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Bordeaux Pre-Tour  
and Lisbon Post-Tour

# BORDEAUX TO LISBON

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Dear Texas Ex,

Discover the enchantment of European coastal life on this well-paced cruise down the Bay of Biscay aboard the luxurious *Le Lapérouse*. Charming French ports, lively Spanish cities and the rich heritage of Portuguese traditions await your exploration.

This thoughtfully curated itinerary includes immersive cultural and historical excursions to UNESCO World Heritage sites, renowned museums and iconic villages.

Accompanied by a team of expert guides, each stop offers profound insights and unforgettable experiences designed to enrich your journey.

State-of-the-art *Le Lapérouse* will be your floating sanctuary of comfort and rejuvenation after enriching days of riveting exploration. Indulge in gourmet dining, unwind in spacious staterooms and savor panoramic views throughout the vessel.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience stunning natural beauty and rich culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly.

To secure your spot, please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800-594-3900 or [travel@texasexes.org](mailto:travel@texasexes.org) with questions or to make a reservation.

Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team  
Margaret, Janice, and Catherine

# Bordeaux to Lisbon | Itinerary Highlights *(subject to change)*

Day EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

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Day ARRIVE IN BORDEAUX, FRANCE –

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EMBARKATION (R,D) Upon arriving an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hospitality room prior to embarkation. This evening gather for a special welcome reception and gala dinner on board.

Day LA ROCHELLE (B,L,D) Disembark for a

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panoramic tour of Île de Ré including the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Saint-Martin-de-Ré enclosed by Vauban-designed ramparts. Stop for a fresh seafood tasting along the coast. After lunch on the ship join a guide to explore La Rochelle. Conclude with a cognac tasting at Château de la Péraudière before returning to the ship.

Day SAINT-JEAN-DE-LUZ (B,L,D) After lunch visit

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Saint-Jean-de-Luz, a diverse fishing town with a tapestry of colorful Basque traditions. Continue to the Church of Jean Baptiste—where King Louis XIV (le Roi Soleil) married Maria Theresa of Spain in 1660. This afternoon enjoy additional time to explore Saint-Jean-de-Luz on your own or remain on board for a sommelier-led wine tasting.

Day BILBAO, SPAIN (B,L,D) Tour the

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Guggenheim Museum—an architectural masterpiece that houses an impressive collection of contemporary and modern art including permanent works by some of the most influential artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. The museum is also known for its interactive installations that encourage guests to engage with the art through movement, sound or digital elements. After lunch set off on a guided walking tour of Casco Viejo. Key landmarks include: Santiago Cathedral, the oldest building in Bilbao; Iglesia de San Antón, an iconic Gothic church that is part of Bilbao's coat of arms; and Plaza Nueva, a neoclassical square completed in the 19th century.

Day BILBAO (B,L,D) Depart for the Basque

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countryside to partake in an entertaining cooking demonstration and food tasting experience. Tonight while cruising towards Gijón, delight in another gourmet dinner crafted from locally sourced ingredients.

Day GIJÓN (B,L,D) Join a guide for a walking

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tour of the Cimavilla historic district, an old fishermen's quarter and cultural complex. Next visit Universidad Laboral for a guided tour. Once intended to serve as an orphanage, this important cultural center features an impressive central plaza, bell tower, church, art exhibition halls and workshop studios, and colorful gardens adorned with striking sculptures and installations. Stop into a sidrería (or traditional cider house) to sample Asturias' famous cider.

Day A CORUÑA | SANTIAGO DE

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COMPOSTELA (B,L,D) Venture to Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that rose to prominence during the Middle Ages as a major center of pilgrimage and religious scholarship. The area's importance is tied to the Apostle Saint James the Greater, who is believed to have spread Christianity in the Iberian Peninsula. According to tradition, after his martyrdom in Jerusalem, his remains were transported by boat and buried here.

Day VIGO (B,L,D) Take advantage of a leisurely

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morning and lunch on board before disembarking for the Rías Baixas region—an area famous for mussel cultivation. Visit a local estuary for a guided tour followed by a mussel and wine tasting. Return to the ship for an afternoon under way. Retreat to the main lounge for snacks and beverages accompanied by live music.

