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aboard the privately-chartered *River Royale*
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France River Cruise

Châteaux and Vineyards of Bordeaux

Discover the riches of a great French wine region on this seven-night cruise aboard the 132-guest *River Royale*.

Cruise the Garonne and Dordogne Rivers in Aquitaine, a long-contested area marked by English influence but still profoundly French. In this season the verdant countryside is alive with beautiful vineyards. Celebrate the culinary heritage of southwestern France on board with regional specialties and a gourmet dinner devised by a French master chef. On daily shore excursions, sample Arcachon oysters and other delicacies, and taste the celebrated Bordeaux wines at châteaux and wine estates. Explore the elegant capital city of Bordeaux and such charming towns as Bergerac and Saint-Émilion.

This cruise yields bounteous rewards, from wine and cuisine to noble châteaux, extraordinary landscapes and cultural insights. Join talks and discussions with Diane Rehm, host of *The Diane Rehm Show* on NPR stations. You may extend your sojourn in France with several pre-cruise days in Toulouse or with a post-tour in the Loire Valley, another region beloved for its wines, châteaux and extraordinary landscapes.





A message from Diane Rehm

If you've joined Cross-Culture and me on any of our travels together, you know how special they are. We've discovered parts of the world from the Danube to the Nile to the coast of Brazil, and we've so enjoyed the journey! In 2015 we're boarding the *River Royale*, a delightful small ship, to cruise the Bordeaux wine country on the Garonne and Dordogne. It's a part of the

world renowned for wine, cuisine, intriguing histories and beautiful environments. Come with us to immerse yourself in all the delights of the region, and to spend days exploring its beauty and its tangled history. This, like our previous journeys, promises to enliven the senses, lift the spirits, and stay with you long after you return home.

The trip is an epicurean adventure, and it's more. There's the scenery that unfolds as the ship cruises gently up the rivers and around the Gironde Estuary. There's plenty of bucolic countryside, along with splendid châteaux that have seen centuries of battle. On daily excursions we'll visit Saint-Émilion and other renowned wine towns, and look out from the cliff-top villages called bastides. Built as fortifications, they now serve well as panoramic viewpoints! We'll have guided walks through some of the loveliest countryside, and

make the acquaintance of Bordeaux. If you lean toward more active travel, you can do some of your touring on the ship's bicycles.

The daily excursions are part of what makes these small-ship cruises so memorable. The rest is the pleasure of traveling with good companions in the most pleasant environment of a small ship. *River Royale* promises ample living and viewing space, culinary adventures aboard, and time for us to enjoy discussions on wide-ranging topics. Many features such as wine with lunch and dinner, shore excursions, gratuities aboard, and Internet access are included in the cruise, so you can relax and enjoy the journey.

Take advantage of these two ways to save—register and pay in full by February 28, 2015 and receive 2-for-1 cruise and 2-for-1 air! European river cruises fill very early, so Cross-Culture Journeys and I encourage you to reserve your stateroom now. You can reach their office at 800.491.1148. If you can stay in France a bit longer, consider the three-day pre-tour in Toulouse, or remain for the post-tour that takes you to another land of wine and châteaux, the Loire Valley. I hope to see you on the journey.

Diane Rehm

Host/Executive Producer, *The Diane Rehm Show*

France River Cruise: Châteaux and Vineyards of Bordeaux

July 25–August 2, 2015

Saturday, July 25

DEPART U.S.

Depart the U.S. on your overnight flight to Bordeaux, France. *If you are taking the Toulouse Pre-Tour, see the Pre-tour Extension itinerary for today and tomorrow.*

Sunday, July 26

ARRIVE BORDEAUX • BOARD RIVER ROYALE • INDEPENDENT TIME ASHORE

Arrive at Bordeaux-Mérignac International Airport, where you will be met and transferred to the ship. *River Royale* will be docked in the heart of the city, so if time allows you can stroll to the nearby food markets or visit the market of antiques, collectibles and many other items at the landmark Saint-Michel Basilica and Tower. Enjoy dinner and your first night aboard. **D**

Monday, July 27

CRUISE GARONNE AND GIRONDE ESTUARY • HAUT-MÉDOC TOUR AND WINERY VISIT OR GUIDED VINEYARD BICYCLE RIDE • CAPTAIN'S RECEPTION AND WELCOME DINNER

Cruise down the Garonne toward Pauillac, the gateway to the Médoc wine route. Disembark for a panoramic tour of the Haut-Médoc, a celebrated AOC, or *appellation d'origine contrôlée*, meaning a delineated area where a particular grape is grown. Your choice of two excursions will allow you to discover the region up close: either visit the winery Château d'Arsac for a special blind tasting, or enjoy a guided bike ride through the Médoc vineyards, taking in the surroundings and the atmosphere. In the evening, enjoy the Captain's welcome reception and gala dinner. **B/L/D**

