# Ophorus - Saint Emilion Wine Tour FD Trip From Bordeaux (private)

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| **Location:** Bordeaux, France  **Category:** Private Tours  **Currency:** EUR  **Language:** English  **TimeZone:** Europe/Paris  **Duration:** 8.0 hours  **Max Group Size:** 8 | **Magpie Product Code:** VMXQSE  **Company Website:** ophorus.com  **Primary Contact:** Ophorus  **Email:** info@ophorus.com |

**Highlights:**

- Experience the magic of one of our favorite villages

- Visit Grand Cru Wineries of Saint Emilion

- Optional visit of the underground monuments of Saint Emilion

- Follow a private guided walking tour of the village

- English, Experts in Bordeaux Wines

**Description Summary:**

Experience the magic of St Emilion & taste delicious wines on this Private Saint Emilion Wine Tour from Bordeaux. Visit vineyards, top Grands Crus Wineries including wine tastings of sumptuous red wines, visit the Monolithic Church.

**Description:**

On this small group full day private wine tour from Bordeaux, you’ll enjoy scenic drives through the Saint Emilion wine region and taste some delicious French wines! During this full-day tour, visit 2 famous Classified Growth wineries with a wine guide, and enjoy commented wine tasting sessions. Then, visit the small village of Saint Emilion with your guide.

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

11.00am or 11.30am Depart for the 2nd Winery visit

12.30pm or 1.00pm Reach the village of Saint Emilion. Free time for personal discovery and lunch

3.00pm or 3.30pm Depart for the 3rd Winery visit

4.00pm or 4.30pm Depart for Bordeaux

5.00pm or 5.30pm Arrival in Bordeaux

**Experience the Magic of One of Our Favorite Villages and Favorite Wines on this private half day wine tour**

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 of accommodation. Meet your English speaking guide who is an expert on Bordeaux Wines. Your driver / guide is also a certified guide which means that he or she is licensed to conduct tours in historical villages such as Saint Emilion and has access to monuments and museums that are not accessible to those that do not possess this licence. 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.

**TRAVEL IN A SPACIOUS MERCEDES MINIVAN**

Your private Bordeaux Wine Tour in the medoc 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 on all tour vehicles. Bottled water is also available in all our vehicles.

**WINE & HISTORY COMBO ON A SAINT EMILION FULL DAY TOUR**

This private full day small group wine tour packs a lot of delights. On this exclusive private tour to St Emilion organized by Ophorus, you will have several options such as tasting delicious Bordeaux wines and visiting the most important landmarks. Add to this the rich historical attractions of this UNESCO World Heritage site and you see why this full day option makes for such a great tour.

**DEPART FROM BORDEAUX AND REACH THE RIGHT BANK 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 right bank wine producing area. This is the heart of Bordeaux’s famous wine region, where many vineyards carry the Saint Emilion AOC designation. Each of these local wineries produce vintages with distinct soil features backed by a long winemaking heritage. The wines produced here are a blend of Merlot grapes with deep, bold flavors, along with other local grape varieties, especially Cabernet Franc and, to a lesser degree, Cabernet Sauvignon.

**CHOOSE ONE OF THESE OPTIONS BEST ADAPTED TO YOUR WISHES**

To make this exclusive Saint Emilion wine tour full day trip from Bordeaux unique, we have made it possible for you to choose from a selection of options so that the tour is adapted to your priorities. During the booking process, you will be prompted to choose one of the options below. Just select the one that you prefer and the tour will be automatically adapted to your preferences.

**OPTION 1** – Visit and Wine tasting in a Grand Cru Chateau combined with a private visit of the underground monuments of Saint Emilion

Visit a Grand Cru Winery: This option is perfect for those of you who wish to combine wine & heritage. In the morning, upon arrival in St Emilion, we will take you to one of our carefully selected partner wineries known for the quality of the wines they produce. Your Ophorus guide will be with you during the visit so don’t hesitate to ask any questions. 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 full day a very special one. Visit the Chateau, technical installations and cellars and participate in a commented tasting of the Chateau wines.

Private visit of the Underground Monuments: Probably the highlight of Saint Emilion village, is the underground Monolithic Church. The foundation of the church is built directly into the limestone of the rocky site, a rare construction feat. From the history of the founding monk of the village, to the digging of the surprising monolithic church, the visit will enable you to discover 4 monuments : the hermitage of Émilion, the Trinity Chapel and its medieval paintings, the catacombs as well as the underground church. Our certified licensed guides have the authorisation to conduct private tours in this monument so just follow your guide and learn about the history and heritage of Saint Emilion.

**OPTION 2** – Visit and Wine tasting in 2 Grand Cru Chateau’s of Saint Emilion

Visit of 2 Grands Crus wineries: This option is perfect for those that want to experience a more in depth wine tour. We will take you to two very different wineries so that you can understand how techniques and production can vary from one winery to another. On this type of wine tour in Saint Emilion we combine the visit to a very modern winery with that of a more traditional, family owned one. By doing so, it will be possible for you to better comprehend the technical transformations that have taken place over the years and what are the principal differences between traditional and modern winemaking and the repercussions this has on the structure, characteristics and aromas of the wines produced.

