

Table Of Content

Geographical location	4
Neighbouring cities/countries	5
Significance	6
History	7
Cultural identity	8
Natural resources	9
Key site seeing places (paid and free)	10
- Paid	10
-- Musée des Beaux-arts	10
-- Musée d'Aquitaine	10
-- Grand théâtre de Bordeaux	11
-- CAPC musée d'art contemporain de Bordeaux	11
-- Musée du Vin et du Négoce	12
-- Matmut Atlantique	12
-- Porte Cailhau	13
- Free	15
-- Place de la Bourse	15
-- Saint-André Cathedral	15
-- Basilica of St. Michael	16
-- Place des Quinconces	16
-- Pont de Pierre	17
-- Jardin Public	17
-- Le Miroir d'eau	17
-- Marché des Capucins	18
-- Place du Parlement	18
-- Église Catholique Saint-Eloi	19
-- Place de la Victoire	19
-- Rue Sainte-Catherine	20
-- Église Notre-Dame	20
-- Place Fernand Lafargue	21
-- Kilo chic Bordeaux	21

Key sites sports & adventure	22
Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums	23
Spas and relaxation	24
Events calendar	25
Key local guides and tours	27
Transportation hubs	28
Transportation cost	29
Baggage allowance	30
Must try food and local savouries	31
Restaurant & Nightlife	32
Average meal cost	36
Shopping	37
Tourist benefits	38
Essential local apps	39
Driving	40
Travel essentials	41
Essential clothes	42
Local currency	43
Change vendor's commission, ATM charges	44
Staying connected	45
Time Zone	46
Languages	47
Political Scenario	48
Economic Scenario	49
Religious belief	50
Visa requirements	51
Essential vaccination	52
Theft and Safety	53
Embassy/Consulate	54
Accessibility	55
Emergencies	56
Do's and Don'ts	57
Tipping basics	58

Pet info 59

Conclusion 60

Disclaimer 61



Index

1. Geographical location

Bordeaux is the capital of the Aquitaine Region and eighth-largest city in France. It is built on the banks of the Garonne River and is divided into two parts: the right bank lying to the east and left bank towards the west. The city center and all modern buildings are located west of the Garonne. To the east are a few hills.



Index

2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Cities / Towns Located Close To Bordeaux Are Talence (4 Kms), Pessac (5.4 Kms), Bruges (5.6 Kms), Mérignac (6 Kms), Bouliac (6.5 Kms), Gradignan (7.7 Kms), Le Haillan (8.7 Kms), Tresses (9.1 Km), Léognan (12.3 Kms) And Parempuyre (12.4 Kms) To Name A Few.



Index

3. Significance

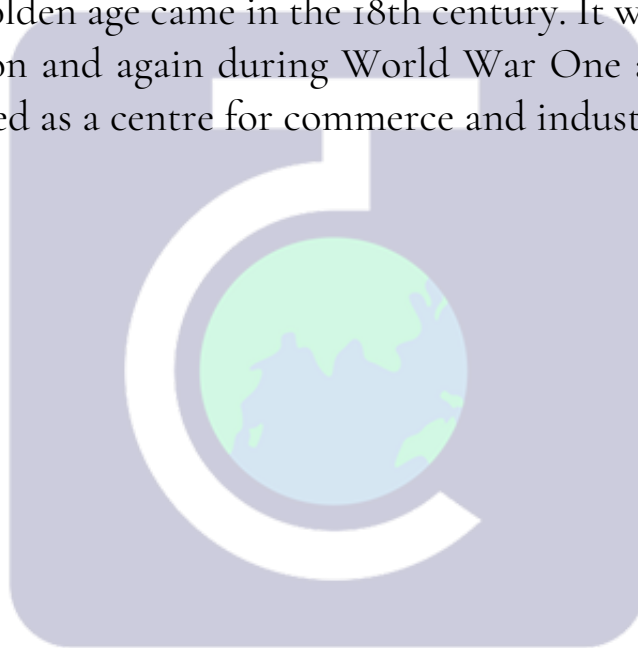
Bordeaux is one of the most beautiful cities of France. It is best known for its sprawling vineyards and is recognized as one of the 8 wine capitals of the world. No wonder, the wines created in Bordeaux are some of the world's most widely consumed styles. The city is also known for its architectural designs. It has 350 buildings registered as historical monuments, including Basilica Saint-Michel and Cathédrale Saint-André. The city is popularly called "Little Paris" because of traditional stone mansions and beautiful summer terraces.



Index

4. History

Bordeaux has a long and interesting history. The city was founded around 300 BC on the left bank of River Garonne and a Celtic settlement known as Burdigala was established here. By 60 BC, the city became a key centre for lead and tin mining after the Celts were defeated by the Romans. In the centuries that followed, Bordeaux came under repeated attack by the Vandals, Visigoths and Franks. Bordeaux's golden age came in the 18th century. It was heavily affected by the French Revolution and again during World War One and World War Two but it was soon revived as a centre for commerce and industry.



Index

5. Cultural identity

Bordeaux is a city with a rich heritage and culture. It has an impressive number of cinemas, theatres and is also home to the Opéra national de Bordeaux. Food and drink also plays one of the most important roles in the city's culture. The city is recognized as one of the 8 wine capitals of the world. The history of Bordeaux wine spans almost 2000 years to Roman times and continues taking on more importance in trade with the rest of the world. The folklore of the city is rich and the region's calendar is laced with various festivals and carnivals. All the main French festivals and events are celebrated by the locals with great pomp and show.



Index

6. Natural resources

France is rich in coal, timber, iron ore, fluorspar, zinc, uranium, bauxite, arsenic and potash to name a few. It is also richly endowed with agricultural resources and is rich in cheese, wheat and wine. It is also known for its extensive timber and fishing industries.



Index

7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Musée des Beaux-arts

Established in 1801 by the painter Pierre Lacour, Musée des Beaux-Arts is a well-known fine arts museum in the city. It houses a rich collection of classical art from the Renaissance to the 19th century from legendary artists like Picasso. It regularly organizes temporary exhibitions, meetings, concerts, lectures and screenings.

Address : 20 Cours d'Albret, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.8373661, -0.580543199999965

Contact : +33556102056

Website : <http://www.musba-bordeaux.fr/fr>

Nearest Public Transport : Palais de Justice Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults €4, Reduced fare (jobseekers, retired, students, groups of adults over 10 people) €2, Free for children under 18, persons with disabilities, business card holders, Recreation centers, during Events National character in (Night of museums, Heritage Days)

Open & Close Timing : 11:00hrs-18:00hrs Closed on Tuesdays

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Musée d'Aquitaine

Musée d'Aquitaine (Museum of Aquitaine) is the biggest French history museum outside Paris featuring a wealth of artefacts and sculptures from the prehistoric times until today. The museum is built across an area of 3,000 square meters with exhibits arranged in a chronological order. Spread over two floors, it offers a vast collection of ancient Roman stonework and mosaics as well as glassware and pottery.

