

Shore Tours**SS Bon Voyage****May 15-May 22, 2022**

Here's your general information about included and optional shore tours for our cruise through the Bordeaux region.

In addition to these shore tours, wine discussions will be scheduled for the limited time we're actually on the ship. Procedures to book the following tour options are outlined at the end of this letter. Your selection priority was established when you booked your cruise. In the event that demand exceeds capacity on any tour, effort will be made to add additional tours or increase capacity to existing tours.

Most wineries in France expect that you will make a purchase when you visit. Keep this in mind when booking a visit. While Uniworld generally charges a corkage fee on board, these fees are waived for Northwest Travel groups. If you find a bottle you want to bring back to share with your friends, there is no charge to enjoy your bottle in the lounge, on deck, or at dinner.

For the time being, look this list over. Think about which tours sound interesting to you.

SS Bon Voyage	Time in Port	Time cruising
Sunday, May 15th		
Bordeaux	9:00 AM-6:30 PM	6:30 PM-9:30 PM
Blaye	9:30 PM-overnight	
Monday, May 16th		
Blaye	Overnight-1:30 PM	1:30 PM-3:00 PM
Bourg sur Gironde	3:00 PM-overnight	
Tuesday, May 17th		
Bourg sur Gironde	Overnight-8:30 AM	8:30 AM-11:00 AM
Cussac-Fort-Medoc	11:00 AM-6:30 PM	6:30 PM-8:00 PM
Bordeaux	8:00 PM-overnight	
Wednesday, May 18th		
Bordeaux	Overnight-5:30 AM	5:30 AM-8:15 AM
Cadillac	8:15 AM-3:45 PM	3:45 PM-11:30 PM
Libourne	11:30 PM-overnight	
Thursday, May 19th		
Libourne	Overnight-overnight	
Friday, May 20th		
Libourne	Overnight-1:00 PM	1:00 PM-5:30 PM
Bassens	5:30 PM-6:30 PM	6:30 PM-7:30 PM
Bordeaux	7:30 PM-overnight	

Saturday, May 21st

Bordeaux Overnight-6:30 PM 6:30 PM-6:45 PM
Bordeaux 6:45 PM-overnight

Sunday, May 22nd

Bordeaux Overnight-Morning disembark

Sunday, May 15th

Bordeaux

Your cruise will begin in **Bordeaux**. **Guests arriving at Bordeaux (BDX) Airport on this day will be provided with transportation to the ship.**

Embarkation begins as early as 1:00 PM. Your cabin may not be available before 3:00 PM. **Ship departs at 6:30 pm from Bordeaux across the Gironde Estuary for Blaye.** If you arrive in the morning, you're welcome to drop your bags at the ship while you tour the city or have lunch.

No shore tours on embarkation day, but the city of Bordeaux is chock full of great restaurants, night spots, museums, street art, antiques, and wine bars, wine cellars, wine shops. Be sure you're on the ship, ready to sail by 6:00 PM or you'll be catching up to us on the other side of the estuary in Blaye

Monday, May 16th

Blaye, Bourg sur Gironde

The ship will arrive Sunday night (9:30 PM), spending the entire evening in Blaye. Departure from Blaye today is at 1:30 PM.

Arrival in Bourg sur Gironde is at 3:00 PM. Ship will overnight here.

Shore tours today include:

1A Route de la Corniche Fleurie & Blaye Fortress	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Included
1B Intimate Experience-Local Wine & Art	9:30 AM-12:00 PM	Included
1C Rendezvous Chez Remy Martin	1:00 PM-5:30 PM	\$95
1D Bourg sur Gironde Walking Tour	3:30 PM-4:30 PM	Included

You may combine one AM Tour and one PM Tour

Evening entertainment on board: French Cancan Demonstration

1A Route de la Corniche Fleurie with Blaye Fortress (included)

This little road between Blaye and Bourg-sur-Gironde winds through picturesque hamlets with equally picturesque names—Pain de Sucre, Marmisson and Roque de Thau among them—limestone cliffs on one side, the Gironde on the other. Fishing huts on stilts stand above the waters of the estuary; charming 19th-century stone houses built by sea captains sit tidily along the road. Many of these captains traveled to far-off places and returned with exotic plants, which they planted in their gardens and along the road (hence the route’s name). But the history of these cliffs extends far beyond the 19th century—people have inhabited the area for thousands of years.

