



# French Wine EXPLORERS



## 6-Days, 5 Nights Taste of Paris and Bordeaux

**September 16-21, 2013**

**Small Group Tour**

**Limited to 14 Guests**

Find all the elegance, romance and excitement of Paris, paired with iconic Bordeaux for a 6-day Town and Country experience. Discover major landmarks and hidden gems of the City of Light, the most beautiful city in the world. Stay at a lovely 4\* luxury boutique hotel in the heart of Paris. This is the city for food, wine, culture and bliss! Next, travel to Bordeaux and discover all the beauty and splendor of wine touring. This is the perfect combination tour for a week of *"The Good Life."*



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## Day 1

- Arrival at the Charles de Gaulle Airport in Roissy, where you'll be greeted by your English-speaking driver. Enjoy a **private transfer** to your lovely **4\* centrally located hotel** in the heart of Paris. Your hotel is a boutique property in either St. Germain or the 16th district. Both have undergone major renovations, and both are our personal favorites.
- Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

## Day 2

**B**

- **From Paris**, after a 90-minute drive with your **English-speaking professional guide**, arrive in **Reims**, considered the capital city of the Champagne region, and also the city of coronations where most of the Kings of France were crowned. Start with an orientation tour including a guided visit of the **gothic cathedral** followed by a guided visit of one to two major champagne houses such as **Veuve Clicquot and a more intimate boutique house** (depending on availability). Free time for lunch (on own). In the afternoon, visit Epernay and the prestigious chalk cellars of "**Moët & Chandon**" for a Champagne tasting before returning to Paris.
- Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. Enjoy evening on own.

## Day 3

**B**

- Today is yours to explore and discover Paris on your own.

## Day 4

**B,L**

- Check-out and enjoy a **private group transfer** to the train station, and continue your journey to Bordeaux via high speed train, **roundtrip 1st class tickets** included.
- Arrive around noon at the train station, where you'll be greeted by your **English-speaking professional guide**.
- Enjoy a **welcome lunch at a local restaurant** in the area, featuring specialties of the region.
- Travel south to the **vineyards of the Pessac-Léognan region**. The Romans planted some of the first vineyards in the Bordeaux area here, just outside what is now the city limits. Here you will be the **guests of First Classified Growth Chateau Haut Brion** where a great tour and tasting awaits you. **This is one of only five First Growths of Bordeaux, producing some of the finest wines in the world, and one of the most exclusive visits we offer our guests.**
- Next we travel to Sauternes for a tour and tasting at a **Classified Grand Cru Chateau such as Chateau Suduiraut or Chateau Giraud**. Here you'll learn how the Noble Rot turns the best Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc grapes into liquid gold in this exceptional terroir.
- After spending the afternoon touring, check into your **5\* Luxury Hotel, the Grand Hotel de Bordeaux and Spa**, and enjoy an evening on own. We will provide recommendations for dining based on your preferences.

## Day 5

**B,L**

- Depart for the **Médoc**, world-renowned for its Classified Growth chateaux, following the "Route des Chateaux" through the famous villages of **Margaux, Saint Julien, Pauillac and Saint Estephe**. Margaux and Pauillac are homes to some of the most famous estates in the world, such as First Growths Chateau Margaux and Chateau Mouton Rothschild. **Saint-Julien** is considered by some the right balance between **Pauillac and Margaux**. **Saint-Estèphe** wines are very colored, earthy, robust and tannic and they reach their maturity slower than other Médoc wines.
- Enjoy **tours and tastings at two Grand Cru chateaux** as their VIP guests (for example, Chateau Lynch Bages, Chateau Pichon Longueville, or Chateau Palmer).
- Today, a special treat awaits you, a **private wine tasting lunch** specially prepared for our group at a prestigious estate in the Medoc. This is a perfect opportunity to sample library wines perfectly paired with specialties of the region, in the private kitchen or dining room of the estate.
- Return to your hotel late afternoon for an evening on own.