Tuesday, July 28

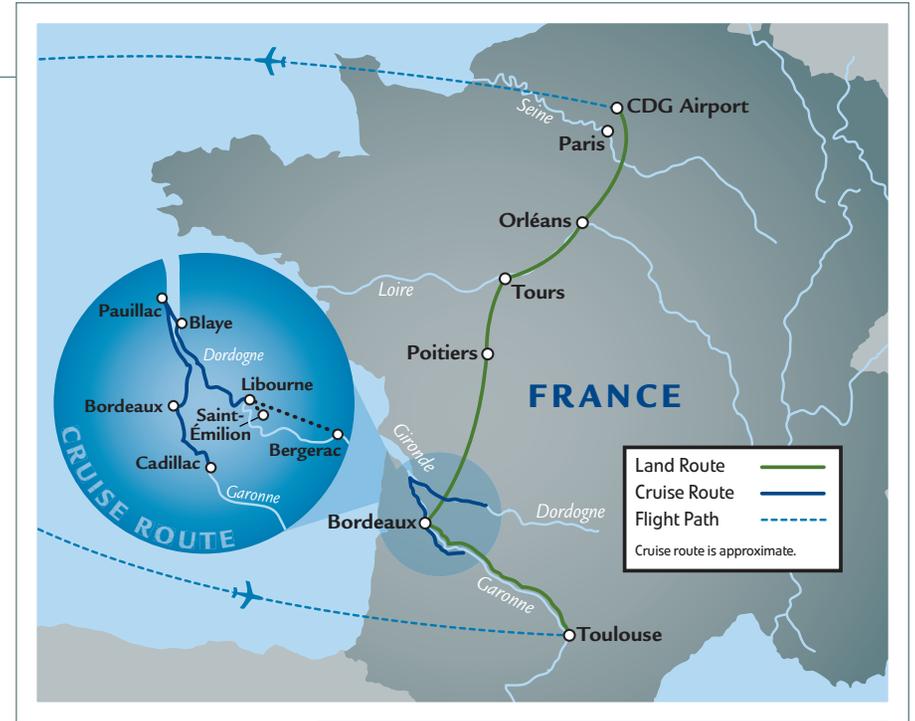
GIRONDE ESTUARY • SCENIC DRIVE WITH BLAYE FORTRESS OR GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF BLAYE FORTRESS

Cruise across the Gironde Estuary, where fishing huts rise above the grassy marshland and limestone cliffs. Arrive at Blaye, site of a fortress built under Louis XIV by the famed military engineer Vauban. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a guided Nordic walking tour of the fortress, or tour the scenic Route de la Corniche Fleurie along the cliffs. The road winds through the picturesque hamlets of Pain de Sucre, Marmisson and Roque de Thau, where 19th-century ship captains built their stone houses. Then return to Blaye to visit the citadel. **B/L/D**

Wednesday, July 29

BERGERAC CITY TOUR • GASTRONOMIC DINNER

Bergerac, in the southernmost part of the Périgord on the Dordogne, boasts no fewer than 12 AOCs. On a walking tour explore the farmers' market, hear the story of Cyrano de Bergerac and his Roxanne, and watch the flat-bottom boats that glide along the river. Stop at the 16th-century Château de Monbazillac that overlooks the city and the Dordogne River. On



Average temperature and precipitation ranges in season (in degrees Fahrenheit)

City	High	Low	Precipitation
Toulouse	84	62	1.4"
Bordeaux	82	61	2.1"
Bergerac	82	58	2.3"
Tours	79	57	1.8"

the scenic drive along the Dordogne, explore several of the medieval walled towns, or Bastides.

Tonight enjoy a special gastronomic meal, in the tradition so closely linked to French identity that UNESCO lists it as part of the "intangible cultural heritage." French Master Chef Philippe Etchebest



— TOUR INCLUSIONS —

- Private airport-ship transfers (if purchasing trip with airfare and arriving/departing on the scheduled day)
- Seven nights accommodation in stateroom or suite on boutique river cruise ship *River Royale*
- All meals on board (7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners) using fresh ingredients from local suppliers and featuring regional specialties
- “Traveling Lite” menu and vegetarian options available
- Gastronomic dinner designed by French Master Chef Philippe Etchebest; Captain’s gala welcome dinner and farewell dinner
- Unlimited beverages onboard, including distinctive wines, craft and regional beers, spirits, cocktails, soft drinks, juices, espresso drinks and French press coffee, tea, and mineral water
- Free wireless Internet access
- Onboard programs including discussions with public radio host Diane Rehm and talks on Aquitaine
- Daily shore excursions led by local experts, using Quietvox portable audio headsets; choice of guided “Go Active” options on three days
- Visits to wineries with wine tastings at Châteaux d’Arsac in the Haut-Médoc AOC, a Premier Grand Cru estate in Saint-Émilion and the Château d’Arche in Sauterne
- Use of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks
- All gratuities for onboard and onshore services during cruise
- Luggage handling for one bag per person

— NOT INCLUDED —

- Airport transfers when purchasing cruise only or not arriving on scheduled day
- Port charges
- Beverages on Extensions other than those offered with included meals
- Shore excursions indicated as “optional”
- Personal expenses such as telephone, laundry, spa treatments and other items not listed as included
- Gratuities on Extensions other than for service at included hotels and meals
- Passport and visa fees
- Excess baggage fees
- Travel or health insurance

— ACCOMMODATIONS —

LOCATION	ACCOMMODATIONS	RATING (Hotel & Travel Index)
Cruise	<i>MS River Royale</i>	Superior First Class equivalent

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provides the culinary team of *River Royale* with a specially crafted onboard dinner menu featuring regional delicacies. Bon appétit! **B/L/D**

Thursday, July 30

SAINT-ÉMILION WALKING TOUR & WINE TASTING • EVENING TOUR OF BORDEAUX

This morning you'll disembark in Libourne for a walking tour of Saint-Émilion, followed by a wine tasting. While Saint-Émilion offers interesting shops atop its limestone hills, the extraordinary site is the Monolithic Church that dates back to the 12th century. According to legend the 8th-century hermit Émilion settled in a cave here and performed many miracles. Benedictine monks who venerated him followed his path here and founded the abbey. The town of Saint-Émilion prospered in the Middle Ages as a stop on the Pilgrimage Route to Santiago de Compostela, though it changed hands several times in the upheaval of the Hundred Years' War.

Roman settlers had established vineyards in Saint-Émilion, but it was the Benedictine monks who began to produce wine commercially. During the period when the area belonged to the British (1152–1453) traders distributed red Bordeaux wines to ports around the world. The celebrated Saint-Émilion vineyards now produce about 10% of all the AOC wines of the Gironde. You will visit the cellars of a Premier Grand Cru estate to taste some of the world's most highly rated wines.