Upon returning to Blaye, your guide will take you through the 17th-century demilune-shaped citadel built by famed military engineer Vauban. This fortress design was the one Vauban, Louis XIV’s favorite military engineer, found most satisfactory, and he built some 300 of them in the Sun King’s realm. The citadel contains the ruins of a medieval castle, houses, squares, streets, even a convent, all enclosed within stark walls. If you stand on top of those walls, you will have a terrific view of the estuary—this view was the field of fire, giving the citadel command of the river. Take advantage of one of the many delightful sidewalk cafés for lunch.

1B Intimate Experience with Local Wine & Art Connoisseurs (included)

From the ship guests will walk into Blaye village to Le Petit Cave (short walk). Here guests will be invited for an informal wine tasting hosted by Lesley at the Petit Cave. Guests will have a very personal journey into the life of this local wine lover, visiting his art studio, seeing his wine collection and car collection.

1C Rendezvous [Chez Remy Martin-Cognac](#) (additional cost)

Not all wine remains wine: Some of it is distilled into cognac. At one time, wine from the Charente region was notoriously poor and did not keep or ship well—but double-distillation worked magic on it, transforming it into marvelous liquor. Rémy Martin has been making cognac for almost three centuries, refining the process over the years; late in the 19th century Paul Emile Rémy Martin, a fifth-generation cognac maker, began aging his brandy in oak barrels for years—or decades—much longer than was customary at the time.

Today Rémy Martin uses fine Champagne to produce its fine cognac, blending a variety of Eaux de vie and aging them in oak barrels that might be 200 years old. (Remy Martin’s legendary—and legendarily expensive—Louis XIII cognac has been called “One Century in a Bottle” precisely because of that extraordinary aging process.) Tour the facility and learn how this elixir is created, then taste three different cognacs with complementary nibbles.

1D Bourg sur Gironde walking tour (included)

Your walking tour takes you through the port that was a hive of activity until the second world war and includes the spring and 19th century washhouse. The walk will then take guests to the upper town (lots of steps) through the medieval gate - Porte de la Mer and the main square. Guests will pass the local church, and the local guide will explain why figs are part of the history of Bourg. Thereafter guests will visit the remains of the citadel, and see the spectacular views over looking at the estuary and the Dordogne River. Guests can also visit La Maison des Vins where wine tastings for a small fee are offered.

Tuesday, May 17th

Left Bank/Medoc

The Ship departs Bourg sur Gironde at 8:30 AM, cruising across the estuary to Cussac-Fort-Medoc, arriving at 11:00 AM. We're in port here until 6:30, headed back to the nightlife in the city of Bordeaux (8:00 PM arrival). Overnight Bordeaux.

Shore tours include:

Morning wine tasting in Medoc* 2A-2B-2C-2D-2E

2A Wine Tasting-Chateau La Tour Carnet	8:30 AM-11:30 AM	\$135	10/20
2B Wine Tasting-Chateau d'Agassac	8:30 AM-11:30 AM	\$50	10/20
2C Wine Tasting-Chateau La Grange	8:30 AM-11:30 AM	\$65	10/16
2D Wine Tasting-Chateau Marquis-de-Terme	8:30 AM-11:30 AM	\$65	10/20
2E Wine Tasting at Chateau Phelan Segur	8:30 AM-11:30 AM	\$65	10/15
2F "Let's Go" Bike in the Medoc Vineyards	2:00 PM-5:00 PM (included)		20
2G Medoc Chateaux w/ private wine tasting	2:00 PM-5:15PM (included)		30

*If you'd rather include more wine and chateaux visits, you can depart the ship for a morning wine tasting and vineyard option before rejoining the ship in Medoc at 11:30-12:00. Please note that participants will miss the morning lecture and oysters on board as the ship crosses the estuary to the left bank. The only other time I have done this itinerary, I had another group touring off the ship, so I cannot attest to the quality of the Medoc Oyster Experience.

You're able to combine any AM tour with any PM tour.

