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Join Off the Beaten Path for a journey along the back roads of Bordeaux and Saint Emilion wine country during this 6 day/5 night wine tasting and gourmet luxury Bordeaux tour for unparalleled fun, great food, and exceptional wines in an unpretentious, small group. As wine industry insiders, we secure winery tours and VIP wine tasting that are unavailable to the public, and open the doors for our guests to experience Bordeaux wine during the best period of the year – the harvest. Designed for the discerning and active traveler, our Bordeaux “Grand Cru” Wine Tasting and Walking Tour offers wine lovers a very different perspective and unique experience unlike traditional tours into the world of Bordeaux wine!

Each morning we lace up our walking shoes after a hearty breakfast to discover this privileged world exactly as the producers themselves do — hands-on and along the slow road walking in Medoc, Saint Emilion, Graves, and Sauternes. As we pass between rows of vines, cross paths with cellar masters active in the vineyards, taste some ripened varietals, check soil composition and pause for photo ops of spectacular landscapes and harvest in action, we arrive to each producer along our walking trail with great anticipation of learning about each producer's individual growing philosophy and vinification process. The harvest in Bordeaux exudes a certain magic that no other wine producing region can, and with every walk, visit and tasting, grow your appreciation for these world famous wines, and revel in your memories of these exclusive experiences long after your return home!

EXPERIENCE: INSPIRING ITINERARIES - EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY - EXCELLENT VALUE!

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- Our sole focus and specialty is and always has been dedicated to small group travel in France – **WE KNOW FRANCE BEST!**
- In 2017, we celebrate 23 YEARS EXPERIENCE leading tours exclusively in France.
- Our exclusive relationships with every one of our vendors in France makes these tours truly the trip of a lifetime!
- The most popular small group tours in France, we include “insider” experiences that other tour companies cannot offer.
- Our tours sell out year after year thanks to our exclusive benefits, exceptional quality, and excellent value.
- We are proud to be named travelers #1 choice for group travel for two decades!

Book one of our small group tours today to discover for yourself why our exclusive France tours have been named **TRAVELERS #1 CHOICE FOR GROUP TRAVEL FOR TWO DECADES!**

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Bordeaux "Grand Cru" Wine & Walking Tour



BY OFF THE BEATEN PATH, LLC

** THE ITNERARY SHORT VERSION **

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS :

5-STAR LUXURY HOTEL **LES SOURCES DE CAUDALIE**

Bordeaux Itinerary: DAY #1 - D

BORDEAUX – WINE TASTING, WALKING, CULINARY TOUR – DAY 1 – PESSAC – 1855

GROUP MEETS, FIRST WINERY TOUR & WINE TASTING, VISIT A BARREL-MAKER, HOTEL CHECK-IN, WELCOME DINNER TOGETHER – D

ARRIVAL IN BORDEAUX. MEET AND GREET BY YOUR TOUR GUIDES AT 1 PM AT BORDEAUX ST. JEAN RAIL STATION. FROM HERE WE WILL TRANSFER TO OUR LUXURY HOTEL. BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE HOTEL, WE MAKE A STOP TO ENJOY OUR FIRST WINERY TOUR & TASTING AT ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS WINERIES OF THE REGION UNDER THE 1855 CLASSIFICATION.

TRAVELERS ENJOY A 1ST TASTE AND INTRODUCTION TO THE CLASSIFIED WINE PRODUCERS OF BORDEAUX WITH A WINE TOUR AND WINE TASTING WITH OUR FRIENDS AT ONE OF THE ORIGINAL CHATEAUX TO BE CLASSIFIED IN 1855 UNDER NAPOLEAN III. THIS PRODUCER IS ALSO THE ONLY CHATEAU OF THE ORIGINAL FIVE SITUATED IN GRAVES RATHER THAN MÉDOC.

WINERY TOUR AND TASTING. ENJOY A FUN AND UNPRETENTIOUS TOUR WITH AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF CHATEAU'S WINE PRODUCTION AND THE EVOLUTION OF THE CHATEAU ACROSS THE CENTURIES. VISIT THE VAT ROOMS, "CHAIS" (WINE CELLARS) AND THE COOPERAGE (ON-SITE BARREL-MAKER). TRAVELERS' FIRST OF MANY AUTHENTIC BEHIND THE SCENES EXPERIENCES DURING THIS EXCLUSIVE 6-DAY TOUR. AFTERWARDS, CHECK-IN AT THE HOTEL. ENJOY TIME TO GET SETTLED INTO YOUR ROOM, EXPLORE THE SURROUNDING AREA, ENJOY A DRINK OR A SWIM AT THE POOL.