Address : 20 Cours Pasteur, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.83561539999999, -0.575079800000025

Contact : +33556015100

Website : <http://www.musee-aquitaine-bordeaux.fr/>

Nearest Public Transport : Musée d'aquitaine Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : €4 for the permanent exhibition, €6.50 for the permanent exhibition and the temporary exhibition. Free entrance with the Bordeaux Metropole City pass and every first Sunday of the month (except in July and August) and people under 18 years old

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday 11:00hrs-18:00hrs, Monday closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Grand théâtre de Bordeaux

Grand Théâtre in Bordeaux is a stupefying 18th-century concert hall that hosts operas, dance and music performances throughout the year. Built in the late 1700s, it is one of the oldest wooden frame opera houses in all of Europe to have not burnt down or required rebuilding. It is renowned for its phenomenal architecture, intricate interior design and world-class performances.

Address : Place de la Comédie, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.8424816, -0.574164399999972

Contact : +33556008595

Website : <http://www.opera-bordeaux.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Grand Théâtre Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Guided Tours: €3 per person, Check website for concert tickets

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday 13:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. CAPC musée d'art contemporain de Bordeaux

CAPC Museum of Contemporary Art is a museum in Bordeaux devoted to emerging art forms. It is situated in an old colonial warehouse, which is a dainty pre-industrial building from the 19th century. The museum displays a permanent

exhibition of approximately 1,300 works by over 100 artists. It also hosts frequent temporary exhibitions, lectures, and discussions on art history.

Address : 7 Rue Ferrere, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.848285, -0.5721630000000045

Contact : +33556008150

Website : <http://www.capc-bordeaux.fr/>

Nearest Public Transport : CAPC Musée d'Art Contemporain Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : €4 for the permanent exhibition, €6.50 for the permanent exhibition and the temporary exhibition, Free entrance with the Bordeaux Metropole City pass and every first Sunday of the month (except in July and August) and for people less than 18 years

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday 11:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Musée du Vin et du Négoce

Musée du Vin et du Négoce or the Wine Merchants' Museum is devoted to the history of wine trade in the region. It exhibits all the antique tools used in the process of winemaking. The visit ends with a tasting session. It is a great place for all wine connoisseurs and for those who want a better understanding of Bordeaux wines.

Address : Cellier des Chartrons, 41 Rue Borie, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.8545425, -0.5695001999999993

Contact : +33556901913

Website : <http://www.museeduvinbordeaux.com/who-are-we-2/>

Nearest Public Transport : Picard Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult €10, Reduced (job seekers, students) €5, Free for children up to 18 years

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Matmut Atlantique

Nouveau Stade de Bordeaux (also called Stade Matmut Atlantique) is a newly built football stadium in Bordeaux. It can seat approximately 45,000 people. You can discover the backstage of the stadium with guided tour programs. Prior reservations are necessary.

Address : Cours Jules Ladoumegue, 33300 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33300

Location : 44.8973817, -0.561751100000037

Contact : +33556175800

Website : <http://www.matmut-atlantique.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Vergne Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults €11, Subscribers FCGB / Licensee football (on presentation of membership card valid for the 2016/2017 season / the valid license) €8, Children under 12 years €5, Free for children under 5 years

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Porte Cailhau

Located in the old city center, between the docks and the Place du Palais, Porte Cailhau or The Cailhau door is a monument in honor of the Battle of Fornoue. It commemorates the victory of Charles VIII during the Italian battle. It offers a postcard view of the oldest bridge in Bordeaux - the Pont de Pierre. It is also on the UNESCO World Heritage List as "an outstanding urban and architectural ensemble" of the 18th century.

Address : Rue Porte de Cailhau, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.8387609, -0.568496600000003

Contact : +33556006600

Website : <http://www.bordeaux-tourisme.com/offre/fiche/porte-cailhau/PCUAQU033FS00044>

Nearest Public Transport : Place du Palais Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adult €3.50, Reduced €3, Free for children under 12 years

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-12:00hrs, 13:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No



Index

7.2. Free

7.2.1. Place de la Bourse

Place de la Bourse, popularly called Place Royale, is a busy pedestrian square on the edge of the central town. The structure was built in the 1700s as a symbol of prosperity and is a part of the Port of the Moon, Bordeaux, which has been listed by UNESCO as World Heritage since 2007. The architectural magic of the square is underlined by its beautiful lighting, which is why many people prefer visiting this spot during the night.

Address : Quai du Maréchal Lyautey, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.8414926, -0.5698942999999987

Website : <http://www.bordeaux.fr/l3293>

Nearest Public Transport : Place de la Bourse Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Saint-André Cathedral

Located near the Town Hall, Bordeaux Cathedral (Cathédrale Saint-André de Bordeaux) is a Roman Catholic cathedral and the largest religious building in the city. It was built in between the 12th and 16th century and took close to 400 years for its completion. The Cathedral, which is a fine example of the medieval gothic architecture in France, has been listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage site since 1998.

Address : Place Pey Berland, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.83764470000001, -0.5776694999999956

Contact : +3356526810

Website : <http://cathedrale-bordeaux.fr>

Nearest Public Transport : Hôtel de Ville Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday 14:00hrs-19:00hrs, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00hrs-12:00hrs, 12:00hrs-18:00hrs, Wednesday 10:00hrs-12:00hrs, 14:00hrs-19:00hrs, Saturday 10:00hrs-12:00hrs, 14:00hrs-19:30hrs, Sunday

09:30hrs-12:00hrs, 14:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Basilica of St. Michael

The Saint Michael Church, near the tower with the same name, is a quaint Gothic church in the city. It was built between the end of the 14th century and 16th century and displays a remarkable Gothic style of architecture. At 114 meters, the Basilica features the second tallest bell tower in the country and offers an astounding landscape of the city. This landmark is part of the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Address : Place Meynard, 33800 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33800

Location : 44.834401, -0.5650210000000001

Contact : +33556943050

Nearest Public Transport : Porte de Bourgogne Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Friday 14:00hrs-17:30hrs, Saturday, Sunday & Monday 10:00hrs-12:30hrs & from 14:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Place des Quinconces

Place des Quinconces is the largest public square in Europe. It is located in the center of the city with a unique highlight of its trees being planted in "quinconces" (arranged by 5: 4 in square and 1 in the center). It is also a venue for various fairs, concerts and sporting events. If you want some fresh air and a beautiful setting that will nudge the photographer in you, look no further!

Address : Place des Quinconces, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.8447171, -0.5734750999999996

Nearest Public Transport : Quinconces Munich Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Pont de Pierre

Commonly referred to as the Stone Bridge, Pont de Pierre is a beautiful, stone-arched bridge in the city. It connects the left and right banks of the Garonne. It was designed during the First French Empire, under the orders of Napoleon I, and offers great views of Bordeaux (including the Place de la Bourse), especially during the night when it is illuminated.

