



*Wine and Romance*

# Bordeaux and Basque Regions of France and Spain

Featuring Free Flowing Wine, Beer and Spirits on the 5-Star Azamara Journey

5-Star Cruising with only 680 guests and a crew of 400

August 25 - September 5, 2019

12 Day-10 Night Cruise/Tour

3 Days and 2 Nights in Bordeaux, France!

*London & Southampton, England - St. Malo, Lorient & Bordeaux, France - Bilbao & Gijón, Spain*

Bordeaux - prized wines, grand old châteaux, rolling vineyards.

Travel with TRIPS on this delightful journey and experience the finest wine region in the world.

You'll have three full days in prestigious Bordeaux, where for centuries, winemakers have created some of the world's most sought after wines. Bordeaux is famous for wines that brim with plush, soft fruit and you'll have opportunities to sample the revered cabernet sauvignon and merlot blends that it's well-known for. It's not just wine that you'll experience on this tour though! From London to Lisbon, you'll stop in charming and exciting cities.

Stroll the cobblestone streets of Brittany and tree-lined promenades. Visit a legendary Benedictine Abbey in an astonishingly scenic setting. Gaze at beautiful yachts in world famed harbors and don't miss the world-renowned Guggenheim Museum. Sample hearty Basque-style tapas along with Spain's acclaimed Rioja wines and don't miss a taste of Asturias' fabulous pastries and cakes!

Don't miss this AzAmazing Journey with TRIPS and experience the romance of Europe's finest wine regions!

## Itinerary

### August 25, 2019 - Your Journey Begins

Today you board your overnight flight, beginning the trip of lifetime in Bordeaux and Basque Regions of France and Spain!

### August 26, 2019 - London

After 'crossing the pond', arrive in **London** where you're met by your **TRIPS escort**, then set out on a panoramic city tour of London! You'll drive past iconic sights such as **Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and Big Ben**. Transfer to your hotel later this afternoon with time to explore and enjoy dinner on your own.

Overnight: London

### August 27, 2019 - Winchester Cathedral to Southampton

This morning travel to one of the world's most famous ports, **Southampton**. Along the way, stop for an included sightseeing tour of famed **Winchester Cathedral**, possibly the only cathedral to have a popular song written about it! This is where **Jane Austen** is buried and it was used as a film set for the **Da Vinci Code**. After a docent led tour, board the Azamara Journey for a late lunch onboard, sailing at **5pm**. (L/D)

### August 28, 2019 - St. Malo, France

Today finds you in **Brittany** on the English Channel coastline of northwestern France. The Journey tenders at **St. Malo** from **8am** to **5pm**. The walled city is a quaint maze of fine old buildings, museums and cafes serving local specialties of crepes and cider. Stroll along the ramparts, walk the cobblestone streets, and hear tales of corsairs, privateers grown rich off captured ships and their booty. (B/L/D)

### August 29, 2019 - Lorient, France

Nestled on the northwest coast of France is **Lorient** where you'll be tendered from **1pm** to **7pm**. Almost completely destroyed by bombing in

1944, you'll find the city rich with stories and legends. The old **German submarine base** has been reborn hosting world class yacht races and the Tour de France. A popular attraction is the museum which houses the **Flore**, a working **submarine used by the French navy**. Lorient has retained a unique charm with streets full of shops, cafes and bistros. You'll find 18th century buildings including an **impressive watchtower** and lovely old houses. (B/L/D)

### August 30, 2019 - Bordeaux, France

The Journey docks in **Bordeaux** at **1pm**. **Enjoy the enormous benefit of being able to actually sail into the Garonne River to the historical town of Bordeaux to port. Larger ships do not enjoy this unique benefit.** You'll have **three days** to enjoy the thriving waterfront with chic boutiques and cafes, and yes, nearby vineyards! More than 22,000 dot the landscape of this **intoxicating wine region** along with 7,000 châteaux. Don't miss the **Bordeaux Wine Museum** as well as the beautiful squares and mansions dating to the time of Victor Hugo who lived here. This afternoon is the perfect time to enjoy a stroll along the tree-lined **Allées de Tourny** or find yourself a french château in one of the many regions of Bordeaux including St. Émilion, Pomerol or Médoc. But there is more to Bordeaux than wine! The entire historical center of Bordeaux has been named a World Heritage Site, the largest UNESCO site in the world! (B/L/D)

### August 31, 2019 - Bordeaux, France

With a full day docked here, this is the perfect time to venture into **Bordeaux's famed wine country**. You'll discover a world of unparalleled beauty, history and tradition. The wines of Bordeaux set the standard against which other wines are measured, and **you have the opportunity to drink them on-site!** Imagine strolling among

legendary vineyards and sipping celebrated wines expertly paired with foods! Most importantly, Bordeaux wine is meant to be enjoyed with others! Maybe enjoy a private hot air balloon ride over the region or a river cruise on the beautiful Garonne. (B/L/D)

