

MUST SEE SIGHTSEEING

PLACE DES QUINCONCES (G.5)
A vast explanade with two beautiful columns at one end and the colossal Monument aux Girondins at the other. Standing opposite each other in the middle are statues of two famous Bordeaux philosophers: Montesquieu and Montesquieu.

PLACE DE LA COMEDIE (E.4)
(18th century) is magnificent, both inside and outside. The grand hotel opposite and the column/clock tower surroundings should give you a good indication that you're in the most glamorous part of Bordeaux!

PLACE DU PARLEMENT (E.4)
Its 18th century facade (E.4) and fountain make this square one of the most iconic in Bordeaux. **LOCAL FACT:** The sculpted heads that adorn the fountains and fountains of Bordeaux are called **mascarons**, and there are over 3000 of them!

PLACE DE LA BOURSE (E.4)
The inauguration of the (E.4) square in 1749 signalled the first breath of the modern bourgeoisie and symbolised an era of prosperity. The recent addition of the water mirror (Miroir d'eau) means that a spectacle of the square's incredible picture! This is the definitive postcard picture!

LOCAL FACT: The Miroir d'eau is the largest water mirror of its kind in the world!

PLACE SAINT PIERRE (E.4)
A beautiful square, full of busy terraces, presided over by a 13th/14th century church. The site of an ancient Gallo-Roman port at the mouth of a tributary that still flows under the square to this day.

LOCAL TIP: There's an excellent picture opportunity from the other side of the street, on the waterfront!

PORTE CAILHAU (D.3)
Like the **Grosse Cloche**, Porte Cailhau was a medieval gateway to pass through the city walls. You can see where this wonderfully ornate gatehouse was joined to the ramparts.

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PORT DE BOURGOGNE (C.D.3)
One of four 'arcs de triomphe' or 'portes' found throughout the city. This one is the most imposing and it's wonderfully lit up at night.

PONT DE PIERRE (D.2)
A stunning stone bridge across the Garonne, built on the orders of Napoleon Bonaparte in the early 19th century to allow the passage of his troops. Rumour has it that the 17 arches correspond to the 17 letters in Napoleon's name!

WEEKLY MARKETS
The markets in Bordeaux are a part of everyday life for most locals, particularly on Sundays. Here are a couple of places you should check out in addition to the most popular and ever busy, **Marché des Capucins** (A.B.4).

SAINTE MICHEL (C.3)
(Place Meynard and Place Carteloup) On Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays the square is taken up by a **flor market** where you can find **varied (and very random) goods**, whereas on Monday and Saturday there are even more sellers, making it a great stop-off point on the way to **Marché des Capucins** (except Mondays, when it's closed).

CHARTROUX (F.1)
(Quai des Chartrons) This is the perfect Sunday activity! An open air market set up on the banks of the Garonne, where you can taste local specialties and buy local produce. On Thursday, there is also an organic market.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

VCUB (BICYCLE)
Bordeaux's super easy public bike network. Every VCUB icon represents the location of a bike station.

RENTAL
24 HOUR ACCESS = 1660
Take out a bike with your credit/debit card from any of the VCUB stations. The machine will charge your card a 200€ deposit (don't worry, you'll get it back). You will get an access code valid for 24 hours allowing you to take out a bike as many times as you want during this period.

RIDE THE BATCUB ACROSS LA GARONNE!
Bordeaux by Boat! Take the scenic tour up and down the Garonne! The BatCub is the city's ferry across the river and, believe it or not, it's the best way to see the **Bordeaux quays** from another angle!

JARDIN PUBLIC (H.4)
Built in 1746 as a public space, the park to the 'jardin' for a calm, peaceful way of getting back to nature. **LOCAL TIP:** Pack some wine, bread and cheese. **LOCAL TIP:** Walk the whole street from **Place de la Victoire** to **Grand Theatre** and admire the two sides to the city centre.