Address : Pont de Pierre, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.8384162, -0.562902099999973

Contact : +33556006600

Website : http://www.culture.gouv.fr/public/mistral/merimee_fr?ACTION=CHERCHER&FIELD_I=REF&VALUE_I=PA33000067

Nearest Public Transport : Porte de Bourgogne Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Jardin Public

Jardin Public is a lovely green area in the middle of the city. It was created in the 18th century to provide the locals with some open space. It is an ideal spot for relaxation and picnicking. There are pools and little lakes inside with ducks, and a quaint little café at the main entrance.

Address : Jardin Public, Cours de Verdun, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.8490968, -0.578192800000001

Contact : +33556102030

Website : <http://www.opera-bordeaux.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Jardin Public Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : 07:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Le Miroir d'eau

Lying adjacent to the Place de la Bourse with an extremely convenient tram stop, Miroir d'eau or Water Mirror is one of the city's main points of attraction. It is the largest reflecting pool in the world covering an area of 37,100 square feet. Built in 2006 along the quays of the Garonne river, it is quite popular with the locals, especially after sunset when reflections of the buildings are at their best.

Address : Place de la Bourse, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.84167000000001, -0.569080299999996

Contact : +3356901913

Website : <http://www.bordeaux.fr/110812>

Nearest Public Transport : Place de la Bourse Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Marché des Capucins

Marche des Capucins is one of the most prominent markets in the Saint-Michel district of Bordeaux. Also known as the "Belly of Bordeaux", the market offers a wide range of fresh flowers, fruits, cheese and seafood. It makes for an interesting attraction as it offers a beautiful insight into the local culture of the city.

Address : Place des Capucins, 33800 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33800

Location : 44.8304, -0.567866600000002

Contact : +3356922629

Website : <http://marchedescapucins.com>

Nearest Public Transport : Capucins Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday 06:00hrs-13:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Place du Parlement

Parliament Square is a lively location situated in the city center of Bordeaux abuzz with shops and outdoor cafés. It is a great place to visit if you want to get a feel of the local atmosphere and enjoy a cup of coffee or local sweets. A

highlighting feature of the square is the Fountain of Parliament, built in Neo-rococo style. During winters, a temporary ice skating rink is also set up for everyone to use.

Address : Place du Parlement, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.84071489999999, -0.5721101999999997

Contact : +33556922629

Nearest Public Transport : Place de la Bourse Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Église Catholique Saint-Eloi

Grosse Cloche de Bordeaux is a historic Catholic church in the city and one of the oldest belfries in France. The highlight of the church is in its two surviving towers, clock, impressive gothic architecture and gold-plated copper weathervane.

Address : Rue Saint-James, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.83540600000001, -0.5711320999999999

Website : <http://saint-eloi.org>

Nearest Public Transport : Ste Catherine Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : 07:15hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Place de la Victoire

The Victory Square is a colorful place to admire the cityscapes and sip on some freshly brewed coffee in one of its streetside cafés. Essentially, it is a historical and cultural hub where you will get a whiff of the real Bordeaux lifestyle. The square is always busy and also hosts various concerts, festivals and sports events.

Address : Place de la Victoire, 33300 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33300

Location : 44.8311575, -0.5725751999999996

Website : <http://hmsvictorybordeaux.com>

Nearest Public Transport : Victoire Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Rue Sainte-Catherine

Often called the longest shopping street (1.2 kilometers) in the whole of Europe, Rue Sainte-Catherine is the main shopping area in Bordeaux. It could take you an entire day to explore the alley that is populated with major fashion emporiums and brands like Cartier, Louis Vuitton, Longchamps, Kenzo, Hermes and Dior.

Address : Rue Sainte Catherine, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.83694939999999, -0.573703099999988

Nearest Public Transport : Gambetta Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday 10:00hrs-19:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Église Notre-Dame

Built in Baroque and Romanesque-style, Notre Dame Church (Our Lady's Church) is a sublime Catholic Church in the heart of the city, with elaborately carved facades, remarkable detailing, and great organs. The Cour Mably, located near the church, is often used as a venue for concerts, films and exhibitions.

Address : 1 Place du Chapelet, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.8424676, -0.576121199999988

Contact : +33 5 56 81 44 21

Website : <http://notredamedebordeaux.fr/>

Nearest Public Transport : Grand Théâtre Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday 09:00hrs-19:00hrs Sunday 08:30hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Place Fernand Lafargue

Located south of Cours d'Alsace Lorraine, Place Fernand Lafargue is a popular market square in Bordeaux. The surrounding streets are full of chic boutiques, hipster fashion houses, quaint bookshops and record stores. It also boasts of some of the city's trendiest nightspots.

Address : Place Fernand Lafargue, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33000

Location : 44.8372019, -0.5717759000000034

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. KiloChic Bordeaux

"Kilo Chic" on 40 Cours de la Somme is the place to go for some budget-friendly secondhand and vintage clothes. There are also a good number of secondhand stores in the city that offer a similar selection of vintage products.

Address : 40 Cours de la Somme, 33800 Bordeaux, France

Zipcode : 33800

Location : 44.829058, -0.572177000000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



Index

8. Key sites sports & adventure

Bordeaux is a great place for adventure lovers, especially water-sporting enthusiasts. The city offers a diverse range of outdoor activities for people of all age groups.

- **Bordeaux River Cruise -**

Address : 2 Quai des Chartrons, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8486434999999,-0.5700515999999

Contact No : +33556392766

Website : <http://bordeaux-river-cruise.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bordeaux River Cruise Light Rail Station

Entry Fees : Starts at €35

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 10-20 minutes

- **Bordeaux Kayaking & Canoeing -**

Address : 10 Rue Louis Blériot, 33130 Bègles, France

Location : 44.7971482,-0.528672

Contact No : +33650461023

Website : <http://bordeauxcanoe.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Port Garonne Bus Station

Entry Fees : Kayaking & Canoeing €20 for 2 hours

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Sunday 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 10-20 minutes

Index

9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football and rugby are among the most popular sports in Bordeaux. Skateboarding, rollerblading, and BMX biking are other sports activities popular in the city. There are 2 main sport teams in the city. Girondins de Bordeaux is the football team and Union Bordeaux Bègles is the rugby team in the Top 14 in the Ligue Nationale de Rugby.

- **Stade Chaban-Delmas:**

Address : Place Johnston, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.82923630000001,-0.5983085999999957



Index

10. Spas and relaxation

When in Bordeaux for a vacation, it is advised that you escape from the chaos of the city at least once to relax and rejuvenate yourself with a top European spa! You can easily find spa and wellness services in almost all mid-range and luxury hotels in the city.

