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### Knows only one routine: yours and your happiness!

## To the south of Bordeaux At the edge of the South-West To the north of the Landes forest To the east of the Bassin d'Arcachon

#### See how well we are surrounded!

But take a look here instead, at this glass of Sauternes gleaming with golden reflections, at the Garonne, enhanced by the sunset, or at the medieval towns.

Here, in the Gironde du Sud, we have it all, because simplicity coexists with the extraordinary, and sharing is the rule.

In La Gironde du Sud, the warmth of the South-West meets the excellence of the Bordeaux region. Because beauty means nothing if it is not accessible to everyone, here we blend chic with cool to offer you the best. Epicureans are the best friends of the curious, the aesthetes, and the fearless. Everyone tastes, admires, and feels the quality and boldness of who we are and what we create.

In La Gironde du Sud, come and discover our mosaic nature: from the river, the vineyards of Graves, Sauternes, and the Côtes de Bordeaux Saint-Macaire, to our Landes forest, our vibrant buildings, our small dishes, and our big heart.



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Alcohol abuse is dangerous for your health. Drink in moderation.



# BAZAS, THE FRIENDLY TOWN

Do you like towns with a 'small village' atmosphere and a warm welcome from the locals? Welcome to Bazas! Here, everyone knows everyone, and when the local roaster prepares the coffee, the smell spreads throughout the town! The market, the cathedral, the cafés, the craftsmen and the narrow streets are all part of the town's charm. For history buffs, the town's museum and that of the apothecary of the Hôpital Saint-Antoine are packed with astonishing information about the history of the Bazas regions.





#### **Guided tours**

They take place on Tuesdays at 10.30am during the school holidays. At 3pm, fun family visits on Tuesdays during the summer holidays.

i lagirondedusud.com
Guided tours are only in french

#### **Recommended spot**

#### LE CERCLE DES ARTS

Right in the heart of town lies a truly surprising place waiting to be discovered. This is the story of artists and master craftspeople who have come together to form a creative collective. They welcome visitors into a boutique filled with one-of-a-kind pieces, all housed in a charming gallery beneath the arcades. Step through the door and be captivated by the rich colours and textures set against the stone walls — a real treat for the eyes!

f placedesarts.bazas

# TOUR OF THE UNDERGROUND CELLARS OF BAZAS

« My parents surprised me with a night-time tour when I was ten. What I loved most was playing explorer — climbing down ladders and discovering those vast vaulted spaces! »

To make the experience last, four exclusive outings are organised by Les Amis de la

Cité in July and August to explore the underground sites (the Poterne, the cellar of the Hôtel de Bourges).»

i Tickets available at the Tourist Offices and on lagirondedusud.com
Guided tours are only in french



## CADILLAC

#### **A CHARMING HISTORIC TOWN**

town of Cadillac was founded by Lord Jean de Grailly with the support of the King of England, in order to block the advance of the French armies. From its 14th-century fortifications, it still retains impressive remains, along with its original street plan laid out in rectangular blocks.

The best way to explore the town is on foot – leave your car by the ramparts and take a stroll through the old streets, making sure not to miss the splendid

Château of the Dukes of Épernon (a listed national monument). And don't forget: the vineyards of Cadillac-sur-Garonne produce a renowned wine that you really should discover at the Maison des Vins de Cadillac's ecomuseum – and during the vineyard

#### **Audio-guided tours**

As close to the locals as it gets, Nelly invites you on an audio-guided walk to share stories you won't necessarily find in the history books.

You're in control — using your own phone and headphones, you're free to explore the town at your own pace, whenever it suits you.

(i) Un village en Gironde • un-village-en-gironde.fr

#### THE CEMETERY OF THE FORGOTTEN AND THE GRAVEDIGGER'S HOUSE

Satiel's insider tip «The Cemetery of the Forgotten was created in 1923 to receive the bodies of soldiers from the First World War who had been interned. traumatised by the fighting, and who died in the psychiatric hospital of Cadillac-sur-Garonne.

> In the Gironde region, Cadillac's cemetery is one of the very few in France to bear witness to this tragic chapter of history. It stands as a major site of remembrance, honouring these war-torn soldiers, the forgotten "broken faces" those "wounded in the mind".»

## Did you know?

ANTOINE DE LAMOTHE, SIEUR DE CADILLAC

A Gascon gentleman and squire, Antoine de Lamothe was born in Saint-Nicolas-de-la-Grave (Tarn-et-Garonne) in 1658. Knighted for his military service and a devoted admirer of the valiant Duke of Épernon, Antoine took the title sieur de Cadillac.

Once in America, he developed a plan to establish a settlement on the right bank of the Detroit River, aiming to open trade routes with Louisiana via the Mississippi.

In 1701, he took possession of Detroit, where he built Fort Pontchartrain. In 1710, he was appointed Governor of Louisiana.

In 1902, Henry Martyn Leland, along with W. Murphy and W. Bowen, founded the Cadillac Automobile Company in tribute to the founder of the city of Detroit, whose 200th anniversary had just been celebrated.

The first Cadillac car was released in 1903.



#### THE MEDIEVAL CHARM OF

SAINT-MACAIRE

Here you are, setting off on a non-stop journey back to the Middle Ages!

Wandering through the picturesque little streets is a real delight, with steep stairways to climb that spark childhood memories – and breathtaking views over the Mercadiou and the old fortifications, proud symbols of the town's once-powerful merchant class.





For two hours, discover the exceptional heritage of this former merchant town: its ramparts, the Church of Saint-Sauveur with its 13th-century wall paintings, merchants' houses, the Mercadiou, and more.

Tours take place on Thursdays at 10:30am from June to September. At 3pm, fun family-friendly tours are offered on Thursdays during the summer holidays.

(i) lagirondedusud.com



#### One of a kind

#### THE REMARKABLETREE

The Négundo maple, officially recognised as a "Remarkable Tree", stands out for its exceptional size (4.80 m in circumference at 1.30 m above the ground). Old postcards confirm its presence before 1906, even though the average lifespan of an Acer negundo is just 80 years. It has a complex structure, with roots growing inside the trunk and a colonial form made up of several independent functional units. Its ecological and heritage value is considerable.

i Located near the Rendesse gate.



This Gascon term refers to a stilted barn located on the banks of the Garonne. Its raised position made it possible to store straw safely, protected from the floods of Dame Garonne. Restored a few years ago thanks to a volunteerled project, this 19th-century structure has now regained its original appearance.

(i) Located near the Rendesse gate.



#### **Recommended spot**

#### THETOURIST OFFICE WINE CELLAR

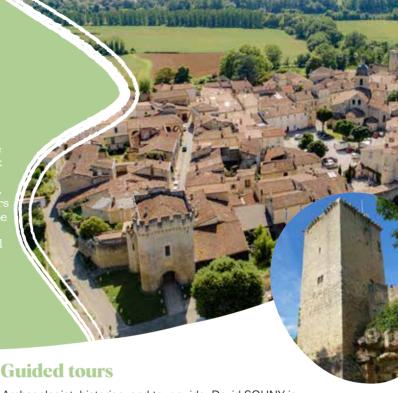
Keen to discover the wines of the Côtes de Bordeaux Saint-Macaire appellation? At the Tourist Office wine cellar, you'll be spoilt for choice with over 100 different wines! Red, rosé, dry white, sweet and dessert wines — even Bordeaux crémant — all from local family-run estates on the right bank slopes of the Garonne.

The added bonus: meet the winemakers during tasting events held in July and August.

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## RIONS

#### **BORDEAUX'S** GODDAUGHTER





Archaeologist, historian, and tour guide, David SOUNY is passionate about sharing his medieval riverside town with visitors. Let yourself be carried away by the story of Rions during his "Heritage" walks, bathed in the golden-red glow of the late summer sun.

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#### THE LITTLE PEA MARKET HALL

"Mixed farming was a common practice among our elders. As they ploughed between the vine rows, they would take the opportunity to sow the little green seed, increasing both their vield and their income. The pea, a symbol and source of pride for the village, naturally emerged as an emblem. It became so popular in the area that it gave its name to several markets — and eventually, to their market hall."





#### THE PEOPLE'S CLUB OF RIONS

A monthly programme runs all year round: a concert with a "plate & music" format, and a variety of events — either in partnership with other local associations (talks, writing workshops, board games with a nearby toy library), or organised by members themselves (bike repairs, Scrabble afternoons, chess, wine tastings, festive Sundays featuring oysters, garbure, and more...)

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#### WHISPERED IN

Little Stories Within the Big Story – La Gironde du Sud has plenty of them tucked away! Here are a few tales... but which ones are true?

#### Hostens – From coal to white sand

Beneath the calm waters of the Hostens lakes lies a part of our industrial past. This story began in 1930 with the mining of lignite, a cousin of coal, by the Société Minière et Électrique des Landes. Over the years, the pace of extraction led to the depletion of the deposit, until the site finally closed in 1966. Bought by the Conseil Général in the late 1960s, the land was restored and, by 1976, welcomed the first visitors to what is now a leisure park.

#### The Treasure of Bazas

In May 2004, a builder was carrying out renovation work in his home in the historic centre of Bazas when he made an incredible discovery: nearly a thousand coins had been hidden for almost six centuries inside one of his walls! **The 1,010 coins — gold, silver, and billon from the 15th century —** were later sold at auction. A few of these marvels can still be seen at the town's municipal museum.

#### Queen Margot's cave

Legend has it that in 1783, King Henry IV placed **Queen**Margot under house arrest while awaiting the annulment of their marriage, as she was unable to produce an heir. To pass the time, the queen would take the underground passage from the moat to reach the caves — where she would meet her lovers.

Château Royal de Cazeneuve - Préchac Entry to the park is subject to a fee. However, with any guided tour of the château, park access is included.

#### The legend of the matron

It is said that a woman from Bazas witnessed **the beheading of Saint John the Baptist** in Jerusalem.
She is believed to have brought back **a few drops of his blood** on a piece of cloth, which she placed in a
small vial. She then returned to Bazas and placed the
relic in the cathedral that bears the saint's name.



## YOUR EAR...



#### The mule's footstep of Verdelais

Around 1295, during **the war against the English**, the chapel of Verdelais was looted and burned... **The statue of the Virgin Mary was hidden** and buried in a sealed vault underground.

Countess Isabelle de Foix (1360–1428), while visiting her lands around 1390 and crossing the woods, found the statue's hiding place thanks to her mule, and decided to have a new chapel built.

#### **Lake Troupins**

At the northern edge of the commune of Guillos, between Hostens and Podensac, lies **a vast stretch of water.** A peaceful spot, just a few metres from the D115 road. Welcome to Lake Troupins — a true haven of tranquillity...

Yet a strange tale has been passed down through generations. A curious legend...

It is said that a man, along with his cart and oxen, was swallowed up in the middle of the lake.

**A whirlpool** is said to have dragged them all into the depths of the southern Gironde moorlands — without mercy... But the twist? He supposedly reappeared in Biscarrosse!





## The birth of the sweet wines of Sainte-Croix-du-Mont

What a strange idea — **making wine from rotten grapes!** And yet, that's exactly what the Lord of Tastes is said to have done. Having left for the Crusades, he returned too late for the grape harvest. Not wanting to waste his crop, he decided to pick the grapes anyway and make wine.

To his great surprise, he had just discovered **a sweet white wine** that would go on to make Sainte-Croix-du-Mont famous.

#### A hero fallen from the sky

On 5 March 1944, **an American plane was shot down** over Romestaing and Cours-les-Bains, south of Grignols. Its pilot, young Chuck Yeager — who would later become the first man to break the sound barrier — **was taken in by the Resistance**. To escape the Germans, he swapped his uniform for a suit belonging to a local man who had gone off to war. Grateful, Yeager returned several times to thank his rescuers. Even today, the story of his escape — and the mysterious suit — continues to fuel local legend.



## INSIDER TIPS FROM THE LOCALS

La Gironde du Sud captures h<mark>earts – especially those o</mark>f its own people. Let's follow the locals as they take us to the places and (sometimes) secret corners that make their hearts beat faster.