Return to Bordeaux and enjoy an evening tour of this city that Queen Elizabeth II called "the essence of elegance." After Paris, Bordeaux has more protected buildings than any other French city. Enjoy the magic of this city under the stars. **B/L/D**



Friday, July 31

CADILLAC • CHÂTEAUX AND VINEYARDS OF SAUTERNES • ARTISANAL LUNCH AND WINE TASTING • CAPTAIN'S FAREWELL RECEPTION AND DINNER

Cruise up the Garonne to Cadillac to learn about and sample Sauternes, the sweet wine named for the region. Sauternes is made from grapes that have been affected by *Botrytis cinerea*, or “noble rot,” a fungus that causes a raisin-like decay, resulting in a concentrated and distinctive sweet wine. Meet the winemakers and enjoy an elegant wine-pairing lunch at Château d’Arche. You’ll also see the grounds of the legendary Château d’Yquem as you tour the area. Later, return to your ship for the Captain’s farewell reception and dinner tonight. *B/L/D*

Saturday, August 1

BORDEAUX: WALKING TOUR OR BICYCLE RIDE ALONG THE GARONNE • TIME ON YOUR OWN

Bordeaux’s designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site encompasses not just a monument or two but about half the city! Explore some of that area today by foot or bicycle. The walking tour of the historic district called the Golden Triangle takes in harmonious 18th-century architecture, the magnificent Grand Théâtre and the largest square in France. It also allows you to explore the food shops, sample Bordeaux’s famous sweets—canelés and chocolates—enjoy the elegant 18th-century architecture, and visit a popular wine bar. If you’d like something more active, you may join a guided bicycle ride along the scenic banks of the Garonne.

Take time this afternoon to delve further into Bordeaux on your own. Choose according to your interests from many sites, including the gardens, shops and cafés of Chartrons, the lively renewed



riverfront district, the more medieval part of the city preserved in the St.-Pierre district around Rue Ste.-Catherine, the Musée d’Aquitaine or the Musée des Beaux Arts, or the Cathédrale St.-André that comes with an impressive free-standing spire. (St. Michel, near the Garonne, also has a spire that makes it the tallest building in Bordeaux.) One more option is a walk or a tram ride to the city residence of the philosopher Montaigne’s family. It’s at 23–25 Rue de la Rousselle, near the Pont du Pierre, a bridge that affords a splendid view of Chartrons. *B/L/D*

Sunday, August 2

DISSEMBARK RIVER ROYALE • TRANSFER TO AIRPORT FOR RETURN FLIGHT TO U.S.

Disembark *River Royale* this morning and transfer to the airport for your return flight. *B*

If you are continuing to the Loire Valley, see the Post-tour Extension itinerary for today.

Itineraries and vessels may change, because of inclement weather, water level fluctuations and other uncontrollable factors. The order of sightseeing and docking ports is subject to change according to port authority assignments.

Toulouse Pre-tour Extension

\$895 per person • additional \$395 for single supplement

July 22–26, 2015

Wednesday, July 22

DEPART U.S.

Depart the U.S. on your overnight flight to Toulouse, France.

Thursday, July 23

ARRIVE TOULOUSE • TRANSFER TO HOTEL • WALKING ORIENTATION TOUR

Arrive at Toulouse-Blagnac Airport, where you will be met and transferred to your centrally-located hotel. Choose a restaurant for dinner on your own.

Friday, July 24

TOUR AIRBUS FACTORY • PANORAMIC CITY TOUR • INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES • WELCOME DINNER

Visit the Airbus facility in Blagnac where the Airbus 380, the world's largest passenger airliner, is assembled. Learn about the design and production of the 380 and about the other historic aircraft associated with the company, including the Concorde.

Return to Toulouse, where you will have a panoramic city tour, followed by lunch on your own and an afternoon for independent touring. Toulouse has an array of museums, some of them in the 16th-century mansions, or hotels, that are in themselves landmarks. Among the museums are the Fondation Bemberg in the outstanding Hôtel d'Assézat, the museum within Les Augustins, a former monastery that houses a fine collection of Romanesque and Gothic sculpture, the contemporary art museum housed in the former slaughterhouse and still known as Les Abbatoirs, an



Antiquities Museum next to St. Sernin, and a museum devoted to the French Resistance. You may wish to visit the plaza called the Place du Capitole, site of government buildings and an historic theater, or to take a short cruise on the Garonne or the Canal du Midi, stroll through the Botanical Garden, or enjoy the streets of shops around the Rue des Arts and Rue Croix Baragnon. Gather this evening to enjoy your welcome dinner. *B/D*

Saturday, July 25

OPTIONAL (at an additional cost) EXCURSION TO CARCASSONNE • INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES IN TOULOUSE

You have the opportunity to join an optional visit to the reconstructed Citadel of Carcassonne, about an hour southeast of Toulouse. The Romans conquered and fortified the Gallic settlement here. Several conquests later it became part of France in 1247 C.E.



and defended what was then the frontier. As France annexed land to the south, the fort was of less use and was abandoned. In the mid-19th century the government threatened to demolish it, but opposition led by an archaeologist and the writer Prosper Mérimée led to its preservation and restoration under the celebrated architect Eugène Viollet-le-Duc. The restoration, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is most impressive, though not strictly authentic, and this striking monument continues to fascinate visitors. As you will see en route and from the ramparts, it also overlooks the vineyards of Languedoc, the largest wine region in France.

