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Historical Bordeaux

*Full day excursion to Bordeaux
Walking tour*

Morning tour of Bordeaux including an experience on the tramway & afternoon visit to the Musée d'Aquitaine

Make it Montesquieu!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Visit to the chateau de la Brède, the native home of Montesquieu, one of the most influential writer of the age of enlightenment
Please see the last page for more information

Make it Prehistoric!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Visit to the cave of Pair-non-Pair
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Historical Bordeaux

The Port of the Moon, port city of **Bordeaux**, has been inscribed on **UNESCO's World heritage in 2007!**

It is an inhabited historic city, an **outstanding urban and architectural ensemble**, created in the age of the Enlightenment, whose values continued up to the first half of the 20th century, with more protected buildings than any other French city except Paris.

9:00am: Meet your guide at the lobby of your hotel in Bordeaux for a full day excursion of the city.

Experience the tramway which has a unique particularity of being partly supplied by the soil! The tramway is absolutely beautiful and has changed the way inhabitants move in the city center.

Enjoy a **guided visit of the city** : on the left bank of the Garonne river, the prosperous city of Bordeaux, famous for its wines, prides itself on the preservation of its cultural heritage and offers a rich variety of hidden artistic treasures. **Its 17th and 18th century private mansions are of particular interest**

Urban plans and architectural ensembles of the early 18th century onwards place the city as an outstanding example of **innovative classical and neoclassical trends** and give it an exceptional urban and architectural unity and coherence. Its urban form represents the success of philosophers who wanted to make towns into melting pots of humanism, universality and culture.

Visit to a local store, Bordeaux Magnum, where most wine merchants are represented, meet wine experts and taste some of the region's wines.

We suggest lunch at leisure at the **Table Calvet**: The Calvet wine merchants have opened a gourmet restaurant with seasonal cuisine served in the attractive setting of a former wine and spirit storehouse.

Afternoon visit of the **Musée d'Aquitaine** focused on **Prehistoric objects**. Opened to the public since 1987, the museum of Aquitaine is situated in the heart of the city, near the place Pey-Berland and near the Cathedral.

The wealth of its collections allows the guest to **relive the history of Bordeaux and its region**, since the prehistory until our days and highlights the links of this city and its back-country with overseas.





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*NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or all year long.
We suggest you to check with our Production Managers*

This package includes

- Professional English speaking guide who is licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as into museums and monuments
- Découvertes fees
- 24 hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Tramway tickets
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also provide:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites
- Lunch reservations



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Make it Optional

Make it Montesquieu!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for a special optional venue

Enjoy a visit to the chateau de la Brède where Montesquieu, one of the most influential writers of the age of enlightenment, was born. You will visit an exceptional historical, architectural and natural site. Visiting the site will unveil its history and reveal a patrimony remarkably preserved through the centuries by the Montesquieu family. The discovery of many rooms, entirely furnished, the antechamber, the salon, the secretaries' rooms as well as that of Montesquieu's wife, the chapel, Countess Jacqueline de Chabannes' salon... and the emblematic spaces in which Montesquieu worked such as his room conserved as it was in the XVIIth century and his library, which will lead you to know the writer.



Please contact us for more information and price. Upon request and availability.

Make it Prehistoric!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue

Visit one of the most remarkable decorated caves of the early Upper Paleolithic era. Discovered on 6 March 1881, the Pair-non-Pair cave is decorated with wall engravings of horses, ibex, various types of deers, mammoths and bovines dating from the Aurignacian period (between 33,000 and 26,000 BC). It is a moving evidence of man's first artistic awakening.

In the ceiling, inside the cave, one have found a perforation made by humans and one think that they would have used this to hang the skin from a large animal, stretched to the floor. Possible used like a screen to protect them from wind and cold and also from dangerous animals like hyenas, wolves and lions.



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