Historic footsteps

Verdelais

Ready for a deep breath of history? Let's go! A basilica and its stunning square, trodden by thousands of pilgrims since the Middle Ages. A way of the cross with 14 chapels and a calvary. The restored cussol windmill. The mule's footstep and its legend. The presence of François Mauriac. The tomb of Toulouse-Lautrec. Still got some energy left? Head to the Museum of sacred art and its remarkable collection of painted ex-votos dedicated to Notre-Dame de Verdelais (visits on request). Phew!

(i) lagirondedusud.com





The Gallo-Roman Villa

② Loupiac

As a retired winegrower, I invite you to explore the **remarkable remains** of this site, passed down to me by my parents.

The Saint-Romain site includes a Gallo-Roman villa with buildings dating from the 1st to the 7th century AD, a 12th-century priory, and an 18th-century residence. You'll be amazed by the thermal complex, especially the natatio, bordered by a mosaic-covered gallery rich in vibrant colours.

(i) Informations and visits: +33 6 07 01 64 88 • villadeloupiac.wixsite.com

Le Domaine du Parc Chavat

Podensac

Le Domaine du Parc Chavat overlooks the Garonne and stands out for its **remarkable plant diversity**, its many sculptures, and its water features. Abandoned in the late 19th century, the estate owes its revival to a man of great taste: **François Thévenot**, who acquired the property in 1914 to save it from ruin and transform it into a jardin remarquable. It is considered by the Monuments Historiques as one of the finest parks in Aquitaine.

(i) lagirondedusud.com



#### La Chapelle de Brax **Q** Landiras



Let me take you deep into the forest, where a fascinating building awaits: the "church of the marshes". Fully restored since 2022, La Chapelle de Brax dates back to the 13th century. Its name, spelled "Brach" until the Revolution, is thought to come from the Gaulish word bracu, meaning marsh. Tucked away in a small airial — a traditional clearing in the Landes forest — deep in the woods between Saint-Michel and Landiras, once known only to a few mushroom hunters, it offers a real sense of serenity. Whether as a cool, peaceful stop or a cultural venue, La Chapelle de Brax hosts a variety of performances —

both from nature and from people — with a dedicated events programme celebrating

Loupiac 0 Landiras Verdelais LANGON

Uzeste Saint-Légerde-Balson

Bernos-Beaulac

Cazats

Goualade

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the space.



This fountain is one of the special features of our little village in the Landes de Gascogne. Located to the south-east of the church, near the Hure stream, the spring dedicated to Saint-Clair is believed to cure aches and a range of other ailments. Even today, it remains a place of pilgrimage for people from neighbouring villages, who have great faith in the healing powers of its waters.





La Collégiale **Q** Uzeste

Above all, the «collégiale» remains a place of worship, which is why it is highly accessible open all year round from 9am to 7pm, even on public holidays! This extraordinary sacred site holds a very special treasure: the tomb of Pope Clement V.

It's a unique place that I'm always delighted and passionate to show visitors.

1) Self-guided or guided tours available Informations and visits: +33 6 09 92 20 23 • collegiale-uzeste.fr



The foundry Sernos-Beaulac



Set in its lush green surroundings, the Bernos-Beaulac foundry reveals its rich history. Anny, both passionate and captivating, introduced me to the art of casting, with its 13 specialised trades that come together to produce unique and rare pieces. A visit to the foundry and its shop is well worth the detour! To truly appreciate this journey into the history of French industry, you need to take your time, ask questions, and let yourself be carried away by the story of a woman for whom casting is a true way of life.

(i) Informations and visit: +33 6 75 72 42 37



The round sheepfold **Q** Goualade

I live just near the sheepfold, and I remember this type of building well. The flocks would head into the forest in spring, but in winter they stayed close to the farm and the sheepfold. Back then, there were doors all around it — it was completely enclosed. As the old folks used to say: "It's built with its back to the bad weather, because the bad weather comes from the ocean."

(i) Self-guided visit









It's an incredible memory! You feel privileged to see so many beautiful things in such a short space of time. Imagine admiring historic châteaux, vineyards, pine forests as far as the eye can see and the majestic Garonne. It's an spectacle! The flying club's pilots are true enthusiasts, and take great care of the aircraft throughout the flight.

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# LAND(S) OF INSPIRATION

The landscapes of La Gironde du Sud, with their light and colours, have inspired the pens and brushes of renowned artists. Visiting their is an incredible privilege... and you're entitled to it!

#### The majestic Château Toulouse-Lautrec

Former family home of Countess Adèle de Toulouse-Lautrec and the famous painter Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, this heritage site is a truly

unique place. This 43-hectare vineyard, located on the Bordeaux wine route in Entre-Deux-Mers, is steeped in **history and** 

rich biodiversity. There are plenty of opportunities to explore: wine-tasting tours, self-guided or guided visits, a romantic night in a guest room, contemporary art exhibitions, wellness stays...

Additionally, the estate is one of the winners of the Trophées de l'accueil. So, don't hesitate!

Saint-André-Du-Bois • +33 5 56 76 25 42 • chateautoulouselautrec.com

## The thriving Domaine de Malagar

From the beauty of the landscapes at Malagar came the pages of La Chair et le Sang, Destins, and Le Noeud de vipères. Experience the creative magic of writer François

**Mauriac** through various activities offered: guided tours, exhibitions, escape games...

Saint-Maixant • +33 5 57 98 17 17 • malagar.fr

#### The inspiring Château de La Brède

Behind the walls of this prestigious building, you will discover the story of a family — that of Charles-Louis de Secondat, Montesquieu, born here in 1689. He grew up here and returned often throughout his life. The château dates back to the 11th century, and Montesquieu made few alterations to the building itself. Instead, he

focused on designing the surrounding grounds, creating a magnificent estate, now classified as a Historic Monument.

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always fascinating, our castles are proud the best storytellers of all, each one a witness to the significant events of our region.

Often majestic, sometimes intimidating, but ambassadors of our history. They are probably

#### Château de Budos

Rudos

Built in the 14th century for a nephew of Pope Clement V. Raymond Guilhem, the Château de Budos is both a palace and a fortress. A victim of revolutionary events and the ravages of time, it is now being restored thanks to volunteer work and activities organised by the Adichats association.

#### ITS SPECIAL FEATURE

Declared national property during the Revolution, it was dismantled and used as a quarry.

#### THE PLUS

The building is contemporary to the Château de Villandraut and was constructed with the same architectural design. One could say it's its cousin!

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#### Château Ducal

**Cadillac** 

Built as a palace starting in 1599 by the Duke of Épernon, the building long represented the power of its owners before being dismantled in the 18th century and, in the early 19th century, becoming a prison. First a women's prison, then a «school for the preservation of young girls,» and later a reform school until the 1950s, the château is now one of the most important monuments in Gironde.

#### ITS SPECIAL FEATURE

It is the first example of French-style architecture.

#### THE PLUS

The site hosts exhibitions, performances, and... your events! You can even organise an Arty'versaire for your child there.

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#### Château du Hamel

Castets-et-Castillon

Feudal and Renaissance styles brought together in one place! The current buildings date back to the 16th century, but they rest on the foundations of a fortified site built in the 14th century. Henri IV staved here in 1585.

#### ITS SPECIAL FEATURE

The tour is led by the owners themselves. Together, they enjoy taking the time to tell the story of the château, comfortably seated under a beautiful tree in the park.

#### THE PLUS

The view over the confluence of the Garonne and its canal is outstanding!

> (i) +33 6 64 33 79 74 lagirondedusud.com/ patrimoine-culturel/ chateau-du-hamel



#### Château de Langoiran

Langoiran

A royal fortress at the end of the 15th century, involved in the struggles between the Kings of England and France during the Hundred Years' War, and later a residence for the Presidents of the Bordeaux Parliament in the 15th and 17th centuries, the Château de Langoiran has undergone fabulous restorations..

#### ITS UNIQUE FEATURE

Stav in a medieval atmosphere with the château's quest rooms and aîtes.

#### THE PLUS

It offers a magnificent view over the Garonne valley.

(i) chateaudelangoiran.com +33 5 56 67 12 00







## THE CASTLES



#### Château fort de Roquetaillade



Inhabited by the same family since 1306, it is one of the 10 most beautiful castles in France.

#### ITS SPECIAL FEATURE

Behind its austere medieval facades, you'll find the colorful world of the great architect Viollet-le-Duc. A true cinematic backdrop that has hosted Fantômas, Louis de Funès, and Roger Moore.

#### THE PLUS

A chapel, the old château, and the new château are all part of a single site.

> (i) +33 5 56 76 14 16 roquetaillade.eu







#### Château royal de Cazeneuve

#### **Préchac**

Known for being the residence of the Kings of Navarre, this beautiful example of a medieval castle overlooks the Ciron valley. The Lords of Albret lived here from the 13th century, followed by illustrious owners, the most famous of whom was Henri IV.

#### ITS SPECIAL FEATURE

Its medieval cellars house great Bordeaux vintages. The royal apartments are perfectly preserved and furnished with period furniture.

#### THE PLUS

The park, classified as a Historic Monument and Natura 2000 site, features vast umbrella pines, the Queen's Cave, and a bamboo grove over 100 years old.

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#### Château de Malle

Preignac

The château is a private
Historic Monument,
built in the 18th century,
surrounded by 6.5 hectares
of remarkable gardens
inspired by the famous
creations of Louis XIV
at Versailles. Behind
its elegant façade, the
interior reveals richly
decorated salons, adorned
with frescoes and period
furniture, reflecting the
refinement of the past.

#### ITS SPECIAL FEATURE

The estate has about fifty hectares of vineyards, producing Sauternes (sweet wine) and Graves (white and red). Since 1855, it has been a Second Grand Cru Classé of Sauternes..

#### **THE PLUS**

Its French-style gardens, inspired by the Renaissance.

(i) +33 5 56 63 59 33 chateaudemalle.com







#### Château de Villandraut

#### **Villandraut**

Here, seven centuries gaze upon you. Come and discover this incredible Historic Monument, the palace of Pope Clement V, built in the 14th century.

#### ITS SPECIAL FEATURE

Numerous activities are offered throughout the year: escape games, birthdays, cultural events...

#### THE PLUS

The guided tour will take you through the old towers of the château. By day, a panoramic view of the Gironde moorlands awaits you. By night, the torchlit tour is truly magical!

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# NATURE... AT PEDAL'S PACE

Forget the car and discover La Gironde du Sud from the saddle of your bike.



#### The tranquillity of greenways

Ah, the greenways... **Pedal, relax, admire...** all without cars nearby (or rarely)! In La Gironde du Sud, they bear evocative names that invite you to escape or challenge yourself. Let's start gently by following **the Garonne Canal** in Castets-et-Castillon. You have a choice: take a lovely 5 km loop or embark on an adventure all the way to Toulouse. Want to stay close to the water? Join us on the three green tracks **around the lakes in Hostens\*** (8, 11, and 16 km). For a bit more challenge, there are additional red and black loops.

Now that your calves are nicely warmed up, we present two challenges:

The Tour de Gironde by bike (480 km), which you can start in Bazas, or La

Scandibérique (180 km through Gironde), passing through Hostens, Villandraut,
Langon, and Saint-Macaire. It's time to pedal!

\*To make your choice, stay informed about the reopening of the estate (+33 5 56 88 70 29)

#### Les Bulles Vertes: The eco-friendly adventure at the end of your wheels!

Ready to explore in a new way? Les Bulles Vertes are your new allies for discovering local treasures with 100% soft mobility. Recharge your bike, scooter, or even your knowledge with interactive routes that combine heritage, anecdotes, and exciting encounters. Between two pedal strokes, let the app whisper the secrets of the area... And off you go on an eco-friendly, fun, and surprising ride!