DINNER: WELCOME DINNER, A FIRST TASTE OF LOCAL "BORDELAISE" GOURMET CUISINE TOGETHER AT ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS IN BORDEAUX.

(B) = BREAKFAST INCLUDED, (L) = LUNCH INCLUDED, (D) = DINNER INCLUDED.

BORDEAUX – WINE TASTING, WALKING, CULINARY TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: WINERY TOUR & WINE TASTING, BARREL-MAKER, HOTEL CHECK-IN, WELCOME DINNER – D

Bordeaux Itinerary: DAY #2 - B, L - SAINT EMILION

BORDEAUX – WINE TASTING, WALKING, CULINARY TOUR – DAY 2 – SAINT EMILION

SAINT EMILION: WALK #1: Walking the Saint Emilion Wine Jurisdiction, Winery Tours and VIP Wine Tasting at two 1st Classified Growth estates, Gourmet Picker's Lunch, Afternoon : Leisure Time to Explore Saint Emilion Village, Dinner Independently – B, L

BUFFET BREAKFAST.

MORNING: After breakfast – Full day in Saint Emilion village – Departure to Saint Emilion village – rated one of the most beautiful historical and wine growing villages in France. Viticulture was introduced to this fertile region of Aquitaine by the Romans, and intensified in the Middle Ages. The Saint Emilion area benefited from its location on the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela and many churches, monasteries and hospices were built there from the 11th century onwards. It was granted the special status of a “jurisdiction” during the period of English rule in the 12th century. It is an exceptional landscape devoted entirely to wine-growing, with many fine historic monuments, artisan, craft and wine shops and a photogenic pedestrian village to discover.

CHOOSE YOUR OPTION —

(OPTION #1) WALKERS – Walk #1: Saint Emilion Jurisdiction: Embark on a guided walk through the classified growth vineyards of the Saint Emilion wine jurisdiction, the most renowned “Merlot” producing region of Bordeaux. There will be two exclusive “Grand Cru” winery tours and VIP tastings today during our walk.

(OPTION #2) NON-WALKERS – Shuttle from to/from Saint Emilion Village and each winery tour and wine tasting.

LATE-MORNING -WINERY TOUR & TASTING AT OUR SELECTED 1ST GROWTH PRODUCER.

LUNCH – Picker's lunch Walkers and NON-Walkers alike – Welcome to our “gourmet picker's lunch” amidst the Saint Emilion vineyards.

AFTERNOON: We continue along our walking trail and conclude our walk back in Saint Emilion village. Enjoy leisure time to explore and discover Saint Emilion's history, as well as visit local artisan and wine boutiques.

LATE-AFTERNOON – WINERY TOUR & TASTING OUR SELECT 1ST GROWTH PRODUCER.

DINNER: Independently at either the hotel gourmet restaurant or its casual dining bistro, or spend the evening in Bordeaux dining at one of the fabulous restaurants along the river bank.

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Bordeaux – Wine Tasting, Walking, Culinary Tour Highlights: Saint Emilion – Walking in Saint Emilion, Lunch, Winery Tours & Wine Tastings at 1st Classified Growth Producers – B, L

Bordeaux Itinerary: DAY #3 - B, L, D - SAUTERNES

BORDEAUX – WINE TASTING, WALKING, CULINARY TOUR – DAY 3 – SAUTERNES

SAUTERNES: WALK #2 – WALKING IN SAUTERNES, VISIT AT THE SCHOOL OF OENOLOGY IN SAUTERNES, LUNCH, WINERY TOURS AND WINE TASTING, DINNER INDEPENDENTLY – B, L

BUFFET BREAKFAST.

CHOOSE YOUR OPTION —

(OPTION #1) WALKERS – WALK #2: SAUTERNES WALK – THE SAUTERNES WALK THROUGH THE PRESTIGIOUS AND MYSTICAL “SWEET GRAPE APPELLATION”, HOME TO THE SEMILLON, MUSCADELLE AND SAUVIGNON BLANC GRAPE VARIETIES – “CEPAGES” AS THEY’RE CALLED IN FRENCH. THANKS TO THE EXCEPTIONAL MICRO-CLIMATE CREATED BY THE CIRON RIVER RUNNING THROUGH THIS PICTURESQUE APPELLATION, THE WINE PRODUCERS OF SAUTERNES EXPERIENCE A VERY UNIQUE OCCURRENCE.

