



# GRAPES IN THE SOUTHWEST OF FRANCE

Wine-tastings...vineyard visits...cooking classes...market tours

7 days from \$2099\*

## DAY 1: THURSDAY

Pick up your car rental upon arrival at Bordeaux airport and drive to Pavillon Margaux for your welcome dinner.

## DAY 2: FRIDAY

Take off for the well known wine region of Medoc, stop at the vineyard "Cru Bourgeois," savor your lunch in a vineyard "Auberge," and end your tour with the vineyard "Grand Cru Classe." Back to your hotel for dinner.

## DAY 3: SATURDAY

After breakfast, depart for the Graves region for an excursion to the most ancient vineyard of Bordeaux "terroirs," enjoy a lunch at "l'Ile St George," a little village on the banks of the Garonne. In the afternoon, visit the Chateau de la Brede, continue to Sauternes for a wine tasting, and spend your night at the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Chateau d'Arche.

## DAY 4: SUNDAY

After breakfast, head off to St-Emilion for a visit to its medieval sites, have lunch in the old town, tour one of the best vineyards in the region, and drive to Cahors to settle into Le Balandre hotel-restaurant with a welcome aperitif.

## DAY 5: MONDAY

After breakfast, meet up with Master Chef Gilles Marre who will describe you how his culinary lesson will proceed. Enjoy a break with a glass of wine before having lunch with Master Chef Gilles Marre, and continue the session with a course on harmonizing the different dishes with the right sort of wine.

## DAY 6: TUESDAY

After breakfast, visit the restaurant kitchen in action and have an introduction to the brigade de cuisine. Take off for an excursion to a duck-breeding farm, followed by lunch at Le Balandre. In the afternoon, visit the vineyard "Domaine de Pinneraie" and the Chateau Lagrezette, then savor a farewell gourmet dinner at the restaurant.

## DAY 7: WEDNESDAY

Accompany Gilles Marre to the Cahors market in the early morning, and take your last breakfast on your return before your departure to Toulouse airport.

### Package Price Includes:

- 2-night accommodations at the Pavillon Margaux near Bordeaux
- 1-night accommodation at the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Chateau d'Arche in Sauterne
- 3-night accommodations at the Hotel-Restaurant Le Balandre in Cahors
- Daily breakfast, daily lunch, three dinners
- 7-day car rental with unlimited mileage (mid-size, manual)
- Excursions, wine tasting, and cooking classes as described in the itinerary
- VAT and hotel service charges

\*Price is per person, based on double occupancy, subject to change due to currency exchange rate. Departure: Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 2004 - Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 2004 - Nov. 04<sup>th</sup> 2004 - Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 2004 - Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 2004 - Feb. 03<sup>rd</sup> 2004

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