**Day 6****B,L**

- Known since Roman times for the quality of its wines, the village and vineyards of **Saint Emilion** are designated today as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
- Saint Emilion has some of Bordeaux's oldest vineyards, producing well-structured wines with great character that comes from a judicious **blending of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot grapes**.
- **VIP tours and tastings at two great Grand Cru estates** await you this morning, like **Chateau Franc Mayne** with its ancient underground cellars, or the great **1st Growths Clos Fourtet, Chateau Angelus or Chateau Canon**.
- **Following lunch at a wonderful bistro in the heart of St. Emilion**, explore the beautiful medieval village on your own, its monuments and its many shops and galleries (including some of the region's best wine shops).
- End your day with a **transfer to the train station** and travel via high-speed train back to Paris, 1st class tickets included.
- Continue your journeys with fond memories of your **Taste of Paris and Bordeaux tour, and the splendor of these two amazing cities**.

**LEGEND FOR MEALS INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR: B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner**

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**YOUR 6 DAY, 5 NIGHT TASTE OF PARIS and BORDEAUX TOUR INCLUDES:**

- 3 nights in a Deluxe Room at a 4-star luxury hotel in Paris
- 2 nights in a Deluxe Room at a 5-star luxury hotel in Bordeaux
- Daily buffet breakfasts
- VIP tour of Champagne
- Roundtrip 1st class rail tickets from Paris to the wine region of your choice in France
- The services of an English-speaking professional guide on touring days
- Lunches on days 4-6, including an exclusive private wine tasting lunch at a classified growth estate
- Tours and tastings at some of the finest chateaux and estates of Bordeaux
- Information on the region sent to you in advance of your tour

**Limited to 14 guests**

**Price per person, double occupancy: US\$3990.00**

**Single Supplement: US\$699.00**

*Subject to availability.*

*Not included: any personal expenses, or any service not specifically mentioned above as included in the price of your tour.*

**WINE CHATEAUX AND ESTATES**

We include only top-quality wine chateaux and estates in our programs. Chateau visits are scheduled by special arrangement, and some chateaux or estates, including any mentioned in the Itinerary, may not be available on your dates.

*"World's Top Wine Tours"*  
~ Travel + Leisure



*"World's Great Wine Tours"*  
~ Food and Wine

**TO BOOK YOUR TOUR**

Contact us at [info@wine-tours-france.com](mailto:info@wine-tours-france.com) or **1-877-261-1500**.

We accept VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Card or checks or money orders in US Dollars.

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# French Wine Explorers –Tour Reservation Forms

French Wine Explorers, 606 North Talbot Street, #141, St. Michaels, MD 21663 USA

Questions? Contact us at info@wine-tours-france.com, or at 1-877-261-1500 FAX: 1-443-458-0975

Please fill out, sign and fax this form to +1-443-458-0975 (U.S.), email or mail it to the above address.

## Name of tour: Taste of Paris and Beyond September 16-21, 2013

Your 6 day, 5 night Taste of Paris and Beyond Tour includes:

- Transportation throughout, including transfers, by deluxe, air conditioned minibus
- 3 nights in a Deluxe Room at a 4-star luxury hotel in Paris
- 2 nights in a Deluxe Room at a 5-star luxury hotel in Bordeaux
- Daily buffet breakfasts, Lunches on days 4-6, including a private wine tasting lunch at a chateau estate
- VIP tour of Champagne
- Roundtrip 1<sup>st</sup> class rail tickets from Paris to Bordeaux
- The services of an English-speaking professional guide on days 3 and 4-6
- Tours and tastings at some of the finest chateaux and estates of Bordeaux
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**The price ("Tour Fee"), based on 2 guests, will be US \$3990.00 per person, double occupancy  
Single supplement: US\$699.00**

Services listed above and in the itinerary will be confirmed upon receipt of reservation form  
Please limit baggage to 1 large suitcase per person. Additional carry-on bag may be held on lap during transfers.

Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(As on passport)

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(As on passport)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have your cell phone with you in France? \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact (name/telephone): \_\_\_\_\_

Room preference (please check one) : \_\_\_\_\_ Double (1 large bed) \_\_\_\_\_ Twin (2 single beds)

### **Reservation and Payment by Credit Card:**

I have read and accept the enclosed French Wine Explorers terms and conditions listed in the Participant Agreement.  
(Please check the box above)

I authorize French Wine Explorers to charge the Total Balance Due of US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my

\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ American Express

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Code (3 numbers on back of VISA/MasterCard; 4 numbers on front of Amex): \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If credit card billing address is different than address given above, please give billing address here:

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## French Wine Explorers Guest Questionnaire

Please take a moment to fill out this questionnaire so we may get to know you and customize your tour as much as possible.

