



IN 2025, WE CELEBRATE 31 YEARS LEADING SMALL GROUP TOURS EXCLUSIVELY IN FRANCE

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Imagine yourself strolling through sun-drenched vineyards, the air filled with the rich aromas of ripe grapes and nature's bounty. This dream becomes your reality on our exclusive 6-day, 5-night tour through the stunning landscapes of Bordeaux, Arcachon, and Saint Emilion.

Join a small, intimate group of fellow wine and food enthusiasts as we delve into the heart of one of the world's most celebrated wine regions. As wine industry insiders, our exclusive access to private winery tours and VIP tastings unavailable to the public becomes your norm. Experience Bordeaux at its finest—especially during the magical harvest season during our fall tours—when the vineyards come alive with activity and anticipation.

Each day begins with a hearty breakfast, fueling you for the adventures ahead. Lace up your walking shoes and immerse yourself in the authentic Bordelais lifestyle. Wander through historic Bordeaux, uncover the secrets of the charming village of Saint Emilion, and breathe in the coastal breezes of Arcachon. Along the way, you'll explore vineyard trails, savor the taste of perfectly ripened varietals, and marvel at the breathtaking landscapes surrounding you.

One of the highlights of our journey is a hands-on cooking experience with a renowned local cookbook author and Christy's personal friend at his family home. Together, we'll prepare exquisite Bordelaise dishes, sharing stories and laughter as we indulge in the region's flavors. Our Bordeaux tour is more than a tour; it's immersive and filled with personalized opportunities with local French friends to connect with the culture, cuisine, and people of Bordeaux in a way that will leave a lasting impression long after your return home.

Let the magic of Bordeaux captivate you and create memories that will linger in your heart. Book your tour today and discover a side of Bordeaux that few experience. Your adventure awaits!



EXPERIENCE: INSPIRING ITINERARIES - EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY - EXCELLENT VALUE!



Off the Beaten Path LLC
Best Boutique French
Tour Operator

Off the Beaten Path France Tours are Recommended by **Best Selling Author PJ Adams** as her Tour of Choice to Discover the Provence Region!! Traveling on an Off the Beaten Path small group, cultural walking and foodie tour provides exceptional and privileged insider experiences at unparalleled value that multi-destination and other France tour companies cannot match!



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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 2025, We celebrate 31 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!** WEBSITE - <https://www.traveloffthebeatenpath.com>



Award Winning OFF THE BEATEN PATH TOURS
VOTED BEST ACTIVE, SMALL GROUP TOURS IN FRANCE FOR
DISCERNING TRAVELERS BY: CONDE NAST, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, FORBES ,
CNN TRAVELLER, USA TODAY, THE NEW YORK TIMES and TRAVEL & LEISURE!



WHO IS THIS TOUR DESIGNED FOR?

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY... Off the Beaten Path Bordeaux, Arcachon, Saint Emilion Tours are designed for travelers interested in a small group tour that includes a variety of engaging activities (cooking class, French Bread making, walks, winery tours and VIP wine tasting, cultural discovery), leisure time, professional and knowledgeable tour guides, luxurious accommodations and sumptuous gourmet meals. It's vacation and Off the Beaten Path tours are all about having fun, enjoying new experiences and being active!



GUEST TESTIMONIALS:

"Loved all of the wine tours and tastings, cooking class and the hotel! We greatly appreciate your kind consideration and expertise. Thanks for making our tour so enjoyable!" *Charles and Susan Kollar, Princeton, NJ (Have been on 3 OTBP Tours - Bordeaux, Loire Valley & Provence)*

"We thoroughly enjoyed our Bordeaux experience with you. Everything was so personalized and the group size was perfect. The variety of activities was very well balanced and our guide was fabulous!" *Martin and Patricia Sibliger, Atlanta, GA (Have been on 2 OTBP Tours - Bordeaux & Loire Valley Tours)*



