



IBERIAN
WINE TOURS

Gran Reserva Bordeaux

23rd - 29th June, 2024



What to expect

Co-hosted by James Lawther MW this is a special tour for our Gran Reserva members. We start in the world's wine capital with some superstar visits in Pauillac, St Emilion, Graves and Sauternes. Bordeaux is without doubt right at the top of any wine lover's places to visit. There are names that are so steeped in history they need little introduction but for many it is a difficult place to enjoy access. On this trip we open the door to some wonderful places where we not only taste great wines, but in some we also stay and have lunches too.

We are based in central Bordeaux and then Chateau Bellefont Belcier in St Emilion, a beautiful winery from which to explore the region.

Highlights

- Visit and cocktail party at Chateau Climens, Barsac
- Visit and lunch at Chateau Pichon-Baron in Pauillac, Chateau Haut-Bailly in Pessac-Léognan, and La Conseillante in Pomerol
- Wine producers lunch in Cotes de Castillon
- 2* Michelin dinner in St Emilion
- Walking tour of Bordeaux
- Market visit in Creon

Top Wineries Included

Climens, Figeac, Pichon-Baron, La Conseillante, Olivier, Haut Bailly, Montrose, Turcaud



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Trip Itinerary

Day 1 (Sunday 23rd June)

Meet at Hotel du Seze in central Bordeaux (our hotel for the next 3 nights) at 10am for short walking tour of the city, including the Sunday market.

We then take the luxury coach for visit and private cocktail party at Chateau Climens the biodynamic 1er Cru Classé and the top estate in Barsac. Free evening. L

Day 2 (Monday 24th June)

Today is Medoc/ Haut Medoc day, where we enjoy the classic cabernet wine country of 2 of the best known communes. We have a morning visit, tasting and lunch at Chateau Pichon-Baron a stunning 2nd Grand Cru Classé, winery in Pauillac.

We then go to Chateau Montrose (2nd Grand Cru Classé), one of the star wines and most beautiful wineries in the neighbouring St Estephe. Back to the hotel for a free evening. B/L

Day 3 (Tuesday 25th June)

Morning visit in the Pessac-Léognan region to Chateau Olivier, an estate which has belonged to the Bethmann family since the 19th century. We then go to the historical Chateau Haut-Bailly (Grand Cru Classé de Graves) for visit and lunch, including a couple of older vintages.

Dinner is at the extraordinary Baud et Millet, for a light salad dinner leading into a free run at the 100+ cheeses in their magical cheese cellar, featuring cheeses from all over France and elsewhere. B/L/D

Day 4 (Wednesday 26th June)

Check out and visit to the market in Creon followed by visit and lunch with the owners at Chateau Turcaud in the Entre Deux Mers, heart of Lawther country.

Check in to the elegant and unique Chateau Bellefont Belcier in St Emilion, our hotel for the next 3 nights. We have a cocktail dinner at the Tour St Christophe. B/L/D

Day 5 (Thursday 27th June)

Visit and tasting at the historic Chateau Figeac, recently upgraded to a St Emilion Premier Grand Cru Classé A. Afterwards a visit and lunch at La Conseillante in Pomerol, among the crème de la crème of Pomerol producers since 1735 and bordered by L'Evangile, Cheval Blanc and Vieux Chateau Certan on the border with St Emilion. Private visit, followed by lunch paired with La Conseillante wines. A dream visit.

Afternoon visit the fascinating monolithic church in St Emilion. Light dinner at the hotel with some surprise wines. B/L/D

Day 6 (Friday 28th June)

Morning visit to the Castillon Caracteres - we will visit one of the top chateaux in Cotes de Castillon where will meet 3 producers who will host a tasting of their wines, leading into a buffet lunch at the chateau.

Free afternoon before last night dinner at 2 star La Table de Pavie where chef Yannick Alleno offers an unforgettable experience in the heart of St Emilion. B/L/D

Day 7 (Saturday 29th June)

After breakfast, end of tour.



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\$5600 per person double occupancy
\$800 single supplement
\$750 deposit per person

Included

- 3 nights Hotel du Seze, Bordeaux
- 3 nights Chateau Bellefont Belcier, St Emilion
- Private transport
- Tour manager
- Breakfast daily; 6 lunches/ 4 dinners
- Visits and activities as specified

Not included

Airfare; meals not mentioned above; travel insurance; gratuities for guides