2A Tour Option **Wine Tasting at [Chateau La Tour Carnet](#)** **\$135**

You'll visit one of the oldest Chateaux in the region with a tour of the Vat Room and Cellar. You will then taste the 4 Bernard Magrez's Grands Crus Classés in Bordeaux :

- Château Fombrauge, Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion
- Château La Tour Carnet, Grand Cru Classé 1855 Médoc
- Château Pape Clément, Grand Cru Classé de Graves
- Clos Haut-Peyraguey, Premier Grand Cru Classé 1855 Sauternes

2B Tour Option **Wine Tasting at [Chateau d'Agassac](#)** **\$50**

A horizontal tasting at this chateau with the designation of Cru Bourgeoise Exceptionnel. The chateau itself dates back to 1238, an incredibly picturesque structure surrounded by lawns and gardens. The classic tour is followed by a tasting of 4 wines from our properties, Château d'Agassac and Chateau Fourcas Dupré.

2C Tour Option **Wine Tasting at [Chateau La Grange](#)** **\$65**

Treat yourself to a private guided tour of the domaine to discover the secrets of our history, our terroirs and our wines. Your tour will finish with a special private tasting of our four iconic wines including the legendary Chateau Lagrange 2005.

2D Tour Option **Wine Tasting at [Chateau Marquis de Terme](#)** **\$65**

The elaboration of a great wine will no longer hold any secrets for you! Tackle every aspect: from the vine to the glass of wine. The visit will end with the commented tasting of 2 wines of Château Marquis de Terme plus a sample of their cuvee, not ordinarily available to groups.

La couronne de marquis de Terme 2016

Chateau Marquis de Terme 2016

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2E Tour Option **Wine Tasting at [Chateau Phelan Segur](#)** **\$65**

A visit for a three-wine vertical tasting at this storied estate. After the regular tasting, guests will be invited to the cellar to sample another vintage.

2F **“Let’s Go” Bike in the Medoc Vineyards** **Included**

Combine fresh air, gorgeous scenery and fine wine with a bicycle ride among the prestigious Médoc vineyards. Meet your guide and mount your bicycle in Pauillac and wheel out of town, pedaling through the lush landscapes of historic estates that have seemingly remained unchanged for centuries. Truly experience the atmosphere—the earth, the sunshine—of this famous wine-growing region.

2G **Medoc Chateaux Route with Private Wine Tasting** **Included**

In 1855, when Napoleon III asked for a classification of the best wines in France to give visitors, some 60 Médoc wines were awarded Grand Cru status—out of 61 total. A panoramic tour of this legendary landscape takes you from Pauillac to the tip of the Médoc peninsula, past storied vineyards of the region, including Château Latour, Mouton Rothschild and Pichon Longueville Baron, and through the villages of Margaux, Saint-Julien and Saint-Estèphe.

You might be surprised to discover that the peninsula is only three miles wide, though it is 50 miles long, and the road carries you past a dizzying array of architectural styles— Renaissance, Greek Revival and medieval—as well as miles of grapevines. You'll turn off the road and enter one of these estates for a private tour and a tasting of premier Grand Cru wines—but you won't know which one of these exceptional châteaux is your destination until you open your invitation.

You'll be able to attend a lecture on board this morning with Bordeaux role during WWII, followed by Medoc Oyster tasting on deck.

You may select:

One AM tour and one PM tour.

Wednesday, May 18th

Cadillac

We depart Bordeaux this morning at 5:30 AM, cruising up the Garonne River to Cadillac. We'll be in port here until 3:45 PM, departing then for the city of Libourne on the Dordogne River, arriving at 11:30 PM. Overnight Libourne

Shore tours include:

3A Private Owners Tour of Royal Chateau

9:00 AM-12:30 PM

Included

3B Colorful life of Toulouse Lautrec

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Included

You've got a choice of one of these two included tours today.

3A Private owner's tour of [Royal Chateau](#) with Sauternes Toast (included)

You'll journey through the vineyards to Château Royal de Cazeneuve, a polygonal 14th-century fortress with a royal pedigree. A favored residence of Henry IV, who inherited it from his mother, Jeanne d'Albret. The beautifully restored château still belongs to descendants of the Albret family. After your intimate visit you will meet Louis and Caroline de Sabran-Pontevès, the owner and his wife for a Sauternes toast, sampling the unique perfume and flavor of the area.

3B The Colorful Life of Toulouse Lautrec at [Chateau de Malrome](#) (Included)

Uncover the history of artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec with a visit to Château Malromé. Originally the home of his mother, Adèle, Malromé would soon inspire much of his artwork. As one of the best painters of the post-impressionist period, Toulouse-Lautrec is known for his distinctive and colorful take on Paris in the late 1800s as well as his fascination with Moulin Rouge dancers and famous singers, who were prominent in much of his work.

