

# Villas in Bordeaux, France 2022/2023

## An Introduction to Bordeaux

Punctuated with historic villages and fairy-tale castles, the rolling green countryside of Bordeaux is the perfect place for an enchanting getaway in southwest France. Vineyards carpet the hillsides of this world-famous wine-growing region, while the glamorous city architecture and photogenic streets easily rival anything you'll see in Paris. Our handpicked villas in Bordeaux are chosen for their location, putting you right in the heart of the magic.

### **Bordeaux Attractions**

There are plenty of fun things to see in and around the inviting city of Bordeaux. Saint-André Cathedral takes centre stage with its Gothic façade and sweeping bell tower views. Meanwhile, the Cité du Vin wine museum offers a splash of grape-themed time travel, complete with tastings of course. Or, for something a bit different, head to Les Bassins des Lumières, the world's largest digital art installation. After seeing the sights, our Bordeaux villas with pools are the perfect place to relax in the sun.

### **Bordeaux Wine**

When you stay in one of our Bordeaux villas, you're never far away from the vineyards that have put this region on the map. There are thousands of wine estates in Bordeaux, and many offer tours and tastings suitable for both connoisseurs and amateurs. The beautiful Château de Pitray near St. Emilion specialises in Merlot, while Château Pape-Clément boasts the oldest vineyard in the area. You'll sample reds, whites, and rosés on a winery tour, where secrets of the grape to glass process are revealed.

### **Bordeaux Food**

Bordeaux is a foodie's delight, with everything from cream-stuffed pastries to grilled duck with lashings of red wine sauce. At restaurants across the region, you'll discover the unique flavour of oysters from the Bay of Arcachon, as well as the famous cèpes de Bordeaux (wild mushrooms) which are a delicacy in France. For something lighter, tuck into charcuterie platters and tranches of creamy cheese topped with black truffle shavings. Finish up with rum-soaked canelés and a glass of Malbec.

### **Bordeaux Local Charm**

The city of Bordeaux is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with elegant 18<sup>th</sup>-century mansions, sleepy squares, and cobbled streets hidden around every corner. Cafés and flower shops line the pavements, where freshly ground coffee and floral blooms perfume the air. As night falls, the traditional restaurants and wine bars come into their own, with live music and laughter spilling out into the alleyways and across the river. A foray into this charming world is easily enjoyed from all of our Villas in Bordeaux.

## Bordeaux Holidays - Points of Interest

- Stroll around the magnificent Place de la Bourse on the banks of the River Garonne, where lavish architecture and ornate fountains make it one of the city's most famous sights.
- Take a guided tour of the château vineyards around St. Emilion then visit the Cité du Vin museum to learn about the history of winemaking in the region.
- Climb the medieval Grosse Cloche and Porte Cailhau towers which are the only remaining parts of the old city walls in Bordeaux and offer spectacular views.

- Sample oysters, crêpes, and cheeses at the Marché des Quais, a Sunday market beloved by locals that makes a delightful riverside lunch spot. Cooking at our villas in Bordeaux is a dream, but sometimes it's nice to eat out instead!
- Cruise along the Garonne and Gironde Rivers on a boat trip and see the vineyards, the city, and the estuary from a unique perspective.