- **Escale Détente:**

Address : 7 Rue Duret, 33300 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8607416,-0.56278109999999383

Contact No : +33557875850

Website : <http://www.escalebordeaux.fr/>

- **Spa 2 Be : Soin Spa - Massage Bordeaux - Visage & Corps:**

Address : 214 Cours de l'Argonne, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.82408999999999,-0.5789627999999993

Contact No : +33557713426

Website : <http://www.spa2be.com/>

- **Spa Mozaik:**

Address : 75 Rue Georges Bonnac, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8402488,-0.58479139999999719

Contact No : +33556520897

Website : <http://www.spamozaik.com/>

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Les Epicuriales

Les Epicuriales is a gala celebration of food and drink in the early summer in Bordeaux. During the 2-week festivity, visitors can enjoy dinners cooked by Michelin-starred chefs from all over the country.

The Bordeaux Wine Festival

Celebrated every 2 years, the Bordeaux Wine Festival honors its regional wines. The festival includes a 2 km Wine Route along the banks of the Garonne, with over 11 Wine tasting pavilions. It also includes various music concerts with international stars. The festival attracts thousands of wine and food lovers from all over the world.

Dansons sur les Quais

Popular open-air dancing event for both novices and experienced dancers. During the event, every evening for a month (excluding Mondays and

Tuesdays), the river banks of Bordeaux are then turned into a giant dance floor. The event promotes traditional dance (ballroom dancing, with a partner).

Festival Reggae Sun Ska

Reggae Sun Ska is undoubtedly the most iconic reggae and roots festival in Europe. This 3-day event attracts fans and popular performers from all across the continent.

Vin Nouveau and Brocante

For a weekend in October, Place des Quinconces in Bordeaux becomes home of the antiques and second hand market fair in the city. Visitors can shop from various vintage items including antique furniture, vintage clothing, decor etc. The event also offers various opportunities to try the year's new wine.

Christmas and New Year's Eve

Christmas and New Year's Eve is celebrated with great pomp and show everywhere in the city, in hotels, restaurants and even in the streets. The fireworks display is worth a sight.

12. Key local guides and tours

Although Bordeaux is quite compact and can be easily explored on your own, having a local guide will help you gain a more immersive experience in the city. Tours can also be customized to your personal liking and language preference.

Popular City Tours:

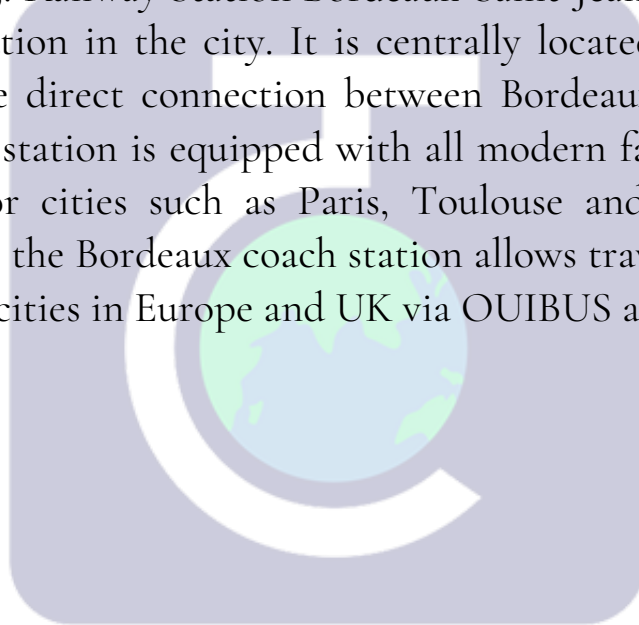
- i) History and heritage tours Bordeaux is a colorful and historic city. Historic city tours are very enriching and take you through the historic Old Town, Basilica Saint-Michel and Cathédrale Saint-André among other major historical landmarks.
- ii) Cultural Trips A cultural tour through Bordeaux and surrounding areas is an enriching experience. Visitors can learn about traditional French cuisine, music and folklore.
- iii) Wine and culinary tours Bordeaux is known for its vineyards from Grands Crus estates to small boutique & family owned wineries. Excursions to the fantastic vineyards around the city help you learn about the history of wine and winemaking.

Popular Tour Guides:

- i) Elodie Jouannel Elodie was born and bred in the Bordeaux region and knows the region at the back of her hand. She runs her own Food and Wine Tour agency and guides wine and culinary enthusiasts from all around the world. She is trilingual in English, Spanish, and French.
- ii) Marie Hallier Marie is a licenced tour guide offering private tours in Southwest of France including Bordeaux and Cognac areas. She has a degree in Tourism from the Bordeaux University and is deeply passionate about guiding people off the beaten tracks.

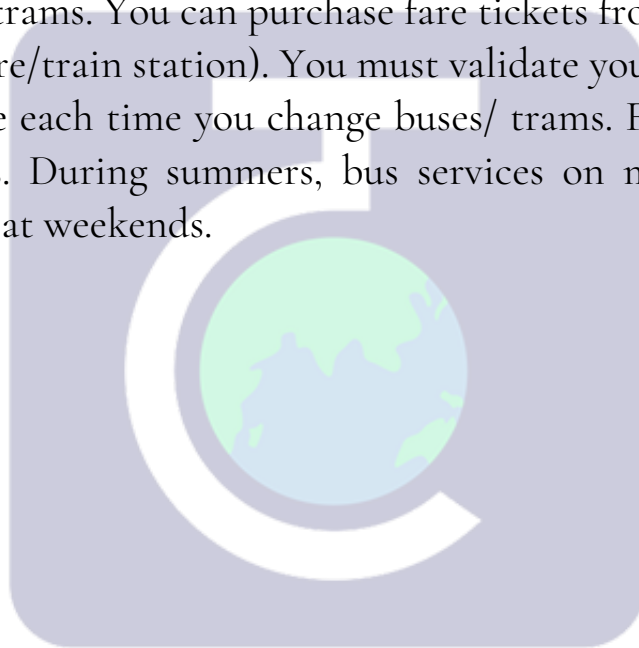
13. Transportation hubs

Airport Bordeaux airport (BOD) is located 14 kms southwest of the city center. There is a dedicated Airport Shuttle Bus that runs every 60 minutes every day. It takes 30 minutes and costs €7.20 for adults. There is a reduced fare of €6 for those under 26 or over 60 years of age. Buses and trams from the airport to downtown cost €1.50. A taxi ride takes approximately 30 minutes to the center of the city and costs around €25. Railway Station Bordeaux-Saint-Jean or Bordeaux-Midi is the main railway station in the city. It is centrally located and shuttle service operates a 30-minute direct connection between Bordeaux Airport and Train Station. The railway station is equipped with all modern facilities and connects Bordeaux with major cities such as Paris, Toulouse and Spain. Bus Station Located in Bordeaux, the Bordeaux coach station allows travellers to easily travel in a large number of cities in Europe and UK via OUIBUS and FlixBus.



