



# PRE- AND POST-PROGRAM OPTIONS

*Village Life® in Dordogne*

May 5 to 13, 2022

We are pleased to offer you these Pre- and Post-Program Options to further enhance your journey.



*Bordeaux's royal square, Place de la Bourse was built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century in honor of the French ruler Louis XV.*

## **SPLENDORS OF BORDEAUX SAINT-ÉMILION AND MÉDOC PRE-PROGRAM OPTION**

May 3 to 6, 2022

The wine capital of the world, a UNESCO World Heritage site filled with art and architecture, and one of France's most vibrant cities, Bordeaux is a city of impeccable style and substance. An almost overwhelming array of sumptuous 18<sup>th</sup>-century architectural jewels and evocative medieval edifices unfurl along the Garonne River from where cocoa, sugar, coffee and cotton were sent from the West Indies via Bordeaux to all of Europe, establishing the city as the second most important 18<sup>th</sup>-century port in the world after London.

This expertly curated Pre-Program itinerary reveals the city's celebrated landmarks—only Paris has a greater share of France's listed buildings—including the harmonious neoclassical form of Place de la Bourse, the colonnaded masterpiece of the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Grand Theater and the sculpted portals and soaring Gothic arches of the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Cathedral of St. Andre where Eleanor of Aquitaine, the most powerful woman of the Middle Ages, married King Louis VII. See the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Caihau Gate, the city's medieval turreted gateway and an evocative remnant of the city's original ramparts. Trace the city's revolutionary history in Place Quinconces, where the monument to the Girondins of the French Revolution, a group of moderate National Assembly deputies who tried to curtail the French Revolution.



Known the world over for its extraordinary viticulture, the Bordeaux wine region began during Roman times. Travel through the heart of the rolling French countryside amid seemingly endless vineyards to the charming and legendary village of Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for the Merlot grape variety grown here that produces rich, full-bodied red wines. Visit the impressive medieval monuments of Saint-Émilion, including the Église Monolithe, one of the largest underground churches in Europe.

Just north of Bordeaux in the Médoc region, visit a château to experience the *grand cru classé*, Bordeaux's distinguished wine classification, and enjoy a tasting of exquisite wines. Spend two nights in the deluxe HOTEL BURDIGALA, located in the heart of Bordeaux.

*Day 1* Depart from the U.S.

*Day 2* Bordeaux

*Day 3* Bordeaux

*Day 4* Bordeaux/Sarlat-la-Caneda, France

#### **Included Features:**

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Accommodations for two nights in the deluxe HOTEL BURDIGALA, inclusive of taxes and service.
- ◆ Breakfast each morning.
- ◆ Guided Bordeaux city tour featuring its UNESCO-designated 18<sup>th</sup>-century architecture.
- ◆ Excursions to Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with a guided visit to the historic village and its unique underground monuments.
- ◆ Tour of a renowned *grand cru classé* winery in the UNESCO-designated viticultural landscape of the Médoc region, including a private wine tasting.
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water provided on motor coaches during excursions.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Program Director at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.

\$895 USD per person, double occupancy.

\$1395 USD per person, single occupancy.

## **ALBI AND TOULOUSE**

### **CORDES-SUR-CIEL/CARCASSONNE**

#### **POST-PROGRAM OPTION**

May 13 to 17, 2022

France's story book charms find no greater expression than the turreted castles, sun-drenched vineyards and hilltop villages of France's idyllic southeast corner, where winding cobblestone streets lined with perfectly preserved medieval buildings are imbued with a rich artistic legacy. Experience the classic refinements and medieval allure of Cordes-sur-Ciel, Nouailles, Albi, Toulouse and Carcassonne on this exceptional four-night Post-Program itinerary.

Visit the 13<sup>th</sup>-century hilltop village of Cordes-sur-Ciel, which appears to float above the sky among low-lying clouds in the surrounding Cérou Valley. It is said to be the first *ville fortifiée* (fortified city ever built, intended to protect its inhabitants from the siege of the Cathars. One of the most picturesque villages in all of France, enjoy a walking tour among its medieval archways, artisan shops and ornately embellished Gothic mansions of pink sandstone, evidence of the wealth from the 14<sup>th</sup>-century leather and cloth trades. In nearby Noailles, tour the vineyards and wine cellar of the lovely, family-owned Château Bouscaillous and sample local Gaillac wines.

Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated old city of Albi, known as "*la rouge*" by locals for the town's signature red-brick architecture. A powerful episcopal center and market town following a crusade against the Cathars in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, today Albi is filled with beautiful Renaissance *maisons*, iconic crimson buildings which flourished under the thriving



Admire the medieval fortified town of Cordes-sur-Ciel, built in 1222 by Raimon VII, the Count of Toulouse.



Medieval Carcassonne changed hands frequently throughout history due to its strategic location overlooking the River Tarn.

15<sup>th</sup>- and 16<sup>th</sup>-century textile and dye industries. Enjoy a walking tour through the city and stroll across the River Tarn along the 10<sup>th</sup>-century *Pont Vieux* (Old Bridge). View the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Cathédrale Sainte-Cécile, a masterpiece of French Southern Gothic-style architecture.

Tour the acclaimed Musée Toulouse-Lautrec, housed in the imposing Palais de la Berbie, which exhibits the world's largest collection of works by Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, the famed Art Nouveau artist born here in 1864.

Explore the 13<sup>th</sup>-century medieval university town of Toulouse—*la ville rose* (the pink city)—tucked along the sun-kissed banks of the Garonne River. Sample the region's famed gastronomy at an authentic local restaurant and walk through Toulouse's centuries-old streets showcasing magnificent Renaissance townhouses. Discover its most impressive Romanesque and Gothic churches built between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries, including the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Saint-Sernin Basilica—a UNESCO World Heritage site as part of the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

Visit Carcassonne, the largest walled city in Europe (1.9 miles) and the former frontier between France and Spain; experience its medieval core, La Cité, a UNESCO World Heritage site characterized by cobblestone streets and fairy-tale turrets. Stop inside the Romanesque-Gothic-style Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus. By special arrangement, lunch in a local restaurant includes three courses illuminating the history of the region's famous *le cassoulet*.

Accommodations are for two nights each in the deluxe MERCURE ALBI BASTIDES HOTEL and the GRAND HÔTEL DE L'OPÉRA in Toulouse.

*Day 1* Sarlat-la-Caneda/Albi/Nouailles/  
Cordes Sur Ciel

*Day 2* Albi

*Day 3* Albi/Toulouse/Carcassonne

*Day 4* Toulouse

*Day 5* Toulouse/Return to the U.S.

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- ◆ Accommodations for two nights each in the deluxe MERCURE ALBI BASTIDES HOTEL and the GRAND HÔTEL DE L'OPÉRA in Toulouse inclusive of taxes and service.
- ◆ Breakfast each morning.
- ◆ Tour of the spellbinding medieval town of Cordes-sur-Ciel.
- ◆ Excursion to Château Bouscaillous in the village of Nouailles for a guided visit to the family-owned vineyards, including a private wine and cheese tasting.
- ◆ Walking tour of provincial Albi, once a stronghold of the Cathars, featuring the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Gothic fortress Cathédrale Sainte-Cécile and lunch in a local restaurant with regional wine.
- ◆ Tour of the acclaimed Musée Toulouse-Lautrec.
- ◆ Walking tour of animated Toulouse, including a view of the Saint-Sernin Basilica and lunch in a local restaurant with regional wine.
- ◆ Guided tour of iconic Carcassonne, including visits to the Romanesque-Gothic-style Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus, and a traditional *le cassoulet* lunch with regional wine.
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
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\$1545 USD per person, double occupancy.

\$1895 USD per person, single occupancy.



***Please note:** Each Pre-Program Option and/or Post-Program Option is sold as a separate package; individual services and/or Included Features of the Pre-Program Option and/or Post-Program Option cannot be purchased individually.*

**PRE-PROGRAM OPTION AND POST-PROGRAM OPTION  
CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

In the event you have to cancel your reservation, cancellation policies as outlined in your travel program brochure apply. **These policies are strictly enforced.** Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until they are received **in writing** in the offices of Gohagan & Company.

*A minimum of 15 participants per program is required for the Bordeaux Pre-Program and Albi and Toulouse Post-Program Options to operate.*