

JOIN TV HOST SAMANTHA BROWN AS SHE DISCOVERS THE TASTE OF BORDEAUX

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Join Samantha Brown for the ultimate French experience as she discovers the Bordeaux region in France, where world-famous wine growing communities and picturesque villages are tucked along the banks of the Garonne and Dordogne rivers. During this special journey, Samantha will be hosting dinners and sharing her insider tips and stories during two engaging presentations.



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Day 1: BORDEAUX - EMBARKATION

Embark the ship for your *Taste of Bordeaux* river cruise. (D)

Day 2: BORDEAUX - LIBOURNE

Take in the romance of Bordeaux as you pass iconic sights on a scenic morning cruise. Later in the day, dock in Libourne, a gateway to one of Bordeaux's most elite wine regions. Join an excursion to Saint Émilion, and while here, explore the church carved out of one piece of limestone rock, as well as its catacombs and caves. Afterwards, enjoy a Grand Cru Classé wine tasting at a local château. Alternately, you can enjoy an excursion to Saint-Émilion solely to discover more of the small historic town. If you prefer a more active adventure, pedal through the vineyard-rich countryside to Saint-Émilion and then to Château Soutard for a Grand Cru Classé wine tasting. You can also choose to tour the magnificent Château Vayres, one of the most prestigious historic buildings of Aquitaine. (B,L,D)

Day 3: LIBOURNE - BLAYE

The Libourne wine region is one of the major cradles of viticulture in the Bordeaux area, dating back to Gallo-Roman times. The first vines were planted in Fronsac 2,000 years ago. In the 18th century, the wines of Fronsac enjoyed the best reputation in the Libourne region, selling for higher prices than their neighbors in Saint Émilion and Pomerol. Today, Fronsac includes several beautiful wine estates such as Château de la Dauphine, Château de la Rivière and Château Gaby. Here you will visit a cellar and taste local wines from one estate. (B,L,D)

Day 4: BLAYE - BOURG

Once in Blaye, you can join a tour of its 17th-century citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For a more active excursion, take a bike ride around Blaye. Later in the day, you can choose to bike from Blaye through the idyllic French countryside to Bourg. While in the ancient village of Bourg, take a walking tour and visit the Carriage

Museum, which houses a wonderful collection of horse-drawn vehicles. Later in the day, experience the hospitality of this charming medieval village with an exclusive wine festival. (B,L,D)

Day 5: PAUILLAC

Pauillac, a lovely village on the Left Bank of the Gironde Estuary, is a gateway to the famed Médoc region, renowned for producing some of the finest Bordeaux wines. You will see some beautiful and famous wine estates, including Château Latour, Château Mouton Rothschild. Château Lafite Rothschild and Château Pichon Longueville. You'll then visit either Château Gruaud Larose or Château Léoville Poyferré for a tasting of Grand Cru wines. Alternately, you can visit Lynch Bages, a quaint wine estate and village, followed by a wine and local specialties tasting. Or, enjoy a coast drive to Soulac-sur-Mer where you'll see unique sights, such as the Statue of Liberty and the Cordouan lighthouse known to be the oldest in France. (B,L,D)

Day 6: CADILLAC

Visit the impressive Castle of Roquetaillade, an amazingly preserved masterpiece of medieval military architecture owned by the same noble family for 700 years and travel to the Sauternes wine region to either Château de Rayne Vigneau or Château Guiraud to taste the highly prized golden-hued sweet wines produced here. For those wishing to explore more of the history on the decadent castles, you can enjoy a visit to the Roquetaillade castle and Cadillac Castle. Or, pedal through the charming town of Cadillac for a guided bike tour. (B,L,D)

Day 7: BORDEAUX

The breathtaking capital of the wine world, Bordeaux is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and classified as a "City of Art and History." You'll have an opportunity to experience much of the rich culture and architecture on a city tour followed by a visit to the famed indoor Les Halles de Bacalan market for a tasting of local specialties. Bike enthusiasts will wish to join a tour along the city's amazing network of bicycle paths. You have a choice from three excursions in the afternoon. Enjoy a visit to the immersive Bordeaux Wine Museum, housed in an awe-inspiring building. Alternately, be treated to a spectacular sound and light show, Les Bassins des Lumières. Or, explore the enriching city of Bordeaux at your own leisure. In the evening, enjoy a spectacular illumination cruise. (B,L,D)

Day 8: BORDEAUX - DISEMBARKATION

Disembark the ship and prepare for your flight home. (B)



Saint Émilion, France

At a Glance

YOUR JOURNEY

Country: France Rivers: Garonne, Dordogne

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » 7-night river cruise in elegantly appointed accommodations aboard the AmaDolce
- » 2 Travel Talks with Samantha Brown
- » \$150 onboard credit per cabin
- » A Welcome Gift
- » All onboard dining, including special Welcome and Captain's Gala Dinners
- » Exclusive dinner with Samantha Brown at The Chef's Table specialty restaurant
- » Sip & Sail cocktail hour; unlimited hand-selected wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- » Immersive excursions in every port, including bike tours and hikes
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