Index**14. Transportation cost**

Bordeaux has an extensive network of public transport system including buses and trams operated by TBC. A single journey costs €1.50, 5 journeys €6.70 and 10 journeys €12.40. You might also like getting a 1 day pass for €4.60 or a 7 day pass for €13.20. You can also buy a carnet of 10 tickets for €12.40 or a 1-day ticket for €4.60 which covers unlimited travel. Although you can buy tickets on buses, you cannot buy them on trams. You can purchase fare tickets from machines at major stops (such as the Gare/train station). You must validate your ticket at the yellow compositeur machine each time you change buses/ trams. Failing to do so could result in heavy fines. During summers, bus services on many routes are very infrequent especially at weekends.



15. Baggage allowance

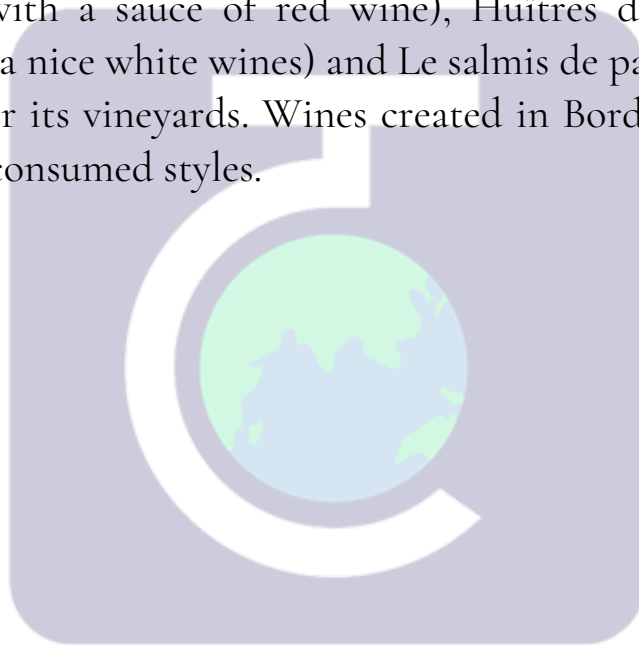
There is enough space in local trains for standard luggages to fit in and while there is no set limit on the amount of baggage you can carry on public transport in Bordeaux, it is recommended that you travel light. Backpacks are most convenient to carry around the city.



Index

16. Must try food and local savouries

The most important dish of Bordeaux is ‘entrecôte marchand de vin’ which is rib steak cooked in a gravy made from Bordeaux wine, herbs, shallots and bone marrow. Other regional specialities include Foie Gras (dish prepared from duck or goose liver), Eclade (Bordeaux' special beach barbecue of mussels cooked on the beach), Confit de canard (French delicacy made of duck leg), La lamproie (lamprey prepared with a sauce of red wine), Huîtres du Bassin d’Arcachon (Oysters served with a nice white wines) and Le salmis de palombe (pigeon stew). The city is known for its vineyards. Wines created in Bordeaux are some of the world's most widely consumed styles.



Index

17. Restaurant & Nightlife

A trip to France is incomplete without delicious and healthy meals. Many of the city's restaurants and cafes have a preference towards local produce, but you can relish both traditional French delicacies and modern meals in Bordeaux. The city takes fine dining seriously and boasts of various Michelin star restaurants. Saint Pierre District has a lot of good options to eat and drink.

Food -

A trip to France is incomplete without delicious and healthy meals. Many of the city's restaurants and cafes have a preference towards local produce, but you can relish both traditional French delicacies and modern meals in Bordeaux. The city takes fine dining seriously and boasts of various Michelin star restaurants. Saint Pierre District has a lot of good options to eat and drink.

- **Restaurant La Grand' Vigne:**

Address : Smith Haut-Lafitte, 33650 Martillac, France

Location : 44.7307554999999,-0.5571743000000

Contact No : +33557838383

Website : <http://www.sources-caudalie.com/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday to Friday 19:00hrs-22:00hrs, Saturday and Sunday 12:00hrs-14:00hrs, 19:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Le Verre Ô Vin / Musée du Vin et du Negoce:**

Address : 43 Rue Borie, 33300 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8546683,-0.5695339999999

Website : <http://www.le-vov.com/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday 18:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Le Pressoir d'Argent:**

Address : 2-5 Place de la Comédie, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8423960999999,-0.5748402000000

Contact No : +33557304304

Website : <http://bordeaux.intercontinental.com/fr/#le-pressoir-d-argent.php>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday 07:30hrs-22:00hrs

- **Garopapilles:**

Address : 62 Rue Abbé de l'Épée, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8419254000000,-0.5827328999999

Contact No : +33972455536

Website : <http://garopapilles.com>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 09:30hrs-19:00hrs

- **MILES Restaurant:**

Address : 33 Rue du Cancera, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8399094,-0.5723927999999

Contact No : +33556811824

Website : <http://restaurantmiles.com/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Friday 12:00hrs-14:00hrs, 19:30hrs-22:00hrs, Saturday 19:30hrs-22:00hrs, Sunday closed

- **Dragon Doré:**

Address : 9 Rue Paul Louis Lande, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8346548,-0.5754745000000

Contact No : +33556887821

Website : <http://restaurant-dragon-dore.blogspot.in/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-14:00hrs, 19:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **La P'tite Brasserie:**

Address : 127 Rue Georges Bonnac, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8395705000000,-0.5872191999999

Contact No : +33556984723

Website : <http://laptitebrasserie.fr/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 10:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **The Houses Of Parliament:**

Address : 11 Rue Parlement Sainte-Catherine, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8406032,-0.5729751999999

Contact No : +33556793803

Website : <http://hop-pub.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 15:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **The Connemara:**

Address : 14-18 Cours Albret, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8383762999999,-0.5814173999999

Contact No : +33556528257

Website : <http://www.connemara-pub.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-02:00hrs

- **Le 21:**

Address : 21 Rue Mably, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.84377490000001,-0.5773724000000584

Contact No : +33557107725

Open / Close Time : Wednesday to Saturday 12:00hrs-04:30hrs

- **Sherlock Holmes:**

Address : 16 Rue Judaïque, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8415262,-0.58189600000000

Contact No : +33556485122

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Lusi Klub:**

Address : 20 Rue du Commerce, 33800 Bordeaux, France

Location : 44.8267062,-0.55231270000000

Contact No : +33556859099

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday open 24 hours



Index**18. Average meal cost**

● 3-course meal at an inexpensive Restaurant: €10 ● 3-course meal at a mid-range restaurant (for minimum 2 people): €40 ● Combo meal at McDonalds or equivalent: €8 ● 0.5 liter draught beer: €5



Index**19. Shopping**

Bordeaux is a shopping haven. The leading names in fashion were quick to set up in the city and today, the region is home to some of the most prestigious labels in haute couture, fashion accessories and jewellery.



20. Tourist benefits

VAT rate in Bordeaux ranges between 10- 20%. International travelers can reclaim the Value Added Tax paid over goods provided they spend a minimum of €175 (in one shop) on goods that they export within 90 days of their purchase. To avail this benefit, all you are required to do is look for stores with tax free shopping signboard, get the VAT reimbursement receipt from the store at the time of your purchase, fill it out carefully and get it stamped from the customs authorities on your final departure. Global Refund is the most common in the city. Kindly note, there is no refund without completed forms, receipts attached and customs validation.