WALK BORDEAUX RUE ST. CATHERINE
The longest pedestrian shopping street in Europe! At 1.2 km it's quite a sight. If you're here during the day, expect to take your time due to the sheer volume of people flooding out and in.

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EGLISE ST. LOUIS'S CHARTROUX (H.4)
It has two glorious spires which can be seen from far away along the river, but the interior is just as impressive. Try and do justice to the stained glass windows with your camera; it's impossible!

NOUVEAU PONT (F.1)
AKA: 'Pont Chaban-Delmas' An impressive verticallift bridge that allows the massive cruise ships to dock on the quays. You can get some great views over the Garonne and Bordeaux in all its splendour.

PLACE STALINGRAD (E.1)
You're welcomed to the right bank from the **Pont de Pierre** with a blue sculpture of a lion. From here, walk along the Garonne to the **Pont Chaban-Delmas** with great views of the left bank.

PLACE DU CHAPELET (F.4)
A true hidden treasure, with an incredible late 17th century baroque-style church (**Eglise Notre-Dame**) and the former Jacobean convent (**Cours Mably**). **LOCAL TIP:** Take the hidden 'passage Sargent' through to **Cours de la République**.

PALAIS GALLIEN (F.6)
Rue du Colisée Built in the early 2nd century, the remarkable remains of this amphitheatre provide us with a glimpse into the glory of the Roman Empire. **LOCAL TIP:** When you turn the corner from **Rue du Palais Gallien**, you might struggle to believe your eyes!

NAVIGATING THE CITY

GENERAL FARES
Bordeaux are interchangeable between the Buses, Trams and the BatCUB.

TICKETS:
1 HOUR PASS = 1660
10 x 1 HOUR PASS = 12€90
ALL DAY PASS = 4€60.

TRAMS
On Le Map, each Tram icon represents a stop in the city.

BUSES
If you're staying in Bordeaux Centre you most likely won't need to take a bus (except to and from the Airport). But if you do, feel free to check in at the **TBM Office** next to **Place Quinconces**.

FOR SCHEDULE TIMES SEE INFO AT STOPS
Or visit www.tbm.fr

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RESTAURANTS, PUBS, CAFES, STREET FOOD

PUBS: THE COCK & BULL, AU NOUVEAU MONDE, THE FROG & ROSSIF, SWEENEY TODD'S, THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, THE DOG & BUCK, THE MARKET TAVERN, MOLLY MALONE'S, THE CENTRAL PUB, LE CANCAN.

RESTAURANTS: BREAKFAST CLUB, CHERVINS CAFE, BARNINI CAFE, BAR DU BOUCHER, NULLE PART AILLEURS, THE MARKET TAVERN, WINE BARS, AU BON JAJA, WINE CORNER, LES 3 PINARDIERS, LE BAR A VIN.

CAFES: EXCUSE MY FRENCH, BRADLEY, BOOKSHOP, BLACK LIST CAFE, ALCHEMIST COFFEE BOUTIQUE, LA TOQUE CUVIÉE, RUSTIC VINES TOURS, MAIL BOXES ET, UNLIMITED CAR TAXIS.

STREET FOOD: BROOKLYN BAGELS, SANTOSH, LA MAISON DU GLACIER, PHOOD.

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NAVIGATING BORDEAUX TO & FROM CITY CENTER

THE TRAIN STATION
Getting to and from **La Gare Saint-Jean** is super easy! Just jump on the **Tram**. The trip takes around 10 minutes from the city centre. **LOCAL TIP:** Give yourself 15 minutes extra in case you have to wait for the train at your stop, or in case of delays...

THE AIRPORT
You need to get to the Airport and you don't have a ride? There are two main options for getting there: **BY COACH** - There is a coach service called '30 DIRECT' running between the **Train Station** and the **Airport** every hour, on the hour. **LOCAL TIP:** This is certainly the cheapest option at 1650, and the locals' choice when going to and from the airport!