Upon your return to Toulouse, you may visit more of the sites and locales suggested above, or discover others! If you have already toured Carcassonne, or want the whole day to explore Toulouse, spend the day on your own in the city and choose from the abundance of restaurants for lunch and dinner. So many sites in this city are illuminated at night that this “ville rose” has also been called the “ville de lumières.” **B**

Sunday, July 26

TRANSFERTO BORDEAUX • BOARD RIVER ROYALE • EXPLORE NEARBY SITES ON YOUR OWN

Transfer to Bordeaux, about 2 1/2 hours away. Your route follows the scenic River Garonne northwest toward the Atlantic. Your ship will be docked on the Garonne in the heart of Bordeaux, so if time allows, after boarding you can stroll to the nearby food markets or visit the market of antiques, collectibles and many varied items at the landmark Saint-Michel Basilica and Tower. Enjoy dinner and your first night aboard. **B/D**

Toulouse Pre-tour Extension

— TOUR INCLUSIONS —

- Airport-hotel transfer by private coach if purchasing air and arriving with group
- Three additional nights accommodations in First Class hotel
- Three additional breakfasts; one welcome dinner
- Tour of Airbus factory in Blagnac, guided walking tour of Toulouse historic center
- Gratuities for hotel and included meal service, and for guides and drivers on included excursions
- Private group transfer to embarkation dock in Bordeaux

— ACCOMMODATIONS —

LOCATION	ACCOMMODATIONS	RATING (Hotel & Travel Index)
Toulouse	Pullman Toulouse Centre	First Class

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Loire Valley Post-tour Extension

\$995 per person • additional \$445 for single supplement

August 2–5, 2015



Sunday, August 2

DISEMBARK RIVER ROYALE • POITIERS • AZAY-LE-RIDEAU • TOURS • ORIENTATION WALK

Disembark after breakfast and begin your trip to Tours, an historic city in the Loire Valley. Stop in Poitiers, where Eleanor of Aquitaine and Henry II of England established their court. The university at Poitiers accounts for a quarter of the city's population and numbers Descartes among its graduates. Take a short walking tour through the tree-lined squares and cobbled streets of half-timbered houses, and have lunch on your own.

Continue to the beautiful château at Azay-le-Rideau, set on an island in the River Indre, which flows into the Loire. Azay-le-Rideau is a feat of engineering, an admixture of Renaissance design and medieval battlements, and a vision reflected in the placid waters. You are only a half-hour from Tours, where you will spend two nights. Tours was the capital of France for over a century after the defeat of the English in the Hundred Years War. On a guided walking tour of this city that residents describe as a “mini-Paris,” enjoy the tree-lined Boulevard Béranger, the cobbled streets of Vieux Tours, the medieval quarter, and the Grand Théâtre de Tours and City Hall that recall their even grander Parisian counterparts. Choose a restaurant for dinner on your own. **B**

Monday, August 3

CLOS LUCÉ • CHÂTEAU DE CHENONCEAU • WINE TASTING

Just before you reach the Château de Clos Lucé, about a half-hour from Tours, you will see the walled fortress that became the royal château at Amboise. Seized from the Amboise family by Charles VII in 1434, it became a favorite rural residence of the Valois kings, updated with Renaissance and Italianate features but still clearly showing its origins as a stronghold. Nearby is the Château de Clos Lucé, where Leonardo da Vinci lived for his last three years at the invitation of the newly-crowned king, the young François I.





Tour the château and the grounds, which reflect many aspects of Leonardo's genius. The extensive gardens are based on his botanical drawings and landscape studies. Streams, small waterfalls, and the artist/inventor's two-level bridge are interspersed with the many plant species. Within the château are drawings and constructions of some of his many inventions. (The French version of the app for Château de Clos Lucé is available free for iPhone or iPad.)

In 1535 François I seized the Château de Chenonceau from its previous owners for unpaid debts to the crown. When Henri II inherited the estate in 1547,

he gave it to his mistress, Diane de Poitiers, who oversaw the planting of the beautiful gardens and the building of a bridge over the River Cher. Following Henri II's death, however, she lost the château to his widow Catherine de' Medici, who also loved the site and expanded the gardens. Catherine lived grandly, spent lavishly and added the ballroom over her rival's graceful bridge. The bridge and the structure above it lend another dimension to this beautiful château. Tour the interior and stroll the gardens and the riverbanks.

The Caves Monmousseau, a cooperative for tours and wine-tasting, lies just east of Chenonceau. Time

permitting we will visit the site and sample some of the wines of the Touraine region; alternatively we will stop for a tasting at a winery in the vicinity before returning to Tours. **B/L**

Tuesday, August 4

CHAMBORD • ORLÉANS • TRANSFER TO PARIS (CDG)

Leave Tours this morning for the great royal château at Chambord, which François I had built as his hunting lodge. At its center is a double-helix staircase, surrounded by suites and great halls. Wrapping the structure just below the roof is a terrace that provides views of the surrounding parks and the château itself. Louis XIV expanded the interior with suites to accommodate his hundreds of courtiers. Enjoy a tour of the château, and note the motif of the salamander, the emblem of François I, carved into stonework over doorways and throughout.

After your tour, continue following the Loire to where it curves southeastward at Orléans. Stop for a short walking tour of this city, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This ancient city is the site of an historic university and a renowned botanical garden. Among artifacts of its past are remnants of the Roman occupation, a reconstructed house where Joan of Arc was a guest, and the Cathédrale Sainte-Croix, where stained-glass windows tell her story. Take a short walking tour and have lunch on your own before leaving the Loire Valley for your hotel near Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. **B**

Wednesday, August 5

RETURN TO U.S.