Venture to the nearby town of Verdelais, where you'll notice two beautiful central walkways lined with trees and 19th-century façades. It is in Verdelais' cemetery that Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec is buried. After, you'll be treated to an absinthe tasting at Café les Pèlerins.

Thursday, May 19th

Libourne/Saint-Emilion

The ship is docked all day in Libourne, the jumping off point for Saint-Émilion and its outstanding production of right bank wines. Ship overnights in Libourne

Shore tours include:

4A Saint-Émilion Walking Tour & Wine Tasting		9:00 AM-11:00 AM		Included
4B Tour Option	Wine Tasting-Chateau Fombrauge	2:00 PM-4:00 PM	\$125	10/20
4C Tour Option	Wine Tasting-Chateau Villemaurine	2:00 PM-4:00 PM	\$50	10/20
4D Tour Option	Wine Tasting-Couvent des Jacobins	2:00 PM-4:00 PM	\$36	10/30
4E Tour Option	Wine Tasting-Beausejour Becot	2:00 PM-4:00 PM	\$45	10/16
4F Tour Option	Wine Tasting-Chateau Soutard	2:00 PM-4:00 PM	\$115	10/16
4G Tour Option	Wine Tasting-Chateau Villemaurine	4:00 PM-5:30 PM	\$50	10/20
4H Tour Option	Wine Tasting-Chateau Fombrauge	4:00 PM-5:30 PM	\$125	10/20
4J Tour Option	Wine Tasting-Chateau Soutard	4:00 PM-5:30 PM	\$115	10/16

Lunch will be on your own after the morning walk of Saint-Emilion. You've got a large selection of restaurants, ranging from 1-Star Michelin rated [Logis de La Cadene](#) to [L'Envers du Décor](#) to [Lard et Bouchon](#) and [Les Delices du Roy](#) . These restaurants are open on Thursday. Many others are not open every day. Reservations are strongly suggested. In the afternoon, you've got a selection of chateaux and wine on the menu from which to choose. You might also opt to stop into one of the local shops and tasting rooms in town.

You can combine the morning tour with any of the afternoon tours.

4A Saint Emilion Walking Tour with Wine Tasting (included)

Hilltop Saint-Émilion offers both exceptional architecture and historic vineyards. The Romans were the first to plant grapes here, and this was the first vineyard region to be protected by UNESCO because of its history. Shops brimming with wine and wine tools line the steep cobblestone streets; medieval ramparts that bore witness to battles for control between French and English monarchs still stand; and vineyards encroach upon the village.

Of all the sights, however, perhaps the most extraordinary is the 12th-century church carved into a cliff. Only the tower is above ground; the rest of the church is subterranean. Its numerous underground galleries provided refuge during periods of strife, and include the grotto where St. Émilion, for whom the town is named, lived out his life in the ninth century. You have to see it for yourself—you'll be amazed by its almost unfathomable construction. After touring Saint-Émilion, you'll visit the cellars of a premier Grand Cru estate where you'll taste some of the world's most highly rated wines.

4B Tour Option Wine Tasting-[Chateau Fombrauge](#) 2:00 PM-4:00 PM \$125 10/20

This is a similar tasting to La Tour Carnet on Tuesday where you will sample 4 of Bernard Magrez' classified growths at this Right Bank Estate just outside of Saint-Emilion. Wines include: - Château Fombrauge, Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion, - Château La Tour Carnet, Grand Cru Classé 1855 Médoc, - Château Pape Clément, Grand Cru Classé de Graves, - Clos Haut-Peyraguey, Premier Grand Cru Classé 1855 Sauternes.

4C Tour Option Wine Tasting-[Chateau Villemaurine](#) 2:00 PM-4:00 PM \$50 15/20

The Prestige Tour is a visit dedicated to wine lovers, oenophiles or anyone who wishes to enrich their wine culture. You stroll through the vineyards of Château Villemaurine, located on the famous limestone plateau that gives the great wines of Saint-Emilion their exceptional character.

You will discover the technical installations and the monolithic cellar where the wines of the château age and improve. A walk in the underground quarries is also proposed during this privileged moment which ends in the oenologist's room with a detailed tasting of 3 wines paired with a gourmet plate composed of ham, cheese and local sweet specialty.

