#
Ophorus - Medoc Wine Tour Half Day Trip From Bordeaux (shared)

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| **Location:**
Bordeaux, France
**Category:**
Tours & Sightseeing
**Currency:**
EUR
**Language:**
English
**TimeZone:**
Europe/Paris
**Duration:**
4.0 hours
**Max Group Size:**
8
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SZBGUH
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**Highlights:**

- Discover 2 carefully selected Châteaux Wineries of Médoc.

- Taste fabulous Medoc red wines.

- All winery visits and wine tasting fees are included!

**Description Summary:**

On this half day wine tour from Bordeaux, enjoy scenic drives through the Médoc wine region  & vineyards! Visit two famous Chateau wineries of the Margaux appellation, and enjoy visits & commented wine tastings at both.

**Description:**

8.50am or 1.50pm - Meet your guide in front of the Bordeaux Tourism Office

9.00am or 2.00pm am Depart from Bordeaux

We will come and pick you up at centrally located Bordeaux Tourism Office

10.00am or 3.00pm Visit & Wine tasting 1st Winery

Discover a first winery of the Margaux or Haut-Médoc appellations. Visit the technical installations followed by a tasting session.

11.00am or 4.00pm Visit & Wine tasting 2nd Winery

Discover a second winery of the Margaux or Haut-Médoc appellations. Visit the technical installations followed by a tasting session.

1.00pm or 6.00pm return to Bordeaux

*Take a Medoc half day wine tour, and discover delicious red wines with cabernet sauvignon blends*

**PICK UP AT CENTRALLY LOCATED MEETING POINT IN BORDEAUX**

This morning, we will come and pick you up at in front of the [Bordeaux Tourism Office](https://www.bordeaux-tourism.co.uk/Plan-your-trip/Practical-information/Come-and-see-us). The Bordeaux tourist office is located at [12 cours du 30 Juillet, 33000 BORDEAUX](https://goo.gl/maps/8doZS5HXDnWiosMM8), in the heart of the city, facing the CIVB Bordeaux wine syndicat building. The tourism office is located close to all the hotels located in the city center, usually a maximum 10 minutes walking distance.

**PLEASE BE ON TIME AS WINERY VISITS HAVE BEEN PRE-BOOKED JUST FOR US!**
For all our shared day trips from Bordeaux, we ask our clients to be present 10 minutes before departure time. It is important to be on time as Bordeaux wine tours imply strict timing as all the wineries visited have been pre-booked especially for our clients. Due to this, all our tours must leave on time to meet this schedule. In Bordeaux, unlike many other wine destinations, it is not possible to just show up at a winery for a tour, especially for the wineries that are highly demanded.

If you think that you might be late, please contact us rapidly by sms, phone or email so that we can advise the driver/guide to wait. However, waiting time is limited to 10 minutes maximum. If you are not present at the time of departure, your reservation will be considered as a no show and will not be refunded!

**MEET YOUR ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVER/GUIDE WHO IS A LOCAL EXPERT ON BORDEAUX WINES**
Upon arrival at the meeting point, you will be welcomed by your English speaking tour guide who will be waiting with a sign bearing the name of the tour and with the Ophorus logo on it. Also, all our guides have a nominative badge so that it will be easy for you to recognize them.

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 Mercedes minivan and begin to make your way to the Saint Emilion wine producing region.

All our vehicles are equipped with an on board P/A system which means that everyone will hear the guide's commentary during driving time, even if you are seated in the back of the van! Also, we have bottled water at your disposal and you can use our free wifi as you travel from one destination to another.

**ARRIVE IN THE MARGAUX WINE APPELLATION FOR A FIRST VISIT**
With Ophorus, experience is the most important factor when it comes to our small group sightseeing tours of the Bordeaux wine region. On your Medoc region wine tasting tour, you’re sure to discover hidden gems and taste prestigious wines in an informal yet expertly guided way. This highly recommended wine tour from Bordeaux will introduce you to the Margaux & Haut Medoc appellations where some of the most famous chateaux are located.

From Bordeaux, reach the Medoc wine producing area by driving on the Castle Road - Route des Chateaux -  that is lined by numerous wineries of the Medoc. Upon arrival at the winery, you will be greeted by a local guide. Begin the tour with a commented visit of the property, its history and a short resumé of who the owners are. Then, your guided tour will be followed by a visit of the technical installations. You will get to know how wine is made on this estate, from the vineyard to the harvest ending with the bottling process. The visit concludes with a commented tasting of the Chateau wines.

**PARTICIPATE IN A SECOND CHATEAU VISIT & TASTING**
After the first visit, we will take you to a nearby property for your second winery tour. Typically, our half day tours in the Medoc includes the visit of a prestigious Classified Growth Chateau combined with the visit of a more boutique winery, usually classified as Cru Bourgeois of Cru Artisan. If your first visit was in the Classified Growth Chateau, then this second visit will be in the more boutique winery. Also, the terroir will be different as we usually combine a visit in Margaux followed by another in the Haut Medoc appellation.

If your second visit is in a family owned winery, the visit is usually conducted by the someone from the family or even the owners. This more casual visit is when you can really interact with the locals and find out what it is like to own and manage a vineyard in Bordeaux today. Of course you will also get to tour the property, hear about the winemaking process and tour the different cellars. Yet the goal here is to get as close as possible to the realities of winemaking, far from the 1855 Classification that was limited to just a chosen few.

**SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE WINE**
Both the Margaux and Haut Medoc produce wonderfully perfumed french wines. Margaux wines have a distinctive fragrant taste, attributed to the high gravel content of the soil in these vineyards. The soil’s excellent drainage means the plants need to root down further to find moisture, making them particularly strong, and bringing up the flavors of the deeper earth.

The Haut Medoc appellation is vast, with almost 400 different wine producers operating there, the different wineries produce wine that have a wide variety of textures and flavors. If time permits, your guide will try and organise a stop at Chateau Margaux for photo opportunities.

**SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR**
With Ophorus, rest assured that your Medoc vineyard tour will be everything you imagined. All our drivers are fully accredited guides, meaning you’ll get double the expertise on this great Medoc tour. Every one of our expert guides holds at least the WSET level 2 certification in wines and spirits, and they take great pride in their region and craft.

You’ll learn how to judge a wine with all the senses, using your eyes, nose, tongue, and memory. These licensed guides are not only wine connoisseurs, they’re also authorities on the local area, ready to share a wealth of information with you. This tour is for adults only, 18 years and older.

Most of our bordeaux wine tours in the medoc area run primarily with an 8-seat minivan. There is free Wi-Fi access on all tour vehicles. All visits and wine tastings are included in the price, so there’s no unexpected additional fees to worry about. Our cancellation policy is one of the best as it is 100% guaranteed up to 24h before your tour, so you can book ahead with peace of mind.

Other major wine regions of the area include st emilion, pomerol, graves & sauternes as well as lesser known but very interesting appellations such as Fronsac, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux or Côte de Bourg. We also organise full day private tours to all these regions as well as walking tours in Bordeaux and Saint Emilion.

**Inclusions:**

All-wine tasting fees

Professional English-speaking tour guide

1 small bottle of water per person

Transport by air-conditioned minibus

Free WiFi access on board

**Exclusions:**

Personal insurance and expenses.

Hotel pickup and drop-off.

Meals and drinks.

Gratuities for the driver/guide.

**Know Before You Book:**

- Instant booking confirmation

- NOTE: Adult only tour, not suitable for children under 18 years of age

- Minimum age is 18 years

- Prices are per person

**Know Before You Go:**

- Not wheelchair accessible

- At least 2 people are required for this activity to take place

- On high frequency dates minivan can be replaced by 19 seat minibus

**Minimum:**
2 guests per booking

**Maximum:**
8 guests per booking

### Operating Type: Fixed Times

### Season:

2023: From 04-01-2023 To 11-30-2023

**Sunday:**
09:00,
14:00

**Monday:**
09:00,
14:00

**Tuesday:**
09:00,
14:00

**Wednesday:**
09:00,
14:00

**Thursday:**
09:00,
14:00

**Friday:**
09:00,
14:00

**Saturday:**
09:00,
14:00

### Locations:

**API provider:**
Rezdy

**Pickup:**
none

**Starts Notes:**
In front of the Bordeaux tourism office
Hotel pick-up is not available

**Type:**
Meeting Point location

**Address:**
Tourist Information Office, Cours du 30 Juillet, Bordeaux, France

**Type:**
Business Address location

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

**Type:**
Starts location

**Address:**
12 cours du 30 Juillet 33000

**Instant Confirmation:**
Yes

**Trip difficulty:**
Easy

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
standard

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
24
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 24 hours prior to departure: no cancellation fees except the booking fees.
> 24 hours prior to departure and less > no refund

All semi private tours depart on time. Clients should present themselves at the allocated meeting point at least 10 minutes before the beginning of the tour. Driver/guide will not wait unless Ophorus has been previously informed that the client will be late with a maximum waiting time of 10 minutes. Beyond that waiting time, tours will depart and Ophorus cannot be held responsible for clients missing their tour.

**Options:**

### Pricing

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| **Half day wine tour from Bordeaux - price per person** |  | **Retail** | **NET** | **%** | **Min Rate** |
| Adult | 0-99 years | €95.00 |  |  |  |

### Other Information

**Terms and Conditions**

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

**FAQ**

**What is Margaux Wine?**

Margaux wine refers to one of the most famous wines produced in the Bordeaux wine region called the Medoc. At its best, Margaux wine is the most seductive and perfumed of all Bordeaux wines. The grape varieties often found in Margaux wines are a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and to a lesser extent Cabernet Franc. Petit Verdot occasionally makes it into the blend but this being a very delicate grape to grow, the climate of the vintage has its importance. Margaux wines have a complex bouquet with fruity aromas of raspberry, cherry, and red currant, but also floral, spicy, and roasted aromas. The wines on the palate are powerful and the ageing of the wines can last from 5 to 30 years.

**Can you visit Chateau Margaux?**

Chateau Margaux is the lead winery located in the appellation that bears its name. This is certainly one of the most frequent questions that we have. YES, it is possible to visit Chateau Margaux. Don't hesitate to contact us at the time of planning your coming to Bordeaux. If you want to book Chateau Margaux just a few days before you arrive then forget it! To book a tour to Margaux, you need to take into consideration that the number of visits per day are limited as are the number of guests. All bookings must be made a long time ahead of your tour date. If you contact us directly, our dedicated team of Bordeaux Winery Bookings will be pleased to design your Bordeaux wine tour itinerary.

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