Bordeaux TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Fully Guided sightseeing, walks, excursions, and cultural visits throughout the tour by professional Off the Beaten Path, LLC (OTBP) Company Tour Guides. OTBP Guides are UNESCO award winners, contributors to Bordeaux Travel Guidebooks, and are accomplished authors. OTBP Tour guides are professional France history and Bordeaux-specific history specialists who make learning the tidbits, gossip, anecdotes and stories of France fun and memorable throughout the tour.
- 5 nights — **NO HOTEL HOPPING!** — at CONDE NAST recommended luxurious boutique Hotel Indigo.
- 10 Meals Included – 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners.
- All “Grand Cru” wines and non-alcoholic beverages at group meals!
- All entry/participation fees for all activities, excursions, and workshops detailed in the itinerary.
- Roundtrip transfers on Day 1 and Day 6 of the tour : Day 1 – Transfer provided from Bordeaux St. Jean rail station. Day 6 – Transfer provided to Bordeaux St. Jean Rail station.
- Bottled water provided daily.
- All ground transportation throughout the tour.
- –**COMFORT ZONE**– Designed for the interests of and to appeal to BOTH WALKERS & NON-WALKERS alike — the Active and Occasional Walker, and travelers of all ability levels. If you’re not a walker at all, enjoy shuttling to all activities, excursions and meals on our comfortable air-conditioned Mercedes Sprinters.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE – International airfare to/from France, airfare/train fare to/from the starting/ending point for the tour in Bordeaux, one lunch, three dinners, gratuities to guides, professional driver, hotel staff, personal purchases.

AUTHENTIC BORDEAUX EXPERIENCES! Spend 6 days experiencing Bordeaux, Arcachon, and Saint Emilion like family friends going beyond tourist hotspots to meet and spend time with some of France’s best loved and highly recognized artisans, chefs, and winery owners who are our family friends, and welcome you to their workshops, kitchens, and family homes for authentic and fun French experiences unlike any other!



Bordeaux, Arcachon, Saint Emilion Tour Itinerary: Day 1

Day 1 – Welcome Day – Your Bordeaux Adventure Begins!

GROUP MEETS - HOTEL CHECK-IN, WELCOME DINNER TOGETHER – D

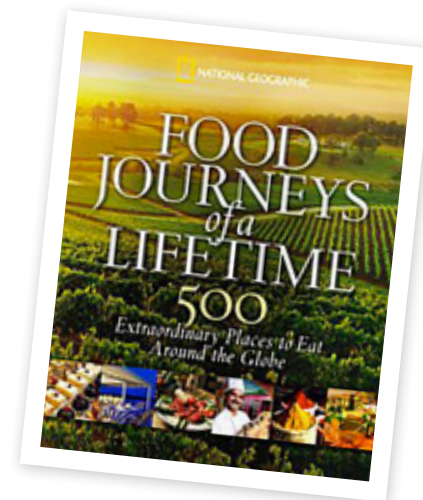
ARRIVAL IN BORDEAUX. Meet and greet with your tour guides at 3 pm at Bordeaux St. Jean Rail Station. Transfer to our boutique Bordeaux hotel that will serve as our home base for the entire 6-day tour (NO Hotel Hopping - Unpack once for the entire tour).

DINNER: Welcome cocktail and dinner, a first taste of local “Bordelaise” gourmet cuisine together at one of the best kept secrets in Bordeaux.

ROUNDTrip TRANSFERS ON DAY 1 AND DAY 6 OF THE TOUR :

Day 1 – Group transfer from Bordeaux St. Jean rail station at 3 pm.

Day 6 – Group transfer to Bordeaux St. Jean Rail station at 10:00 am.



Day 2 : *Day in Arcachon* : ARCACHON BASIN, FRENCH PINASSE CRUISE TO CAP FERRET, FOODIE TASTINGS, GOURMET SEASIDE LUNCH AT THE PILAT DUNE OVERLOOKING THE ARCACHON BASIN, CULTURAL WALK OF VILLE D'HIVER, LEISURE TIME – BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED TODAY

BREAKFAST.

About ARCACHON : Arcachon is a seaside town in south of Bordeaux known for oyster harvesting. Its 4 districts are named after the seasons of the year — The Ville d'Été (summer quarter) is home to shopping streets, the town's sandy main beach and a casino in the 19th-century Château Déganne. Ville d'Hiver (winter quarter) has extravagant 19th-century villas of spectacular architecture and a unique history.

MORNING – We embark on a 2-hour cruise on a traditional French Pinasse discovering the Bassin d'Arcachon accompanied by foodie tastings with wine & Champagne. **Exceptional photo-ops this morning. The Arcachon Basin vistas and Pilat Dune will leave you speechless!