4D Tour Option Wine Tasting-[Couvent des Jacobins](#) 2:00 PM-4:00 PM \$36 10/30

A Prestige Tour of this former Jacobin Convent includes the cellar and the quarries, with a final visit to the bakery rooms where the tasting takes place. You'll taste 3 of the estate wines, including - Le Menut des Jacobins 2015, Couvent des Jacobins 2016, and Couvent des Jacobins 2008.

4E Tour Option Wine Tasting-[Beausejour Becot](#) 2:00 PM-4:00 PM \$45 8/12

You'll take a walk through the vineyards, followed by their "Balade" Tasting . From plot to plot, this walk in the vineyard will allow you to introduce the particularities of the Plateau of St Martin de Mazerat, in order to discover the history of the property as well as the work in the vines carried out over the seasons.

It is followed by a tasting of 4 wines, led by Loïc, our sommelier, each wine of which is sublimated by a delicacy, all in a privileged setting thus offering you an enchanted parenthesis, a moment out of time.

4F Tour Option Wine Tasting-[Chateau Soutard](#) 2:00 PM-4:00 PM \$115 10/16

Signature Collect Tour-Between history and modernity, immerse yourself in the French art of living. You will discover the secrets of the development of a Grand Cru Classé, in the heart of the vineyard, in the cellars and underground cellars. Then set off to explore our 18th century mansion, listed as a Historic Monument. An ideal place for a vertical tasting of 5 exceptional vintages, accompanied by mature cheeses.

4G Tour Option Wine Tasting-[Chateau Villemaurine](#) 4:00 PM-5:30 PM \$50 15/20

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4H Tour Option Wine Tasting-[Chateau Fombrauge](#) 4:00 PM-5:30 PM \$125 10/20

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4J Tour Option Wine Tasting-[Chateau Soutard](#) 4:00 PM-5:30 PM \$115 10/16

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Friday, May 20th

Libourne

5A Libourne "Village Day" with Farmers' Market (Cycle Ride) 8:30 AM-11:30 AM

5B Libourne "Village day" with Farmers' Market ([Moulin de Porchères](#)) 8:30 AM 12:30 PM

5C Libourne "Village Day" with Farmer's Market ([Maison Gallery](#)) 9:00 AM 12:00 PM

5D Libourne "Village Day" with Farmers' Market ([Château Boutinet](#)) 9:00 AM 12:30 PM

5E Libourne "Village Day" with Farmers' Market ([Tonnellerie Sylvain](#)) 9:00 AM 12:00 PM

5A Libourne "Village Day" with Farmers' Market (Cycle Ride) 8:30 AM-11:30 AM

The 10K ride begins at the ship in Libourne. The route is on main and country roads with some traffic, completely flat from start to finish. After a short safety briefing, guests will explore the highlights of this renowned bastide, owing to its location at the confluence of the Dordogne and Isle Rivers.

After cycling through the central part of Libourne, the group will travel out of town with a stop at the historic 11th century [Condat Chapel](#). Upon returning to Libourne, guests will park their bikes and the local guide will lead them into the Friday farmers market, showcasing local products. Local guide is given euros to purchase fresh items from the markets, cheeses, fruits, pastries, chocolates depending on the time of the year.

5B Libourne "Village day" with Farmers' Market ([Moulin de Porchères](#)) 8:30 AM 12:30 PM

You'll board a coach with a local guide just after breakfast for a 30 minute scenic journey to this historic landmark. Guided tour of Moulin de Porchères, learn about the incredible ingenuity of the flour mill system, where the wheat grain travels from machine to machine to be sorted, washed, brushed, crushed, sieved and ultimately turned into flour. After your tour of the mill, you'll return to Libourne for a walking tour of the public market.

5C Libourne "Village Day" with Farmer's Market ([Maison Gallery](#)) 9:00 AM 12:00 PM

You'll start your morning with a walking tour of the marketplace with a local guide. After time in the market, you'll walk the short distance to Maison Galerie where you'll be welcomed by the gallery owner, Laurence Pustetto. You'll enjoy a presentation of the gallery house; a presentation of works and artists Discussion, questions / answers around a refreshment (water, fruit juice, tea, coffee). You'll return to the ship after the gallery visit.

5D Libourne "Village Day" with Farmers' Market ([Château Boutinet](#)) 9:00 AM 12:30 PM

You'll visit the market for a guided tour just after breakfast, then board a coach at the ship for a short 15-minute driver to Château Boutinet Embark on a bus and drive 10km to Chateau de Boutinet. You'll have a walk in the vineyards and view of the Chateau/ruin in the distance. The owners of the chateau will discuss the economics of the rebuilding of the chateau while

sharing cheese and charcuterie while you taste the claret produced on site. You'll return to the ship after this tour.

