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## The Best of **Southwest France** Escorted 2021 Bordeaux Wine & Gastronomy

10 Nights | 4 Rounds | 4 Wine Tastings | September 3- 13

### Tour **Pricing** Per Guest

Golfer: \$9,595 | Non Golfer: \$9,195 | Single Supplement: \$3,095

We are delighted about returning to **Southwest France** in 2021 for a fully managed escorted tour of 10 nights with 4 rounds and 4 sensational wine tastings. PerryGolf tours to Italy, South Africa and Spain are also complemented by vineyards, but here, in **Bordeaux**, deep oenology takes center stage along with gastronomic and cultural treasures every day. We'll taste at **Château Smith Haut Lafitte**, **Château Pichon Longueville**, **Château Beau-Séjour Bécot** and **Château du Tertre**, Grand Cru Classé Medoc. Golf includes the links style **Châteaux** course by Bill Coore at **Golf du Médoc Resort** along with Tom Doak's **Saint Emilion**. Luxury lodging ranges from fabulous at **Les Sources de Caudalie** to incredulous at **Intercontinental Bordeaux Le Grand Hôtel**

This is a diverse schedule. We'll spend a day outdoors at **Arcachon Bay** to admire the **Plya Dune**, a formation you'd see in the Middle East but bordered by dense forest. A vinotherapy spa is included at Les Sources de Caudalie. Their treatments combine the newly discovered beauty benefits of grapes and grapevines with naturally heated, mineral-rich ground water drawn from nearly 1,800 feet below the surface! Three privately guided tours will immerse you in **Périgord** (full day), **Saint Emilion** (2 hours) and **Bordeaux** (half day). We also have designed the itinerary with free time so that you can explore on your own.

If you enjoy combining your love of golf with a passion for travel, you'll find a relaxing and highly rewarding experience on this Escorted Tour for a party of 20-30. Every aspect is fully managed from the handling of your luggage and equipment to hotel and golf course check ins. Various meals, guided sightseeing, carts / caddies, local taxes, service charges and gratuities (excluding caddies) are included in addition to sandwiches, snacks plus an open bar for beer and wine during our time at each of the golf courses. Best of all, this PerryGolf vacation promises an ideal opportunity to join a group of like-minded new friends.

## **Detailed Itinerary**

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: MARTILLAC, FRANCE

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Arrive Bordeaux Airport where you will be met by PerryGolf staff who will assist with your transfer to the hotel (30 minutes). The remainder of the day is free to relax.

WINE TASTING: Our first wine tasting takes place this evening at **Château Smith Haut Lafitte**, Grand Cru Classé de Graves. The vineyard dates back nearly 800 years but it has been in the last twenty that the estate has taken its place among the finest in Bordeaux. The 16th century tower and the 18th century "chartreuse"

have been completely renovated, two underground cellars were transformed, and the current owners reinstated traditional viticultural practices. It is one of the few producers of red and white wines.

Welcome dinner at Château Smith Haut Lafitte Caudalie Estate (included).

OVERNIGHT: **Les Sources de Caudalie** – Prestige Room

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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: MARTILLAC, FRANCE

GOLF: Today play **Golf du Médoc -- Les Vignes**, one of two courses at this resort ranked as continental Europe's 7th best golf property. Bill Coore designed the Châteaux course with Rod Whitman as his project manager. Mr Whitman designed Les Vignes with careful attention to the greens and bunkering. The layout is framed throughout by maritime pines and is mostly level which can mean a good day to stretch your legs.

Lunch at Golf du Médoc Resort (included).

WINE TASTING: This afternoon we visit historic **Château Pichon Longueville**, Second Grand Cru Classé in 1855. The reputation of this wine was established early thanks to soil conditions that feature quaternary gravel deposits and sand which produces ideal moisture conditions, and, Château Pichon Baron, the Grand Vin of the property. The vineyard is planted 65% Cabernet-Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot.

Dinner tonight on your own.

OVERNIGHT: **Les Sources de Caudalie** – Prestige Room

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: MARTILLAC, FRANCE

This morning a session at the **Vinothérapie Spa** at **Les Sources de Caudalie** is included.

Unique treatments combine the virtues of natural hot spring water drawn from nearly 1,800 feet beneath the surface – rich in minerals and oligo-elements – with the most recent scientific discoveries of the benefits of the grape and the grapevine. Treatments include red wine bath, barrel bath, exhilarating massages, wine and honey wrap, water jet shower, spa bath with jet stream and a Turkish bath.

Enjoy the afternoon and evening at your leisure. Transportation is available to Bordeaux.