Day PORTO, PORTUGAL (B,L,D) Explore the

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city's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, during a guided walking tour. This afternoon partake in a lively port wine tasting.

Day DAY AT SEA (B,L,R,D) Awake to a leisurely

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schedule on board as the ship cruises toward Lisbon. Tonight gather for a farewell reception followed by a gala dinner.

Day LISBON – DISEMBARKATION | DEPART

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FOR U.S. (B) After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

## Tour Highlights

- Journey through culinary traditions as you savor the delectable treasures of France, Spain and Portugal including exclusive opportunities to sample world-renowned wines, indulge in freshly caught seafood, and discover the flavors of **Basque and Galician cuisine**.
- Gain insight into French Basque history and culture during guided touring in **Saint-Jean-de-Luz**. Visit the town's iconic outdoor market followed by an inside visit to the Church of Jean Baptiste where King Louis XIV married Maria Theresa of Spain in 1660.
- Admire Bilbao's blend of tradition and modernity including its star attraction, the **Guggenheim Museum**—an architectural masterpiece housing a dynamic panorama of contemporary art.
- Take a guided tour of Universidad Laboral in **Gijón** followed by a tasting of Asturian cider.
- Enjoy time touring **Santiago de Compostela's Old Town**—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and key pilgrimage site. The city's magnificent cathedral, housing the shrine of St. James, is the endpoint of the Camino de Santiago.
- Stroll Porto's historic center—a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its colorful Ribeira district and iconic Dom Luís I Bridge.



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## What's Included

- 10 nights aboard the exclusively chartered *Le Lapérouse*
- All onboard hand-crafted meals: 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners (served with wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverages) plus special welcome and farewell receptions
- Unlimited select complimentary beverages available 24/7 on board the ship, including in the comfort of your stateroom
- Private tours and special small-group excursions as noted in the 12-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of a team of Orbridge Travel Directors and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to ship crew, Orbridge Travel Directors, local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



## On Board *Le Lapérouse*

Accommodating 184 guests, the exclusively chartered, 430-foot *Le Lapérouse* provides environmentally conscious luxury. More than a cruise ship, she's a floating haven where elegance meets sustainability.

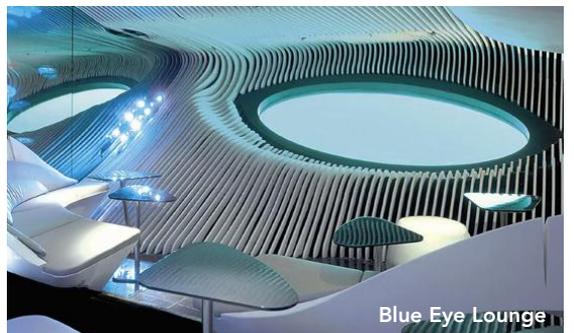
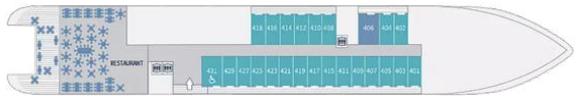
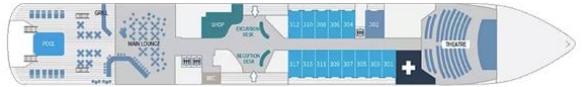
The latest technology ensures smooth sailing, while sophisticated all-inclusive amenities cater to guests' every need. Retire to luxurious, all-balcony staterooms designed for relaxation, each providing a sanctuary of tranquility amidst the voyage's excitement.

Step aboard and feel the difference. Open lounges seamlessly blend the interior with the exterior, creating an immersive experience that brings you closer to the stunning surrounding landscapes. Gaze upon the dramatic coastlines and vibrant cities as if you're part of the scenery itself.

### Each stateroom offers:

Ocean views with private balconies, 24-hour room service, independent climate control, flat-screen TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, dressing room with shelves and closet, dressing table and hair dryer, premium bath products, minibar, Nespresso coffee maker, phone, safe, and Bose Bluetooth speaker.

Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance.



# Optional Pre-Tour Bordeaux

Immerse yourself in the rich heritage and cultural charm of Bordeaux, a legendary region that blends world-class wine with decadent cuisine and unparalleled hospitality. From historic towns to centuries-old vineyards, every moment celebrates the essence of this alluring destination.

Day  
+1 EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

Day  
+2 ARRIVE IN BORDEAUX, FRANCE Upon arrival an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently.

Day  
+3 BORDEAUX (B) Meet with a local guide for a panoramic walking tour of Bordeaux—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Notable sights include Place de la Bourse, an iconic square dominated by the stunning Palais de la Bourse and its mesmerizing Water Mirror—the world's largest reflecting pool; the Gothic cathedral of Saint-André adorned with intricate carvings and stunning stained glass windows; and Bordeaux's ornate city gate—Porte Cailhau. The remainder of the day take advantage of the amenities and dining options at the hotel.

Day  
+4 BORDEAUX | SAINT-ÉMILION | MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS (B,L) Following breakfast set out for a full-day excursion to Saint-Émilion—a picturesque medieval village renowned for its vineyards and vintages. Stop at a local winery for a gourmet lunch featuring exquisite delicacies paired with the finest varietals. Then descend into Saint-Émilion's fascinating network of underground passages, tunnels and chambers that played a crucial role in the region's winemaking history for centuries. Formed over time through the process of erosion, the natural caverns were expanded and modified by human hands as generations of vintners sought to harness their unique properties for wine storage and aging. Late afternoon join guests arriving at the port for the main program and embarkation.

## What's Included

- 2 nights accommodations at InterContinental Bordeaux – Le Grand Hotel (or similar)
- 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Guided panoramic city tour
- Wine tasting experience
- Guided Saint-Émilion caves tour
- Transportation for included activities
- Luggage portorage
- Guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director local guide, driver, porters, hotel staff, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times



# Optional Post-Tour Lisbon

Lisbon's charm lies in its hilly streets, iconic trams and vibrant neighborhoods buzzing with energy and creativity. Embrace the city's stunning panoramic views, notable historic sites and delicious food—each guaranteed to capture the imagination—during guided touring plus time to explore at your own pace.



**Day 12** LISBON Set off on a guided panoramic city tour. First make a brief photography stop at Belém Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Lisbon's most famous landmarks. Built in the early 16th century, the tower originally served as a defensive structure to protect the entrance to the Tagus River and a nearby monastery. Continue down Avenida da Liberdade, a major thoroughfare featuring an architectural mix of 19th-century buildings and contemporary glass structures. Next explore Lisbon's oldest historic district, Alfama, on foot. Alfama's origins date back to Moorish times, and much of the architecture within this labyrinthine neighborhood reflects the area's rich Islamic heritage. Stop into a local bakery to sample pastel de nata—one of Portugal's most iconic and beloved pastries. Conclude today's touring with an inside visit to the National Coach Museum, a facility featuring one of the finest collections of historic carriages in the world. Continue to the hotel for check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Day 13** LISBON | SINTRA (B) Meet a local guide for a half-day excursion to Sintra. This picturesque village and UNESCO World Heritage Site is renowned for its stunning landscapes, fairy-tale-like palaces and rich history. See Pena Palace, pass by Sintra National Palace and stroll Sintra's charming old town—a delightful maze of narrow cobblestone streets lined with quaint shops, cafés and bakeries. Take advantage of the hotel amenities during free time this afternoon.

**Day 14** LISBON | DEPART FOR U.S. (B) After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary group transfer to the airport for flights home.

## What's Included

- 2 nights accommodations at Altis Avenida Hotel (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Guided panoramic touring of Lisbon and Sintra
- Admission to the National Coach Museum
- Transportation for included tours
- Luggage portage
- Guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director
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## OCTOBER 1-12, 2026

Bordeaux Pre-Tour: Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2026

Lisbon Post-Tour: October 12-14, 2026

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Double	\$2,199	\$1,995
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