BY TAXI - Get an easy taxi to the **Airport** every hour, on the hour. Book by calling +33 6 86 00 33 06 or reserve on their website at www.unlimited-car.com

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NAVIGATING BORDEAUX BEST SHOPPING STREETS

RUE NOTRE DAME
A charming street with some little shops and a few antiques dealers. Head to the **Place du Marché des Chartrons** for a break!

RUE SAINTE-CATHERINE
Between **Cours Victor Hugo** and **Place de la Comédie**, you'll find France's regular high street brands, particularly in the swish new area of **Promenade Sainte Catherine**. Near the top you have the iconic French department store, **Galeries Lafayette**.

RUE PORTE DIJEAUX
All the way down to **Place Gambetta** from 'Sainte Catherine' there are shops of many types: chocolate shops, tea shops, brand new clothes shops, cookware shops and much more!

MERIADECK (D.6)
A shopping centre with the largest super market in the city centre.

LA CITE DU VIN
Eplanade de Pontac, 134 Quai de Bacalan, Bordeaux. La Cité du Vin boasts a complete and immersive insight into the civilisations of wine, around the world and throughout the ages. In addition to the sensorial, interactive permanent exhibition on 3000m² (in 8 languages), the museum boasts a belvedere on the last floor, at 35m high, with an amazing panoramic view of Bordeaux, making it the perfect place to enjoy a glass of wine. La Cité du Vin also offers varied tasting workshops, an excellent panoramic restaurant, a massive cellar stocking over 14,000 bottles and so much more!

Finally everything you need to know about the world of wine, all in one place and hard to miss!

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DARWIN ECO-SYSTEM (G.2)
One of Bordeaux's coolest places to hang out with friends and family! Discover its artsy, industrial beauty at the end of a picturesque stroll along the river.

LE MAGASIN GENERAL RESTAURANT (G.2)
The largest organic restaurant in France, everything is local, including their craft beer brewed just across the road! Plus, their large retro sofas outside are perfect for chilling!

LES CHANTIERS DE LA GARONNE (H.2)
An amazing seafood restaurant and beach bar with a brewery in the back and lounge chairs by the river!

RESTAURANTS: SUPERMARKET, CASH MACHINE, TAXI STOPS, VCUB BICYCLES, CITY SQUARES, BEST STREETS, SHOPPING, PUBS, WINE BARS, CAFES.

WINTER IN BORDEAUX SEASONAL EVENTS

Luckily for us, Bordeaux always has something good going on!

THE BORDEAUX RIVER FESTIVAL 2019

WHEN: 20/06/2019 - 23/06/2019
WHERE: **Quai des Garonnas**
Every other year this nautical-themed festive event attracts boat lovers to the Garonne River and its estuary for 3 days of celebration with the 45 skippers, the "Parade of Heroes", fireworks shows, concerts, water sports, rides on the river including boat tours and exhibitions!

FETE DE LA MUSIQUE

WHEN: 21/06/2019
WHERE: **Everywhere!**
1653 - The city spread to France after the Battle of Castillon (which ended the 100 Years War). **FUNNY FACT - After the annex, the King of England received hundreds of requests from the locals to re-capture the city.**
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MARATHON DU MEDOC

WHEN: 07/09/2019
WHERE: **Route des Châteaux**
This marathon is famous for two rules: Cornues and Wine while running! The race is interrupted by musical breaks from the 23 bands scattered over the course. There are also drinks offered by the châteaux along the race. The conclusion? Oysters at the start, the châteaux for the motivation, Catch the start and finish in Pauillac.

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THE FRANCE WE LOVE HOW IT WORKS

Every country in the world has its particularities, and just like everywhere else, things work differently in France. So that you don't need to learn the hard way, we are a **free & fun** guide that will make navigating the country a little bit easier!

SUNDAY IS A DAY OF REST

This applies to almost everything if you need to do anything important, don't expect to do it on Sunday.

PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?

It goes without saying, but try to speak a bit of French. Even the smallest of efforts goes a long way.

NEED SOMETHING? RAISE YOUR HAND!