DURING OUR WINERY TOURS IN THE PRESTIGIOUS SAUTERNES APPELLATION, ENJOY OPPORTUNITIES TO PUT YOUR EAR TO THE OPENING OF THE OAK BARRELS IN THE CELLARS. LISTEN TO THE MAGIC OF NATURE AT WORK DURING THE WINE-MAKING PROCESS, AS YOU ENGAGE YOUR SENSE OF SOUND TO LISTEN TO THE WINE FERMENTING OR “WORKING”.

(OPTION #2) NON-WALKERS – SHUTTLE FROM TO/FROM SAUTERNES VILLAGE AND EACH VIP WINERY TOUR AND WINE TASTING.

MID-MORNING – 1ST WINERY TOUR & TASTING OUR SELECT GRAND CRU PRODUCER. PRIVATE WINERY TOUR AND WINE TASTING AT THE FAMOUS FRENCH OENOLOGY SCHOOL IN SAUTERNES, 1855 CLASSIFIED GROWTH WINE PRODUCER AND TEACHING SCHOOL FOR UP AND COMING CELLAR MASTERS.

LUNCH – LUNCH AT THE CHATEAU AMIDTS THE PRESTIGIOUS SAUTERNES GRAND CRU APPELLATION VINEYARDS.

THERE IS A SUNNY MAGIC IN THESE BOTTLES, AND THE MORE THE WINE AGES, THE MORE GOLDEN ITS APPEARANCE AND SWEETER ITS FLAVORS. IT IS WONDROUS THAT SUCH PRIZED WINE COMES FROM GRAPES THAT IN ANY OTHER APPELLATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED ONLY FIT FOR DISCARDING.

MID-AFTERNOON – WINERY TOUR & TASTING AT OUR SELECT GRAND CRU PRODUCER. PRIVATE WINERY TOUR AND WINE TASTING AT ONE OF THE WORLD’S MOST FAMOUS FRENCH SWEET WINE PRODUCER.

LATE AFTERNOON & EARLY EVENING AT LEISURE ON RETURN TO THE HOTEL.

DINNER: INDEPENDENT DINNER THIS EVENING.

BORDEAUX – WINE TASTING, WALKING, CULINARY TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: SAUTERNES – WALKING IN SAUTERNES, LUNCH, WINERY TOURS & WINE TASTINGS – B, L

Bordeaux Itinerary: DAY #4 - B, L, D - MEDOC

BORDEAUX – WINE TASTING, WALKING, CULINARY TOUR – DAY 4 – MEDOC

MEDOC: FULL DAY IN THE MEDOC – WALK #3 – WINERY TOURS & WINE TASTING, VISIT A COOPERAGE (BARREL-MAKER), LUNCH IN MARGAUX, SPECIAL WINE COCKTAIL HOUR, FAREWELL DINNER – B, L

BUFFET BREAKFAST.

MORNING – WINERY TOUR & TASTING OUR SELECT CLASSIFIED WINE PRODUCER.

CHOOSE YOUR OPTION —

(OPTION #1) WALKERS – WALK #3: MEDOC WALK – THE MEDOC WALK TAKES US ON THE SLOW ROAD WALKING THROUGH THE MOST HISTORICALLY PRESTIGIOUS WINE PRODUCING AREA OF BORDEAUX.

(OPTION #2) NON-WALKERS – SHUTTLE FROM TO/FROM EACH VIP WINERY TOUR AND WINE TASTING.

LUNCH: GOURMET LUNCH IN MARGAUX.

AFTERNOON – WINERY TOUR & TASTING OUR SELECT CLASSIFIED WINE PRODUCER.

DINNER: INDEPENDENT DINNER THIS EVENING.

BORDEAUX – WINE TASTING, WALKING, CULINARY TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: WALK #3 IN MEDOC, 2 WINERY TOURS & WINE TASTING, BARREL-MAKER VISIT, LUNCH IN MARGAUX – B, L



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Bordeaux Itinerary: DAY #5 - B, L, D - GRAVES - COOKING CLASS

BORDEAUX – WINE TASTING, WALKING, CULINARY TOUR – DAY 5 – GRAVES – COOKING AT HOME

GRAVES & COOKING CLASS: WALK #4 – WALKING IN PESSAC-LÉOGNAN (GRAVES APPELLATION), VIP WINERY TOURS & WINE TASTING, LUNCH, CULINARY CLASS WITH FRIEND, CELEBRITY MASTER CHEF AND COOKBOOK AUTHOR, ANTOINE AT HIS HOME IN SAUTERNES – B, L, D

BUFFET BREAKFAST.