OVERNIGHT: **Les Sources de Caudalie** – Prestige Room

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## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: MARTILLAC, FRANCE

SIGHTSEEING SUGGESTION: Less than an hour west of the hotel are **Arcachon Bay** and **Pyla Dune**, a pair of outdoor wonderland destinations. Dune du Pyla is the largest sand dune in Europe, standing over 300 feet high, 1,600 feet wide and almost 2 miles north to south.

The Bassin d'Arcachon is a coastal paradise with beaches for everyone from toddlers to championship surfers; pine forests, sand dunes, chic towns, historic oyster-farming villages, and cycle trails. As is common in this part

of France, the vibe here is laid-back and relaxed where you will quickly feel at home!

Lunch at **La Corniche Restaurant**. (2 courses, drinks included)

This extraordinary restaurant is a bold exclamation point on this day of natural beauty and the main reason we're here. From its high ground nearly 400 feet about the sea, spectacular panoramic views of the ocean and the Pyla Dune are seen in every direction.

The afternoon and evening are at your leisure.

OVERNIGHT: **Les Sources de Caudalie** - Prestige Room

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## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: MONESTIER, FRANCE

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This morning we departure **Martillac** for **Dordogne** stopping along the way for golf.

GOLF: Today we play **Saint Emilion**, a Tom Doak design (Pacific Dunes, Barnbogle, Cape Kidnappers) opened in 2015 in the heart of the Bordeaux wine region. The course unfolds in a valley over rolling terrain fringed by centenary oak trees and framed by vineyards. Doak, always minimalist, is particularly pleased that he only used 36 bunkers to complement the strategy pictured which is generally dictated by the small undulating greens.

Lunch at Saint Emilion Golf Club (included).

Dinner tonight (included) is at Michelin-starred restaurant **Les Fresques** found on the east wing of our hotel. Executive Chef, Didier Casaguana, and his team will prepare your dishes to the highest standards of French cuisine, fusing seasonal produce such as spring lamb, fresh fish, oysters and shellfish with regional specialties such as truffles.

OVERNIGHT: **Château des Vigiers** - Deluxe Château

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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: MONESTIER, FRANCE

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SIGHTSEEING: Today we explore **Périgord** with a full-day guided tour.

In the heart of the Vézère Valley is the small town of **Les Eyzies** where remains of Cro-Magnon man were discovered more than 150 years. There are considered the oldest modern humans to live in Europe. This is also home to the new Museum of Pre-History, where 19th century archaeological investigations established the valley as an unusually rich array of pre-historic sites dating back some 40,000 years. One of UNESCO's World Heritage locations, the valley contains 147 prehistoric sites dating from the Paleolithic era and 25 decorated caves.

**Sarlat-la-Canéda** is a favorite of architecture students due its beautifully restored Gothic and Renaissance structures. Treasures appear around nearly every turn of the maze of narrow, cobblestone streets of the Old Town. It became a prosperous city at the end of the 8th century under the reign of Pepin le Bref and Charlemagne when the Benedictines established a monastery there. Gastronomically speaking, Sarlat is prized for goose-based dishes and truffles.

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After lunch in Sarlat (included), we drive 15 minutes to **Beynac**, a medieval village built into the cliffs along the River Dordogne. You will appreciate the engineering it took a long time ago to put this village in place. You will see the beauty too; Beynac is a regular on “the most beautiful villages” lists. It is also famous for its castle, the 12th-century Château de Beynac, as one of the best-preserved medieval castles in France. You will enjoy strolling the narrow, twisting maze of ancient streets feeling lost but you know it’s a small place and you’ll come out somewhere!

Our next “most beautiful village” (You’ll agree, each is entirely deserving) is only 3 miles away to at **La Roque Gageac** also found on the River Dordogne. Often little more than a row of riverside houses can squeeze in between the river and the cliffs. In other places the medieval houses find space to spread up the hill a little, towards the troglodyte caves set in the cliffs above. The narrow streets of La Roque-Gageac pass through an interesting tropical garden as they climb. The palm trees and banana plants are possible to grow because the village faces south meaning generous sunshine and protection from north winds by the cliffs.

Dinner tonight is on your own.

OVERNIGHT: **Château des Vigiers** – Deluxe Château

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: MONESTIER, FRANCE**

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GOLF: Today we play **Château des Vigiers Golf Club**. The course carves its way through the working plum orchards, vineyards, lake and oak woods surrounding the Château. It is ideal for recreational golfing as the fairways are generous and relatively flat. The 9th and 18th holes present interesting challenges to avoid the water hazards on one side and the Château on the other. Donald Steel, the course architect, considers the 18th hole as one of the best he ever designed in terms of strategy and setting.