Starting points for the "ecos-stations":

- Château de Portets
- Château Réaut in Rions
- Château Vieille Tour in Laroque
- ① Château de Cérons (on foot)
- Château Doisy-Daene in Barsac
- Château Sigalas Rabaud à Bommes (on foot)
- Château Guiraud in Sauternes

#### La Gare aux Secrets

Want to take your time or simply rediscover the pleasure of train travel? That's exactly what the «Gare aux Secrets» initiative offers. The goal is to help you uncover the secrets and wonders hidden along your journey. Stops are made at the

**Portets and Cérons train stations** (line 44 Bordeaux-Agen), where you can access the Château de Portets or the Château de Cérons with special offers and rates upon presenting your ticket.

#### Your bike is waiting for you here!

Culture Vélo Langon LANGON Les Cycles du Canal CASTETS-ET-CASTILLON

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Les Cycles du Bazadais BAZAS



## NATURE... ...ON WHEELS

Our scooter partners are always ready to roll when it comes to finding the perfect route. Inspired by the trails of La Gironde du Sud, they're sharing their best outings with you.



## **The faces of the hillsides**By Rando Trotte



Explore the panoramic hills of the Bordeaux region through 5 themes of your choice: stroll, sunset, adventure, sport, and free. It's all up to your mood!

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## **Le Lac de la Prade**By Les Cycles du Bazadais



Starting from Bazas, follow **the Marmande path towards Le Lac de la Prade.** This Sensitive Natural Area, located in the heart of the Beuve valley, is **a beautiful spot for observing wildlife and plants.** During your walk, take a break at the picnic area, shaded by trees. A breathtaking view awaits you!

## Discovering the 5 stars in Sauternes Property August 1 decrees

By Au Fil du Ciron

**Dommes** 

**5 Grand Crus Classés of Sauternes** have teamed up to form the 5 Stars. Through their vineyards, you will discover these **5 estates on an all-terrain electric scooter**. The Châteaux Rayne-Vigneau, Lafaurie-Peyraguey, La Tour Blanche, Sigalas-Rabaud, and Rabaud-Promis are part of this exciting journey. **As a bonus, a tasting** awaits you at one of these five châteaux.

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# NATURE... AT YOUR FEET

Our suggested routes are waiting for you here



And especially along the paths of our marked trails! From the friendly loop to the more challenging route, each trail leads you through our inspiring landscapes.

🖔 12.8 km

<sup>ტ</sup> 4 à 5h

s Medium

#### Lac de la Prade

Bazas
Lake parking (D9)

In the heart of **the Beuve valley**, strolling around the Lac de la Prade guarantees year-round views of **remarkable wildlife and plants**.

To guide you through this Sensitive Natural Area, educational panels are placed along the trail.

#### Auzac loop

Grignols
Allées Saint-Michel

On the winding path through the woods, you'll likely encounter **the famous chapons and fat ducks** that are renowned in the region. The **hilly route** leads to the edge of meadows where authentic Bazadaises cows graze. The highlight of the walk is the old church of Auzac, which offers **stunning viewpoints**.

<sup>∞</sup> 11 km

<sup>a</sup> 2h45

**⇔ Medium** 

#### Vineyard hut trail

Pian-sur-Garonne
Town hall

A trail in the heart of the vineyards, discovering the vineyard huts, viticulture, and nature. Along the route, QR codes are available to learn more about these three themes. Starting from the town hall, the first QR code will provide you with more information about this walk.

## Pujols-sur-Ciron loop

<sup>∞</sup> 7.8 km

Ĉ 2h

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Pujols-sur-Ciron
Church

Follow the trails winding through **vineyards and woodland** for an authentic experience. As you walk beneath the oaks, admire the **discreet palombières** nestled in the forest. The Saint-Pierre church reveals its history, while the **prestigious wine estates** punctuate the landscape.

#### Collégiale d'Uzeste loop

Uzeste
Collégiale d'Uzeste

**⋄** 7,4 km **⋄** 2h **⋄** Easy

This walk takes you in the footsteps of the Gascon pope, Clement V.
Then, wander through pine and fern forests until you discover beautiful lagoons and the unmissable Ciron river. If you're lucky, wild animals such as deer or hares might surprise you during your peaceful stroll!

## Itinerant Walking!

#### THE GR6 IN LA GIRONDE DU SUD

Before embarking on this **long-distance trail** that stretches across France from Gironde to the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, you can try the section that passes through La Gironde du Sud, **from Castets-et-Castillon to Hostens.** Along the way, you'll encounter the Bordeaux Wine Route in Graves and Sauternes, the Ciron valley, the Château de Villandraut, and the Regional Natural Park of Landes de Gascogne..

<sup>%</sup> 83 km ♂ 17h

**∞ Medium** 

 Banks of the Garonne canal in Castets-et-Castillon

# NATURE IN HARMONY WITH YOUR 4-LEGGED FRIENDS

#### 100% dogsiendly activities and visits

Your 4-legged friend is part of the family and he too has a thirst for adventure and discovery.

#### 100% thrills with sled dogs

Saint-Maixant

Cani-hiking, cani-MTB (nordic walks), canicross...

Mush Gironde is full of creative ways to help you discover the region with extraordinary dogs (yours or theirs).

Since 2024, you can even try out **all-terrain sledding**, pulled by a team of 10 to 14 nordic dogs.

An incredible adventure accessible to children from 6 years old, people with disabilities, and/or those with reduced mobility.

(i) Mush Gironde • +33 6 25 10 48 28 • mushgironde.fr

#### **Never without my dog!**

And you're absolutely right! To ensure you never have to part ways, we've gathered **all the places where your dog will be welcomed** (on a leash, of course). To find **the spots he'll love,** we suggest two techniques

(approved by experts): say the name of the site and if he barks twice, it's a yes, or show him the list. If he places his paw or snout on a name, it's a go!

100% dogfriendly activities and visits





Les sabots de Menon

Les écuries de Louchats

Écuries du Lac HOSTENS

> Poney-club les Galop-pins BERNOS-BEAULAC

#### Bet on the right horse!

Want to embark on grand horseback rides through the landscapes of La Gironde du Sud? Whether on horseback or in a carriage, let yourself be carried away by a different pace.

With the **expert guidance of the local equestrian centres and stables,** you'll explore our trails with a unique sense of freedom.

#### **Poney-club Les Galop-ins**

**Bernos-Beaulac** 

(i) +33 6 87 31 31 09 • galop-pins.ffe.com

#### Écuries du Lac d'Hostens

Mostens

(i) +33 6 70 10 92 38 • equitation-aquitaine.com

#### Écuries de Louchats

**Description** Louchats

(1) +33 6 61 41 69 24 • ecuriesdelouchats.wordpress.com

#### Les sabots de Menon

**Q** Landiras

(i) +33 6 33 47 45 36 • lessabotsdemenon.com

## OPENING A PARENTHESIS

...and closing it in a time and place where stress and performance don't exist. To do this, the best approach is to reconnect with nature and live at its pace. In La Gironde du Sud, we know how to stop time, and we're here to show you how.

Stay in the green

Need to recharge? With your eyes closed, we highly recommend turning to the **Escapades Ecopositives site.** There, you'll find plenty of great vacation ideas to help you **reconnect with nature.** Want to experience **a connection with nature and the world**? Looking for tips to make a greater environmental impact? Follow the advice from the Chroniques Écopositives. Focusing on native plants or sowing green fertilizers are just a few of the many tips they share to balance environmental preservation, encounters, sharing, and a deeper connection with the territory of the Parc Naturel Régional des Landes de Gascogne.

(j) escapades-ecopositives-landes-de-gascogne.fr



## When art merges with the landscape

To discover the works of the FAC (Forêt d'Art Contemporain) hidden in our villages and forests of the Landes de Gascogne, we invite

you to **keep an eye out during your walks.** Saint-Symphorien, Bourideys,
Captieux, Pompéjac, and Cazalis are among the
communes that host these pieces. Will you find them?

Self-guided visit or scheduled outings

(i) Maison du Parc • +33 6 78 11 23 31 laforetdartcontemporain.com

#### Where the sky shines

To fully enjoy the magic of the stars, we recommend heading to Cazalis to observe the sky from the Doucs (sand dunes in Gascon) with the new artwork from the

with the new artwork from the Forêt d'Art Contemporain, «La constellation de Cazalis.» The stars are also clearly visible in Captieux. Like Cazalis, the village is labeled «Villes et villages étoilés.»



#### Have you heard of pine-tapping?



Gilbert, Jean-Michel, and their friends recall a time that those under 20 can't possibly know. The job of a tapper involved collecting pine sap using a tool called an «hapchot». The tree's resin, mixed with rainwater, would settle in a dedicated pot and form a liquid called «gemme», used in the production of cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. Imagine yourself, under the cool shade of the pines, stepping into the shoes of a tapper during a visit led by passionate experts. These events are offered on several fridays throughout the season.

Booking with the La Gironde du Sud tourism and leisure office

(i) Les Amis du Patrimoine de Bernos-Beaulac • +33 5 56 63 68 00



#### Oysters that will take your breath away

Sainte-Croix-du-Mont

Sainte-Croix-du-Mont is home to a unique geological site in **Europe,** made up of fossilized oysters overlooking the Garonne. 22 million years ago, these oysters accumulated at the bottom of the seas during the Tertiary period, before being elevated above the valley after tectonic movements and the retreat of the waters.

From these **fossilized oyster caves**, enjoy an exceptional panoramic view of the Sauternais and sip a mojito in Sainte-Croix-du-Mont: a unique and... magical experience!

(i) lagirondedusud.com

#### The fascinating Raymond Island



It has a unique feature: no one knows it's an island! Both close to humans and little known, it seeks to make itself known and leave an impression on the issues related to its condition: flood-prone, fragile, unexpected, inhabited, marginal, and rich. This 45-hectare piece of land. nestled between the Garonne River and one of its branches, along the communes of Paillet and Rions. is a true sanctuary for biodiversity.

(i) lagirondedusud.com

#### The hidden treasures of the South-West forests

O Cazats

The «palombières», these huts used for traditional wood pigeon hunting, are connected by mysterious fern tunnels, offering a unique immersion in the heart of nature. Between heritage and passion, dive into an ancient practice and observe the local wildlife in an authentic and preserved setting.

(i) La Palombière de Michel • +33 6 75 76 31 34

#### The serenity of Sensitive **Natural Areas**

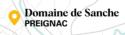
Both ambassadors of our natural heritage and quardians of fragile nature, Sensitive Natural Areas (ENS) invite you to immerse yourself in their precious tranquility.



Île de Raymond



Domaine départemental Gérard Lagors HOSTENS





Lac de la Prade BAZAS



Vallée du Ciron / Belvédère **BERNOS-BEAULAC** 





Stay in relaxation mode and treat yourself to a few hours of pure rest in places where relaxation is the queen.

#### **Château Toulouse-Lautrec**

Saint-André-du-Bois

The ChâteauToulouse-Lautrec has a very positive energy, both gentle and peaceful. For Henri deToulouse-Lautrec, it was a sanctuary where he found serenity. It will be the same for you!

Massages, yoga pilates, walks, yoga retreats, wellness stays.

(i) chateautoulouselautrec.com

L'Espace bien-être of Domaine EcÔtelia

**Q** Le Nizan

Discover l'Espace Bien-Être-Les 5 Sens by EcÔtelia and treat yourself to **a relaxing break** that will delight your body and enchant your mind..

i domaine-ecotelia.com







#### **Spadium zen**

**Q** Langon

Relax while the kids have fun at the pool. The dream! Make it a reality by heading to Spadium. Whether summer or winter, come swim, play in water heated to 30°C, and unwind in the solarium (indoor and outdoor), jacuzzis, hammam, sauna... For a wonderful wellness break, book an appointment at the spa. Facials, body treatments, relaxation massages... This moment is for you!

(i) Spadium • +33 5 56 63 27 01 • spadiumzen.smartbooker.fr



When the heat rises, the best thing to do is get closer to the water. You swim, dive, take a stroll... In short, you cool off!

#### **Cool Currents**

Whether on the lake, the river, or at the Aquapark, water activities are perfect for moving without getting too hot. Canoeing, kayaking, standup paddle, water slides... The only thing left to do is choose!