Severely over-paid a salary, so they don't need to be cheery for tips. It's not rude, they just have other things to do. So feel free to ask!

WHY RUSH?

Whether it is talking to the baker in front of a busy line or sitting in a café nursing a coffee for an hour, the French enjoy taking their time... so you should too while you're here!

WAIT IN LINE? WHAT LINE?

Speaking of queues, they don't actually exist in France. Don't be surprised if someone slips past you while you're not paying attention.

COMPLAINING IS FUN

Here, it's a national sport, and an essential part of everyday life, so you shouldn't take it personally.

FOOD & DRINK IS SERIOUS BUSINESS

The French take this integral part of their culture very seriously, and so should you. Pay proper attention to pairings of food and wine and don't forget... "bon appetit!"

"INSERT SHOULDER SHRUG"

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DID YOU KNOW? HISTORY

300BC - It all started with the Celtic city of Burdigala.

414 - Sacked by the Romans and becomes the capital of Aquitaine.

267 - Sacked by the Vandals.

409 - Sacked again by the Vandals.

414 - Sacked by the Franks.

498 - Sacked by the Franks.

732 - Plundered by Abdi er Rahman.

735 - Plundered by Charles Martel.

1030 - **Cathédrale Saint André** in Bordeaux is consecrated.

1182 - Bordeaux falls under English rule as part of Eleanor of Aquitaine's dowry in her marriage to Henry II of England, and will remain so for over 250 years. Wine trade began to flourish during this period.

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SAINT MICHEL QUARTER

An up and coming area full of culture, beautiful beyond its reputation for locals, 'Saint Michel' is a less bourgeois, more bohemian part of town, serving North African, Eastern European and Asian restaurants, cafes, offer a diverse selection of tasty foods to try.

LOCAL TIP: The square hosts several weekly markets including a large fruit and vegetable market on Saturdays (7:00 - 13:00) and a flea market on Mondays (7:00 - 9:00).

EXCUSE MY FRENCH
87 Rue des Faunes (E-3)
There's nothing to excuse here, this lovely Anglo-Franco couple have made a cosy little cafe that caters for all tastes! Breakfast, a mega brunch, English muffins, tea & scones, cheese cake, what more could you want? **LOCAL TIP:** You can have some delicious food & drink served all day for an incredibly reasonable price! It's a great spot to start your discover of St Michel!

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LA VICTOIRE QUARTER

One of the main districts of the city of Bordeaux, the large open square is home to the giant arch, **La Porte d'Aquitaine** and **l'Université de Bordeaux**. Not to mention two bronze statues of turtles eating grapes!

LOCAL TIP: "La Victoire" is a great spot for afternoons on the large square in front of Place de la Victoire and **Place Général Sarraïl**. If you're looking for a good night out on the town, there are a number of great places to go for drinks!

LA PORTE D'AQUITAINE

3 Place Général Sarraïl (D-3)
It may be in the heart of Bordeaux's student quarter, but this pub caters for everyone. They have an enormous terrace, two floors dotted with screens for sport (including 2 big screens), a pool table and dartboard upstairs plus a real coop de grâce a stage for live music!

LOCAL TIP: Like its sister pub, the **Houses of Parliament** (18 & 28) **The Market Tavern**, it has events and promotes every day!

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LOCALLY TRUSTED CITY TOURS

12 TOURS (F-5)
12 Cours du 30 Juillet
A wonderful way to explore the city monuments in just 1 hour, take a trip on one of these awesome authentic 100% electric, Tuk-Tuk! Your driver provides commentary, they're covered in case of rain and have heated seats for colder days!

