



# Bordeaux

## Day 1

- Breakfast
  - Experience a true European breakfast by grabbing a nice chocolate croissant with an espresso at a local bakery nearby. Don't google "best bakery near me" but rather take a walk down the street and find an authentic one.
- Free Walking Tour or Self-Guided One
  - Bordeaux has a company running free walking tours, so after your sugary breakfast, join the group for a nice historical stroll through the town.
  - If you cannot catch the tour, start your day by **Place des Quinconces** for the monuments, then make your way down to **Grand Theater** to admire its beauty, continue to **Place de la Bourse** and the reflecting pool which should be seen during the day as well as at night. From there make your way over to the stunning **Cathedral of Bordeaux** and walk down **Rue St. Catherine** for a pedestrian shopping street. You'll end at **Place de la Victoire** having seen highlights of the city.
- Lunch
  - After the walking tour or a self-guided stroll, make your way over for an authentic lunch at **Marche de Capucins**. It's a local market with the best food stalls and much smaller prices compared to the Bordeaux standard.
- Couple Afternoon Options
  - **In-Town Wine Tasting:** Bar à Vin has an intimate experience and a selection of cheap wines. La Cité du Vin is a large museum offering multiple events and many wines to taste. It's more commercial but still a very interesting place, especially its cool exterior.
  - **Jardin Public** is a beautiful park in town perfect for a low key afternoon of strolling or a picnicking
  - **Museum of Fine Arts** or **Musée d'Aquitaine** are both great options for the art lovers
- Dinner
  - If you did your day correctly, you should be ready for a hearty dinner. I recommend a good steak with fries for this part. Although popular, I really enjoyed L'Entrecote and it was probably the best meal I've had in the city. Don't expect the service to be friendly and also don't expect a menu. They serve one dish, steak and fries and you'll be lucky to get two options for dessert. Totally worth the hype though in my opinion.
- Bordeaux Nightlife
  - Although Bordeaux may seem like a sophisticated, too-good-to-have-a-good-night-scene place, it certainly isn't. A bunch of bars is concentrated **near Place du Parlement**. There are also tons of night restaurants open along the river. The late-night clubs are near **Quai du Paludate** but I'd skip those due to multiple complaints by many travelers.

## Day 2

- Day Trip to a Wine Region
  - **St. Emilion** is one of the most recognized spots. It's a medieval village and a region filled with many wineries. You can do a half or a full-day tour with a group, or take a short train ride from the city for a self-tour.
  - **Medoc** is another well-known region but it doesn't have a good public transport line, so your options here are mostly just organized tours.
  - Other popular regions include **Graves, Sweet Wines, Pomerol, Fronsac, and Entre-Deux-Mers**, sometimes combined together for a full-day visit.
- Dinner
  - For your last evening, head out to the city for a traditional french meal. Some solid spots include: La Tupina, La Brasserie Bordelaise or Le Bouchon Bordelais.
- Night Stroll by Reflecting Pool
 

After a filling dinner, make your way over back to the reflecting pool by Place de la Bourse. It becomes a very lively and happy place after dark. The reflection is also amazing and something worth seeing at least once in your life. Don't forget to walk along the river too, to see how locals spend their nights out. Don't forget to have a drink in one of the cafes along to street as well. It's the perfect place to end your perfect two days.