#### Water sports centre of Domaine départemental **Gérard Lagors**

Mostens

(1) +33 5 56 88 70 29

gironde.fr/sport-loisirs/domaine-de-loisirs-dhostens



#### **Canoe Kayak Club**

**Bommes** 

(i) +33 5 56 76 61 42 • basebommes.e-monsite.com

#### **Aquapark Aventures Sud-Gironde**

Bazas

(i) +33 7 71 06 96 01 • aventures-sudgironde.fr

#### Villandraut water sports centre

1 +33 5 56 25 38 65 • basevillandraut.e-monsite.com

#### **Bernos Beaulac** water sports centre -Canoe kayak

Bernos Beaulac

(i) +33 6 71 27 80 63 • cckbb.fr

#### **Escales flottantes**

Podensac

(i) +33 6 72 51 47 14 •

contact@escalesflottantes.fr

#### My Fish is Fresh!

Another great water activity—fishing! The Saint-Michel pond, Lac de Taste, Lac de la Prade, Lac de Podensac, and the Barsac pond... There's no shortage of great fishing spots here. To get started, you'll need the right equipment, but most importantly, a fishing permit. And the good news is, you can buy it at the Tourist Offices in Cadillac and Bazas!

To learn everything about fishing in La Gironde du Sud, scan here





## ENCHANTING GARONNE

Over 100 km, it originates in the Pyrenees and flows through Gironde. Sometimes tumultuous with legendary floods, the Garonne never stops shaping our landscapes and captivating us. Along its banks or on its waters, it invites us to explore. Who would dare decline such an enticing invitation? Not us!



#### The Mascaret? What's that?

It's the rise in water level in an estuary caused by the tidal wave. This water enters and flows up the river from its mouth in the form of a wave called the Mascaret. Mostly imperceptible, the wave can reach up to two meters in height during high tides with a coefficient over 90, and can surge at speeds of up to 20 km/h.





Les copains de la Cale

Come meet true defenders and passionate advocates of

the Garonne! Longtime friends who promote the river's

heritage, preserve the riverbanks, and introduce you to

programs on and by the river. Come share a moment of

water activities, cultural experiences, and educational

**Lestiac-sur-Garonne** 

**Surfing the Mascaret** 

The «Mascaret» is THE wave of the Garonne, and like all waves worthy of the name, it's perfect for gliding!

With wetsuits on, surfers, kayakers, paddleboarders, and canoeists are many to ride the wave, which rolls slowly in a continuous gentle rustle, flowing upstream against the Garonne.

(i) lagirondedusud.com

## A journey along the water



Located on the banks of the Garonne, Les Chantiers Tramasset invite you to dive into the fascinating world of traditional shipbuilding and restoration. Enjoy guided tours to admire age-old techniques and

iconic boats. A unique place where

craftsmanship and passion meet, perfect for history enthusiasts and those seeking authentic discoveries.

> (i) +33 5 56 67 61 69 chantierstramasset.fr







(i) Reservation on lagirondedusud.com

#### **Cradled by the waves**

Boat rides are one of our favorite ways to stay cool. On the agenda: themed cruises and gourmet tours that allow you to discover châteaux, vineyards, and unique landscapes from the river. All you need to do is sit back and enjoy... Departing from Cadillac, Langon, Bordeaux.

(i) +33 5 56 63 68 00 • lagirondedusud.com

#### The poetry of the Canal de Garonne

Called the Canal de Garonne, the lateral canal to the Garonne runs from Castets-et-Castillon to Toulouse. It then becomes the Canal du Midi. finishing at Sète. The whole thing forms a beautiful blue ribbon known as the Canal des deux Mers. Far from the cars, whether on foot or by bike, you can follow the Canal de Garonne, passing by century-old plane trees and locks, true ambassadors of a charming landscape and architectural heritage. Interspersed with remarkable works of art, it also offers lovely river walks.



#### All the floods before your eyes

Under the Porte de la Mer in Cadillac and along the guays in Langon, you'll find a curious scale. This is the flood scale of the Garonne, documenting the river's floods from the 18th century to the present day.

#### The thousand faces of the Ciron rive

This peaceful Landes river winds its way to the Garonne, passing by magnificent castles.

Sometimes calming with its shaded paths, other times exhilarating with canoe trips, it is the source of a strange phenomenon. Every autumn, its meeting with the Garonne envelops the valley in a mystical fog. From this, Botrytis cinerea or noble rot — is born, essential to the magic of sweet wines.



# THE VINEYARD OF SUD LA GIRONDE DU SUD

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Here, it is a land of vineyards where traditions and expertise come together to produce exceptional wines.

Between lush valleys, winding rivers, and majestic forests, hectares of vines stretch out, nurtured by an ideal climate.



From Sauternes to Graves, passing through Loupiac and Cadillac, each appellation reveals unique characters and subtle aromas. The sweet white wines, robust reds, and dry whites express the full diversity of this exceptional terroir.



Vins rouges Vins blancs secs

Vins moelleux et liquoreux

#### An immersion in enchanting landscapes

The vineyards of La Gironde du Sud unfold **throughout the seasons.** In summer, the vines thrive under a generous sun, while in autumn, the leaves take on golden and fiery hues.

Whether on foot, by bike, or by car, let yourself be charmed by these **exceptional panoramas.** 

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## Iconic châteaux and family estates

Behind every bottle, there is a story.
Whether «Grand Crus Classés» or familyowned estates passed down through
generations, the winemakers open their doors
to you. Meet these passionate individuals who
will share their expertise and love for the
vine with you.

#### Botrytis, what's that?

Behind the name **Botrytis** lies a **fascinating natural phenomenon**. Born from the morning mist of the Garonne and Ciron, and the warmth of the September sun, this small fungus produces **noble rot**, essential in the creation of the sweet wines that are emblematic of La Gironde du Sud.

## VINEYARDS IN THE FEMININE

Women of tradition, women of innovation, women of passion... They are all the faces of the wines of La Gironde du Sud. Shall we introduce them to you?



#### Dear Madam President

**Q** Langon

Founded on 2 hectares in 1931, **Château Pont-de-Brion** now spans 21 hectares in the

now spans 21 nectares in the south of Graves. Since 2015, it has ofte Molinari, president of the Language.

been led by Charlotte Molinari, president of the Langon Winemakers Association. A fifth-generation member of this family estate, the young winemaker continues the family traditions, particularly in terms of environmental respect, which earned her an organic farming certification in 2024.

(i) Château Pont-de-Brion • chateaupontdebrion.com

#### **Generous wine first!**

Rions

That could be the motto of Néa Berglund. This 34-yearold Finn has opted for less traditional and more fun wines for «less serious» consumers. At **Château Carsin**, you'll find «everyday» wines, some specialties, and a range of authentic, natural wines.

The cherry on top: all the wines have been organic since 2022! The estate also offers balsamic vinegar, grape juice, fruits, and vegetables from the property, and... festive evenings! Néa loves hosting concerts, outdoor movie nights... Come and party with her!

(i) Château Carsin • carsin.com

### The spirit of innovation **Description Description**

Laure De Lambert has plenty of ideas in her head. With a family working in wine since the 15th century (yes, indeed!), the owner of **Château Sigalas Rabaud**, a Premier Cru Classé 1855, could rest on her laurels. But no, she prefers when things are moving. Creating a sulphur-free white wine, opening guest rooms, launching a Sauternes barrel-aged coffee... Laure is constantly inventing! She also brings this energy

to the Bordeaux Wine Route in Graves and Sauternes, of which she has been president since 2021.

(i) Château Sigalas Rabaud • chateau-sigalas-rabaud.com



## The magician of Sauternes

Sauternes

No magic wand or spells for
Sandrine Garbay, her talent lies in
her work and passion for wine. It only took
a sip of Champagne for Sandrine Garbay to embark on
her journey in the vineyard. Top of her oenology class
in Bordeaux, with a doctorate in Biological and Medical
Sciences, she started at Château d'Yquem. Four years
later, she was appointed cellar master, producing her first
vintage in 1998. This incredible adventure led her in 2022
to **Château Guiraud,** where she became Deputy CEO,
fully expressing her passion and expertise in crafting the
great wines of Sauternes.

(i) Château Guiraud • chateauguiraud.com







... for five generations! At **Château du Payre,** it is the women who hold the reins. Marie, Eugénie, Simone, Monique, and today, Valérie. As a worthy heir to this renowned estate, Valérie Labrousse proudly carries the torch. Determined to guide her estate through the various changes in viticulture, she has developed oenotourism (tours and tastings, table and guest rooms...) and has placed the estate in an environmentally respectful dynamic (HVE certification, organic certification).

(i) Château du Payre • chateau-du-payre.fr

#### WALKS IN THE HEART OF

To discover our wines, there are of course tastings, but also explorations between the vine rows. This is where the grapes are born, giving rise to the sweet elixirs of our prestigious appellations. Why not meet them in person?



#### Saddle Up with the Maisons des vins

Routes designed for everyone, bikes that suit all levels, and breathtaking vineyard landscapes. Does this idea excite you? Head to the Maisons des vins of Cadillac and Sauternes to experience these adventures with friends, as a couple, or with family in the vineyards of La Gironde du Sud. Between gourmet picnics, tastings of grand crus, and fascinating tours, the Maisons des vins and their partner, Les Cycles du Bazadais, have crafted unforgettable escapes for you.

(i) lagirondedusud.com





Embark on a journey to discover Bordeaux wines... but not just any way! For that, Les Ateliers au château are full of imagination. They successfully

combine tastings with bike

**rides,** hikes through the vineyards, and even **orienteering courses**.

Plus, their packages are available for a half-day or a full day. What more could you ask for?

(1) +33 6 85 72 66 42 • degustation-bordeaux.fr

#### The wine routes

Just hearing their name is enough to imagine the thrilling journey that awaits you.
Along our ine routes, every bend reveals a new tasting adventure. Explore picturesque landscapes that house renowned vineyards, ready to unveil their

treasures.

i bordeaux-graves-sauternes.com
entredeuxmers.com



#### The five grand crus walk

#### Bommes - Au fil du Ciron

Five Grand Crus Classés of Sauternes have teamed up to form **the five stars**. Through their vineyards, you will discover these **five estates on an all-terrain electric scooter**.

The Châteaux Rayne-Vigneau, Lafaurie-Peyraguey, La Tour Blanche, Sigalas-Rabaud, and Rabaud Promis are part of this adventure. Bonus: a tasting awaits you at one of these five châteaux

(1) 06 73 95 02 92 • aufilduciron.com

#### Focus on «Aromas and landscapes»



Food lovers and gourmets will indulge in **«Aromas and landscapes: walk, taste, dine.»** This walk through the heart of the vineyard combines **tastings and a gourmet meal.** From start to finish, it promises a complete immersion in the gastronomy and viticulture of Sauternes.

The winemakers from the Sauternes & Barsac Appellations, who initiated the project, are eagerly awaiting to share this unique experience with you—a true **celebration of our terroir, our traditions, and our passion for wine.** 

(i) June14th 2025 • sauternes-barsac.com/aromes-et-paysages/



## THE VINEYARD ....



#### Discovering Château Vieille Tour on horseback

**\text{\Quad}** Laroque

Jérôme and Béatrice-Anne Gouin, passionate winemakers dedicated to their terroir, invite you to explore the landscapes of the Cadillac-Côtes de Bordeaux by horseback. You'll experience its endless richness, whether natural, cultural, heritage, or viticultural, and gain a deeper appreciation for the wines it produces.

Why horseback riding? Simply because, in addition to being winemakers, they also own an equi-pedagogical farm, offering horseback tours of the hills (for experienced riders) and equi-coaching.

1 +33 6 74 51 72 09 • chateau-vieille-tour.com

#### Sauternes along the water

Come and discover the Sauternes vineyard in a very unique way! Through the one-of-a-kind setting provided by the Ciron river, followed by an exclusive visit to a traditional cru of the appellation, we offer you a perfect combination of relaxation, leisure, and culinary pleasure all in one experience. Booking required.

1 +33 5 56 63 68 00 · lagirondedusud.com

#### Méhari-Jeep rides through the vineyards of Château des Places Arbanats

Have you always dreamed of riding in a Méhari or a Jeep? Château des

Places has thought of you with this 100% vintage ride!