Transfer to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport for your return flight to the U.S. **B**



Loire Valley Post-tour Extension

— TOUR INCLUSIONS —

- All transfers by private coach
- Three additional breakfasts and one lunch
- Excursions as listed in itinerary, entrance fees
- Gratuities for hotel and included meal service, and for guides and drivers on included excursions

— ACCOMMODATIONS —

LOCATION	ACCOMMODATIONS	RATING (Hotel & Travel Index)
Tours	Clarion Hotel Château Belmont	Superior First Class
Paris (Roissy)	Hilton Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport	Superior First Class

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MS River Royale

Ship Description

The *River Royale* is comparable to a good boutique hotel: distinctive, charming, restful, well-tended, and attuned to the range of travelers' needs and wishes.

The cruise with special host Diane Rehm focuses—as befits the surroundings—on the regions legendary cuisine and world-class wines. The grand tradition of fresh, memorable meals with expertly matched wines informs the chef, sommelier and culinary staff of your ship. The goal of all the ship's staff is to create a pleasing, refreshing environment for your journey, allowing you to relax and take in your surroundings. On some days you may choose between a gentler shore excursion or one that's more active, such as a guided bike tour.

River Royale accommodates 132 travelers in 64 staterooms and one suite. The suite and staterooms on the La Gironde Deck have a French balcony, a full-length sliding glass door with space to step out to the railing. Those on the Bordeaux Deck provide a large picture window, and staterooms on the La Durance Deck have two portholes. Staterooms are equipped with generous closets, individual climate control, direct-dial telephone, a flat-screen TV with complimentary film and entertainment options, a hair dryer and a safe. In the marble bathrooms are L'Occitane en Provence toiletries, plush towels, waffle bathrobes and slippers. *(The suite comes with additional amenities and services.)*





MS River Royale

Ship Description

The regional focus on cuisine and wine extends to your ship, where four-course dinners are served nightly in the gracious Cezanne Restaurant, and varied fare, some familiar and some influenced by the region, appear on the ample breakfast and lunch buffets. Highlights are the gastronomic dinner set by a French Master Chef, the Captain's welcome and farewell dinners and a tasting of Arcachon oysters.

Besides the Cezanne Restaurant, the ship's public spaces include the Renoir Lounge, with a full-service bar and a dance floor, the sun deck and patio lounge, the library, a fitness center, sauna, spa and Jacuzzi, and a boutique. An elevator connects the La Gironde Deck and the Bordeaux Deck. Passengers have free Internet and Wi-Fi access, and use of the ship's bicycles and Nordic walking sticks.

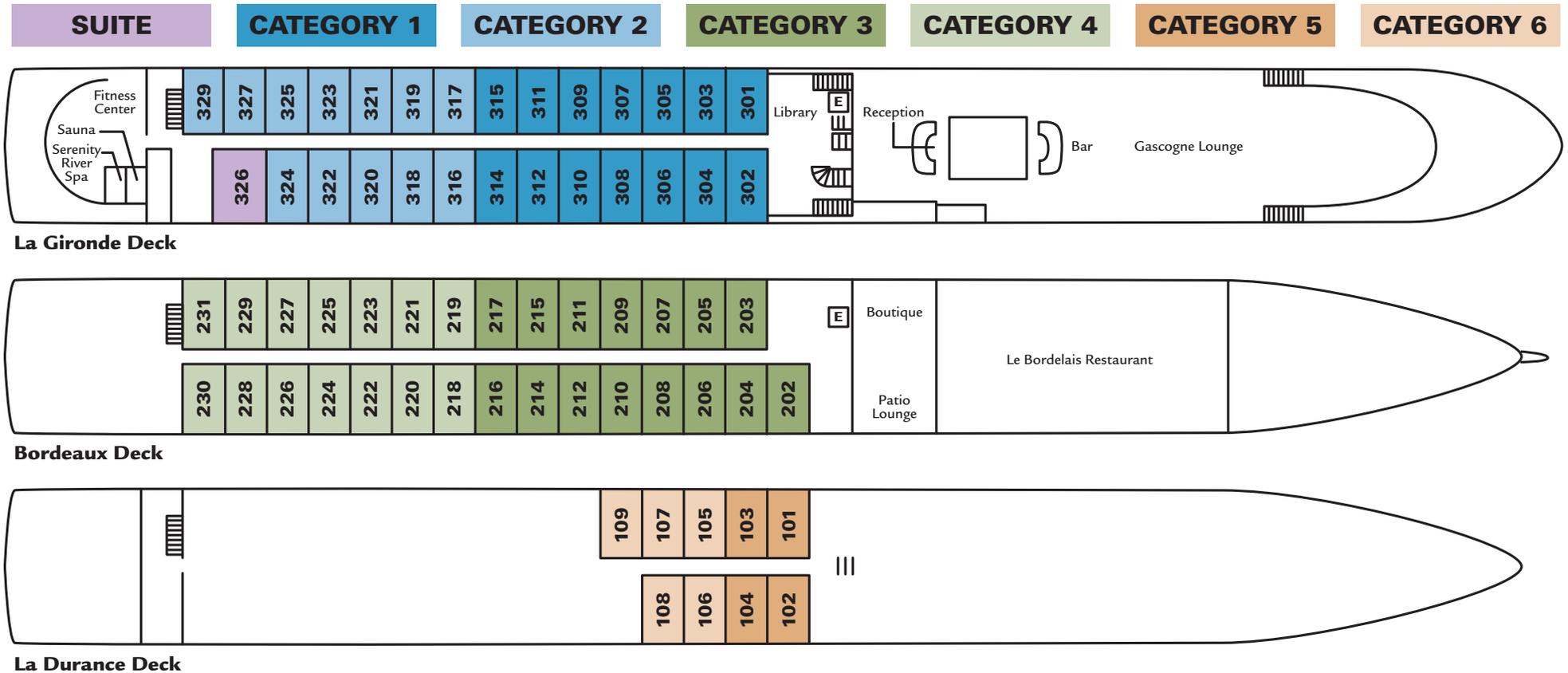


PUBLIC AREAS & AMENITIES

Salon Gascogne with Aquitaine Bar	Well-equipped fitness center
Blue Fox Café	Sauna
Claret Room	Serenity River Spa™
Le Bordelais Restaurant	Elevator
Sun Deck with life-sized chess and spa-tub	24-hour specialty coffee and tea bar
Blues Café	Free Internet and Wi-Fi access
Library	

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Deck Plan



La Gironde Deck

Bordeaux Deck

La Durance Deck

Lavishly appointed riverview staterooms and the suite have handcrafted Savoir® of England beds draped in 100% Egyptian cotton linens and European duvets, along with a menu of pillow options. The suite and staterooms on the La Gironde Deck have French balconies.

