



Vineyards, Vintages & Châteaux
Round-trip Bordeaux Aboard *AmaDolce*

October 18–26, 2017



Dear MTA Traveler,

Please join us in October for a leisurely cruise through the rich Bordeaux region, to discover exquisite vintages and varietals during the autumn *vendange*. Ply the Dordogne, Garonne, and Gironde rivers aboard the deluxe *AmaDolce*, stepping ashore to admire timeless architecture, meet local winemakers, and enjoy *haute cuisine*. This is the land of Eleanor of Aquitaine, Queen of France, Queen of England, and one of the most powerful and charming women of the Middle Ages. Bordeaux's fame as a capital of culture and wine has only grown since her day.

We are pleased that Kathryn Calley Galitz, Associate Museum Educator at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, will be traveling with us, along with lecturers from Harvard and other distinguished universities.

Call at Cadillac to enjoy a tasting of Sauternes, a sweet white wine, or admire the splendidly preserved medieval Château de Roquetaillade. In Pauillac visit an award-winning wine estate to learn about the process from the vineyard to the vat room, Great Barrel Hall, and cellars. Stroll the streets of Bergerac and other charming villages, and in Bordeaux tour the impressive Cathédral St-André and Musée des Beaux-Arts, with works by Corot, Redon, and Rodin.

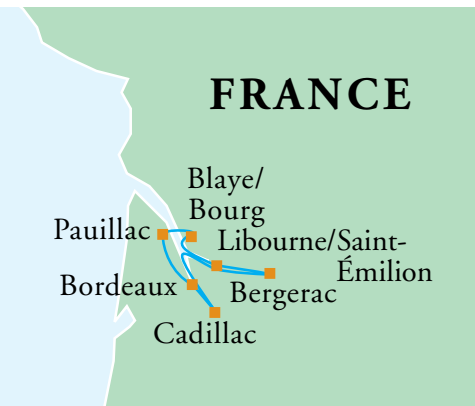
The Museum Travel Alliance (MTA) provides museums with the opportunity to offer their members and patrons high-end educational travel programming. This trip is available exclusively through MTA members and co-sponsoring non-profit institutions. Individuals traveling on this cruise will enjoy sailing in the congenial company of members of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the alumni associations of Harvard, Yale, and the University of Pennsylvania.

An optional Dordogne postlude will highlight the region's natural beauty, *foie gras* and other delicacies, and prehistoric treasures.

Won't you join us for this exceptional exploration of French art, wine, and *l'art de vivre*?

Sincerely,

Jim Friedlander
Managing Director



CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

EXPERIENCE this celebrated wine-producing region, home to seven regional *Appellations d'Origine Contrôlée* (AOC), during the grape harvest season

SAVOR black truffles, *foie gras*, and exquisite local varietals at exclusive tastings

LEARN the secrets of *terroir* and how to differentiate the typical wines of the region, including Merlot, Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon

ATTEND a welcome reception at La Cité du Vin, a newly opened wine museum on the Bordeaux riverside

DISCOVER the vast, underground Monolithic Church of Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

ENJOY a private lunch on an island in the Gironde Estuary

STROLL the squares of Bordeaux, the largest urban World Heritage Site, and tour the Musée des Beaux-Arts

VISIT the 17th-century Blaye citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site overlooking the Gironde Estuary

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18: U.S. DEPARTURE

Depart the U.S. on a flight to Bordeaux via Paris.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19: BORDEAUX, FRANCE

Upon arrival, transfer to *AmaDolce*. In the late afternoon, attend a welcome reception with our study leaders at La Cité du Vin, an exciting new museum devoted to the two millennia of wine history in the region. R,D

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20: PAULLAC

After a morning introduction to wine tasting and *terroir*, dock in Pauillac on the left bank of the Gironde Estuary. Well-known reds such as Merlot, Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon are produced in this area. Visit an award-winning wine estate—either the Château d’Arsac, celebrated for its Margaux wines as it is for its sculpture garden of works by Robert Indiana, Niki de Saint-Phalle, and others; or another similar property. Alternatively, you may wish to join an easy hike for views of the *châteaux* and estuary. Tonight the captain hosts a welcome dinner. B,L,D

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21: BLAYE / BOURG

Blaye, on the right bank of the estuary, was an important stronghold in the medieval wars against the English. Visit the imposing, UNESCO-recognized citadel, which contains spectacular fortifications as well as the ruins of a Gothic *château*. On an island in the middle of the estuary enjoy a private lunch of regional specialties and views from the

nearby lighthouse. *AmaDolce* docks overnight in Bourg. Join a walking tour in this charming medieval town of picturesque alleyways and ancient buildings, or visit a local winemaker for a tasting in his *chai* (wine storeroom). B,L,D

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22: LIBOURNE / SAINT-ÉMILION

Drive to the renowned wine capital of Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover the town’s medieval architecture and underground monuments, including the remarkable Monolithic Church, one of the largest underground churches in Europe. B,L,D

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23: BERGERAC / LIBOURNE

In charming Bergerac, visit the Récollets Cloisters to learn about the Dordogne’s 13 AOCs (official wine regions). See St. Jacques’ Church, originally built in the 12th century and a stop on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route. At the market, sample locally produced *foie gras*, walnuts, and truffles. B,L,D