FULL DAY IN GRAVES – WINERY TOURS AND WINE TASTING – “GRAVES: PESSAC-LÉOGNAN: GODS OF THE VINEYARD”. WALK #4 OF OUR BORDEAUX TOUR TAKES GUESTS NOT ONLY THROUGH THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS OF THE GRAVES APPELLATION VINEYARDS, BUT ALSO EXPOSES GUESTS TO SOME OF THE LARGEST CLASSIFIED ESTATES OF THE GRAVES APPELLATION.

MORNING – WINERY TOUR & TASTING OUR SELECT CLASSIFIED WINE PRODUCER.

CHOOSE YOUR OPTION —

(OPTION #1) WALKERS – WALK #4: GRAVES WALK – WINERY TOURS AND WINE TASTING THROUGHOUT THE WALK. AS WITH EACH WALK DURING THIS TOUR, WE ARE WALKING THROUGH PRESTIGIOUS VINEYARDS FROM WINERY TO WINERY (PRODUCER TO PRODUCER). GUESTS ARE WELCOMED FOR EXCLUSIVE “BEHIND THE SCENES” TOURS AND VIP WINE TASTING.

(OPTION #2) NON-WALKERS – SHUTTLE FROM TO/FROM EACH WINERY TOUR AND WINE TASTING.

NOON – WINERY TOUR & TASTING AT OUR SELECT CLASSIFIED WINE PRODUCER.

LUNCH: LUNCH AT ANOTHER OF OUR FAVORITE WINE PRODUCERS AMIDST THE VINEYARDS: WALKERS AND NON-WALKERS ALIKE – ENJOY LUNCH TOGETHER WITH CLASSIFIED WINES FROM THE ESTATE.

MID-AFTERNOON – RETURN TO THE HOTEL. THERE WILL BE TIME TO DROP OFF ANY PURCHASES DURING OUR WALK, TO FRESHEN UP, AND TO ENJOY A SHORT BREAK BEFORE COOKING CLASS.

EVENING & DINNER : FUN, HANDS-ON COOKING CLASS AT HOME WITH OUR FRENCH CHEF – COOKING CLASS WITH OUR FRIEND, CELEBRITY MASTER CHEF AND COOKBOOK AUTHOR ANTOINE AT HIS FAMILY HOME IN THE SAUTERNE. WE WILL PREPARE A MULTI-COURSE MEAL OF “BORDELAISE” RECIPES. AFTERWARDS, ENJOY THE EVENING “APERITIF” ALSO KNOWN AS PRE-DINNER COCKTAILS WITH OUR CHEF ANTOINE AND HIS FAMILY FOLLOWED BY A SUMPTUOUS GOURMET DINNER OF THE RECIPES PREPARED TOGETHER DURING CLASS. WE WILL PREPARE OUR RECIPES USING MANY DIFFERENT COOKING MEDIUMS INCLUDING ANTOINE’S CUSTOM-DESIGNED WOOD-FIRED OVEN.

DINNER IS ACCOMPANIED BY ANTOINE’S PROFESSIONAL SELECTION OF CLASSIFIED WINES FROM HIS CELLAR AND THE VINEYARDS OF HIS LOCAL FRIENDS — INCLUDING CLASSIFIED WINES FROM CHATEAU MARGAUX.

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BORDEAUX – WINE TASTING, WALKING, CULINARY TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: WALKING IN GRAVES, LUNCH, WINERY TOURS & WINE TASTINGS, COOKING CLASS & FAREWELL DINNER AT OUR FRIEND, CELEBRITY CHEF’S HOME – B, L, D

Bordeaux Itinerary: DAY #6 - B

7 AM - BREAKFAST.

9 AM - Please have all bags downstairs for loading.

9:30 AM DEPARTURE - We arrive at 10 am at St. Jean Rail Station in downtown Bordeaux, followed by drop off at Merignac airport. If you have made your own departure arrangements and are not departing with the group, please be sure to inform your guide in advance.

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- Off the Beaten Path, LLC holds a website identity assurance warranty of \$100,000. Travelers are insured for up to \$100,000 per tour reservation booking when relying on the information provided by GeoTrust IdAuthority (Equifax Secure Certificate Authority) on our website.