Stateroom and suite amenities include: generous built-in closets, hair dryer, individual climate-control thermostat, direct-dial telephone, flatscreen TV with infotainment center, mineral water, and safe.

Bathrooms include: L'Occitane en Provence bath and body products, plush towels, backlit magnifying mirror, cozy bathrobes, and slippers.

The suite has additional amenities and services, including: one-per-person complimentary in-suite well-being treatment; daily fruit & cookie plate, and an elegant evening snack; iPod dock; Nespresso coffee machine & fine teas; fully stocked minibar; bottle of wine upon arrival; morning coffee and tea; full breakfast menu; shoe shine; free laundry service; and bathroom stocked with added comforts, such as Hermès bath products.

SHIP DATA

Remodeled: 2014
(launched 2006)

Length: 361 feet

Beam: 37.5 feet

Suite: 1 (217 sq. ft.)

Passenger staterooms:
64 (140–151 sq. ft.)

Guest capacity: 130

Crew size: 41

Registry: Netherlands

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Cabin Descriptions

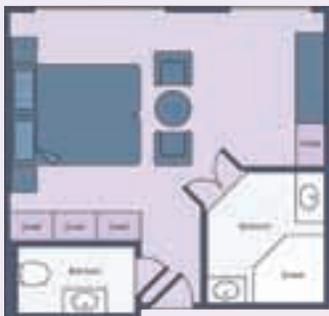
SUITE



Features

- Lavishly appointed river view suite with French Balcony
- Handcrafted Savoir® of England beds draped in fine linens with choice of pillows, built-in closets, hair dryer, safe, individual thermostat, flat-screen TV with infotainment center and satellite, and bottled water
- Bathrooms feature L'Occitane en Provence bath and body products, plush towels, waffle bathrobes, and slippers
- Many more additional special amenities and services

Two French balconies



CATEGORY 1-2



Features

- Lavishly appointed river view stateroom with French Balcony
- Handcrafted Savoir® of England Beds draped in fine linens with choice of pillows, built-in closets, hair dryers, safe, individual thermostat, flat-screen TV with infotainment center and satellite, and bottled water
- Bathrooms feature L'Occitane en Provence bath and body products, plush towels, waffle bathrobes, and slippers

French balcony



CATEGORY 3-4



Features

- Lavishly appointed river view staterooms with full picture windows
- Handcrafted Savoir® of England beds draped in fine linens with choice of pillows, built-in closets, hair dryer, safe, individual thermostat, flat-screen TV with infotainment center and satellite, and bottled water
- Bathrooms feature L'Occitane en Provence bath and body products, plush towels, waffle bathrobes, and slippers

Picture window



CATEGORY 5-6



Features

- Lavishly appointed river view staterooms
- Handcrafted Savoir® of England beds draped in fine linens with choice of pillows, built-in closets, hair dryer, safe, individual thermostat, flat-screen TV with infotainment center and satellite, and bottled water
- Bathrooms feature L'Occitane en Provence bath and body products, plush towels, waffle bathrobes, and slippers

Two windows



France River Cruise: Châteaux and Vineyards of Bordeaux

Dates & Prices



2-for-1 cruise & air
When you register and pay in full by February 28, 2015!

July 25–August 2, 2015

Tour code: RBAC

	CATEGORY 6	CATEGORY 5	CATEGORY 4	CATEGORY 3	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 1
<i>Full retail price per person</i>	\$7,995	\$8,295	\$8,695	\$8,995	\$9,495	\$9,995
<i>2-for-1 rate per person, double occupancy</i>	\$3,997	\$4,147	\$4,347	\$4,497	\$4,747	\$4,997
<i>2-for-1 rate per person, single occupancy</i>	\$4,497	\$4,647	\$5,097	\$5,247	\$5,742	\$5,992

Maximum two people per cabin · Port charges of \$160 per person

Toulouse Pre-tour Extension: July 22–26, 2015

Tour Code: RBAC

\$895 per person · additional \$395 for single supplement

Loire Valley Post-tour Extension: August 2–5, 2015

Tour Code: RBAP

\$995 per person · additional \$445 for single supplement

Toulouse and Loire Valley Extensions: July 22–August 5, 2015

Tour Code: RBAX

\$1,890 per person · additional \$840 for single supplement

Roundtrip airfare*	Full retail, per person	2-for-1 air, per person
Boston, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh	\$1,995	\$997
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas/Forth Worth, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Raleigh, St. Louis, Tampa, Washington D.C.	\$2,395	\$1,197
Denver, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle	\$2,595	\$1,297

*Please call for prices from other airports

Economy Plus upgrade from: \$1,995 per person

Business Class upgrade from: \$3,995 per person

France River Cruise: Châteaux and Vineyards of Bordeaux

Registration Form

A deposit of \$1,000 per person (plus additional \$250 per person for each extension) is required to confirm your reservation for France River Cruise: Châteaux and Vineyards of Bordeaux. The applicable deposit is being paid by:

the enclosed check for \$ _____

my credit card for \$ _____

(If paying by credit card, please complete the credit card information at right)

Traveler One

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

BUSINESS PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Traveler Two

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

BUSINESS PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Preferred departure city

TRAVELER ONE _____

TRAVELER TWO _____

I/we would like to also reserve the Toulouse Pre-Tour Extension (additional deposit of \$250 per person applies).

