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Ophorus - Graves & Sauternes Wine Tour FD From Bordeaux private

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| **Location:**
Bordeaux, France
**Category:**
Private Tours
**Currency:**
EUR
**Language:**
English
**TimeZone:**
Europe/Paris
**Duration**
8.0 - 9.0 hours
**Max Group Size:**
8
 | **Magpie Product Code:**
GNKUBW
**Company Website:**
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**Highlights:**

- Visit the heart of Bordeaux’s wine regions

- Discover 3 selected classified growth Châteaux

- Pre-Booked Visits to Our Selection of Wineries.

- Tour can be customized to suit your interests.

- English-speaking, local guides expert

**Description Summary:**

On this small group full day private wine tour from Bordeaux, you’ll enjoy scenic drives through the Graves & Sauternes wine regions and taste some delicious French wines!

**Description:**

8.50am or 9.20am - Pick up by your driver / guide at your hotel or accommodation in Bordeaux or surrounding.

9.00am or 9.30am Depart from Bordeaux

10.00am or 10.30am Visit & Wine tasting 1st Winery

11.30am or 12.00am Visit & Wine tasting 2nd Winery

1.00pm or 1.30pm Free time for lunch in the Graves or Sauternes wine regions

2.30pm or 3.00pm Visit & Wine tasting in 3rd Winery

5.00pm or 5.30pm return to Bordeaux

During this full-day tour, visit three famous wineries with a wine guide, and enjoy wine tastings at all three. This full day wine tour from Bordeaux will take you through the Pessac Léognan, Graves and Sauternes wine regions.

**A Full Day Trip to the Most Important Wine Regions of Bordeaux**

This morning, we will come and pick you up at your hotel or accommodation in Bordeaux.

**MEET YOUR ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVER/GUIDE WHO IS A LOCAL EXPERT ON BORDEAUX WINES**

In the morning, we will come and pick you up at your Hotel or Accommodation in Bordeaux. Meet your English speaking driver / guide who is an expert on Bordeaux Wines. Once you have met your guide, he/she will go over the program and itinerary of the day with you. Then, board your comfortable, air conditioned vehicle and begin to make your way to the Graves & Sauternes wine producing regions.

**TRAVEL IN A SPACIOUS MERCEDES MINIVAN**

Your private Bordeaux Day Trip in the Graves & Sauternes will take place in one of our very spacious Mercedes Minivans. This vehicle can take up to 8 persons. All our vehicles are equipped with an on board P/A system that allows you to hear the commentary of your driver/guide no matter where you are seated. Also, there is free Wi-Fi access in all vehicles. Bottled water is also available in all our vehicles.

**DEPART FROM BORDEAUX AND REACH THE GRAVES & PESSAC LEOGNAN WINE REGION**

Starting in the city of Bordeaux, a short drive in a comfortable air-conditioned minivan brings you out of the city to the picturesque countryside plains and rolling hills of the left bank wine producing area. This is the heart of Bordeaux’s famous wine region, where many vineyards carry the Graves and Pessac Léognan AOC designation. Each of these local wineries produce vintages with distinct soil features backed by a long winemaking heritage.

Located South of Bordeaux, this wine region is known to be the original wine producing region of Bordeaux. This is the area where the Romans first planted grapes just about 2,000 years ago. The name of the region originates from the soil that can be found here, deep layers of grave and stonel! Your first major stop on this personalized Graves half day trip will be in one of the local estates for a visit and wine tasting at a Grand Cru Chateau. Here, we have scheduled an appointment for you. You will be greeted at the Chateau and will get to tour and taste different vintages in this carefully selected domain.

Your Ophorus guide will be with you during the visit so don’t hesitate to ask any questions. All our driver/guides have great knowledge about wines and they will be happy to share any basic or more technical information concerning French or Bordeaux Wines. Whether you have questions about history, technique, flavors, aromas, food & wine pairings don’t hesitate to ask them anything that relates to wine to make this half day a very special one.

**DISCOVER THE PESSAC LEOGNAN WINE PRODUCING AREA**

This quite recent appellation used to be part of the Graves. Due to its recognition of producing high quality red and white wines, the area was rewarded with a communal appellation in 1987. The red wines of Pessac Léognan are based on Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc grape varieties. The white wines produced here are generally made of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon grapes. The soil is quite similar to the one that can be found in the Graves region which is mainly gravel, stone and sand. One of the most prestigious wineries of the appellation is Chateau Haut-Brion that was granted the 1er Grand Cru Classé level of 1855, sole chateau to be located outside the Medoc & Sauternes wine producing regions. Upon arrival in the wine region, we stop at a carefully selected winery. Here, you will have the opportunity to taste the different wines of the estate including white and red wines.