During the journey, take a delightful break with a gourmet tasting in the heart of the vineyards. The dream!

1 +33 5 56 67 20 13

#### Cadillac rides in the heart of the vineyard

**Q** Loupiac

with Octopus

Hop aboard a classic five-seat Cadillac Coupe Deville, fully original,

to discover the landscapes and estates of the Cadillac-Côtes de Bordeaux, Graves, and Sauternes. From a scenic tour to a romantic ride, Jean-Franck, a passionate lover of his terroir and beautiful american cars, offers you an unforgettable experience!

① Jean Franck Lovo • +33 6 58 79 88 91

#### A stay in the heart of the vineyard

By bike, e-bike, car, or luxury van, discover the region in private, with a tour tailored to your desires. Whether it's focused on châteaux, wine, gastronomy, culture, or sports, each tour is à la carte, designed to get as close as possible to your wishes.

Wine Tour avec Octopus • +33 6 89 37 70 11 octopuswine.fr

#### Golf cart ride at Château La Tour Blanche

Bommes

During your **golf cart ride** through the vineyards, you will discover the appellation, the work of the vines, and the unique context of Sauternes. This tour takes you to the belvedere, where you can enjoy an exceptional view of the Sauternes appellation.

1 +33 5 57 98 02 73 • tour-blanche.com

## VINEYARDS... DELICIOUS



For a 100% La Gironde du Sud meal, why not aim for the ultimate experience and treat yourself to a gourmet experience at a vineyard estate?

#### Option 1: DINING AT THE ESTATE

With friends, family, or a loved one, experience the privilege of a meal served at an exceptional estate. An estate? No, several! The options are varied and will surely find their way to your desires... and your taste buds!

#### Winemaker's aperitif at Château Haut-Claverie



As protocol demands, we begin with the aperitif. Here, we prefer it «winemaker-style» (available year-round upon request).

(i) +33 5 56 63 43 09 • haut-claverie.com

#### Picnic in the vineyards



Basket in hand, glass in the other, nose in the wind, set off to explore the vineyards of Château de Portets, Château du Payre, or Château La Tour Blanche. The first offers its "Bucolic escape for two", including a guided tour of the cellars and a delicious picnic in the château park. The second suggests its "The gourmet" formula (tour of the cellars, tasting of five wines, and a platter of appetizers), while the third invites you to its "Picnic lunch in the heart of the vineyards".

The joy of simple pleasures in exceptional settings!

- (i) +33 5 56 67 12 30 chateaudeportets.fr
- 1 +33 5 56 62 60 91 chateau-du-payre.fr 1 +33 5 57 98 02 73 • tour-blanche.com
- Overlooking the vineyard

#### Overlooking the vineyard at Château Bel Air



The delight of a high-end meal served on the terrace overlooking the estate's vineyards. All in a chic, elegant, and relaxed atmosphere.

(i) +335 56 62 01 19 vignobles-chateaubelair.com

#### Brasero at Château Lafaurie Peyraguey

#### Sommes

The pleasure of meats, fish, and seasonal vegetables cooked on the brasero, right before your eyes, at the Terrace of Château Lafaurie Peyraguey. Sit back and enjoy the view!

i +33 5 24 22 80 11 chateau-lafaurie-peyraguey.com

#### A brunch at the Château, please!

#### 🔮 Preignac & Sauternes

At Château Bastor Lamontagne, in the Sauternes appellation, the brunch is prepared by Alexandra from the «Fenêtre sur quais» restaurant and served in the majestic setting of the château. At Château d'Arche, in Sauternes, it takes place in the heart of the estate's garden. A "Gourmet moment" with rustic and indulgent notes.

(1) +33 5 56 63 27 66 chateaubastorlamontagne.fr (1) +33 5 56 76 76 30 • chateau-arche.fr

#### La Chapelle at Château Guiraud

#### Sauternes

The bistronomic and gourmet cuisine of Chef Yoann Amado, made with local products, some of which come from the château's own vegetable garden.

1 +33 5 56 76 61 01 • chateauguiraud.com





## Option 2:

In France, it's well known that great conversations happen around the table. And when it comes to discussing the wines of La Gironde du Sud, there's so much to talk about!

#### Meals in every season at Château de Cérons

#### **©** Cérons

In summer, after the property tour, you can choose between a «Pique-nique à la française» in the estate's park or the long table at La Rôtisserie.

In winter, head to the fireside at La Rôtisserie, where suckling pigs, wood pigeons, and large Landes chickens gently roast.

(i) +33 5 56 27 01 13 chateaudecerons.fr

#### Dinner in the salons of Château Sigalas Rabaud

#### **Bommes**

For generations, Château Sigalas Rabaud has opened its doors to offer you an unforgettable gourmet experience. In the refined setting of the Chartreuse, enjoy authentic cuisine crafted to enhance the great wines of the terroir.

i) +33 5 57 31 07 45 chateau-sigalas-rabaud.com



## VINEYARDS... .IN CELEBRATI

guaranteed in the vineyards of La Gironde du Sud! In the cellars, in the vinevards, or simply in the châteaux... The estates show great creativity and, above all, a strong sense

A festive atmosphere is of celebration!

#### Golden aperitifs at Château La Tour Blanche

**Bommes** 

Golden because they take place at sunset. It's in this magical atmosphere, amidst the vineyards, that Château La Tour Blanche opens its pop-up bar every summer, offering wine by the glass, craft beer, soft drinks, aperitif platters, and street food. All accompanied by an outdoor concert.

(i) +33 5 57 98 02 73 • tour-blanche.com

#### Winemaker's aperitifs at the Maison des vins de Cadillac

Cadillac

For the aperitif, the Maison des vins de Cadillac invites two winemakers each evening. They'll introduce you to their wines in a friendly and gourmet atmosphere (with aperitif platters, hotdogs, and more). It's just like being at

(i) Maison des Vins • +33 5 57 98 19 20

#### Tapas night at Château Jeantieu

Saint-André-Du-Bois

The evening begins gently with a tour of the cellars. Then, the wine tasting session begins, accompanied by farmhouse tapas (cheese, sausage, pâté, magret...). A convivial moment to share with family or friends!

(i) +33 5 56 76 46 41 • chateaujeantieu.fr

#### Afterwork concert and tapas at **Château Toulouse-Lautrec**

Saint-André-Du-Bois

Join us this summer at Château Toulouse-Lautrec for musical and friendly evenings during the Afterwork Concerts & Tapas, taking place in July and August!

(i) +33 5 56 76 25 42 •

chateautoulouselautrec.com

#### **Outdoor cinema** at Château Caillivet

**Mazères** 

Wine bar, on-site dining, and a big-screen projection: all while enjoying one of the most beautiful panoramas of the Graves vineyard.

(i) +33 5 57 98 51 98 • caillivet.fr

Vignobles Gonfrier Château Langoiran LANGOIRAN Guinguette Château Vieille Tour La Méric LAROOUE

> Clos Bourgelat CÉRONS

Château Caillou BARSAC

> Chateau Clare LANDIRAS

Château La Piolette PIAN-SUR-GARONNE

Lo pitchoun mercat **Domaines Tich & Grava** VERDELAIS

Château des Mailles SAINTE-CROIX-DU-MONT

LA BRÈDE

## Option 3: COOKING!

Time to awaken the chef inside vou! Not only will you enhance local products, but you'll also learn how to pair them with the wines of La Gironde du Sud. Are vou into cheese, dessert, or a full meal? No worries. At the Maison des vins de Cadillac, several options await you. Our favourite: «The Cooking workshop and dinner at the winemaker's table». where you'll join a chef in a château in the region!

Maison des vins de Cadillac • +33 5 57 98 19 20

## Aperitif!

#### Guinguette aperitif at the wine estates

# VINEYARDS... FOR KIDS

Who said a vineyard visit is boring for kids? Certainly not us!

«In search of Jouvenceau» at Château Jouvente

(2) Illats

A fun and family-friendly way to discover the vineyard, heritage, and cellars. With a questionnaire and map of the estate in hand, set off in search of the clues scattered along a friendly and engaging trail.

(i) +33 5 56 62 49 69 • chateau-jouvente.fr

### Following Popsy, the bee mascot of Château Tourteau Chollet

**Arbanats** 

A tasting of three wines for the parents and a discovery of vineyard animals for the children! This is what Château Tourteau Chollet offers during the "Visit and tasting for popsy's little adventurers," a treasure hunt (ages 3-12) with a reward and grape juice for the little adventurers!

(i) 05 56 67 47 78 • lesvignoblesdemaxime.com

### Treasure hunt at Château de Portets

Portets

With the help of a fun booklet they can take home, children discover the history of the Château and the wine-making process in an enjoyable way. The treasure hunt concludes with a tasting of grape juice and the presentation of a diploma. The trail is free to explore in the Château's courtyard.

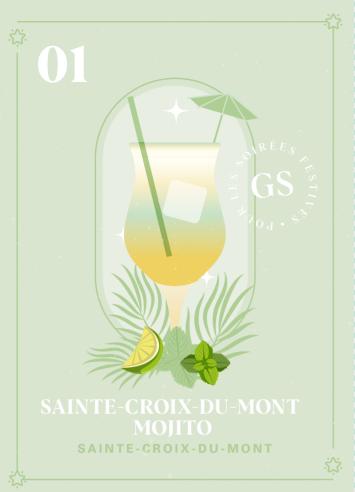
(i) 05 56 67 12 30 • chateaudeportets.fr

## Family visit at Château Lamothe Despujols

Sauternes

Vanessa Despujols has a gift: she manages to captivate the parents during the cellar tour and engage the children by telling them the story of the château. A unique combination that only she knows how to master.

(i) 05 56 76 67 89 • lamothe-despujols.com













#### INGREDIENTS (1 GLASS):

- **%** 60 ml of Sauternes
- **%** 15 ml William pear liqueur
- \$ 15 ml Gentiane (Suze...)
- 10 ml freshly squeezed lemon juice
- \$ 1 lemon slice

Take a young quality Sauternes, pour it over three ice cubes. Add the pear liqueur, Gentian, and the freshly squeezed lemon juice along the rim of the

Now, all that's left is to enjoy...





#### Sainte-Croix-du-Mont Mojito

#### INGREDIENTS (1 GLASS):

- Crushed ice
- 8cl of Sainte-Croix-du-Mont wine
- 1 mint sprig
- 1 splash of sparkling water
- Half slices of lime

Pluck the mint leaves and cut the limes. Place the mint in the glass, followed by the lime. Then, using a muddler, crush the lime and fill the glass with crushed ice. Finally, add the Sainte-Croix-du-Mont wine and top with sparkling water. Stir well. Don't forget the straw!

let the party begin!









#### INGREDIENTS (1 GLASS):

- 70 ml of Sauternes
- 10 ml Freshly squeezed orange juice
- 15 ml Vine peach cream
- 10 ml freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 orange slice
- 1 wedge of peach

In a large glass filled with ice, pour the Sauternes, vine peach cream, freshly squeezed orange juice, and lemon juice. Garnish with a slice of orange and a small wedge of peach.

Mmmm... What more can be said?





#### INGREDIENTS (1 GLASS):

- ♥ 30 ml of Sauternes
- 7 30 ml Apérol
- 7 10 ml pink grapefruit syrup
- 7 10 ml freshly squeezed lemon juice
- ♥ 1 lemon slice

In a beautiful glass, pour the Aperol, pink grapefruit syrup, and lemon juice. Add the Sauternes and ice cubes just before serving your cocktail, garnished with a slice of lemon.

Ready to shine?







# VINEYARDS... N MM ERS ON

Let's step behind the scenes of our vineyards and merge our cells with those of the wines to become one with them. To better understand them and appreciate them even more.





#### Create your own wine and take it home with you at Château Perayne!

🕏 Saint-André-Du-Bois

Discover Château Perayne and its terroir through an immersive presentation. Create your own blend by combining different grape

varieties and take on the «Vigneron Challenge» in a friendly competition. Finish with a tasting of the estate's wines and leave with your personalized bottle. A unique experience in the heart of the vineyard!