I/we would like to also reserve the Loire Valley Post-Tour Extension (additional deposit of \$250 per person applies).

I/we would like to also reserve both the Toulouse Pre-Tour and Loire Valley Post-Tour Extensions (additional deposit of \$500 per person applies).

I/we would like to request an upgrade on our flights:

Economy Plus Business Class

Check here if you would like to purchase the program on a land/cruise-only basis.

I/we would like to request a cabin upgrade:

Category 5 Category 4 Category 3

Category 2 Category 2 Suite

I wish to share a room or cabin with:

I prefer a single room, subject to availability.

I would like to share a twin room, if a roommate is available (shares are not guaranteed).

I authorize Cross-Culture to charge the applicable deposit per person, per program or segment of combination programs to the following credit card:

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____ SECURITY CODE _____

(Our bank requires the embossed digits plus the last three digits printed in the signature box on the back of your card)

CARD HOLDER'S NAME (as it appears on the credit card) _____

SIGNATURE—TRAVELER ONE _____

SIGNATURE—TRAVELER TWO _____

By making a deposit and enrolling in a Cross-Culture travel program, I am indicating that I have read and understand and agree to the General Terms and Conditions included in this package and on the website(s).

Learn more about Cross-Culture Journeys

Please send a copy of the most recent Cross-Culture catalog(s) to the person(s) whose name and address I have written below. I understand that I am eligible for a referral bonus if the names provided are not already on Cross-Culture's mailing list.

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France River Cruise: Châteaux and Vineyards of Bordeaux

Terms & Conditions

RESERVATION, DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT & FINAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The quickest and best way to make a reservation is to call us at 1-800-491-1148 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. You may also request a reservation online at www.ccjourneys.com or www.smallshiptravel.com. Early registration is strongly recommended for the following reasons: Group size is limited (24 on Cultural and Family Journeys; 20 on President's programs); we use small-ship cruise lines with a small number of cabins—choice cabins ALWAYS sell out quickly; single accommodations are subject to availability; some trips require additional preparation time and airlines restrict seat inventory.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS:

- Land tours: \$500 per person, per program
- Small-ship cruises: \$1,000 per person, per program
- Pre or post-tour extension: \$250 per person, per program
- Privately chartered cruise have varying and specific payment schedules as listed below:

PRIVATE CHARTER PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- Initial deposit: \$1,000
- Second payment: 50% of the cruise price at 225 days prior to departure
- Final payment: 180 days

Your deposit can be charged to a MasterCard or Visa credit card or paid by check. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required at the time of the booking. Final payment for land tours is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Make your check payable to "Cross-Culture Journeys" and send it to: 12 White Pine Road, Amherst, MA 01002. The final payment for small-ship cruises is due at least 120 days prior to departure. If final payment is not paid when due, Cross-Culture reserves the right to regard the reservation as cancelled. If the trip is fully booked when we receive your deposit, we will return your payment, or with your authorization, we will retain your deposit and place your name on a priority waiting list in case other participants cancel.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip (or any portion thereof), you must notify Cross-Culture in writing, by e-mail, or by fax immediately. The effective date of your cancellation will be the date that we receive your notification. Cross-Culture will assess a cancellation charge to cover loss of nonrefundable advance payments we may have made on your behalf to including, but not limited to: ground operators; cruise lines; airlines; government agencies; communication expenses; and the loss of time. The cancellation charge applies regardless of the reason for cancellation, such as State Department travel warnings. Cancellation charges per person are as follows:

FOR ALL TOURS (INCLUDING PRE/POST TOUR EXTENSIONS)

Days prior to departure	Charge
95 days or more:	\$250 (plus \$125 for extensions)
94-65 days:	50% of tour price
64-46 days:	75% of tour price
45 days or fewer:	100% of tour price (no refund)
Any changes to reservation:	\$150 administrative fee

FOR CRUISES (INCLUDING PRE/POST TOUR EXTENSIONS)

Days prior to departure	Charge
120 days or more:	\$500 (plus \$125 for extensions)
119-90 days:	50% of cruise price
89-61 days:	75% of cruise price
60 days or fewer:	100% of cruise price (no refund)
Any changes to reservation:	\$150 administrative fee

FOR PRIVATELY-CHARTERED CRUISES (INCLUDING PRE/POST TOUR EXTENSIONS)

Days prior to departure	Charge
216 days or more:	\$500 (additional \$125 for pre/post tour extension)
215-181 days:	25% of cruise price
180-151 days:	50% of cruise price
150-121 days:	75% of cruise price
120 days or fewer:	100% of cruise price (no refund)
Any changes to reservation:	\$150 administrative fee

Name changes are considered a cancellation, and the above-listed charges apply. If you are a no-show, if you cancel your trip after the departure date, or if you leave a trip already in progress, you will not receive any refund for any unused portion of your trip.

Note: Air refunds, if any, are determined by the individual airlines. Cross-Culture, may, in order to take advantage of schedules and competitive pricing, purchase airlines tickets in advance. These tickets are non-refundable within 95 days of departure.

TOUR PRICING & INCLUSIONS

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2015, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your gateway city (when purchasing tour with airfare), meals, performances, admissions and scheduled group excursions as noted in the itinerary, hotel taxes, airport transfers for group flights, baggage handling for one bag per person, services of a Cross-Culture Travel Guide (if applicable); gratuities and taxes for the following on land: included meals, baggage handling, drivers or guides. Please note that air upgrades, airline taxes, fuel surcharges, departure fees, governmental fees and port charges are subject to change.