About PILAT DUNE : At its southern entrance from the Atlantic Ocean, Arcachon Bay is crowned by Europe's largest sand dune that is nearly 3 kilometers (1.9 miles) long, 500 meters (1,600 feet) wide, stands 110 meters (360 feet) in height, and is moving inland at a rate of about 5 meters (16 feet) a year.

LUNCH: A gourmet seaside lunch at the Pilat Dune overlooking the Bassin d'Arcachon.

AFTERNOON – We'll take a short walk through the “ville d'hiver” and enjoy some leisure time in town before returning to the hotel in Bordeaux.

Late afternoon return to our hotel in Bordeaux.

DINNER: Independently in Bordeaux this evening. Your guides will be happy to share recommendations.



Day 3: *Day in Saint Emilion* : WINERY TOUR AND TASTING AND WINE BLENDING WORKSHOP – CREATE YOUR OWN PERSONALIZED WINE, HOSTED LUNCH AT A 1ER GRAND CRU CLASSE WINERY, GUIDED WALK OF SAINT EMILION VILLAGE AND VINEYARDS, LEISURE TIME - BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED TODAY

BREAKFAST.

About SAINT EMILION : 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. Many churches, monasteries and hospices were built 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.

MORNING – We’ll tour & taste at one of the great estates of the jurisdiction near Petrus where we are invited to try our hand at being a “maitre de chais” (cellar master). Our visit here is an immersive one. We will participate in a 2-hour wine blending workshop composing a wine by blending the grape varieties from the estate’s vineyard. Everyone leaves with half bottle of their personal creation.

LUNCH: A gourmet lunch together at our favorite 1er Grand Cru Classé wine producer’s estate overlooking Saint Emilion and its’ spectacular vineyards.

AFTER LUNCH – We’ll take a short walk through the vineyards into Saint Emilion and enjoy some leisure time in the village before returning to the hotel in Bordeaux. For non-walkers: shuttle to the village with one of our team members for free time to explore the village.

Late afternoon return to our hotel in Bordeaux.

DINNER: Independently in Bordeaux this evening. Your guides will be happy to share recommendations.

WALKING RATING : For WALKERS: All walking today is rated EASY. Ideal for those who walk on a regular basis. Walking on a paths in and outside of the village. Approximately 1 hour of walking with pauses for photo-ops. For NON-WALKERS: Shuttle to the village and enjoy exploring the boutiques and highlights in the village.



Fun Times, Good Laughs, Cooking, VIP Tours and Much More in Bordeaux Wine Country !!



Day 4: *Day of Culinary Delights* : A CULINARY DELIGHTS COOKING CLASS AT HOME IN SAUTERNES AND WINERY TOUR WITH A WINE & CHEESE PAIRING EXPERIENCE AT THE ONEOLOGY SCHOOL THAT IS ALSO A GRAND CRU CLASSÉ WINE PRODUCER – BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED TODAY

BREAKFAST.

MORNING – We head to the Sauternais for a full day of culinary experiences! We begin our day at my dear friend Chef Antoine's family home. Antoine is a Master Chef, Cookbook Author, and former Culinary Professor. Under his professional guidance we'll follow the traditional steps of preparing local cuisine together in the family kitchen. We will prepare a multi-course meal of "Bordelaise" recipes.

LUNCH: A traditional "Bordelais" lunch with Antoine and family. Lunch is accompanied by Antoine's professional selection of classified wines from his private cellar and the vineyards of his local vitner friends.

AFTER LUNCH – We wind our way through the countryside of the Sauternais onward to our winery tour and immersive wine tasting & cheese pairing experience at the famous French Oenology school (Wine School); an 1855 Grand Cru Classé wine producer and teaching school.

Late afternoon return to our hotel in Bordeaux.

DINNER: Independent dinner this evening. Your guides will be happy to share recommendations.



Day 5: *Surprises & Indulgence* : A SURPRISE IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE GRAVES APPELLATION AT OUR FAVORITE 1ER GRAND CRU CLASSE WINE PRODUCER, AFTERNOON AT LEISURE IN BORDEAUX, EVENING APERITIF AND A “CREME-DE-LA-CREME” FAREWELL DINNER THAT WILL KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF – BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED TODAY

BREAKFAST.