21. Essential local apps

Transports Bordeaux is a useful little app for tourists. It offers quick access to the transport data of Bordeaux. You can find all nearby bus-stops, car park and bicycle availability, times of Bus and Tram with geo-location etc.



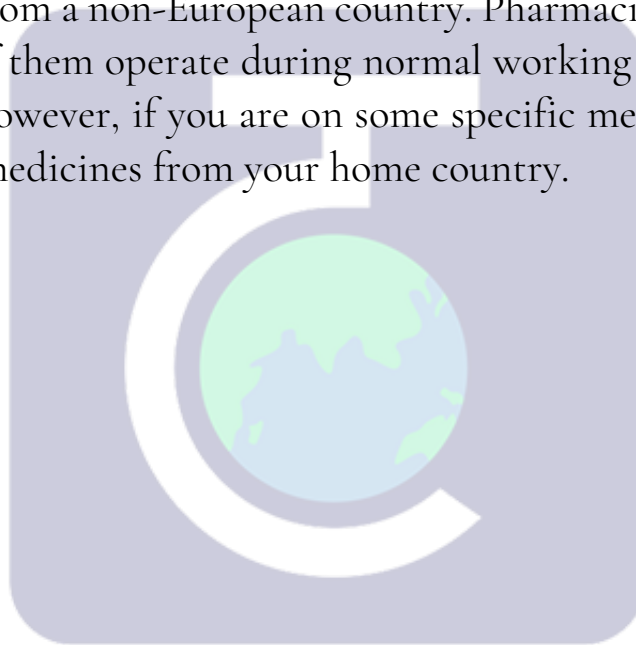
22. Driving

Driving in the city center can be somewhat intimidating. However, if you still wish to drive around the city, make sure you are familiar with the road safety rules and traffic laws in the region. The legal driving age in the city is 18. If you are staying in France for less than 90 days, you can drive with your valid US driver's license. It's also generally recommended to get an International Driving Permit, which provides a translation of your license. If you are staying in France for longer than 90 days, you can drive with your US license for one year. Make sure you always carry your ID Card, license, insurance certificate and vehicle registration (carte grise) with you when you drive.



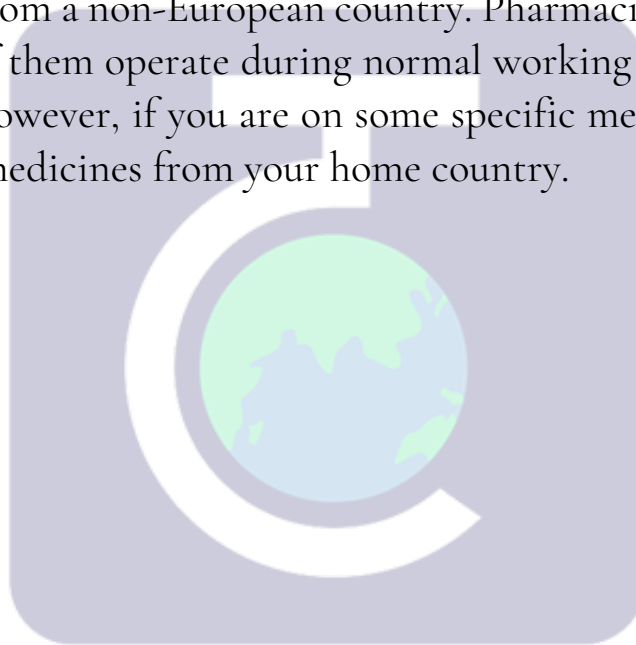
23. Travel essentials

The standard electricity supply in the city is 220-240 volt - 50 Hz AC. The standard electrical socket (outlet) in the country is of "Type C" Europlug and the "Type E" and Type F" Schuko. If the plug of your appliances does not match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter during your stay in Bordeaux. Most battery chargers have a built-in voltage converter, but you might need one if coming from a non-European country. Pharmacies can be easily found in Bordeaux. Most of them operate during normal working hours while some are open for 24 hours. However, if you are on some specific medication, it is advised that you carry your medicines from your home country.



24. Essential clothes

The standard electricity supply in the city is 220-240 volt - 50 Hz AC. The standard electrical socket (outlet) in the country is of "Type C" Europlug and the "Type E" and Type F" Schuko. If the plug of your appliances does not match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter during your stay in Bordeaux. Most battery chargers have a built-in voltage converter, but you might need one if coming from a non-European country. Pharmacies can be easily found in Bordeaux. Most of them operate during normal working hours while some are open for 24 hours. However, if you are on some specific medication, it is advised that you carry your medicines from your home country.



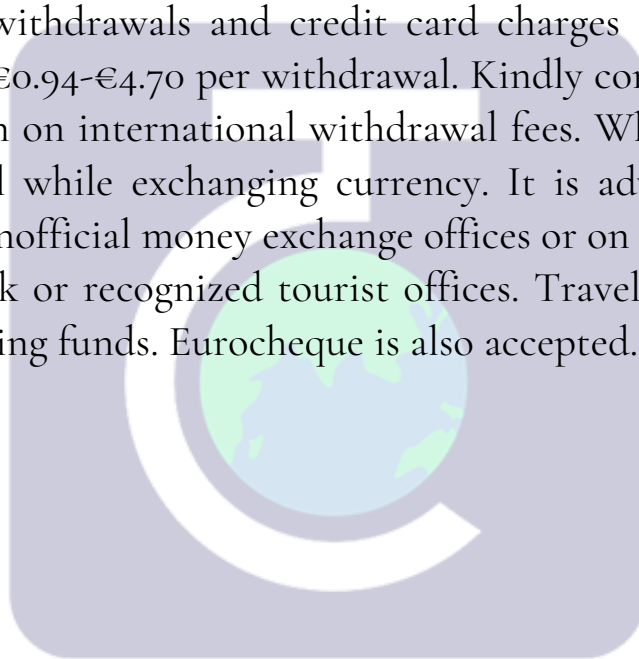
25. Local currency

The official currency of Bordeaux is Euro (€). 1 USD = €0.90.