\*\*\*Please fill out per couple or per person.

Guest Names and Professions      Guest 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2: \_\_\_\_\_

- Where did you hear of French Wine Explorers? (please be specific)

Which phrase best describes your interest in wine? (check one)

Guest 1    Guest 2

\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_      *I am somewhat interested in wine tasting*  
\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_      *I'm a wine enthusiast, and want to learn more about wine*  
\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_      *I'm a serious oenophile, wine is my passion*  
\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_      *I'm a wine professional (please indicate profession): \_\_\_\_\_*

- Have you previously visited our destination? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you: (check and answer)

- Belong to a wine tasting club or society? Is so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_
- Attend local wine tastings? If so, how often? \_\_\_\_\_
- Take wine tasting classes? If so, when and at what level? \_\_\_\_\_
- Visit wineries for wine tastings? If so, where and how often? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have a wine cellar? If so, how many bottles? \_\_\_\_\_ What's in your cellar? \_\_\_\_\_

- How would you rate your knowledge of wine and wine tasting? (circle one)

Guest 1:    Novice                      Good basic knowledge              Quite knowledgeable              Professional level  
Guest 2:    Novice                      Good basic knowledge              Quite knowledgeable              Professional level

- Are you celebrating any milestones or special occasions while on tour? If so please specify:

- Do you have any physical problems or disabilities we should know about?

(particularly if you have trouble walking, standing for long periods, or climbing stairs) \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes - please explain here:

- Do you have any food allergies or strong dislikes? (e.g., foie gras, escargots, shellfish, etc. – please be specific)

- Do you have your arrival and departure information to and from France? Please detail below

- Additional travel needs (transfers, hotel accommodations in another city, etc.) or additional comments:

# French Wine Explorers – Participant Agreement

Pascale Bernasse & Co., Inc. d/b/a French Wine Explorers (“we” or “us”) provides certain tours in the countries of France and Italy (each a “Tour”). These terms and conditions apply to the Tour named on the Guest Reservation and Payment Form (the “Tour”) and the program for this Tour (the “Itinerary”).

**Reservations and Deposits :** A deposit of \$500.00 per participant (except when otherwise noted in writing by us) and a completed Guest Reservation Form (“Reservation Form”) are required with this Participant Agreement to reserve space for each Tour. The balance of the Tour payment price (“Tour Fees”) is due 90 days before the Tour start date (as listed on the Itinerary). If we do not receive full payment by 90 days prior to the tour start date, we may cancel your reservation and retain the deposit. All prices are in U.S. Dollars, and based on double occupancy. Due to exchange rate changes and other factors, we do not guarantee the amount of the final Tour Fee until 90 days prior to the Tour start date. If you make your reservation within 90 days of the Tour start date, the Reservation Form must be accompanied by the Tour Fee. Except as expressly stated in the Itinerary, you are solely responsible for any Tour-related costs that you incur.

**Client Cancellation & Refund Policy :** If you choose to cancel your reservation, we must receive written notice of said cancellation either via certified mail, overnight courier, or e-mail sent to [info@wine-tours-france.com](mailto:info@wine-tours-france.com) (with confirmation of receipt thereof from us), and you shall be subject to the following cancellation fee schedule: If we receive written notice 91 or more days prior to the Tour start date, we shall retain \$500.00 per person. If we receive written notice 61-90 days prior to the Tour start date, you shall incur a cancellation fee equal to 50% of the payment price for the Tour. If we receive written notice 60 days or fewer prior to the Tour start date, or if you are a no-show, you shall incur a cancellation fee equal to 100% of the payment price for the Tour. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the Tour on the Tour start date, you will be considered a no-show, and we cannot provide a full or partial refund or credit toward a future Tour, but you may join the Tour late if you wish.

