: 02 Sep 27

Day 13: Pinhão (Portugal)

Today is all about wine, which has been cultivated in the Douro River Valley since ancient Roman times. 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: 03 Sep 27

Day 14: Porto (Portugal)

Explore Guimarães, the town where Portugal was born. Its well-preserved architecture and stylish young residents make it a pleasure to visit.

Arrives On: 04 Sep 27

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.Along the way, we'll stop in the charismatic city of Óbidos, where you'll enjoy a couple hours of free time to explore and have lunch on your own. If you'd like help selecting an eatery, your Cruise Manager will be happy to make some suggestions.

Arrives On: 05 Sep 27

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: 06 Sep 27

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: 07 Sep 27

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: 08 Sep 27

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