Lunch at Chateau des Vigiers Golf Club (included).

SPA SUGGESTION: The SPA SOTHYS is located on the ground floor of the old wine making building, in the heart of the Château des Vigiers estate. This is the quintessential French spa experience. Sothys has set standards for professional beauty care over the past 70 years. Beauticians trained by the company use products developed by the company’s bio-chemists, biologists, pharmacists and physicists whose patented and unique formulations represent the leading science for face and body well-being. A wide-ranging menu of treatments range from 20 minutes to 2 hours.

SIGHTSEEING SUGGESTION: Less than 30 minutes from the Château is **Bergerac**, a medieval port town on the northern bank of the Dordogne River in the western part of the Dordogne department. The area immediately north of the river, signposted 'vieille ville', is the old town scattered with open-air cafes, wine bars and shops. Winemaking dates to the 2nd century around here so enjoy the Maison des Vins, a free museum in the beautiful 17th-century Récollets Cloisters.

Slightly south of the city, overlooking the Dordogne Valley and rising above an ocean of vineyards, is **Château de Monbazillac**. This magnificently preserved 16th century example of Renaissance architecture is known for its white wine heavenly paired with foie gras.

Dinner tonight (included) is in a farmhouse that dates to 1765, the **Moutier Thénac**, a traditional restaurant

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serving local cuisine ideally located in the heart of Perigord Pourpre in Dordogne. Chef Moutier's restaurant offers family recipes with a menu consisting of five dishes. All the preparations are made from local products. (Included)

OVERNIGHT: **Château des Vigiers** – Deluxe Château

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: BORDEAUX, FRANCE

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We depart this morning for **Bordeaux**, pausing for a two-hour guided tour of Saint-Émilion and our third wine tasting.

**Saint-Émilion** is one of the most important appellations in Bordeaux and one of its most charming villages. The medieval town with less than 2,000 inhabitants is perched on a limestone plateau overlooking equally famous vineyards. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site flush with fascinating **Romanesque** churches, **ruins** and monuments stretching along steep and narrow streets. Built in the form of an amphitheater, Saint-Émilion has a remarkable Monolithic Church, the largest of its kind in Europe. This underground "building" took 400 years to carve from a single seam of limestone. Despite its subterranean setting, if you can find your way to its 223-foot bell tower, which you are invited to climb, you're there.

WINE TASTING: Our third vineyard tour features the exceptional **Château Beau-Séjour Bécot** in the very heart of these renowned vineyards. This Premier Grand Cru winery on 20 hectares is superbly sited on a limestone plateau. The wine is a blend of 70% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Franc and 6% Cabernet Sauvignon whose grapes are fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless steel vats before the wine is matured in oak barrels for 18-20 months.

OVERNIGHT: **Intercontinental Bordeaux Le Grand Hôtel** – Executive Opera Room

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: BORDEAUX, FRANCE

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This morning is free to relax, enjoy our exceptional hotel or explore Bordeaux.

Lunch at Golf du Médoc (included).

GOLF: Today we play **Médoc Les Châteaux**. Fast running fairways bordered by heather, gorse, and broom will remind you of a classic Scottish links. This Bill Coore design, of Coore and Crenshaw, hosted the European Tour's French Open in 1999 is the leading layout in the region and 9th in the country. Medoc les Chateaux is set in the heart of the wine area which you will not mistake since each hole is named after a **Médoc** vintage and a bottle of wine marks 150 yards!

WINE TASTING: After golf we enjoy our fourth wine tasting followed by dinner at Château du Tertre (included).

**The Château du Tertre**, Grand Cru Classé Medoc, is a thousand-year-old estate whose vineyard stretching over 128 acres remains unchanged since 1855. Cabernet Sauvignon is the major grape variety, endowing the wine with structure and concentration. Merlot brings its silkiness to the final blending while Cabernet Franc lends its distinctive, rich bouquet of spicy notes. Thus, is born, the Château du Tertre Grand Vin, reflecting the very soul of this exceptional terroir.

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OVERNIGHT: **Intercontinental Bordeaux Le Grand Hôtel** – Executive Opera Room

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12: BORDEAUX, FRANCE

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Today we enjoy two guided tours in Bordeaux; first of the city followed by La Cité du Vin.