**AFTER LUNCH, VISIT THE SAUTERNES WINE PRODUCING REGION**

The Sauternes wine region is famous for the high quality sweet white wines that are produced here. The most famous winery of the region is Chateau d’Yquem that was classified as a Premier Grand Cru Classé in the 1855 classification of Bordeaux wines. Sauternes wines are made in great majority with Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc grapes to which are added in much lesser amounts Muscadelle and Sauvignon Gris. The wines of Sauternes are produced thanks to the action of a fungus, Botrytis Cinerea that causes the grapes to rot. This process is called the noble rot when it comes to take place on healthy grapes and under a favorable climate. The local climate of Sauternes during the summer time is usually composed of morning mist followed by warm and dry afternoons which has the effect to dry the grapes, reduce the water content and concentrating the sugar. The result is the making of an intensely sweet, gold colored wine with strong aromas of honeysuckle, blossom and stone.

This afternoon, your tour will take you to one of the most prestigious wineries of the Sauternes area. Upon arrival, you will visit the installations but the most important will be to understand the wine making process as it differs completely with that of other wines. Follow the Chateau guide as you are explained the making of Sauternes wines from the vineyard to the bottle. Once the visit is over, it will be time to taste this unique nectar. During a commented wine tasting, you will be explained which food pairs the best with this category of wine. After the visit and tasting, it will be time to head back to Bordeaux.

**Inclusions:**

Hotel pick up from Bordeaux or surrounding area.

Enjoy live commentaries from your wine expert guide.

Reservations for 3 selected wineries of the Graves & Sauternes.

Travel in recent, comfortable and fully equipped minivans.

Bottled water in the vehicle.

**Exclusions:**

Tasting fees in the wineries.

Meals and drinks.

Personal insurance, expenses.

Entrance fees unless mentioned.

Gratuities for the Guide

**Know Before You Book:**

- Price is per group, not per person.

- This product is on request.

- Tour requires minimum 2 passengers (adults) to operate.

- Tour is operated in English, other languages on request.

- Not wheelchair accessible.

**Know Before You Go:**

- Please be ready 10 minutes before departure time

- Currency is in Euro.

- Minimum drinking age 18 years old.

**Health items:**

Face masks required for travelers in public areas, Face masks required for guides in public areas, Social distancing enforced throughout experience, Transportation vehicles regularly sanitized, Guides required to regularly wash hands, COVID-19 vaccination required for guides

**Minimum:**
2 guests per booking

**Maximum:**
8 guests per booking

**Booking Cut-off:**
72
hours
before travel date (midnight)

### Operating Type: Fixed Times

### Season:

All year: From 01-01-2022 To 12-31-2022

**Sunday:**
09:00,
09:30

**Monday:**
09:00,
09:30

**Tuesday:**
09:00,
09:30

**Wednesday:**
09:00,
09:30

**Thursday:**
09:00,
09:30

**Friday:**
09:00,
09:30

**Saturday:**
09:00,
09:30

**Reservation System:**
Rezdy

### Locations:

**API provider:**
Rezdy

**Pickup:**
flexible

**Starts Notes:**
Pick up at hotel in Bordeaux or surrounding area.

**Type:**
Meeting Point location

**Address:**
Bordeaux, France

**Type:**
Business Address location

**Address:**
Ophorus Day Trips & Wine Tours in France, Boulevard Pierre 1er, Bordeaux, France

**Instant Confirmation:**
Yes

**Is this experience private:**
Yes

**Trip difficulty:**
Easy

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
standard

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
48
hours

**Cancellation Notes:**
Operator strictly adheres to its cancellation policy and will make no exceptions to the policy. If Guest chooses to cancel his or her reservation, Operator must receive written notice of said cancellation in writing via certified mail, fax or e-mail sent to info@ophorus.com (with confirmation of receipt from Operator), and Guest shall be subject to the following cancellation fee schedule:
Ophorus requires full payment by credit card, internet payment (through our website) or wire transfer (Wire transfer fees at the charge of the Guest) to make a reservation. We accept payment by AMEX, Visa and Master Card. There is no charge or service fee for processing credit card payments except with American Express +3%.

For any cancellation, the following fees will be deducted from the refund:

Up to 48 hours prior to departure: no cancellation fees except the booking fees.
48 hours prior to departure and less > no refund.
No show - no refund.

**Options:**

This is a private tour, price is per activity not per person. Group size from 2 to 8 travelers maximum.

### Pricing

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| **per group pricing** |  | **Retail** | **NET** | **%** | **Min Rate** |
| Adult | 18-99 years | €720.00 | 540.00 |
25.0%
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### Other Information

**Terms and Conditions**

All our terms & conditions can be found here: https://www.ophorus.com/terms-sales

**Voucher Info**

If any hotel or predetermined meeting place changes, notify Orphorus immediately.  Otherwise be at location 10 minutes prior to pick up time.

**Redemption**
Your voucher will be collected or scanned on redemption