Walking tour in the village: This option also includes a walking tour with your guide in the village of Saint Emilion. Discover the most significant landmarks of the village and retrace the history of a famous Monk. Stroll through the quaint, cobbled streets of this medieval town, while your tour guide recounts local history, from the days of the 8th century hermit Emilion, to the 19th century mining galleries, which still lie beneath the village. It is no coincidence that Saint Emilion has been awarded the UNESCO World Heritage status in 1999. After the walk, enjoy some free time to explore on your own in the village.

**OPTION 3** – Combine Saint Emilion with Pomerol and Visit 3 Wineries

This option is a perfect choice for both novice and wine connoisseurs alike who want to experience 2 very different appellations of the right bank. By choosing this option, you will experience 2 visits and wine tastings in the Saint Emilion appellation (as in option 2) to which we will add 1 visit and wine tasting in the Pomerol appellation.

Pomerol is located right next to the Saint Emilion appellation. The south and west part of the appellation have sandier soils compared to the slightly heavier soils in the east, which include a certain proportion of clay. It is in this eastern section, on the marginally higher land where Pomerol meets Saint-Émilion, that the best wines are produced. Three of the most highly regarded Pomerol producers – Pétrus, Lafleur and Le Pin – are located here. Merlo is the dominant grape in Pomerol and plays a large part in making the wines rich, smooth and approachable at an early age, while also being capable of extended aging. Cabernet Franc is also often present, adding structure and an element of savory spice. These characteristics mean Pomerol wines are much sought after on the international market.

If you decided to choose this option, then your tour will be mainly focused on wine. You will only have a short time for lunch (at own expense) in the village of Saint Emilion. We will include the Visits of 3 wineries during the day with 2 wineries in Saint Emilion wine producing area and 1 visit in the Pomerol appellation. The combination of two different appellations will allow you to dig deeper into the notion of ‘terroir’ which is the complete natural environment in which a particular wine is produced, including factors such as the soil, topography, and climate. This is where the expertise of our guides will show all its importance as you benefit from their knowledge to better comprehend this essential french notion when it comes to wines.

**THE LEGEND OF EMILIAN**

The first indications of human settlements in the area date back to the Roman Empire, but the story of Saint Emilion starts in the eighth century AD. At that time, a monk from Brittany, fleeing persecution in his hometown of Vannes sought refuge in one of the natural caves near the settlement of Ascum Bas.Although he lived the simple and secluded life of a hermit, Saint Emilion allegedly performed several miracles from his Aquitaine hideaway. Soon, his renown spread far beyond the town and region, bringing pilgrims and disciples from far afield to visit him. The small settlement grew fast as it became a religious center. After Saint Emilion died, his followers made sure he would be remembered by giving the town of Ascum Bas the new name Saint Emilion.Much later, monks developed more intensive and widespread vineyards. This is when the reputation for Saint Emilion wines started building towards what it is today. The rich Merlot-based blends of these fertile plains have given local wines a great appeal, and several wines produced in chateaux near Saint Emilion have been given the highest possible awards under the French appellation wine rating system.

**WHAT IS THERE TO SEE OR DO IN SAINT EMILION?**

History is alive and well, and very visible on any visit to Saint Emilion today. First, don’t miss the impressive Romanesque church, in the heart of the old town. The streets and buildings constituting Saint Emilion medieval village are some of the few surviving examples of a traditional hilltop village near Bordeaux. Largely intact despite the passing centuries, walking through the village literally feels like going back in time.

Walking up the narrow winding streets, you will come to several superb vantage points, which offer sweeping views over the Dordogne Valley. But the village of St Emilion’s main historical attraction is underground. Beneath the village, lies a network of tunnels covering more than 120 miles. These tunnels are left over from the many quarries that were exploited until the 19th century to supply stone that was used to build villages, towns and cities such as Bordeaux.

**Inclusions:**

Hotel pick up from Bordeaux or surrounding area.

Enjoy live commentaries from your wine expert guide.

Reservations for a selected winery of Saint Emilion.

Travel in recent, comfortable and fully equipped minivans.

Free WiFi access on board.

**Exclusions:**

Tasting fees in the wineries.

Meals and drinks.

Personal insurance, expenses.

Entrance fees to monuments unless mentioned.

Gratuities

**Know Before You Book:**

- Price is per group, not per person.

- This product is on request.

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

- This tour is not recommended for persons with reduced mobility.

- 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.

**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:**
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**Saturday:**
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**Reservation System:**
Rezdy

### Locations:

**API provider:**
Rezdy

**Pickup:**
flexible

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

**Type:**
Business Address location

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

**Type:**
Meeting Point location

**Address:**
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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| **PRIVATE TOUR - 720€ per group (2 to 8 persons)** |  | **Retail** | **NET** | **%** | **Min Rate** |
| Adult | 18-99 years | €720.00 | 540.00 | 25.0% |  |

### 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