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Bordeaux Tour PRICE INCLUDES:

- This exclusive small group, Bordeaux Grand Cru Walking Tour is owner-led along with professional Off the Beaten Path, LLC Company Wine Tour Guides – Bordeaux wine industry insiders. They are culinary and French wine industry insiders, UNESCO heritage award winners, professional France history and Bordeaux-specific history specialists
- Our dedicated Bordeaux “Wine Industry Insider” Guides bring the prestigious world of Bordeaux wine to life daily.
- 5 nights – 5-star luxury hotel accommodations — Les Sources de Caudalie — NO HOTEL HOPPING.
- Tour and taste in an informal and unpretentious small group at leading, 1st classified growth “Grand Cru” wine estates (chateaux) that are inaccessible to the public!
- For WALKERS – Share in authentic local experiences along the roads less traveled during 4 different walks through prestigious vineyards and countryside in Medoc, the Saint Emilion Jurisdiction, Sauternes, and Graves appellations.
- For NON-WALKERS – shuttle to/from all restaurants, activities, excursions, winery tours and wine tastings daily.
- 11 MEALS included – 5 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 2 Dinners – Savor sumptuous gourmet meals of “Bordelaise” specialties at private estates, Michelin-star restaurants, and cooking class.
- Classified Bordeaux wines and non-alcoholic beverages included at all group meals.
- Participate in a hands-on “COOKING AT HOME” cooking class with our friend, a local, celebrity master chef and cookbook author at his family home!
- Dine as VIP guests during exquisitely chosen wine estates throughout the tour.
- Pause to take photos during walks, pick grapes, smell the flowers, and talk to cellar masters.
- Visit Barrel Makers to learn how French forests are selected for barrel-making, about toasting, and the rhyme and reason behind barrel selection.
- Bottled water provided throughout the tour.
- All ground transportation throughout the tour.
- Due to the exclusivity of this Bordeaux Harvest Tour, the group size is limited to 12 guests.
- Comfort Zone – Designed for the interests of and to appeal to both the Active and Occasional Walker. For those who don’t walk or elect not to participate in the daily walks, enjoy being shuttled to all of our activities, winery tours and tastings, and restaurants.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE – airfare to/from France, train fare to/from Bordeaux Saint Jean rail station, 3 dinners, personal purchases.

Qui... WHAT WE DO-WHAT WE GUARANTEE OUR GUESTS...

WE GUARANTEE SOME VERY SPECIFIC SERVICES THAT WE BELIEVE YOU, AS OUR GUEST, DESERVE.

• **WE ALSO OFFER VALUE-ADDED SERVICES AND OTHER CHARMING SURPRISES** on our tours including complimentary use of (1) Ipad minis (with both 4G and wifi access) and (2) digital point and shoot cameras PLUS enjoy a surprise regional gift on our Provence Tours, complimentary champagne & chocolates and a surprise gift in your room on our Loire Valley and Bordeaux Tours, and a surprise gift on Champagne Tours.

• **WE ENSURE A “SMALL GROUP” REMAINS JUST THAT - A “SMALL GROUP” !**

The group size on each of our tours is a maximum 12-16 guests. Many of our trips sell out completely meaning group size is 16 guests (and 12 guests for tours limited to 12 guests maximum per departure), and some trips average 12-14 guests. Our experience has been that limiting our group size to 16 guests per tour creates the ideal ambiance for guests to easily mingle and get to know each other, yet still maintain their independence. We also limit our group size in order to preserve each guest’s personalized experience, and ensure our famous quality customer service.

• **WE INCLUDE ALL BEVERAGES (BOTH ALCOHOLIC & NON-ALCOHOLIC) IN OUR PROVENCE TOUR PRICES!**

We always include a welcome cocktail on day 1 of each tour, plus some additional group meals may include a pre-dinner cocktail in addition to the premium, classified and “Grand Cru” wines included at all groups meals during each of our tours. Of course, guests are always free to opt out of any included group meal to try a restaurant, cafe or other dining option on their own or simply to enjoy a private dining experience.

• **WE ALWAYS PROVIDE GUESTS THE BEST ROOMS AT EVERY HOTEL !**

We always reserve the VERY BEST for our guests ! Plus there is NEVER any hotel hopping on our tours. We select one exclusive, luxurious, historical establishment for the entire 5 nights of each tour (3 nights on Champagne Tours, 4 nights on Dordogne Tours).