Eglise Sainte-Radegonde de Talmont church on the Gironde estuary



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24: CADILLAC

History lovers may admire the splendidly preserved, medieval Château de Roquetaillade—whose original fortifications were built by Charlemagne—or the ruins of Sauve-Majeure Abbey, a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture. Alternatively, oenophiles may choose to visit a private *château* whose owner will greet us for a sampling of Sauternes, a sweet white wine. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25: BORDEAUX

Today is devoted to Bordeaux, center of the region's wine trade. Learn about the historic ties between the city and America and go backstage at the elegant Grand Théâtre, one of the finest theaters in France and a model for the Paris Opéra. Or you may wish to join an architectural tour of the UNESCO-listed Old Town. Admire its splendidly restored 18th-century buildings and the Cathédral Saint-André, featuring a gargoyled belfry; and tour the Musée des Beaux-Arts, home to masterpieces from the Renaissance to the 20th century, including works by native son Odilon Redon. The afternoon is free, perhaps to see the Contemporary Art Museum, housed in an old colonial warehouse, or the current exhibition at the Bernard Magrez Cultural Institute. The captain hosts a farewell dinner this evening. B,L,D

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26: BORDEAUX / U.S. RETURN

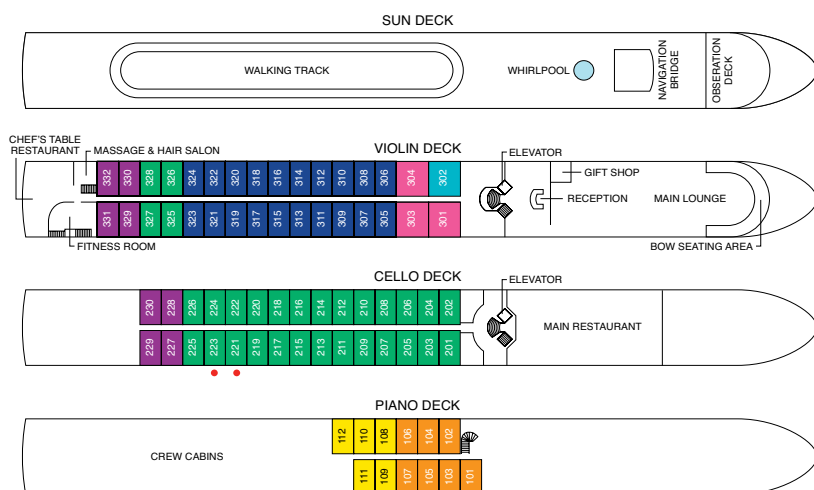
Disembark *AmaDolce* and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

An optional three-day postlude in the Dordogne region is offered from October 26 to 29.

DISCLAIMER: *The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Museum Travel Alliance and Academic Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms*



M.S. AMADOLCE



CRUISE RATES

(Per Person)

Cabins	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
Cabins 108 to 112	Piano Deck	\$5,995	\$8,990
Twin windows, shower			
Cabins 101 to 107	Piano Deck	\$7,495	\$11,290
Twin windows, shower			
Cabins 227 to 230 & 329 to 3	Cello & Violin Decks	\$8,495	\$12,790
French balcony, shower			
Cabins 201 to 226 & 325 to 328	Cello & Violin Decks	\$9,495	\$16,690
French balcony, shower; • single cabins on Cello Deck (221 and 223)			
Cabins 305 to 324	Violin Deck	\$9,995	\$18,990
French balcony, shower			
Cabin 302	Violin Deck	\$10,995	\$20,890
French balcony, shower			
Cabins 301, 303 & 304	Violin Deck	\$13,995	\$27,990
Suites. French balcony, shower, and bathtub			

RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard M.S. *AmaDolce*
- All meals during the cruise (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, and coffee/tea with all meals; local wine at lunches, dinners, and planned tastings
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Customary shipboard gratuities
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Taxes, service charges, portage

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than wine at lunches, dinners, and planned tastings; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested flights; trip insurance; optional Dordogne postlude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Cruise Europe's most scenic waterways aboard the elegant M.S. *AmaDolce*, a state-of-the-art riverboat christened in 2009. All 71 staterooms and four junior suites face outside, and most have large French balconies. Relax in the lounge and experience fine international cuisine in the dining room or Chef's Table restaurant. The ship also features an elevator, whirlpool, wellness area, and bicycles for guests to use ashore. All accommodations are spacious and well appointed, with air conditioning and an entertainment system with television and Internet access. ■



AmaDolce (left), Owner's Suite (right)



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RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place, please call The Museum Travel Alliance at 212-302-3251 or 855-533-0033, fax: 212-344-7493; or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$350 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to The Museum Travel Alliance. Mail to: *The Museum Travel Alliance*, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone (home)

(business)

Fax

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ACCOMMODATIONS

AmaDolce cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

OPTIONAL POSTLUDE

I/We would like to join the optional prelude in the Dordogne region

Hotel Room Preference

One bed

Two beds

Single

MTA MUSEUM AFFILIATION _____

FORM OF PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check (payable to *The Museum Travel Alliance*)

Debit card

Credit card

Name on debit/credit card

Debit/credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code

Expiration date

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program (see www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms to review or call for a copy). I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

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