MORNING – We head to the Graves wine producing area for a morning wine experience! We begin with a tour of this family owned 1er Grand Cru Classé wine producing estate, and conclude with a VIP tasting accompanied by select local cheeses perfectly paired with their wines.

LUNCH: Independently back in Bordeaux.

AFTERNOON – At leisure to pursue personal interests, to visit the Cité du vin and/or other museums in town, and to finish any souvenir shopping.

EVENING & DINNER: Our farewell dinner is a voyage “à travers la cuisine” unlike any other by our one and only, our very own hometown chef welcomed as friends at his restaurant.



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WALKING, COOKING, EATING AND WINE TASTING OUR WAY THROUGH BORDEAUX WINE COUNTRY !





Bordeaux, Arcachon, Saint Emilion Tour Itinerary: Day 6

BREAKFAST.

Trip concludes today with 11:30 AM transfer arrival to Bordeaux Saint Jean Rail Station. Earlier / later departures can be arranged. Please contact us for details.

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

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

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

The group size on our Bordeaux tours is a maximum 12 guests per tour date. Many of our trips sell out completely meaning group size is 12 guests. Our experience has been that limiting our group size to 12 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 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, boutique establishment for the entire 5 nights of each tour (3 nights on Champagne Tours, 4 nights on Normandy 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 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 provide a ride to any guest who needs a break.

ACTIVITY RATING: Walkers and Non-Walkers - 100% Easy.

TOUR BEGINS: Group pick-up on Day #1 - 3:00 pm from Saint Jean Rail Station in Bordeaux, France

TOUR ENDS: Group transfer on Day #6 - 10:00 am to Saint Jean Rail Station Bordeaux, France.

Transfers from/to Merignac (Bordeaux) airport can be arranged on request.

GUEST TESTIMONIALS:

"THANK YOU FOR SUCH A FUN TRIP! Everyone we met was so warm and friendly. This was our second trip and we surely will be back! You did a great job and we loved all of the activities, you have certainly made this an exceptional experience for us!" *Ron and Brenda Clements, Houston, TX (Bordeaux Tour)*



"GOSH THE ACTIVITIES JUST GOT BETTER AND BETTER! We loved the cooking classes and wine tasting (both Bordeaux and Provence). The calanques walk in Provence was also great! Saint Emilion village (Bordeaux) was beautiful, and having all of the winery tour appointments (Bordeaux) made for us was very appealing. We really enjoyed ourselves on both tours!" *Bob and Eileen Hamilton, Seneca, SC (Have been on 2 Off the Beaten Path Tours)*

"THE TOUR FAR EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS! Our guides were very knowledgeable, skilled and organized. Well done and many thanks! I would not change a thing." *Patrick & Rosemary Tuohey, Victoria, Australia (Bordeaux Tour)*



ADDITIONAL *Bordeaux* TOUR INFORMATION

- **UNRIVALED EXPERTISE WITHIN FRANCE AND THE BEST TOUR GUIDES:**

All Off the Beaten Path guides are Americans with dual nationality (American-French citizenship), are multi-lingual and reside in France. They also bring a wealth of local information and history to enrich each guest's experience and have been selected for their comprehensive understanding of French culture and history. You will find that Off the Beaten Path guides are wonderful traveling companions, whose knowledge and sense of fun and positive attitude make each day a wonderful experience.

- **WHERE DO WE RENDEZVOUS ON DAY 1 OF THE BORDEAUX TOUR?**

Your OTBP Guide(s) will meet you at St. Jean TGV train station in Bordeaux and Merignac Airport at 3:00 PM on day 1 of the tour. Specific meeting location details will be included in your complete tour information package we send you 30 days prior to the tour. Train times are subject to seasonal changes, and we will keep these schedules updated as any changes occur.

- **WHERE DOES THE BORDEAUX TOUR FINISH ON DAY 6?**

We provide a 10:00 AM transfer to Bordeaux Saint Jean TGV rail station in downtown Bordeaux.

- **HOW SHOULD I GO ABOUT MAKING MY TRAVEL PLANS?**

Off the Beaten Path is a full service tour operator and it is our pleasure to assist you with all aspects of upcoming travel plans. Whether you are looking for a suggestion for a hotel in Paris or assistance with your rail tickets, simply contact us at contact@traveloffthebeatenpath.com or call us at 1.717.683.2827 for assistance.