• **OUR SCHEDULED WALKS ARE ALWAYS GUIDED !**

We always guide our walks !! Our guides are experienced, and have walked our trails repeatedly each season - even in the off season. They are knowledgeable about what each trail has to offer. Our guides accompany every walk on every tour where optional and scheduled walks are included. And our guides remain with the group during the entirety of each walk. We believe your walks with us should always be fun, interesting and a time to sit back and enjoy the views along the trail while someone else takes charge and shows you the way! We have specially designed all of our trails exclusively to share with our guests.

• **WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE VAN SUPPORT FOR OUR WALKS !**

In addition to providing guides who accompany each walk on our tours, we always provide a support van whose driver’s sole responsibility is to meet the group at designated points throughout each walk to provide more refreshments and snacks, collect any purchases made during visits along our trails, and provide a ride to any guest who needs a break.

Hotel & Spa LES SOURCES DE CAUDALIE

Our Bordeaux Tour hotel features spacious rooms with large comfortable king size beds (or two twin beds on request) and fully-equipped, private, en-suite bathrooms separate stand-alone shower and tub, double sinks, toilet, Caudalie luxury bath products and hair dryer. Rooms are also equipped with flat screen television, telephone, mini-bar, corkscrew, personal safe, individual terrace or patio overlooking the vineyards and estate gardens. The hotel offers complimentary WIFI access and features a world renowned vinotherapy spa, wine bar and coffee lounge, outdoor terraces and swimming pool.

DAILY BREAKFAST : Enjoy a Bordelaise breakfast buffet each morning either in the dining room or on the terrace of the gardens before we head out for a day of fun excursions. The buffet breakfast features all of the traditional French goodies-croissants, pain au chocolat (chocolate croissants), pain au raisins (raisin croissants), fresh baguette breads, an assortment of breakfast breads, fresh fruit salad, yoghurts, a variety of cereals to choose from, PLUS a selection of French cheeses, smoked salmon, home-made tartes, fresh fruit juices, and hot beverages such as coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Both White and red wine are also available on the buffet. Scrambled, soft-boiled eggs, omelettes, bacon, sausages, etc can be ordered for an additional fee.

There is **NEVER ANY HOTEL HOPPING** on any Off the Beaten Path Tours.
All Tours are home-based, meaning we stay at 1 hotel for the entirety of the tour.

Accommodations on Off the Beaten Path, LLC small group luxury Bordeaux Wine and Culinary Walking Tours offer a charming, luxurious and historical environment amidst a leading first growth classified wine producer's vineyards. Pamper yourself during this exclusive experience. Our hotel selection is also centrally located to the activities and excursions scheduled of each tour day.

ROOMS FOR OUR GUESTS ARE LARGE SUITES WITH BEAUTIFUL VIEWS
OF THE FIRST GROWTH VINEYARDS

ACTIVITY RATING: **Walkers** -75% Easy, 25% Moderate. **Non-Walkers** -100% Easy.

TOUR BEGINS: Group pick-up on Day #1 at 1:00 pm at Saint Jean Rail Station - Bordeaux, France

TOUR ENDS: Group drop-off on Day #6 at 10 am at Saint Jean Rail Station followed by drop-off at Merignac Airport, Bordeaux, France

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2017 - BORDEAUX TOUR DATES AND PRICES

2017 TOUR DATES - PRICE - [CLICK HERE TO REVIEW THE **2017** TOUR SCHEDULE!](#)

* ONCE YOU BOOK YOUR TOUR, YOUR PRICE IS GUARANTEED AND WILL NOT INCREASE.

Walking Ratings FOR BORDEAUX TOURS

Always enjoyable walking on Off the Beaten Path Tours - Nomatter which of our active, small group tours you join, you can expect to know, in advance, the level of difficulty of the walks scheduled during each tour. We also provide flexible options daily for non-walkers.

EVERY OFF THE BEATEN PATH TOUR VACATION IS DESIGNED TO MEET A WIDE VARIETY OF GUEST FITNESS LEVELS. EACH WALK IS CATEGORIZED USING THE SYSTEM BELOW.

EASY: Relatively flat terrain. Well-kept paths. Fine for even occasional walkers.

- Average walk distance: 2–5 miles
- Average walking time: Up to 3 hours

EASY TO MODERATE: Ideal for those who walk for a morning or afternoon on a regular basis. Footing may be a variety of surfaces --mostly vineyard and country trails. No extended ascents or descents.

- Average walk distance: 4–6 miles
- Average walking time: Up to 4 hours

MODERATE: Suitable for experienced walkers who are comfortable with ascents and descents (but no scrambling!). Uneven terrain possible. Vineyard, country and gravel trails.