(i) +33 5 57 98 16 20 • chateau-perayne.com

## Chocolate and Sauternes workshop at Château Guiraud

**Sauternes** 

Wine and chocolate, two great epicurean pleasures! They must pair perfectly, right? To find out, Château Guiraud offers an immersive visit to its innovative world. Chocolates from the Lalère Chocolaterie in Bordeaux join in, pairing with the estate's wines during the guided tasting. You'll experience these unique and indulgent pairings, exploring their flavors and textures. This visit is also available for children, with a discovery of local fruit juices paired with chocolates from the Maison Lalère.

(i) +33 5 56 76 61 01 • chateauguiraud.com

## The expertise of Château Climens...

**O**Barsac

... combines biodynamic viticulture practices with the cultivation of medicinal herbs! An original and in-depth tour of the cellars and the herbal tea room will take you behind the scenes of this 1st Grand Cru Classé 1855 vineyard. The visit ends with a tasting of three wines from the estate: "Asphodèle", certified biodynamic, "Lilium", a great dry white wine, and "Château Climens", 1st Grand Cru Classé.

(i) +33 5 56 27 15 33 • chateau-climens.fr

#### Discovering Sauternes and cheese pairings at Château La Tour Blanche

**Dommes** 

During this guided tour (in French or English), Château La Tour Blanche, 1st Grand Cru Classé 1855, opens up to you.

First, explore the vineyard in a golf cart and enjoy its incredible view of the Sauternes appellation from the Belvedere. Then, discover the vat room and barrel cellars, with an explanation of the winemaking process.

The tour ends with a tasting of perfect pairings between our three Sauternes wines and four matured cheeses selected by a master cheesemaker

(i) +33 5 57 98 02 73 • tour-blanche.com

#### Cellar master for a day with Château Rayne Vigneau

Bommes

The cellar master is responsible for the delicate task of blending. Step into their shoes for a unique moment and blend selected lots for the vintage still in aging. For this subtle task, you will be guided by a professional from the estate. An exceptional experience that allows you to explore the full aromatic profiles of the white grape varieties from Château Rayne Vigneau.

You will leave with your personalized 1st Grand Cru Classé Sauternes.

(i) +33 5 56 76 64 05 • raynevigneau.fr

#### Refreshing pairings at Château Jouvente

**Q** Illats

Once again, we're expecting a hot summer, very hot. To remedy this, Château Jouvente has found an original and tasty way to cool you down at the estate. It offers "wine and sorbet pairings" around the Fontaine de Jouvente. Come and discover them!

(i) +33 5 56 62 49 69 • chateau-jouvente.fr

In La Gironde du Sud, we eat to nourish ourselves, but above all, to enjoy! And since pleasure comes from quality, here are some local dishes that will make your taste buds tingle!

Our restaurants to discover here



#### Impress your guests by serving Lillet

**Podensac** 

The Maison Lillet, founded in 1872 by the brothers of the same name, popularized **a unique and timeless aperitif: Lillet!** This blend of Bordeaux wines and macerated fruits is now enjoyed **in over 50 countries.** Come visit the production facility of this nectar and taste the world's most renowned cocktail drink.

(i) lillet.com

The bliss with eyes closed of Bazadaise beef

🔮 Bazas

Bazadaise beef is renowned for its delicate marbling, which gives it **unparalleled tenderness and flavor.** Carefully raised, this breed native to the region offers juicy, melt-in-your-mouth meat, perfect for a gourmet tasting. Whether grilled, slow-cooked, or served as carpaccio, it reveals all its finesse and subtle taste.



If you pass through Captieux, let yourself be tempted by a local treat: the Puits d'amour. At less than a euro, you'd better not wait too long, as the food lovers are already there! Originally, this little delight was a puff pastry filled with jam and then topped with Chiboust cream. It was thanks to Monsieur Seguin, a pastry chef who settled in Captieux in 1944, that the recipe became a part of local tradition.

(i) Maison Seguin

#### **Embrace tradition with lamprey**

Lamprey «à la bordelaise» is **an iconic specialty of the Garonne.** This fish, fished in winter, is cooked in a red wine sauce with garlic, leeks, and bacon. Despite its unusual appearance, its refined taste makes it **a sought-after dish.** 

(i) Conserverie Illadaise



#### I bite, you bite... into a Rocher des Graves!

Langon

It goes without saying that the Rochers des Graves, **these little sweet choux** with various flavors, are a treat for your taste buds! You can find them at the Sweet Valentine bakery.

(i) Pâtisserie Sweet Valentine





Thanks to our local food shops, you'll find all the ingredients needed for a great meal worthy of La Gironde du Sud. Time to go shopping!

# local markets

### The essentials!

Friday morning : Langon Saturday morning : Bazas et Cadillac



#### The most intimate ones!

Monday morning : Captieux Tuesday morning : Préchac

Wednesday morning: Cérons, Grignols, Portets et Saint-Symphorien

Thursday morning: Saint-Macaire,

Villandraut

**Saturday morning**: Sauternes **Sunday morning**: Barsac, Hostens,

Landiras, Langon, Loupiac, Rions

1st Sunday of each month from April

to December : Préchac

#### In summer!

You can also find our **artisan** and local produce markets in Cadillac, Langon, Saint-Macaire, Sauternes, and Verdelais.



# OUR GOURMET



# Beers inspired by the terroir of the Gironde

### **Martillac**

Beers aged in Sauternes or Pessac-Léognan red wine barrels are sure to have the rich flavors of the region! To taste them, head over to Brasserie La Gironde!

(i) +33 6 68 18 94 57 • brasserie-la-gironde.eatbu.com

# Here come the good chickens!

© Cérons

At the Ferme d'Illats, the king is the chicken! Whether rotisserie style, in the restaurant, at the guinguette, or to take away, it's enjoyed in a thousand ways all year round!

(i) +33 6 01 63 79 68 • lafermedillats.com





### **Address for cheese lovers**

**Villandraut** 

Do you like your cheese firm, dripping or dry? Crèmerie des Tilleuls certainly has the nugget you need. What's more, it's also a grocery shop, so look no further: your meal is right here!

(i) +33 5 57 03 16 17 • (f) La Crèmerie des Tilleuls

# The delicacy of a coffee with... Sauternes

**D** Bommes

Take a few barrels from Château Sigalas-Rabaud and give them a transformation in coffee. For several weeks, they cradle the precious beans, imbuing them with their woody and Sauternes aromas. The result: «a refined, elegant coffee with floral and citrus notes,» available at the estate's shop, in beans or capsules.

(i) +33 5 57 31 07 45 • chateau-sigalas-rabaud.com





# **Delightfully literary**

(•) Villandrau

Looking for a cocoon that's both gourmet and literary? The Librairie Délicieuse is waiting for you with its coffee shop and tea room! If you're looking for a good book, why not try one of its mystery literary boxes?

1 +33 5 24 20 00 69 • lalibrairiedelicieuse.com

# **O**F ADDRESSES



### **Best-seller**

Langon

Sauternes grapes are a must. Dried sultanas soaked in Sauternes, drained and coated in dark chocolate. Find them at Cannelle & Vanille.

1 +33 5 56 63 15 78 nspiratricesdegouts

## Thank you, bees!

Marions

Artisanal honey and tours available year-round to satisfy all your desires.

(i) +33 7 82 04 49 53 o-temps-des-abeilles.fr





# Coffee-coloured journey

**②** Bazas

Among the roasted coffees at Café d'Oc, we recommend the exceptional grand cru from Papua New Guinea.

(i) +33 5 56 25 96 08 • (f) cafedocbazas

# A 100% local delicacy

**Bazas** 

The Sauternes strawberry jam by Gondolo, available at the Noosa Café gourmet shop.

(i) +33 5 56 25 45 78 • (f) NoosaCafe



# Well-being through plants

Rions

Annabel lets you benefit from the powers of plants with her herbal teas, hydrosols, and other blends made from natural plant ingredients. As for us, when we visit Le Tisanier d'Oc, we can't resist the Élixir de Burdigala, a tonic wine with invigorating and energizing properties.

(i) +33 9 88 44 97 41 • letisanierdoc.com





# Cheers!

### La Cave Cadillac

**Q** Cadillac

A selection of over 300 wines, spirits, beers and delicatessen items... with a touch of 'So British'.

(i) +33 5 57 98 66 04 • lacavefrance.com

## **Maison des vins**

© Cadillac

Vine and wine museum in an 18th century chartreuse.

(i) +33 5 57 98 19 20 • maisondesvinsdecadillac.com

#### Maison des vins de Graves

Podensac

Unique selection of Graves wines offered in an 18th-Century vaulted cellar.

(i) +33 5 56 27 41 16 • vinsdegraves.com

### **Maison du Sauternes**

**Sauternes** 

The Maison du Sauternes is a winemakers' association established in 1979, located in the heart of the village, in a building dating back to the early 19th century.

(i) +33 5 56 76 69 83 • maisondusauternes.com

#### **Inter Caves**

**Q** Langon

A passionate and dedicated wine merchant, he will introduce you to hidden treasures.

(i) +33 5 57 36 63 59 • langon.intercaves.fr

# **Cave des Coteaux Macariens**

Saint-Macaire

Wine cellar within the Tourist Information Office.

(i) +33 5 56 63 68 00 • lagirondedusud.com





Laughing at a fall, sliding around. Jumping with excitement at the thought of winning. Not fearing mud and dirt. In short, having fun like and with children. That's what we're offering you. So, are you up for it?

# Escape games

# Treasure hunt with Accro d'aventures

**P** Balizac

In the village of Balizac, hidden deep in the forest, it's whispered that the explorer Uman Broy has hidden an invaluable treasure in «La cabane du Voyageur», by the river. In teams of 2 to 8 people, embark on a quest for this marvel with family, friends, or colleagues...

#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

From 8 years old Accompanied by an adult 3 1h

(i) Accro d'aventures +33 6 80 61 53 63 accro-aventures33.com

# The fantastic quests of Aventures Sud-Gironde

Bazas

The Outdoor Escape Game is a mix of treasure hunting, orienteering, and geocaching. With a tablet provided to you, let the GPS guide you to discover new clues and progress in the storyline.

#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

Group package Max 6 people

<u></u> 1h30

(i) Aventures Sud-Gironde +33 6 71 06 96 01 aventures-sudgironde.fr





This escape game takes you back to 1940 in Bommes, near Sauternes, where a deposit of semi-precious stones was discovered on the prestigious vineyard! Enter the dining room of the estate to uncoverTHE stone that will enhance the excellence of this 1st Grand Cru Classé by revealing codes and puzzles.

#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

From 4 to 8 people Tasting of 3 wines 3 1h30

(i) Château de Rayne Vigneau +33 5 56 76 64 05 raynevigneau.fr



**Villandraut** 

For 700 years, the Templar's treasure has mysteriously disappeared. After years of research, it seems that you've finally found a trace of it... in the palace of Pope Clement V, Château de Villandraut. Hidden and fiercely protected by the guardian of the site, you'll need to outsmart traps, find clues, and solve puzzles to hope to approach the fabulous treasure... all before the guardian returns!

#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

Up to 6 players From 12 years old

🖰 1h

Château de Villandraut +33 5 56 25 87 57 chateaudevillandraut.fr





# CHILDREN



# The Domaine de Malagar in 1939-1945

Saint-Maixant

The Black Notebook immerses you with headsets and controllers in the virtual reality of Malagar during World War II. It's your turn to play, every Wednesday during school holidays!

#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

Up to 10 players From 10 years old 0 40 min.

Domaine de Malagar +33 5 57 98 17 17 malagar.fr

# A variety of worlds at Métropolis

# **Q** Langon

Dive into adventure with the Escape Games at Metropolis Langon! Alice in wonderland: Follow the white rabbit and explore a fantastic world filled with puzzles and mysteries. The cursed chest: As treasure hunters, you've finally found Blackbeard's legendary loot... but will you manage to escape? Will you dare to take on the challenge?