LOCAL TIP: If you're short on time, or just fancy saving your legs, this is the best way to see the city!
www.tuktours.com

MAIL BOXES ETC. (C-5)

When visiting Bordeaux, you're going to be tempted in making a few purchases. Half a dozen wine bottles for example! If you do need assistance in sending your souvenirs home, Mail Boxes Etc. (MBE) has you covered. It's one of the world's largest networks offering pack and shipping services. Half a dozen wine bottles for example! If you do need assistance in sending your souvenirs home, Mail Boxes Etc. (MBE) has you covered. It's one of the world's largest networks offering pack and shipping services. Half a dozen wine bottles for example! If you do need assistance in sending your souvenirs home, Mail Boxes Etc. (MBE) has you covered. It's one of the world's largest networks offering pack and shipping services.

THE BANANA CAFE (C-6)

5 Cours Pasteur
The superior interior is in tune with what they serve: innovative, organic, gluten-free food with veggie and veggie options, all great coffee of course. The Sunday brunch is epic, with a DJ creating those perfect chill vibes. Check out the evening menu on Friday and Saturday nights where you can pick from sharing plates or main dishes, the wine list is great too!

THE COCK & BULL (D-6)

23 Rue Duffrenoy
The Cock is an English pub in the very centre of everything, popular with locals and students alike. They have a decent selection of beers & spirits, and pub food! Plus, it's a great place to watch Premier League games (thanks to the staff supporter). **LOCAL TIP:** The Long Island Iced Tea are deadly so be careful if you plan on having more than one!

LA TOQUE CUIVRE

Place Gambetta (E-7/F-7)
Rue de la Courbe (E-8)
Place Paul Doumer (H-5)
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UNLIMITED CAR
Bordeaux's (almost) secret VIP TAXI services, for regular taxi prices! Unlimited CAR dependability, professionalism and presentation (brand new Jaguar) put them a class above the others. Plus, they have package trips on their website! TAXI : 033 686 003 306

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BORDEAUX EXPATS

'GAVE' = 'REALLY'
This is a Bordeaux original, which means that if a french person hears you use 'gave', they know that you learned in Bordeaux! (Ex: 'Ce vin est gave bon' = 'this wine is really good')

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runs from the Train Station to the Airport and takes around 1 hour round trip (allow time for waiting at the stop and rush hour). **LOCAL TIP:** This is certainly the cheapest option at 1600, and the local's choice who go to and from the airport!

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The literal translation of 'poché' is 'pocket' but the bordelais use this word instead of 'sac' which means 'bag' or 'pouch'. (Ex: 'C'est gave bon quoi?' = 'it's like really good')

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THE CENTRAL PUB

7 Quai de Queyries (E-2)
Ce Centrale is the only Franco-British pub in the Stalingrad Quarter, just on the other side of the river or 'Rive Droite' as the locals call it. The cozy feel and good food make it a great spot to recharge after your walk across Le Pont de Pierre.

LOCAL TIP: The view of the Garonne from the Central Pub is breathtaking at sunset!

LA TOQUE CUIVRE

Place Gambetta (E-7/F-7)
Rue de la Courbe (E-8)
Place Paul Doumer (H-5)
Canelés are heaven-like pastries, flavoured with rum and vanilla. They have a soft and spongy centre covered by a dark, thick caramelised crust. Unique to Bordeaux, they have been made here for over 300 years! La Toque Cuivre keeps this tradition alive with their delicious canelés, made fresh every day in their bakeries. **LOCAL TIP:** The Gambetta and Paul Doumer locations are some of the stores in the city that still make canelés fresh, on site!

#1 BUS - City bus 'LIGNE 1'

runs from the Train Station to the Airport and takes around 1 hour round trip (allow time for waiting at the stop and rush hour). **LOCAL TIP:** This is certainly the cheapest option at 1600, and the local's choice who go to and from the airport!

'UNE POCHE' = 'A BAG'

The literal translation of 'poché' is 'pocket' but the bordelais use this word instead of 'sac' which means 'bag' or 'pouch'. (Ex: 'C'est gave bon quoi?' = 'it's like really good')

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'QUOI' = 'WHAT?'

The use 'quoi' as the expression 'like' in anglophone culture at the end of phrases to add emphasis. (E.G. 'C'est gave bon quoi?' = 'it's like really good')

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