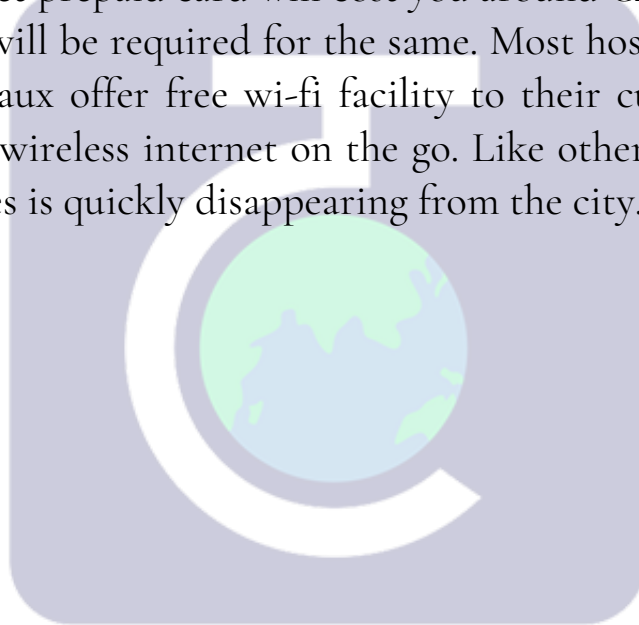
26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Major credit cards (including VISA, MasterCard, American Express etc) are accepted at most stores and restaurants. But you will need cash for smaller purchases. Some big stores also accept euros. For international money transfers and currency exchange, you must check out 'bureaux de change'. ATM machines are scattered all around the city and it is not difficult to find one for cash withdrawals. ATM withdrawals and credit card charges are likely to incur a typical surcharge of €0.94-€4.70 per withdrawal. Kindly connect with your bank for more information on international withdrawal fees. When in Bordeaux, you must be very careful while exchanging currency. It is advised that you never exchange money at unofficial money exchange offices or on the street but instead at a well-known bank or recognized tourist offices. Traveler's checks are also a safe way of transporting funds. Eurocheque is also accepted.



27. Staying connected

There are 3 major mobile network providers in Bordeaux: ● Orange ● SFR ● BouyguesTelecom, and ● Free There is a standard mobile network (GSM 900/ 1800/ GPRS/ HSPDA) in the country and you should check beforehand if your phone is compatible, especially if you're coming from the US. If you plan to stay in the city for a longer period of time, you might as well consider buying a new SIM card. A starter set prepaid card will cost you around €20. A photocopy your passport or ID card will be required for the same. Most hostels, hotels, cafes and restaurants in Bordeaux offer free wi-fi facility to their customers. Some local trams also offer free wireless internet on the go. Like other European cities, the trend of internet cafés is quickly disappearing from the city.



28. Time Zone

Bordeaux falls under the Central European Time Zone (UTC +01:00). It observes Daylight Saving Time (CEST), UTC +2.



Index**29. Languages**

French is the official and most widely spoken language in the city. Being an extremely popular tourist city, English is widely spoken and understood by the people of Bordeaux. You can easily find English guided tours as well.



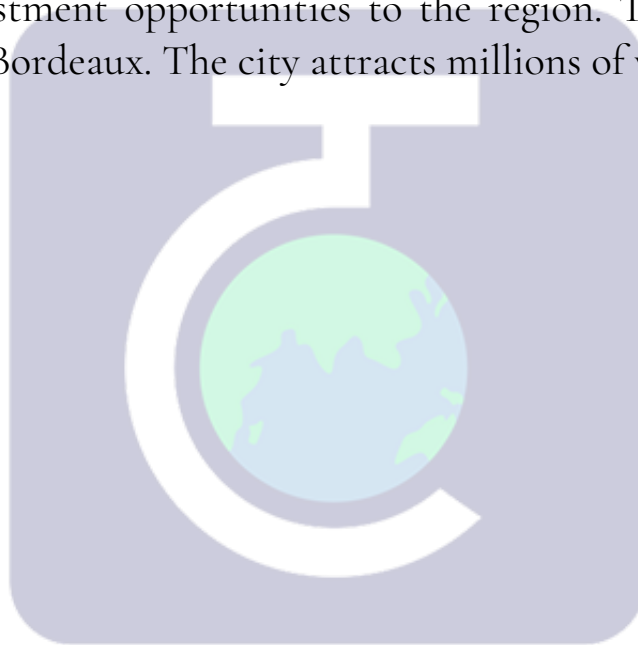
Index**30. Political Scenario**

Bordeaux is the capital of five cantons and the Prefecture of the Gironde and Aquitaine. It is divided into three districts run by a Mayor.



31. Economic Scenario

Bordeaux is a major economic centre in France. The city's economy is primarily centered around the trade of wines and liqueurs. Other popular industries in the city include automotive, aeronautical, electronics, chemical and biotechnological industries. The city also has a well-developed tertiary sector with almost 3,200 service businesses. Some major urban projects are also developing in Bordeaux, attracting huge investment opportunities to the region. Tourism is also a fast growing industry in Bordeaux. The city attracts millions of visitors every year.



Index**32. Religious belief**

Up to 88 percent of the population of the city belongs to the Roman Catholic Church. Of the remaining, Protestants make 2%, Jewish 1%, Muslim 5%–10% and unaffiliated 4%.



33. Visa requirements

If you have a Schengen visa, you can stay (but not work) in the city for approximately three months. EU nationals with residence permit may stay for as long as they like and can enter with a valid EU identity card too. However, registration at Bürgeramt office is mandatory for stays exceeding a few months. Nationals of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA and a few others can visit Bordeaux with a valid passport for a period of three months. Nationals of the rest of the world need to apply for a visa to visit the city. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application. For detailed information and the list of documents required for application of visa, you might want to check online at: www.schengenvisainfo.com/france-visa/

34. Essential vaccination

Before your visit to the Bordeaux, make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines like measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), varicella, chickenpox, polio and seasonal flu. Depending on the duration of your stay and the country you are traveling from, you might need vaccines for Hepatitis A and B. The World Health Organization recommends that you visit a physician at least six weeks before your departure.



35. Theft and Safety

Bordeaux is pretty safe for a European city and is virtually a crime-free location. Apart from existence of petty crimes such as pickpocketing and snatching, there is no major crime heard of in the city as such. The city is never really abandoned (even at night) but it makes sense to be careful especially if you are traveling alone. If you keep tabs on your possessions and keep your wits about you, you should not face any problems. It is also advised you do not keep too much cash with you especially if you are traveling alone.



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

For any emergencies, foreign tourists can get assistance at their home embassies in Bordeaux. You can find the complete list of foreign representations in the city at: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/france>



37. Accessibility

Despite some cobblestones and minor hills, Bordeaux offers good disabled access to wheelchair users. Most tourist attractions are a short walk/ roll from the cruise dock and can be reached using step-free routes. Most hotels and restaurants/ cafes are also able to comfortably accommodate people with disabilities.