- Average daily distance: 5-8 miles
- Average walking time: up to 4-5 hours

BORDEAUX TOUR WALKS ARE RATED AS FOLLOWS:

- The SAINT EMILION walk is rated easy to moderate. Ideal for those who walk for a morning or afternoon on a regular basis. Walking on vineyard and country trails. Walk distance is 4.5 miles - approximately 2.5 hrs. of walking. Winery tours and tastings range in duration from 1-1.5 hours each.
- The SAUTERNES walk is rated easy to moderate. Ideal for those who walk for a morning or afternoon on a regular basis. Walking on vineyard and country trails. Walk distance is 5 miles - approximately 3 hrs. of walking. Winery tours and tastings range in duration from 1-1.5 hours each.
- The MEDOC walk is rated easy to moderate. Ideal for those who walk for a morning or afternoon on a regular basis. Walking on vineyard and country trails. Walk distance is 5 miles - approximately 3 hrs. of walking. Winery tours and tastings range in duration from 1-1.5 hours each.
- The GRAVES walk is rated easy to moderate. Ideal for those who walk for a morning or afternoon on a regular basis. Walking on vineyard and country trails. Walk distance is 5 miles - approximately 3 hrs. of walking. Winery tours and tastings range in duration from 1-1.5 hours each.
- For NON-walkers - there is no walking rating, as travelers are only exposed to daily leisure walking in villages & towns.
- **FOR NON-WALKERS : SHUTTLE FROM WINERY TO WINERY FOR OUR EXCLUSIVE WINERY TOURS & VIP WINE TASTING.**

OUR COMMITMENT TO ENSURING INSPIRING ITINERARIES, EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY, AND EXCELLENT VALUE!!

- **ITINERARIES ARE DESIGNED TO SHARE THE VERY BEST OF EACH REGION** –Provence, Loire Valley, Bordeaux wine country, Champagne, and Dordogne– including luxurious and boutique hotel accommodations that reflect the heart & soul of each region, and offer complete modern amenities, spectacular theme walks, both Michelin-star gourmet and bistro style dining at the best restaurants of each region, cooking classes at the homes and/or private workshops of Michelin-star and Master Chefs who are personal friends and who welcome OTBP guests to their homes and professional kitchens as a group of friends, visits to local artisan workshops, shopping at the finest craft markets, hot air ballooning and much more.
- **ALL TOURS ARE RUN BY OTBP.** The company does NOT subcontract any of its tours. Many OTBP tours are owner led and those that aren't owner led are led by guides who work exclusively for OTBP and who have been hand-picked by Christy based on her very strict criteria.
- **NO HIDDEN FEES** - Since all OTBP tour guides reside in France, we do NOT have to incorporate any international transportation and lodging costs for tour guides into our tour prices. This means we pass on even greater savings to you, and can guarantee our OTBP luxurious quality tour experiences at even more competitive prices and better value prices.
- **ALL WINES INCLUDED** - Classified regional wines and non-alcoholic beverages are included at all group meals.
- **MOST MEALS INCLUDED** - Group lunches and dinners are comprised of a combination of set menus exclusively elaborated for our groups that reflect the cuisine of the region, ordering off the menu and indulging in select gourmet menus that feature a Chef's local and/or seasonal specialties. We are constantly told that our restaurant selections are one of many highlights of our tours! We are also happy to accommodate vegetarians, vegans, gluten allergies and other special dietary requests and needs.
- **ESTABLISHED, PROPRIETARY RELATIONSHIPS...** with all wineries, chefs, restaurants, service providers and bistros on each tour based on both its exclusive and privileged network of contacts and French friends, and its outstanding reputation throughout France. All chefs, restaurants and bistros selected for OTBP tours are Michelin-star and/or have been featured/recommended by top "foodie" magazines and/or fellow Michelin-star Chefs. OTBP tours feature dining in both gourmet restaurants and favorite hide-a-ways.
- **NEGOTIATED THE BEST RATES WITH ITS FRENCH PARTNERS** to ensure the best active, luxury and authentic French experience again at the best value tour prices.
- **THE LOWEST SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS** in the France tour industry thanks to established relationships with partner hotels. Our single supplement fees cover exact hotel single occupancy fees charged. We do NOT charge a single supplement for profit, NEVER.
- **FEATURING TRUE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL.** The maximum group size on OTBP tours is 16 guests per tour date, and 12 guests on specialty tours. Limiting group sizes creates the ideal ambiance for guests to easily mingle and get to know other guests, yet still maintain their independence. OTBP also limits its groups to a maximum of 16 guests per tour date in order to preserve each guest's personalized experience, and ensure its famous quality customer service.
- *ALL Tour dates are guaranteed departures!*
- **Book your tour today to lock-in and guarantee your tour price. Once your tour is booked, your tour price is guaranteed and will NOT increase. Otherwise, prices are subject to change without notice.**