After breakfast our private guide will meet us at the hotel for the beginning of a half-day tour of **Bordeaux**. Situated on the banks of the Garonne, Bordeaux has more than 2,000 years of history to share. The city possesses an exceptional architectural heritage, notably dating from the 18th century, beginning with the neoclassical Grand Théâtre rimmed with a dozen sculptures of Greek and Roman gods. All told, there are more than 350 structures set within UNESCO's largest urban complex are listed as historic monuments including Pont de Pierre, the graceful 19th-century bridge commissioned by Napoleon. Bordeaux today is a paradise for wine. Paired with the city's exceptional dining scene – a sassy mix of traditional French kitchens, experimental neo-bistros, creative fusion restaurants, food trucks and barista-run coffee shops – there is no tastier marriage. For a city surrounded by vineyards that produce some of the most prestigious wines in the world, Bordeaux's wine bars are refreshingly attitude-free. Even along the cobbled streets of lively Saint-Pierre neighborhood, you can buy a wonderful glass of wine for as little as €4.

Lunch on your own in Bordeaux.

After lunch, the complex world of wine is explored in depth at ground-breaking **La Cité du Vin**, a stunning piece of contemporary architecture resembling a wine decanter on the banks of the River Garonne. The curvaceous gold building offers 10,000 square feet of exhibits where digital guides lead visitors around 20 themed sections covering everything from vine cultivation, grape varieties and wine production to ancient wine trade, 21st-century wine trends and celebrated personalities. Admission includes a trip to the Belvédère, the museum's eighth-floor, glass-walled aerie, where free flights of wine from around the world are poured by friendly staffers eager to help visitors taste the difference between, say, Cabernet Sauvignons from various wine-producing regions around the globe.

Farewell dinner at **Le Bordeaux Gordon Ramsay** restaurant at Intercontinental Bordeaux Le Grand Hôtel.

OVERNIGHT: **Intercontinental Bordeaux Le Grand Hôtel** – Executive Opera Room

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13: BORDEAUX, FRANCE

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Transfer to Bordeaux Airport for your return home.

## Golf Schedule

### Medoc - Les Vignes

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This course is embedded in a landscape typical of the region, where the aesthetics of the heath and the maritime pines enrich the architect's design. The long par-4s punctuated by elaborate greens and the judiciously placed obstacles demand thought and precision from the player. The course presents a

great diversity of options or the golfer. But one point cannot be disputed. It's a quality layout in a charming setting certain to satisfy and entertain the most demanding golfers.

## Saint Emilion

This new course is located near St Emilion and designed by one of the best architects in the world, Tom Doak, this is his first course in Continental Europe. This exceptional course unfolds in a valley fringed by centenary oak trees and framed by vineyards. The panoramic view over the course from the club-house is a thrill for any golfer. With heather, gorse, and burns, this golf course will be among the best in France.



## Chateau des Vigiers



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## Medoc - Les Chateaux

Wide fairways bordered by heather, gorse, and broom, entice golfers into the delights of carefully preserved nature. The fast greens, the influence of winds from the Atlantic Ocean, and the technical difficulties of the layout make this championship course a constant challenge. Medoc les Chateaux course is set in the heart of the wine area and the players will have no doubt about that, since each hole is named after a Medoc top vintage and the 150 yards mark is a bottle of wine.



## Accommodations

### LES SOURCES DE CAUDALIE: MARTILLAC, FRANCE



Les Sources de Caudalie, a luxury hotel offering 'la vie de chateau' in the heart of renowned vineyards. In the midst of classed vintage Graves wines, the world's only wine therapy complex opened in 1999. The hotel boasts beautifully and individually decorated rooms and suites, fine gourmet cuisine (one star Michelin) and an unusual fitness centre which uses substances derived from grape vines. An exceptional place with no equivalent in Europe.

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## CHATEAU DES VIGIERS: MONESTIER, FRANCE

Chateau des Vigiers is a magnificent castle dating back to 1597 located in the beautiful countryside to the East of Bordeaux near Bergerac. Locally known as Little Versailles, the Chateau des Vigiers has been tastefully restored in French country house style, and is surrounded by its own vineyards as well as its golf course. Exposed beams and local stone create a charming ambience enhanced by one of the best gourmet restaurant of the area.



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## INTERCONTINENTAL BORDEAUX LE GRAND HÔTEL: BORDEAUX, FRANCE



Found at the most commanding position in the city, on the Place de la Comédie, facing the iconic Grand Theatre, The Grand Hotel Bordeaux is one of the most majestic in the city. It has undergone a comprehensive and faithful restoration, in 2007 by renowned hotel designer Jacques Garcia, then by Garcia again in 2015 when the property was acquired by Intercontinental. The extravagant, flamboyant interiors you expect of Mr. Garcia will not disappoint. The hotel has 130 rooms and suites, two restaurants, two bars — one of which is on the roof — and a sumptuous spa.