5E Libourne "Village Day" with Farmers' Market ([Tonnellerie Sylvain](#)) 9:00 AM 12:00 PM

You'll start the morning with a short walk to the market for a guided visit. Afterward, you'll travel a short 15-minute journey to a local cooperage, which has been making wine barrels for over 60 years.

You'll enjoy an explanation of the various woods made in the process, and how the quality of the wood expresses itself in the wine. See coopers up close as they create barrels at each stage in the process.

Saturday, May 21st

Bordeaux

The Ship is docked in Bordeaux all day, having arrived the evening before from Libourne.

6A Masterpiece Tour-Dune du Pyla Sunrise Hike	5:00 AM-9:30 AM	\$130
6B "Do as the Locals Do" Bordeaux Walking Tour	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Included
6C "Let's Go" Bike Bordeaux' Backstreets	9:30 AM-12:00 PM	Included
6D Cité du Vin Museum Visit	2:00 PM-4:30 PM	Included

You are able to combine a morning and afternoon tour.

6A Dune du Pyla Sunrise Hike Masterpiece option \$130 5:00 AM-9:30 AM

Located just 45 minutes away from Bordeaux is the beautiful beach resort of Arcachon. Positioned on the Atlantic Coast of France, Arcachon is home to a number of great sights and viewpoints. However, the crown jewel is definitely the Dune du Pilat. The largest sand dune in all of Europe, the Dune du Pilat is over 100 meters high and 3 kilometers long. You will get to enjoy magnificent views of the Bassin d'Arcachon tidal bay as well as the gorgeous inland pine forests.

6B "Do as the locals do" Bordeaux Walking Tour Included 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Catch a tram at the Quai des Chartrons to the Place de la Comédie, the heart of Bordeaux' Golden Triangle. Though Bordeaux was the capital of Aquitaine in the Middle Ages and has its share of Gothic churches, it reached its apex in the 18th century. The splendid honey-colored stone buildings from this era make up a city core that UNESCO has designated a World Heritage Site (this is the district that inspired Baron Haussmann when he redesigned Paris at the behest of Napoleon III).

Trade with the French colonies built this handsome district, furnishing vanilla, sugar, spices and cocoa to inventive chocolatiers and bakers, who used these goods to create iconic

desserts. Chocolate, once a Spanish monopoly, became part of Bordeaux' culinary heritage when banished Spanish Jews brought the art of chocolate-making to France.

What are Bordeaux' present-day residents enjoying when they step inside the luxurious food halls and elegant shops in this neighborhood? Find out as you sample the delicious handiwork of Bordeaux' bakers, as well as cheeses and chocolates—learn a few recipes, too!

6C Let's Go Bike Bordeaux Backstreets **Included** **9:30 AM-12:00 PM**

Hop on a bike and wheel with your expert guide along the Quai des Chartrons, a riverfront neighborhood that was the purview of British wine merchants back when they dominated the wine trade. It fell on hard times in the 20th century, but the tall merchant houses have since been reclaimed; now they house welcoming shops and cafés.

Pedal past the antiques shops of Rue Notre Dame and the Church of St. Louis on your way to major city squares such as the Bourse and Parliament before heading back to the ship along the banks of the Garonne. Of course, your outing will include a stop for refreshments at one of the delightful cafés you pass.

6D Cite du Van Museum Visit **Included** **2:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Stop by the concierge to pick up a few drink tickets, then head out on your own to visit one of the city's wine bars and see first-hand how the wines of the many local châteaux are enjoyed by today's sophisticated clients.

It appears that the annual European Museum Night, where museums across the continent are open late with no fees, may take place the night of the 21st. As we get closer to departure, I will compile more specific information.

Sunday, May 22nd

Return to Bordeaux

Disembarkation begins early AM for Bordeaux Airport and flights home. The cruise line has been provided with your departure information and will issue you with disembarkation details toward the end of the cruise. If you're coming to Normandy afterward, we'll depart by coach. Indicate "Normandy Coach" on your questionnaire when prompted.

If you are staying over in Bordeaux, renting a car, or traveling by train, Uber or taxi is the recommended mode of transportation. We are less than 2 miles from St Jean rail station.