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OCTOBER 17-25, 2025

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Bordeaux Post-Tour

# FLAVORS OF DORDOGNE

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Dear National Trust Traveler,

Join us on a venture where medieval charm meets modern sophistication, where every cobblestone street tells a story, and every vineyard whispers secrets of centuries past. This is Dordogne, a captivating region in the heart of southwest France overflowing with history, architecture and enchanting beauty.

Our customized itinerary provides an idyllic setting for authentic cultural and culinary experiences, from exploring medieval towns and ancient castles to dining at Michelin-starred restaurants, partaking in vineyard tours and tastings and joining hands-on cooking demonstrations.

Your luxurious home base during this stimulating sojourn is the Relais & Châteaux property, Château de Mercuès. This charming castle nestled amidst lush vineyards and rolling hills, sets the tone for an exciting week of refined elegance and historic grandeur.

Space is limited. With significant savings of \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. Please reserve today by calling (866) 639-0079 or online at national trusttours. or bridge.com.

Sincerely,

Meg Annacone Poretz Director

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# Itinerary and Highlights (subject to change)

Day 1: EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

Day 2: ARRIVE IN TOULOUSE, FRANCE I MERCUÈS

Upon arrival an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the property.

Take time to unpack and settle in before meeting fellow travel companions for a wine tasting and welcome dinner.

Overnight: Château de Mercuès (D)

Day 3: HAUTE SERRE I CAHORS Visit Château de Haute-Serre for a guided tour, hear about the property's epic history, then be seated for lunch and a tasting of some of the winery's most popular varietals. Later stop in Cahors for a brief panoramic tour to see Pont Valentré and Saint-Etienne Cathedral. Overnight: Château de Mercuès (B,L)

Day 4: ROCAMADOUR Explore Rocamadour, a UNESCO
World Heritage Site and notable pilgrimage
destination. Afterward visit a goat farm for a
cheese tasting followed by lunch at Michelinstarred Château de La Treyne. The remainder of
the day is at leisure.
Overnight: Château de Mercuès (B,L)

Day 5: PECH MERLE I SAINT-CIRQ-LAPOPIE View the mural paintings at the neolithic caves of Pech Merle. Stroll the village of Saint-Cirq-Lapopie before visiting a truffle farm for a tour and tasting. Return to the property with time to refresh before rejoining the group for a three-course dinner. Overnight: Château de Mercuès (B,L,D)

Day 6: SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA I LES EYZIES-DE-TAYAC I
EYRIGNAC Enjoy a colorful outdoor market
before lunch at Michelin-starred Les Glycines.
This afternoon visit the impressive Gardens of
Eyrignac.

Overnight: Château de Mercuès (B,L)

Day 7: BEYNAC I LA ROQUE-GAGEAC Join an expert chef for a hands-on cooking class and lunch at Le Chèvrefeuille. Later take a guided tour of Château de Beynac, the most authentic and best-preserved fortress of the Périgord. Before returning to the property stop at the photogenic village of La Roque-Gageac.

Overnight: Château de Mercuès (B,L)

Day 8: LUZECH I PUY L'EVÊQUE Visit Château de
Cayx winery for a tour and tasting followed by a
panoramic tour of Puy l'Evêque. This evening is a
celebratory three-course farewell dinner.
Overnight: Château de Mercuès (B,D)

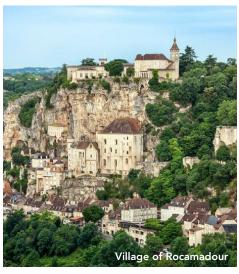
Day 9: MERCUÈS I TOULOUSE I DEPART FOR U.S. After breakfast transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)













### What's Included

- 7 nights accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 3 dinners served with wine
- All lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted in the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



**Activity Level:** Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking each day, are sure-footed on cobbled and unpaved surfaces, and can walk up and down stairs without assistance. Château de Mercuès was constructed in the 13th century. Guests will find stone floors and stairways that may not have railings. The property has an elevator, but it does not access every floor.

# Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure's appreciation of food and wine, a local's knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado's ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Dordogne.





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# Accommodations (subject to change)

Nestled amidst the rolling hills and vineyards of the Dordogne region, Château de Mercuès—a Relais & Châteaux property—stands as a majestic testament to the grandeur of the 13th century. The château's history is evident in every weathered stone and ageless vine that graces its surroundings. Each guest room is a sanctuary of tranquility, featuring warm décor and uniquely selected furnishings that complement the original stone walls.

The Château not only invites guests to include in the opulence of its accommodations but also in the culinary delights that grace its dining options. Its Michelin-starred Le Duèze Restaurant serves gourmet creations that pay homage to the region's rich gastronomic heritage. Savory flavors and carefully selected wines from the château's own vineyards make each dining experience a journey through the senses.

Rooms differ in size and décor, but each offers views over the valley, vineyards or the garden.

Room Amenities: Flat-screen TV, writing desk, phone, minibar, safe and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

Classic Double: 279-301 sq ft Deluxe Double: 301-441 sq ft Prestige Double: 344-592 sq ft Signature Suite: 538-850 sq ft













## Day 9: DEPART MERCUÉS | SAINT-ÉMILION | BORDEAUX

En route to Bordeaux stop in Saint-Émilion—a picturesque medieval village renowned for its vineyards and vintages—for a gourmet lunch at a prestigious Grand Cru Classé winery featuring exquisite local delicacies paired with the finest varietals. Afterward descend into Saint-Émilion's fascinating network of underground passages, tunnels and chambers that played a crucial role in the region's winemaking history for centuries. Formed over time through the process of erosion, the natural caverns were expanded and modified by human hands as generations of vintners sought to harness their unique properties for wine storage and aging. Later arrive to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure. Overnight: InterContinental Bordeaux -Le Grand Hotel (L)

Day 10: BORDEAUX Meet with a local guide for a panoramic walking tour of Bordeaux—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Notable sights include Place de la Bourse, the Gothic cathedral of Saint-André and Bordeaux's ornate city gate. Next venture northwest of Bordeaux to the Médoc region for a guided panoramic tour. This unique area, which is home to four of the world's most prestigious wine villages, features a dynamic landscape of coastal lagoons, sand dunes and pine forests. Delight in a picnic lunch and wine pairing. Before returning to the hotel, visit Château Kirwan for a wine tasting.

Overnight: InterContinental Bordeaux –
Le Grand Hotel (B,L)

Day 11: BORDEAUX I DEPART FOR U.S. After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

### What's Included

- 2 nights at InterContinental Bordeaux Le Grand Hotel (or similar)
- 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Guided panoramic touring of Bordeaux and Médoc
- Guided Saint-Émilion caves tour
- Wine and chocolate tasting
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times





# **FLAVORS OF DORDOGNE**

### OCTOBER 17-25, 2025

Bordeaux Post-Tour: October 25-27, 2025

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### Deluxe Accommodations Upgrade Includes:

InterContinental Bordeaux - Le Grand Hotel (Premium Room). Availability limited; first-come, first-served.

Rates are per person based on double occupancy e noted as Single, in U.S. dollars.

GUEST INFORMATION:		except vi	vilere noted as single, in
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