**September 1, 2019 - Bordeaux, France**

Another day in Bordeaux, called “**Port of the Moon**” because of its romantic location on the Garonne River. Enjoy a leisurely stroll to **Esplanade des Quinconces**, the largest square in Europe. Don't miss one of the iconic sights in Bordeaux, the **Pont de Pierre**, Stone Bridge, a beautiful feat of engineering it spans the Garonne River with 17 graceful arches. Before boarding the Journey for cruising at **2pm** today, why not stop in a local cafe and enjoy a glass of wine in a harbor side cafe! (B/L/D)

**September 2, 2019 - Bilbao (San Sebastian), Spain**

This morning finds you docked in **Bilbao** (San Sebastian), Spain in the **heart of Basque Country**. With **stunning landscapes** and staggering architecture, Bilbao is one of the great treasures of Basque Country. And while **Frank Gehry's shimmering titanium-clad Guggenheim museum** is the draw for many, the city has its share of other great architectural works. Explore the beautiful Santiago Cathedral and the cobblestone streets of the old town. And you must try some of the amazing food of the Basque region! Long running family-owned restaurants are everywhere and offer a wide variety of Basque specialties. The Journey is docked here from **8am to 10pm**, more than enough time to discover Bilbao for yourself! (B/L/D)

**September 3, 2019 - Gijón, Spain**

**What wine is to Bordeaux, Cider is to Gijón!** Spanish Cider - or **Sidra** - has been produced here since the 1st century BC. Made from

apples grown in nearby orchards, it isn't just for drinking, but cooking as well. They have even perfected the art of serving this refreshing drink. The waiter, or **escanciador**, **pours the cider from above his head into small glasses** on the table - it's an art in and of itself! For those looking to do a bit of shopping, you'll find wonderful traditional and local treasures at the popular ecological and crafts market. Hungry? **Gijón boasts some of the best cakes, pastries and chocolate to be found in Spain!** Gijón's Roman past is alive at the Campa Torres archeological site established before 490 BC. (B/L/D)

**September 4, 2019 - At Sea**

Enjoy final day on board the Journey where you'll find the atmosphere to be club-like, casual but never stuffy! Every Azamara Club voyage is packed with complimentary, high-value amenities that are sure to put a smile on your face! Find **fresh cut flowers** in your stateroom along with Egyptian cotton bed linens and terry bathrobes. When dining, select standard spirits, international beers and wines are included. Evenings, stop in the **Casino Luxe**, or relax in **The Cabaret Lounge** as you're entertained with musical reviews or perhaps a classical soloist. An exclusive that you're bound to enjoy is the **AzAmazing Evening**, a fun-filled, destination specific on-shore event! (B/L/D)

**September 5, 2019 - Lisbon, Portugal**

The Journey arrives in **Lisbon, Portugal at 7am**. After breakfast you disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Memories of Bordeaux and Basque Regions of France and Spain will be with you for a lifetime!** (B)

\*\*Please note itineraries may be subject to change.

France & Spain	
<b>\$5,698.00</b>	Club Interior Stateroom Category 10
<b>\$5,998.00</b>	Club Oceanview Stateroom/Category 05
<b>\$6,398.00</b>	Club Veranda Stateroom Category V3
<b>\$7,398.00</b>	Club Continent Suite Category N2

Pricing is based on double occupancy.  
Single supplement is an additional 50%  
up charge in your selected cabin category.

**As always, TRIPS will offer private shore excursions providing the most exclusive experiences available for our travelers.**



**Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and strongly suggested.**

Check with your club representative for details.

**Inclusions**

- Round trip airfare to London and from Lisbon (checked baggage fees are not included)
- Pre-cruise overnight in London
- Panoramic city tour in London on arrival
- Guided tour of Winchester Cathedral in Southampton
- All transfers from airport to hotel, hotel to pier and pier to airport
- 9 nights onboard the Azamara Journey in your selected stateroom category
- All meals while onboard the Azamara Journey **including free flowing wine, beer and spirits**
- Gratuities for dining, housekeeping and bar staff are included
- Select standard spirits, international beers and wines at all ship bars
- Bottled water, soft drinks, specialty coffees and teas included
- **Special AzAmazing Evening one night during cruise**
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- TRIPS document wallet and luggage tags
- All cruise, port charges and government taxes
- A Valid Passport is Required

**Call today to reserve your space!!!**

Reservations for “**Bordeaux and Basque Regions of France and Spain**” are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$750.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

This deposit is fully refundable up to April 17, 2019. **Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before April 17, 2019.**

**Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.**

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