NOT JUST A TOUR: IT'S AN **AUTHENTIC** OFF THE BEATEN PATH *French Experience...*

Unrivaled expertise within France sets Off the Beaten Path, LLC a part from non-France based and multi-destination tour companies. Off the Beaten Path, LLC (OTBP) is American owned and operated (scroll down to read more about the owner). In 2017, the company celebrates 23 years delivering engaging small group, walking, gourmet foodie, wine and cultural tours exclusively in France. OTBP active, small group France tours offer travelers the very BEST, and most inspiring and exclusive itineraries filled with cultural “insider” experiences to discover Provence, Loire Valley, Bordeaux, and Champagne, France unlike any other tour company itinerary can.

Come enjoy exceptional quality and excellent value on an OTBP small group tour today! Travelers and publications alike rate Off the Beaten Path Tours the BEST active, small group tours in France thanks to the unparalleled “insider” experiences included in each tour itinerary. The company’s renowned “insider” relationships with local French chefs, artisans, and cultural industry professionals puts Off the Beaten Path far ahead of the competition when it comes to creating one-of-a-kind itineraries to experience the very BEST of France! Whether you’re a seasoned small group tour traveler, or new to the small group tour scene, Off the Beaten Path tours offer fun, enriching, interactive, local, and authentic French experiences and activities for everyone.

FEEL Welcome AND AT HOME WITH OUR French FRIENDS ON EVERY TOUR!

More than just a tour, Off the Beaten Path transforms the entire guest experience into a personalized and exclusive “unparalleled” active, cultural affair that far exceeds guest expectations every time! We connect guests with our lifelong, local French friends who rank among France’s top rated chefs, specialty artisans, artists, wine producers, hotel & castle owners, and entertainers!

Expert Professional English speaking guides who live in France, inspiring itineraries, deluxe historical hotel accommodations, sumptuous French meals, classified regional wines, and comfortable transportation in private, spacious, professionally driven vehicles are immutable standards on every Off the Beaten Path Tour. Each tour itinerary is comprised of a variety of engaging activities and enriching experiences for guests to authentically discover the heart and soul of each region. Participate in cooking classes with our friends who are celebrity Master, Meilleur Ouvrier de France, and Michelin-star chefs, and who look forward to your arrival, and make you feel welcome in their family homes, professional kitchens, and workshops as a group of friends.

Shop at weekly village markets where OTBP tour guides introduce you to local French friends who are olive oil and wine producers, artists, cheese-makers, herb and spice vendors, craftsmen, perfumery and linen artisans, and designers. Walk the same countryside and vineyard trails that local French do with their families. Enjoy the slow road scenery that comes with walking the local country trails through vineyards, flower fields of lavender, poppies, and sunflowers, olive and fruit orchards, and small historic villages. Tour castles, pre-historic caves, and other historical monuments and sites with our knowledgeable, professional UNESCO award winning guides. Dine in the same gourmet restaurants and bistros, as local French do — where the Michelin-star, Meilleur Ouvrier de France, and Master chefs are our personal friends, and set aside a special table uniquely to welcome our guests. Plus, built in leisure time provides guests opportunities to pursue independent interests and activities, or to just break away from the group for some quiet or personal time.

Every OTBP tour offers daily options with varying levels of activeness to choose from. Guests always have the flexibility of deciding how each day unfolds. OTBP tour guides sit down with the group every day to discuss the activities, excursions, walks, local events, and options of the day. With so many options available during each tour, the company ensures guests the flexibility to be as active as one chooses (more walking, less walking, shopping time, cultural discovery, people watching, photography, etc.), and to also enjoy leisure time to pursue independent interests, all while enjoying the perks of traveling in a small group. OTBP tour guides take care and manage the daily logistics and details while you, our guest, spend your time on the important stuff — **having fun, relaxing and enjoying your vacation your way!** The idea behind each OTBP tour is to appeal to the discerning traveler of all ages and backgrounds who seeks something new and different, and who wants to reach out, and discover something inspiring.