**Operator Cancellation or Substitution :** We may cancel any Tour at any time before departure for any reason, including without limitation if we deem the number of participants signed up for a given Tour to be insufficient to operate such Tour. We will make commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Itinerary as it has been published; however, the final Itinerary may vary due to wine producer schedules, availability and factors beyond our control. We may in our sole discretion substitute services or goods of similar quality for any service or good stated in the Itinerary. If a tour is cancelled, our liability is limited to a full refund of your deposits and Tour Fees, and we will not be liable for any other costs, damages, or refunds of any kind for any loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment, or expense whatsoever in such circumstances. If for reasons beyond our control, a Tour in progress must be interrupted or cancelled, we will in good faith consider refunding a portion of the Tour Fees depending on our actual costs incurred compared to the Tour as originally contemplated.

**Trip Cancellation Insurance :** We strongly encourage you to purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance and additional health insurance to protect against financial loss from unforeseen delays, accidents, illness, loss of baggage, etc.

**Accommodations :** Standard Guest accommodations during a Tour are double or twin occupancy and will include fully equipped, en-suite bathrooms. Operator shall charge an additional fee for any single room accommodations during a Tour.

**Certification of Guest 's Health ; Responsibility to Inform Operator of Disabilities or Pregnancy:** By signing below and/or tendering any portion of the Tour Fee to Operator, you certify that you do not have any condition or disability that would create a hazard for you or other guests participating in the Tour, and that you understand that health care standards, facilities, and services abroad may be different or even inadequate for treating certain health conditions. You agree to inform us via certified mail or e-mail sent to [info@wine-tours-france.com](mailto:info@wine-tours-france.com) (with confirmation of receipt thereof from us) at the time you tender your first payment of the Tour Fee (or at such later time when you become aware of such a condition) of any existing physical or mental illness, disability, pregnancy or any other condition for which you may require medical attention or special accommodation during the Tour. We make no guarantee to be able to accommodate you for such condition during the Tour, and we make no representations or warranties regarding special accommodations or handicap accessibility on the Tour.

**Responsibility /Liabilities :** We act only in the capacity of agent for the suppliers of the travel services named in the Itinerary or otherwise providing services or goods in connection with the Tour (the Suppliers”), such as hotels and other lodging providers, local hosts, chateaux, wineries, sight seeing tour operators, bus lines, car rental companies, driving services, restaurants, and providers of entertainment. We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason (1) any act or omission of any of the Suppliers or airlines providing flights to or from your Tour, or (2) any matter beyond our exclusive control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation of a flight that causes you to miss any portion of the Tour. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial condition of the Suppliers, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. For information concerning possible dangers at destinations, we recommend contacting the Travel Warnings Section of the U.S. State Department at (202) 647-5225 or [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov), and click on “Travel Warnings.” For medical information, we recommend contacting the Centers for Disease Control at (877) FYI-TRIP or [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel). You assume full and complete responsibility for checking and verifying all passport and visa requirements of the destinations and for complying with all laws of the country in the Itinerary. You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the Tour guide during a Tour. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the Tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition behavior renders you unfit for the Tour or unfit for continuation once the Tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of Tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the Tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the Tour or use certain Goods included in the Tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the Tour or Goods. You must be over the age of 18 to participate in the Tour. You agree to indemnify and hold us harmless from and against any costs, damages, losses, or liabilities arising out of your or your companions’ actions or omissions or (if you checked the box indicating that you are signing on behalf of yourself and your traveling companions) arising out of your companions’ claims that you were not authorized to sign.

**General :** Any dispute related to the Tour shall be governed by Maryland law without regard to conflict of laws principles. The federal or state courts in Maryland shall be the exclusive forum for any lawsuit related to the Tour, and you consent to the personal jurisdiction by said courts. You agree to present any claims against us within 30 days after the Tour ends and to file within one year of the incident, and you acknowledge that this expressly limits the applicable statute of limitations to one year. You agree to grant us (and third parties with whom we may engage in joint marketing) a worldwide, royalty-free, fully paid up license to use your photographic, video, or digital likeness solely for our promotional and/or commercial purposes. Facsimile transmission of any signed document shall be deemed delivery of an original. At our request, you shall promptly provide an original document as well. If there are any conflicts between this Participant Agreement, the Reservation Form, and the Itinerary, this Participant Agreement shall apply.