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PRICE

Passport and visa fees; airfare from your hometown to your gateway city; personal expenses such as telephone, communication charges, laundry, beverages, room service, and meals not specified; excess baggage fees; independent transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to shipboard and expedition staff; optional activities or shore excursions; flights connecting two or more programs and cancellation, travel and health insurance.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

A valid passport is required for all Cross-Culture programs. A visa may be required for some of our programs. As we continue to add new destinations, it is your responsibility to check with the appropriate country for their visa requirements. Cross-Culture is not responsible in any way for providing you with information related to passport and/or visa requirements. Cross-Culture does not accept any responsibility in your failure to secure the necessary documentation for your trip.

HEALTH & WALKING

Participants in all Cross-Culture programs should be in good physical condition and prepared to enjoy walking, often over uneven cobblestones. We ask you to appraise your own capabilities honestly. And, we ask that you be considerate of the other group members and do not delay the scheduled group activities. We do not provide assistance if you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs; in such cases a companion who will assist you must accompany you. Cross-Culture reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any participant should such person's health or deportment impede the operation of the trip or enjoyment of any other participant. If Cross-Culture decides not to retain a participant during the trip, Cross-Culture assumes no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour or for any incidental charges therein.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

River Royale accommodates passengers with limited mobility but is not adapted for wheelchair access. A number of excursions and options are suitable for those who move slowly or cannot manage irregular terrain, but Cross-Culture Journeys (CCJ) cannot guarantee disability access on shore excursions. If you are concerned about whether this cruise is suitable for you, please call CCJ at 800.491.1148.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR INVESTMENT IN CASE YOU HAVE TO CANCEL OR INTERRUPT YOUR VACATION. This coverage will offset cancellation charges in the event of illness before or during your trip. Trip Cancellation/ Interruption, Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance, Baggage and Personal Effects, and Baggage/Travel Delay are some of the benefits of the Preferred Benefits Travel Insurance. Details and an insurance application will be sent along with your confirmation packet.

PHOTOGRAPHY ON TOUR

Cross-Culture reserves the right to take photographs or video during the operation of any tour or part thereof, and to use the resulting images or video for promotional purposes. By booking a reservation with Cross-Culture, you agree to allow your image to be used for such purposes, without compensation. If you prefer that your image not be used, you must identify yourself to the guide at the commencement of the tour.

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Opportunity	Point Value	Opportunity	Credit Value (in \$)
Booking Travel	1 point for every \$1 spent	Site Registration	50
Booking Group Travel (5 or more)	1 point for every \$1 spent plus 2,500 bonus points	Profile Completion	25
Referrals Who Book Travel	1,000 one-time bonus points per referral	Newsletter Sign-Up	25
Non-Registering Referral	100 points	Registration Referrals	10/referral
Sharing Site Info	50 points	Exclusive Opportunities & Special Deals	As advertised
Broadcasting Site Info	75 points		
Friends Who Shared with Friends	25 points		

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Points Needed to Attain this Level	ROYAL GOLD 5,000	ROYAL PURPLE 50,000	ROYAL RED 100,000	ROYAL BLUE 200,000
GIFT A STATUS (100% of total points gifted, plus a processing fee of 10%)	2,000	—	27,500	55,000
ENTITLED SERVICES & AMENITIES	Retail Value			
Access to Private Deals/Specials	0	✓	✓	✓
Customized Luggage Tags	2	✓	✓	✓
Customized Name Tags	1	✓	✓	✓
Complimentary Champagne & Fruit	75	—	✓	✓
Internet Access up to \$25	25	—	✓	✓
Complimentary Bag (1) of Laundry	75	—	✓	✓
Complimentary upgrade to Economy Plus to Europe (One per account per lifetime)	1500	—	✓	✓
Internet Access Up to \$50	50	—	—	✓
Personal Concierge	500	—	—	✓
Waived port charges (if applicable)	200	—	—	✓
Access to site CEO's office for personal planning needs	200	—	—	✓
Baggage fee reimbursement up to \$100 round-trip	100	—	—	✓
Comp suite transfers in US within 60 miles (total per round trip transfer)	200	—	—	✓
Complimentary upgrade to Business Class to Europe (One per account per lifetime)	3000	—	—	✓
DISCOUNTS & DEALS (Figures are % of the cost of qualifying items)				
Reduced Travel Insurance	% off total	—	10%	20%
Single Supplement Discount (Supplement Cost Only)	% off total	—	10%	20%
Suite Points Bonus (Cruise Portion Only)		—	25%	50%

Redeeming

UPGRADES & TOYS	RETAIL VALUE	VALUE IN POINTS
1 Bag of Laundry	75	3,750
\$25 Internet Credit	25	1,250
\$50 Internet Credit	50	2,500
\$200 Amazon Gift Card	200	10,000
\$200 Barnes & Noble Gift Card	200	10,000
\$200 iTunes Gift Card	200	10,000
\$250 Travel Smith Gift Certificate	250	12,500
\$500 Gift Certificate to Apple.com	500	25,000
\$500 Gift Certificate to Travel Smith	500	25,000
Bose Noise Cancelling headphones	300	15,000
Cabin Upgrade (1 Level)	1,000	50,000
Cabin Upgrade (2 Levels)	2,000	100,000
Customized Luggage Tags	20	1,000
Customized Name Tags	20	1,000
iPad	500	25,000
iPod Touch 8GB	230	11,500
Ship Board Credit (<i>\$100 increments with \$100 minimum purchase</i>)	100	5,000
Shutterfly Photo Album Credit	12	600
Tumi 2-Piece Luggage Set	500	25,000
Upgrade to Business Class to Europe	3,000	150,000
Upgrade to Economy Plus to Europe	1,500	75,000