- **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED ON MY BORDEAUX TOUR?**

Airfare/Train fare to and from the trip meeting location/city of Bordeaux, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, extras at the hotel, personal purchases.

- **HOW SHOULD I PACK? HOW SHOULD I EXPECT TO DRESS DURING THE TOUR?**

Please limit your luggage to one medium-sized suitcase and one carry-on. Try not to over pack; you will not wear all your clothing! A suggested packing list will be enclosed in your tour information package. Pack comfortable light weight, casual clothing. It's vacation and we want our guests to feel and be as comfortable as possible during our daily activities and excursions. Our dinners together include a mix of Michelin star and casual bistro style restaurants. For men we suggest a business casual ensemble (no tie or jacket necessary unless it's your personal preference) and for women we recommend a casual dress for dinners.

- WHAT IS THE WEATHER GOING TO BE LIKE IN BORDEAUX?

Spring and summer day time temperatures in Bordeaux and surrounding areas range in the mid- 70's- to high-80's. In September, average temperatures range from 70's to 80's Fahrenheit. Typically it is sunny, but be prepared with the proper rain gear, as harvest time can be unpredictable.

- WHO ARE THE BORDEAUX TOURS DESIGNED FOR?

OTBP's Bordeaux Tours are designed for discerning travelers, from the seasoned traveler and independent traveler to the first time traveler to France. Join any one of the our tours as a solo traveler, a couple, a small group of friends or family, or bring your entire travel club, affinity group, women's organization or wine society. No culinary, history or other type of experience is necessary. Join us for the vacation of a lifetime to discover the Bordeaux wine region of France, as an insider, and make new friends along the way.

- DO I NEED TO BE AN EXPERT TO TAKE YOUR BORDEAUX TOUR?

Not at all. The idea is to learn about French culture, traditions, wine, daily life, artisan lives and culinary practices in a fun and relaxing, unpretentious environment. Our tours offer great learning opportunities for everyone. Off the Beaten Path guides are very skilled at adapting their discussions to the general level of knowledge of the group, providing good introductory information for novices, and more advanced discussions for those who have more experience or a specialty interest. It's vacation and our tours are all about having fun, enjoying new experiences and being active!



- IS WINE INCLUDED AT MEALS? WHAT KIND OF WINES ARE INCLUDED AT MEALS?

Yes, wine is included at all scheduled meals together. We expertly match premium wines from the region we're visiting with each dish. Meals offer an excellent opportunity to try wines from appellations not available to guests at home, and to introduce guests to some select wines worth a favorable mention or that are exceptionally appreciated by the locals.

- ARE OFF THE BEATEN PATH, LLC TOURS IN ENGLISH?

Yes. All tours are conducted in English and designed for an English speaking clientel. The majority of OTBP Guests come from the U.S.A., Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and England. Guests have also come from the Caribbean, Singapore, Philippines, South Africa, Peru, Ecuador, Indonesia, India, Iran, Kuwait, UAE, Iraq, South Korea, Mexico, Cuba, Hong Kong, and Israel.

- HOW ARE THE BORDEAUX TOURS STRUCTURED?

Celebrating 31 years experience in 2025 in the France tour travel industry, specifically with small group touring, we have found that our guests are generally more interested in active and interactive experiences, culture, people to people experiences and guided tours of sites. Our guests like to visit private homes, and pursue their hobbies when they travel. Our guests enjoy being able to shop locally for items, such as, collectibles, art and local products. Our guests tend to do more homework and want a meatier trip, but also want to enjoy down time or leisure time to explore independently. All of our trips are designed based on these factors. Each trip offers organized activities and excursions daily combined with periods of leisure time each day. Our tours encourage individual approach and pursuit of your interests, as well as introducing you to new experiences and people during each trip.

- WHAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WILL I NEED FOR MY TOUR?

All travelers to France are required to have a valid passport. Please make 2 copies of your passport and personal identification before you depart. Keep one set of copies with you in a separate location from your travel documents, and leave the other set of copies with a contact at home before you depart. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please check with your consulate general for entry requirements.

- DO I NEED TO BE AN ATHLETE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BORDEAUX TOUR?

No. Our daily walking is designed to appeal to active travelers of every fitness level. There is very little elevation gain during the Bordeaux daily walks. Our walks are mostly gravel and paved walking paths through small rolling and low lying vineyard hillsides and villages. Travelers should count on leisure walking daily. Come discover and enjoy fabulous Bordeaux culture, foodie specialties, and wines along the slow road taking in the beautiful scenery of the vineyards and wine growing villages.