#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

ALICE IN WONDERLAND From 2 to 4 players From 8 years old 3 1h

THE CURSED CHEST From 2 to 5 players From 10 years old

Métropolis, Family Place +33 5 56 63 93 97 metropolisfunparc.com/langon



**Q** Léognan

Take control of Château Haut-Lagrange for an hour and try to find the key to the cellar. Your reward? A magnum of red wine from the estate and a tasting in the heart of the Pessac-Léognan vineyard.

#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

From 2 to 8 players From 14 years old 1h30

Château Haut-Lagrange +33 5 56 64 09 93 hautlagrange.com

# Open the chest of Château des Mailles

HAUT-LAGRANGE

Sainte-Croix-du-Mont

What does the chest of Château des Mailles hide? You have one hour to find out! If you accept the challenge, you'll need to use your senses and solve several puzzles. Regardless of the outcome, one thing is certain: you'll discover the history of Sainte-Croix-du-Mont wine.

#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

From 8 years old Accompanied by an adult

1 Château des Mailles +33 6 88 67 51 45 chateaudesmailles.wixsite.com







#### Terra Aventura courses

The free online app

With the **freeTerra Aventura app**, embark on a riddle hunt for 1 to 2 hours.

Choose from four trails:

"Plus d'un tour dans sa Be'zas" at Bazas

"Le Mercadiou tourne en barrique" at Saint- Macaire "Sainte et Croix font huître" at Sainte-Croix-du-Mont

A new one in Sauternes will be launched in June. The best part? You can do all four!

(i) terra-aventura.fr





# On Robin's trails

Robin, the little explorer, has more than one adventure in his bag!

In a fun and educational way, he offers a game booklet to your children and invites them to solve riddles and puzzles during a short walk of about an hour through our towns and villages. Very imaginative, he offers seven trails, each about one kilometer long:

#### Les secrets de Bazas

i Titous (2 to 5 years), Kids (6 and 7 years), Junior (8 to 10 years)

Grand jeu dans la ville de Langon

1 From 5 to 11 years old

Dans la cité médiévale de Saint-Macaire

(i) From 5 to 11 years old

Les secrets de Verdelais

(i) From 5 to 11 years old

Sur les pas de Bertrand de Got à Uzeste

1 From 5 to 11 years old

Viens je t'emmène visiter la bastide de Cadillac

(i) From 3 to 7 years old and from 8 years old

Viens je t'emmène à la découverte du village de Preignac

(i) From 6 years old

# Downloadable game booklet



The game booklet is provided for free at the Tourist Information Offices or can be downloaded from lagirondedusud.com. Once completed, head to the Tourist Information Office to collect your certificate!

# Head to Hostens\* for the H-GAMES!

**O** Hostens

Four challenges (climbing, archery, obstacle course, and paddle). 3 hours to overcome them. **Ready to take on the challenge?** 

#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

From 8 to 12 players Price: 20€ per person

Domaine départemental Gérard Lagors
 +33 5 56 88 70 29 • gironde.fr/sportloisirs/domaine-de-loisirs-dhostens

\*Subject to complete reopening of the estate.

Please contact us for further information.

# In search of «Adèle's Treasure» at Château Toulouse-Lautrec

Saint-André-du-Bois
Open your guidebook and follow
Countess Adèle, mother of the
famous painter Henri de ToulouseLautrec. She will lead you on a
journey through the château and the
fascinating history of the artist.

#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

From 7 years old

05 56 76 25 42 •
chateautoulouselautrec.com



# CHILDREN



# And jump!

**Q** Langon

In this **100% made-in-France trampoline,** three rules: fly, bounce, and jump. At the end, maximum fun and thrills await!

(i) New Jump / Family Place +33 5 57 36 78 71 • newjumplangon.com



## May the best one win!

**Q** Langon

After shining at **bowling**, challenge each other at **laser blade**: its futuristic maze, neon lights, music, and smoke machines will immerse you in an electrifying universe! To unwind, we recommend a quick game of pool or video games in the arcade area.

i Métropolis- Family Place • +33 5 56 63 93 97 • metropolisfunparc.com/ langon

# Getting caught up in the games

**Q** Langon & Saint Macaire

Tired of playing War with cards? At the "La ludothèque éphémère", discover new games with expert advice from the team. You can also enjoy many events like "Saint-Macaire sort le grand jeu".

(i) +33 5 56 76 78 83 • ludotheque-ephemere.com

# Blending into the treetops

Sheltered by the foliage, embark on **increasingly acrobatic courses.** With Aventures Sud-Gironde, Au fil du Ciron, and Accro d'Aventures, you'll be spoiled for choice with the variety of obstacles and difficulty levels. And for those who prefer terra firma, there are other activities on offer (archery, mini golf, etc.), all under the protection of the green giants.

- Bazas Aventures Sud-Gironde +33 7 71 06 96 01 aventures-sudgironde.fr
- Bommes Au fil du Ciron +33 6 73 95 02 92 aufilduciron.com
- Balizac Accro d'Aventures +33 6 80 61 53 63 accro-aventures33.com







# A day on the green

# **Saint-Pardon-de-Conques**

On the wine route, take a break from golf on this 18-hole, wooded course with numerous lakes. Bar, restaurant and accommodation on site at 'Les écolodges du golf'.

(i) +33 5 56 62 25 43 • golfdusauternais.com



The cultural centres of La Gironde du Sud have more than one creation up their sleeve. A surprise movie session for the little ones, an enchanting musical performance, a delicious storvtime... With your agenda in hand, keep an eve on their updates. There are definitely several dates to mark!



# Catch a movie





#### Espace culturel La Forge à Portets

A multi-disciplinary programme open to young audiences and families. From toddlers to teenagers, there's something for everyone!

(i) +33 6 23 31 39 85 • espacelaforge.fr

#### **Centre Culturel des Carmes**

# **Q** Langon

Housed in a former convent, the Centre Culturel des Carmes is Langon's cultural flagship. With an eclectic programme, it offers a varied range of activities for children from an early age.

(i) +33 5 56 63 14 45 • lescarmes.fr

#### Le Polvèdre

## Bazas

The Bazas media library has moved into the town's former courthouse, but it's not here to lecture you. It's more into board games, readings, family shows, exhibitions... In short, a real cultural crossroads.

(i) +33 5 56 65 12 46 • lepolyedre.net

# PASSION FOR CREATION

Inspirational and inspired, La Gironde du Sud is home to magicians. Their creative power acts like a magical formula, calling you to meet them.

# Ceramics passion at L'Atelier de Yelipsa © Virelade

Who said that works of art are only meant for the eyes? Certainly not L'Atelier de Yelipsa. Here, not only are the creations beautiful, but they also accompany you in your daily life. «For me, the pleasure of eating from a beautiful and pleasant container is just as important as the contents of our plates.» And we won't argue with that! In addition to being a creative space, the workshop is also a place for sharing knowledge about pottery.

(i) +33 6 95 45 46 20 • latelierdeyelipsa.com

# Passion for elegance with Pétrusse

**②** Langon

Among the iconic creations of Maison Pétrusse, the shawls and scarves have been regularly reissued for over 20 years. We're hooked on the "Fantasy" silk scarf. A must-have! Their field of expression?

The world of art, artists, and heritage. And guess what?
We're opening the doors to their workshops. Ask us for the dates!

(i) +33 5 56 31 74 74 • petrusse.com





# Pottery passion at Anima Saint-Macaire

Welcome to Anima, the world of Anne Faccinetto! Themed workshops, pottery courses, on-demand workshops, group or individual projects... Any opportunity is a good one for this passionate artist to share her love of pottery.

(i) +33 6 16 27 43 5 • annefaccinetto.com

# Collective passion at Simone & les Mauhargats Saint-Macaire

With this collective of artists and craftspeople, get ready to enter Ali Baba's cave! Their different skills have given birth to unique pieces: jewellery, bags, lighting, crockery, decoration... The gallery also hosts exhibitions throughout the year.

(i) +33 9 67 01 24 33 • simoneetlesmauhargats.com



# HIGHLIGHTS

Our online calendar





# Felymary Fête des Boeufs Gras

The Bazas Beef is one of the stars of our gastronomy. Since 1283, every Thursday before Mardi Gras, the town of Bazas celebrates it with the «Fête des Boeufs Gras», where the finest specimens are showcased. Adorned with ribbons and floral crowns, the cattle proudly parade to the sound of fifes and drums through the streets of the town. before being judged by experts.

# March Fête de l'Orange

Tastings, cooking workshops, and festive activities centered around this unique aperitif: Lillet.



# April Le printemps des artistes

Step into the shoes of an artist for a day! Painting contests, workshops, exhibitions, and more. Free family event.

# June **Rugby y Toros** © Captieux

Every year, Captieux brings together two of the passions that enliven the South-West of France: rugby and bullfighting. The 3-day feria is a celebration of sport, art, festivities, traditions and conviviality. Rugby tournaments, gala rugby matches, bullfighting days... It's a not-to-bemissed festive event for aficionados

# Fête de la Saint Jean

of the oval ball and 'los toros'!

② Bazas



For many centuries (long before Christianity), the people of Bazas have celebrated the patron saint of their city in June. This ancient tradition always begins with a ceremony honoring the bull. In the past, the town's master butchers would offer a bull to the bishop and then to the city's jurats. Today, this colorful and musical ceremony is reenacted in front of the cathedral

on June 23rd. The highlight of the festivities: the Saint John's fires set up in front of the cathedral and ceremoniously ignited.

### **Festival des Nuits Atypiques**

### **1** Itinerant

Now a must-attend event in the region, the «Festival des Nuits Atypiques « boasts an eclectic program focused on artistic uniqueness. Diversity, intimacy, and festivity blend together to celebrate music in all its forms: cinema.

dance, discussions, and debates... This beautiful interlude will take you to remarkable locations to discover

world music, both traditional and contemporary.

# Rendez-vous aux iardins

# 🤉 Podensac / Domaine du Parc Chavat

A weekend dedicated to the art of gardens and exceptional landscapes.

## **Festival Côté Jardins**

# **Podensac**

For one weekend in June in Podensac, magic takes over the fascinating Chavat Park! A street performance festival in a remarkable garden...



# OFTHE SEASON

Events from here and nowhere else, we're waiting for you!

### Ides de juin

### Sauternes

A musical time dedicated to **baroque music**, a summer garden party, and **open-air performances** in the courtyard of Château Filhot. **Various activities** make the evening both surprising and exciting: giant escape game, food trucks, a small dance, tastings, and more...

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The Salon Rétro Mobile du Bazadais is an **annual must-attend event** for vintage and more contemporary vehicle enthusiasts. It brings together around 1,200 classic cars and 400 motorcycles, offering visitors an immersive journey through the history of automobiles.

# Un été particulier

# **Saint-Macaire**

An open-air art gallery! SILEX!, which works in the field of live performance, and Simone & les Mauhargats, a collective of artists and artisans, have joined forces to invite visual artists to take over the cracked, battered spaces of the medieval village of Saint-Macaire in La Gironde du Sud, installing their works throughout the area.

### **Festival Libre Cour**

### **D** Barsac

Between **live performances**, opera concerts, and activities, this friendly event celebrates culture in all its forms at exceptional wine estates.



### Rions

Circus, theater, dance, and music performances in the heart of the city.



# August Hestejada de las arts

🗣 Uzeste

The Été d'Uzeste Musical is all about improvisation, the art of living, and the art of disruption, at the heart of this event brought to life by the Compagnie Lubat. The program includes events around authors and publications, films and short films, workshops, concerts, performances, exhibitions, and even pyrotechnics...

# Fêtes nautiques

# **②** Bommes

Every year, for over 80 years,

Bommes celebrates its river, the
Ciron. Games, snail races, fireworks,
musical performances, and festive
moments follow one another,
leading up to the highlight of the
celebration: the traditional parade
of flower-decorated canoes,
prepared for months by many
volunteers.

# Sound and light show "Le Chemin des Mémoires"

# **②** Bazas

August 1914: France calls its children to defend the Motherland. For Jean, a child of the land and miller at the Glory Mill, the time for departure is almost here. On the evening of his farewell to his mother, this woman of the land and storyteller, the moment is filled with memories.