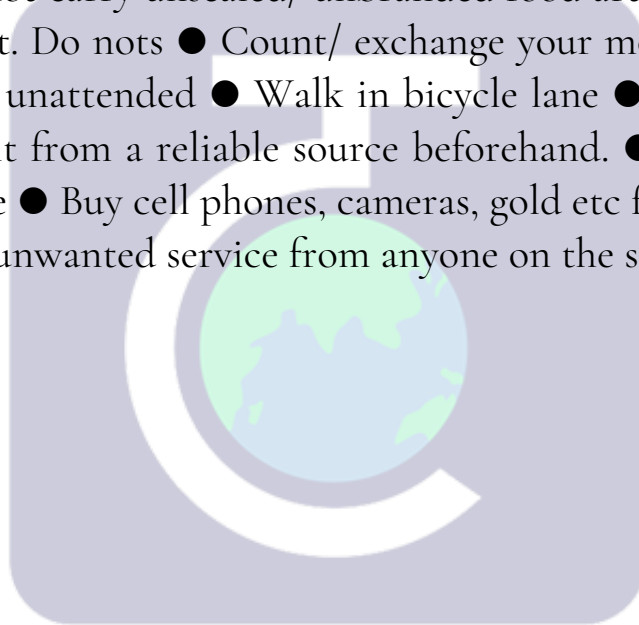
38. Emergencies

Having a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will provide you access to the city's public health care system at greatly reduced cost. Since the EHIC will not cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, it is advised that you sign up for an adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. Visitors who come from a country outside of the EU are advised to take out a valid, private medical insurance to cover medical expenses in Bordeaux. The state run medical services in the city are decent and can be reached in case of emergency. The hotels provide shuttles and ambulances in such cases. The hospitals in the city are well equipped. Hôpital Saint-André is located in Bordeaux's city centre. It offers excellent healthcare, emergency service and private rooms. Emergency numbers: Police - 110 Medical emergency/ accident services; fire brigade - 112

Index

39. Do's and Don'ts

Do's ● Ask for the prices or menu before ordering ● Carry your passport and ID card at all times ● Lock your bike properly ● Carry some cash. A lot of restaurants and shops do not accept credit cards ● Be wary of your surroundings at night, especially in the dark alleys ● It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. ● It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Do not's ● Count/ exchange your money on the street. ● Leave your valuables unattended ● Walk in bicycle lane ● Flag down a taxi on the street buy book it from a reliable source beforehand. ● Spit on the road ● Leave tip on the table ● Buy cell phones, cameras, gold etc from a stranger in the street ● Accept any unwanted service from anyone on the street



Index**40.Tipping basics**

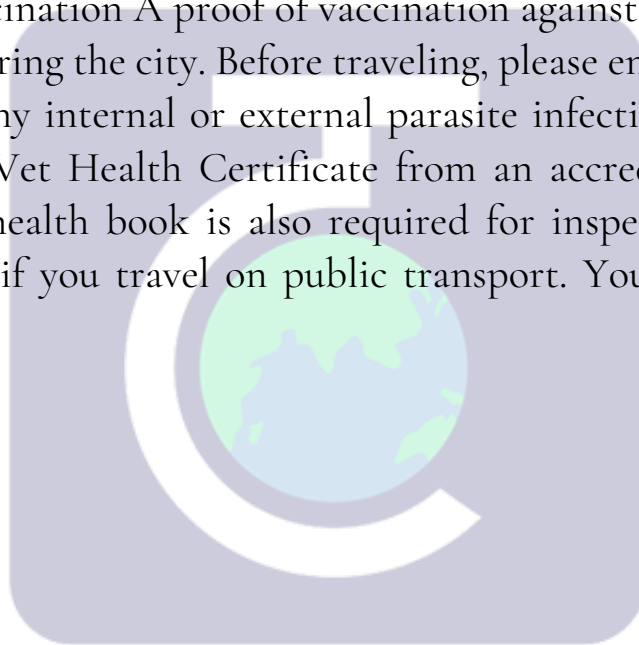
Generally, when eating out in the city, your bill will include a service charge and no extra tip is expected from visitors. However, if you found the service to be exceptional, it is not entirely uncommon to add an additional tip of up to 10%, but it is not necessary.



Index

41.Pet info

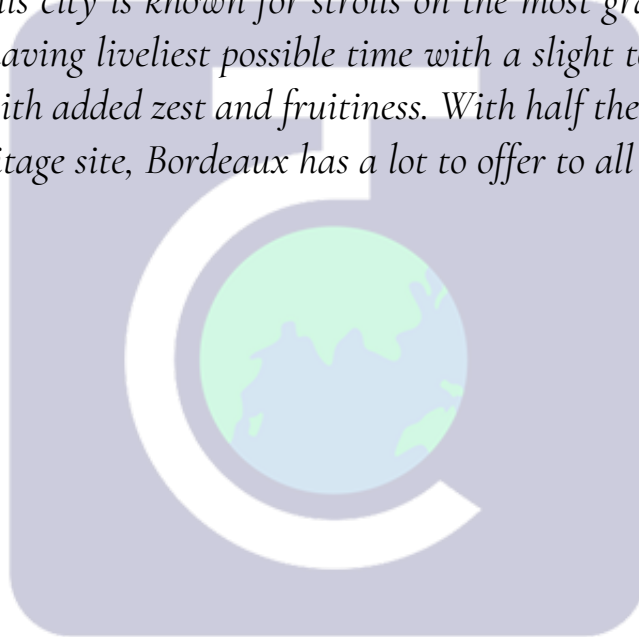
Bordeaux is regarded as a favourable city for dog friendly holidays. The natives love dogs and people can take their pets to almost all public places (parks, restaurants, hotels etc) in the city. The following information should be kept in mind while taking your pets to Bordeaux: i) Pet Microchip Your pet must have a microchip in compliance with ISO Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO standard 11785. ii) Proper Vaccination A proof of vaccination against rabies is required for your pets before entering the city. Before traveling, please ensure that your dog or cat is treated with any internal or external parasite infections. iii) Health Book and Certificate EU Vet Health Certificate from an accredited Veterinarian is required. The pet's health book is also required for inspection. Note: The pet must have a muzzle if you travel on public transport. You can be fined if you don't have one.



Index

Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Bordeaux is charming, crescent-shaped city built on the banks of the Garonne River. It is best known for its sprawling vineyards and is recognized as one of the 8 wine capitals of the world. It is also known for its marvelous architectural designs, pedestrianized boulevards and 18th century grand mansions. Along with the beautiful Aquitaine region, Bordeaux attracts over 3 million visitors every year. There's never a bad time to visit a place like Bordeaux. This city is known for strolls on the most graceful streets of France, food, drinks and then having liveliest possible time with a slight touch of Latin. This city offers ancient dignity with added zest and fruitiness. With half the city (18 sq km) listed in UNESCO as world heritage site, Bordeaux has a lot to offer to all kinds of visitors.



Index

Disclaimer

All rights reserved. This Travel Guide (inclusive of all content – text, graphics, images, illustrations, designs, etc.) is an Intellectual Property of Taxidio Travel India Pvt. Ltd. Copying, republishing, uploading, reproducing, downloading, distributing, posting, transmitting, or duplicating any of the material is prohibited. All the information contained in this Travel Guide is purely a work of research. The information may have undergone changes from the time it has been compiled. Taxidio Travel India Pvt. Ltd. Cannot be held liable for any alteration, inaccuracies or omissions.