BORDEAUX GUEST *Testimonials:*

"EVERYTHING REALLY WAS EXCELLENT. The most important factor to me was how comfortable you made the trip for all. It's obviously very important to you that your guests are happy and it shows. This is an incredibly well thought out and planned trip! The variety of activities and winery tours, the different vinification processes and how each is so unique is very well done. There is no repetition and the week just flies by. Not only was it an awesome vacation but I also made new friends, and am VERY GLAD WE DID THIS TRIP. MERCI!" *Dwayne Jarrell, Mike Mitterman, Chicago, IL (Bordeaux Tour)*



"WE ENJOYED THE GOOD MIX OF ACTIVITIES AND THE FACT THAT THE TRIP WASN'T JUST WINE TASTING. We had a great group of traveling companions and it was fun getting to know them, as well as meeting the Chefs at cooking class. SEEING THE HARVEST IN ACTION WAS THE BEST! THANK YOU FOR TAKING SUCH GOOD CARE OF US!!" *Pam Miller and Jim Rasmussen, Boston, MA (Bordeaux Tour)*



"Thanks for a great time discovering Bordeaux wine country! We enjoyed this trip a lot. The people in the group were very compatible. The winery tours were very good. It was nice to be able to see all of the different processes. WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN ON ANOTHER TOUR." *Jerry*

and Sheila Ettinger, Raleigh, NC (Bordeaux Harvest Tour)

"THE WHOLE TRIP WAS OUTSTANDING! We absolutely loved that this tour was very organized and orchestrated yet relaxed at the same time. Our guide did a great job in all respects, she was very knowledgeable, thoughtful and a pleasure to spend the trip with. Also the wineries we visited were excellent. Thanks again for a great time! We look forward to coming back for your Loire Valley Tour!" *Dr. Marc and Brabsie Randall, Lexington, KY (Bordeaux Tour)*
photographed here with Daniel Cathiard, owner of Chateau Smith Haut LaFitte.





One of the most flattering questions that we have ever received, as a tour company, came from our guest Dennis Gelner. Dennis and his wife Pat traveled on 2 back to back tours with us.

Dennis' question one afternoon was,

"WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO EXCEED EXPECTATIONS?
IT JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER EVERY DAY!"

Thanks Dennis for such a flattering question and Pat's and your ever so flattering trip comments! We love receiving feedback and hearing about how guests have enjoyed their tour(s). Whether joining one of our Provence Tours, Loire Valley Tours or Bordeaux Tours, our dedication and focus to providing the best ever authentic France travel experiences during each of our small group tours is paramount!

WE STRIVE TO EXCEED GUEST EXPECTATIONS EVERY TRIP!!



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Bordeaux Tour Dates and Prices

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2026 TOUR DATES - PRICE - [CLICK HERE TO REVIEW THE **2026** TOUR SCHEDULE!](#)

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

Unrivaled expertise within France sets Off the Beaten Path, LLC apart from non-France based and multi-destination tour companies. Off the Beaten Path, LLC (OTBP) is American owned and operated. In 2025, the company celebrates 31 years delivering small, engaging 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, Champagne, Normandy, and Dordogne, France.

Enjoy exceptional quality and excellent value on an OTBP small group tour today! Travelers and publications rate Off the Beaten Path Tours the BEST active, small group tours in France thanks to the unparalleled “insider” experiences featured in each tour itinerary. The company’s renowned “insider” relationships with regional French chefs, artisans, and cultural industry professionals put 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.

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! We connect guests with lifelong, 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 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 our 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 regional French residents do with their families. Enjoy the slow road scenery that comes with walking 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. Learn the juicy, fun untold stories of French history! Dine in the same gourmet restaurants and bistros, as local French do — where the chefs are our personal friends and set aside a table uniquely to welcome you as their exclusive guests. Built-in leisure time provides guests with opportunities to pursue independent interests and activities or to break away from the group for some quiet or personal time.

Every OTBP tour offers daily options with varying levels of activeness. You 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, we ensure you the flexibility to be as active as you choose (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. Our tour guides take care and manage the daily logistics and details while you, our guest, spend your time on the critical 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.



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