The story of Bazas comes to life for a night in this show brought to life by passionate locals. 600 characters, horses, and carriages make up this grand historical and romantic fresco. 1.5 hours of an unforgettable journey, full of twists and poetic moments. from the Roman

# Paille et Ripaille

conquest to 1942!

Langon



The wine and farm festival! On the menu: meet the winemakers and farmers, tastings, activities, cooking workshops, and even exhibitions, not to mention the bands that will surely have you singing along. Warm up your voice!



# September La fête de la palombe

### **Q** Bazas

A hunt is reenacted in the beautiful Cathedral Square. The trees, the hut, the vegetation, the «ground»—everything is in place! Half a day dedicated to **the world of «palombes»**, perhaps better known outside of Aquitaine as wood pigeons.

#### Ronde de nuit

### **©** Cadillac

A theatrical performance in the historic streets of the city. The program features humorous skits performed by passionate volunteers, highlighting the rich local heritage.

### Fête du port

## **②** Lestiac-sur-Garonne

Organized by the association La Cale, this summer event **celebrates the local river heritage.** The program includes concerts, exhibitions, and friendly outdoor dining moments.

#### Fête du mascaret

### **?** Podensac

An annual event celebrating the natural phenomenon of the «mascaret», a spectacular wave traveling up the Garonne. The program includes musical performances, friendly meals, and delicious food stalls.



# **Sauternes**

Come discover the **5 villages of the Sauternes** and Barsac appellations, admire the diversity of the **landscapes and heritage**, explore this **exceptional terroir**, and meet the men and women who bring it to life.

# December Fête des Lumières

# **②** Chateau de Cérons

The château lights up to offer **a magical spectacle**; you can discover luminous works of art, taste vintage wines, and attend the immersive screening of the film «Gabriel et la Goutte d'Eau.»

# La foire aux chapons

# $oldsymbol{ \mathfrak{D} }$ Grignols

The reputation of **the Grignols capons** is well established: fattened the traditional way, with grain, bread, and milk, they produce particularly flavorful meat. A week before Christmas, head to the market hall and the village square to stock up!

### Fête Baroque de Sauternes

# **Sauternes**

A festival at the beginning of winter that spans 2 days with concerts, activities, conferences, and a luthiers' showcase in the heart of Sauternes... **Châteaux open their doors to the public** for special moments. From churches to iconic locations in this village, world-renowned for its vineyard, the carefully curated music program aims to surprise, captivate, and take the audience on a sensory journey.



OPEN HOUSE DAYS

Come experience something unique in the heart of the Bordeaux vineyards during the Open house days of our appellations!

On the agenda for 2025!

Tastings of great wines, meetings with passionate winemakers, visits to wineries and châteaux, food and wine pairings... Each appellation has its own surprises and authentic experiences in store for you.

Whether you're a lover of powerful red wines, refined sweet whites or exceptional crus, these days are the ideal opportunity to immerse yourself in the art of living and the wine-making know-how of Bordeaux.

7th and 8th June

Open house days of Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

1 cadillaccotesdebordeaux.com

From 8th to 10th November

Open house days of Sauternes-Barsac

(i) sauternes-barsac.com

29th and 30th November

Gourmet open house days of Loupiac et Foie Gras

(i) vins-loupiac.com

18th and 19th October

Open house days of Graves

1 vinsdegraves.com

15th and 16th November

Open house days of Sainte-Croix-du-Mont

sainte-croix-du-mont.com

6th and 7th December

Open house days of Pessac Léognan

1 pessac-leognan.com/



# A varied... and thoughtful selection!

L'Otéli is committed to a sustainable approach – its boutiques showcase local craftsmanship and the treasures of our terroir. The items we offer are carefully selected to combine authenticity, quality, and respect for the environment.

Mainly made by local artisans and producers, our products are crafted using sustainable materials and/or responsible practices.

You will find a selection of handcrafted objects, handmade ceramics, and a range of local products highlighting the region's heritage, flavors, and traditions.

While some items are still manufactured, we carefully choose companies committed to responsible practices. These partners share our values by adopting environmentally respectful practices, using sustainable materials, and ensuring ethical manufacturing conditions.

Each purchase in our shop is a thoughtful choice, supporting both the local economy and more responsible consumption. Take home a souvenir or give a gift that has meaning, in harmony with the values of our region.

\*Intercommunal tourist and leisure office



At the Tourist Information Office, we love it when you ask us for advice on your souvenir shopping session. We always have plenty of ideas. Here are a few of our favorites. To discover more, come and visit us!



### **Collectors beware!**

A fan of medals, coins, or magnets? You'll find items here featuring the colors of the region, with iconic sites from La Gironde du Sud. Precious souvenirs to keep or give as gifts.



# SHOPS

# The elegance of watercolour postcards

Give or collect the unique postcards by Lucien Arlaud and Pascal Ségonzac. Painted with passion in watercolor, each card captures the beauty of a moment, a landscape, or an emotion with soft, vibrant colors. Let the poetry of the colors enhance your messages!





### Raw material

In the barrel life cycle, get to know the artisanal workshop Douelle Life and their small accessories made from barrel staves (keychains, drip rings, etc.). The Gironde du Sud stamped magnet will be perfect on your fridge door!

douellelife.com

# Turning the pages of La Gironde du Sud

Our bookstore spaces offer a selection of works on the history, culture, and riches of our region: dive into the world of the Garonne, the iconic river that shapes our landscapes and identity; rediscover the legacy of Clement V, the first Pope of Avignon, originally from our region, or let yourself be captivated by the majesty of the Bazas Cathedral, an architectural gem listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site...





... A wine cellar! In the shops at the Saint-Macaire and Cadillac-sur-Garonne tourist information offices, let us guide you through the many local wine selections stored in our cellars. Côtes de Bordeaux Saint-Macaire, Côtes de Bordeaux whites and reds, Cadillac, Sainte-Croix-du-Mont, Bordeaux whites, reds, rosés, Crémants de Bordeaux... We have them all!



# Weekend for budding explorers!

2 days

#### **FOR WHOM?**

Family with kids (0-12 years).

Fun for kids, peace of mind for parents!

Riddles, grape juice and... wine.



Day 1: Saturday

#### MORNING:

Go shopping with your family at the Cadillac or Bazas markets.

#### **AFTERNOON:**

After a good meal, drop in to the Tourist Office and pick up the Pistes de Robin booklet. Riddles, drawings, puzzles... are all on the programme!



#### Day 2: Sunday

#### **MORNING:**

A day that begins with a magnificent sunrise from the heights of Sainte-Croix-Du-Mont, then stroll along the caves following the Terra Aventura trail.

#### **AFTERNOON:**

Is a vineyard tour for children boring? Not at all! With a map of the estate in hand, wander through the vineyards and find the treasure!

# **OUR WEEKEND**

# Adrenalin and adventure weekend

2 days

Family with teenagers.



Give your teenagers a break from their smartphones!

Wakeboarding, accrobranche, canoeing... in short, you'll be the coolest parents ever!



### Day 1: Saturday

#### **MORNING:**

A canoe trip on the Ciron river gives you a frontrow seat to discover the charms of this natural site.

#### AFTERNOON:

Get ready for a virtual reality escape game at the Domaine de Malagar.



#### Day 2: Sunday

#### MORNING:

Play tree-to-tree adventurers on the 'Au fil du Ciron' site.

#### AFTERNOON:

Head for Lake Virelade for a wakeboarding or towed buoy session. Thrills and giggles quaranteed!





La Gironde du Sud is a destination to experience all year round, whether with family, friends, or as a couple! Discover our suggestions to fully enjoy our beautiful region.



# Romantic getaway weekend

💍 2 days

#### **FOR WHOM?**

Couple

#### TOPIC

Experience delightful moments in the heart of the vineyard, with your loved one.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Bike ride, wine tasting workshop, meetings with winemakers, couple moments.

# Day 1 : Saturday

#### MORNING:

Tour the vineyard in... a Cadillac! On board this iconic, chromeplated car, you'll be amazed by the beauty of the landscapes.

#### AFTERNOON:

Embark on a timeless journey aboard a carriage, through the vineyards, where tranquility and natural beauty blend seamlessly.

#### **EVENING**:

For an unforgettable sunset, lay out your picnic blanket at the top of a belvedere.



#### MORNING:

Tour the vineyard in... a Cadillac! On board this iconic, chrome-plated car, you'll be amazed by the beauty of the landscapes.

#### AFTERNOON:

Dive into the heart of a family-owned wine estate, uncover the secrets of tradition and the art of winemaking, then let yourself be enchanted by a tasting.





# A chic and cool stay!

#### FOR WHOM?

Family with children (0-14 years).

#### TOPIC

The must-sees of La Gironde du Sud in one week.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Chic, cool, conviviality, authenticity, and simplicity!



#### MORNING:

Put on your sneakers for a walking tour. To make it more fun, download the Bulles Vertes app!

#### **AFTERNOON:**

After the effort, relax aboard a boat. Let yourself be rocked by the waves of the Garonne...



#### MORNING:

Follow the flow of the Ciron river and explore its peaceful banks by canoe, for a serene adventure at the heart of nature.

#### AFTERNOON:

Between captivating puzzles and well-kept secrets, dive into an immersive adventure where every clue brings you closer to the exit... or to the hidden treasure in a wine château!

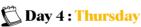


#### MORNING:

Discover the homes and history of our famous figures, François Mauriac and Toulouse Lautrec.

#### AFTERNOON:

Yes, indeed! The Bassin d'Arcachon was once here millions of years ago! The proof is at Sainte-Croixdu-Mont. Once on-site, take the opportunity to taste the famous Sainte-Croix-du-Mont mojito!



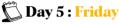
#### MORNING:

Wander through the streets of our medieval towns: Bazas, Cadillac, Saint-Macaire, and Rions. A perfect invitation for a leisurely stroll.

#### AFTERNOON:

Grand and small stories will be shared with you in our Clémentine châteaux: Roquetaillade, du Hamel, and Villandraut.





#### MORNING:

Follow in the footsteps of the Duke of Épernon or Henri IV and delve into these lavish and sometimes turbulent eras.

#### AFTERNOON:

Between heritage, tasting, and secrets of production, let yourself be enchanted by the spirit of the famous Bordeaux aperitif: Lillet!

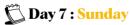


#### MORNING:

Shop at the markets in our towns of Cadillac or Bazas.

#### AFTERNOON:

Red, White, Liquorous... It's all here! Meet passionate winemakers who will enthusiastically introduce you to their estates. A little tasting will be most welcome!



#### MORNING:

From the wine houses, hop on your electric bikes and catch a glimpse of our unique landscapes.

#### AFTERNOON:

Rejuvenate at the Hostens lake: calm waters, fine sandy beaches, and a captivating forest...The perfect spot for a relaxing break between relaxation and escape!

# IN SEARCH OF GOOD DEALS?

Planning an outing, a weekend away or an activity is all very well in theory... But between comparing offers, making bookings and last-minute changes, it can quickly become a headache. Fortunately, our Tourist Office has thought of everything so that you can make the most of it, stress-free!

# A one-click online shop to book everything!



Shows, unusual tours, original activities... No need to look far and wide, we've put together the best experiences for you! From our online shop, you can book in just a few moments and off you go on your adventure.

# A group service for turnkey days and breaks



Whether you're a group of friends looking for a thrill, a corporate team in incentive mode, an association or you're planning a memorable hen party/stag party, we'll take care of everything! With a tailor-made programme, meticulous organisation and zero stress for you, all you have to do is enjoy yourself.

# So, shall we take care of your next outing?

Whether you're travelling solo, as a duo or in a herd, let us create unforgettable moments for you. Visit our website and let yourself be tempted!





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#### LANGON

11 Allées Jean-Jaurès

#### **SAINT-MACAIRE**

8 Rue du Canton

#### **BAZAS**

25 rue Fondespan

#### **CADILLAC-SUR-GARONNE**

2 rue du Cros

Open all year round

