

PROGRAMME
INTERNATIONAL GRAND CHAPITRE
BORDEAUX

Wednesday 9 June 2010 - Saturday 12 June 2010



Chaîne 60th Anniversary (1950-2010)



The city of Bordeaux is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site

Bordeaux has over 350 classified or registered buildings and historical Monuments

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Wednesday 9 June 2010 : VISIT and WINE TASTING (SAINT EMILION: CHÂTEAUX AUSONE and CHEVAL BLANC)

- 09H30: Depart the Regent Grand Hotel
- 10H30: Arrive at Saint Emilion: 4 Groups of 25 persons
- 11H00: Group N°1 - visit and wine tasting at Château Ausone, followed by a visit and wine tasting at Château Cheval Blanc
 - Group N°2 - visit and wine tasting at Château Cheval Blanc, followed by a visit and wine tasting at Château Ausone
 - Group N°3/ - guided tour of the township of Saint Emilion (*including the N°4 Church, catacombes, hermitages and the Trinity Chapel*)
- 13H00 to 16H00: lunch and free time at Château Fourney
- 16H00 to 17H30: Groups N°3/N°4 - visit and wine tasting at Château Ausone, followed by a visit and wine tasting at Château Cheval Blanc
 - Groups N°1/N°2 - guided tour of the township of Saint Emilion (*including the Church, catacombes, hermitages and the Trinity Chapel*)
- 17H30 to 18H15: free time for discovering the city's charm and for shopping
- 18H30 to 19H30: the 'La Jurade de Saint Emilion' visit and induction option at the Monolith Church ('Eglise Monolithe')
- 20H00: Cocktail in 'Salle des Dominicains' (Dominicans Room)
- 20H30: Dinner in the 'Salle des Dominicains' (Dominicans Room)
- 23H00: Return to Bordeaux

*We strongly recommend that you bring comfortable walking shoes for the St Emilion visit
Dress Code: For the Dinner, Business suit with Chaîne ribbons*



Château Fourney: was built under Louis XVI and based on the plans of the famous architect Victor Louis who was responsible for designing 'Bordeaux's 'Grand Théâtre'

Saint Emilion: this charming medieval village, located in the heart of the famous Bordeaux vineyard, is one of a kind due to the predominance of its wine estates, the quality of its wines and the grandeur of its architecture and monuments. Charged with history and perched on a rocky headland, the township of Saint-Émilion and its vineyards draw their origins from the limestone. From the 9th to the 14th century, men extracted the rock to build the monuments, buildings and wine 'châteaux'. With some 200 kilometers of underground tunnels and the largest monolith church in Europe, St Emilion and its surrounding area are classified as a Unesco world heritage site.

Saint Emilion wines have been classified since 1959. Unlike the classification of 1855, it is re-examined every 10 years.

La Jurade: an ancestral tradition in a contemporary context, 'La Confrérie des Vins de Saint-Emilion' was founded in 1199 by John Lackland, King of England, who delegated his economic, political and legal powers, to the noteworthy and the magistrates in order to manage the general administration of the city. In exchange for its new rights, England could enjoy the «privilege of the Saint-Emilion wines». The 'La Jurade' power and influence endured right up to the French Revolution in 1789. In 1948, some wine growers resurrected the Confrérie which then became the ambassador of Saint-Emilion wines worldwide, with the purpose of guaranteeing the authenticity and quality of its wines.

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Thursday 10 June 2010 : MUSEUM VISIT and VINEYARDS (CHÂTEAUX YQUEM and PAPE CLEMENT)

- 9H00-17H00: Conseil d'Administration Meeting
- 10H00: Depart the Regent Grand Hotel
- 10H30 to 12H00: Bordeaux Museum of Decorative Arts visit
- 14H15: Meet at the Regent Grand Hotel
- 14H30: Bus transportation to Château Yquem
- 15H30: Welcome, visit and wine tasting
- 17H30: Bus transfer to Château Pape Clément
- 18H30: Welcome, visit of the winery, the fermenting room, the warehouse and the cellar, as well as a wine tasting
- 20H00: Cocktail at Château Pape Clément
- 20H30: Dinner in the l'Orangerie Room at Château Pape Clément
- 23H00: Return to Bordeaux

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Château Yquem: it is the number one Sauterne wine and the most well-known worldwide. Yquem formerly belonged to the Dukes of Aquitaine, the Kings of England before it became French in 1453. The most ancient tower dates from the 15th century and the main building, the most recent, from the 17th century. The chateau constructed a half sunken wine storehouse for better preservation and maturity of the wine.

Le **Château Pape Clément** produces the very famous Graves wine from Pessac located in the Gironde area. It is an AOC (Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée, an official French certification) Pessac-Léognan of the Bordeaux wine region.

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Friday 11 June 2010: MEETING, CHÂTEAUX TOURS and WINE TASTINGS (MEDOC: CHÂTEAUX BEYCHEVELLE and GISCOURS)

- 9H30-12H30: Conseil Magistral Meeting in the 'Saint Emilion' Room at the Regent Grand Hotel
- 9H45: Depart the Regent Grand Hotel
- 10H00: Guided walking tour of Bordeaux's historical area
- 14H45: Depart the Regent Grand Hotel
- 15H00: Bus tour of the Médoc vineyards
- 16H00: Visit and wine tasting at Château Beychevelle
- 18H00: Bus transfer to Château Giscours
- 18H30: Welcome, visit of the wine storage areas with an oenologist and a presentation of the wines
- 20H00: Cocktail at Château Giscours' 'Ferme Suzanne'
- 20H30: Dinner Château Giscours' 'Ferme Suzanne', including a « Repas des Rôtisseurs d'oies ». The geese will be roasted on the spit together with their 'foie gras' in front of the guests
- 23H00: Return to Bordeaux

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Château Beychevelle



The first Château was built in 1565 and was subsequently reconstructed in 1757. The Brassier family, namely Baron de Beychevelle, gave their first comments on the Beychevelle 'brand' of wine during the 18th century. Since 1890 the three generations of descendants of the Achille-Fould family have been the source of Beychevelle's prestige. Recently restored in the classicism style, Beychevelle is without doubt one of the most beautiful Châteaux and park estates in the Bordeaux region.

Château Giscours



The first vineyard was planted on this estate in 1552. The renaissance style Château was built in the 18th century. Requisitioned for the national cause during the French Revolution, the chateau was subject to some destruction. In 1846, the Count of Pescatore, an important French Banker, rebuilt the chateau stone by stone in order to allure the Empress Eugénie, wife of Napoléon III. In 1855, Giscours affirmed the quality of its wine by being awarded the classification of « 3^d Grand Cru Classé Margaux ». After the Second World War, the chateau was purchased and significant work and renovations were carried out, including the creation of an artificial lake as well as the restoration of the chateau and the upgrading of its wine production and facilities.



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Saturday 12 June 2010 : GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING, INDUCTION CEREMONY and GALA DINNER

- 9H30-12H30: International General Assembly in the 'Margaux' Room at the Regent Grand Hotel
- 13H00: Buffet at the Bordeaux Town Hall
- 14H00 to 18H00: Afternoon free
- 18H00 to 19H30: Induction Ceremony at the Regent Grand Hotel ('Margaux' Room)
- 20H00: Cocktail at the Regent Grand Hotel ('Saint Emilion' Room)
- 20H30: Gala Dinner and Orchestra at Bordeaux's Grand Théâtre*

**Note: limited number of places (maximum 180 seats). Places will be confirmed according to the order registrations are received*

Dress Code: For the Gala Dinner, Black Tie/Tuxedo for men and Evening Dress for women with Chaîne ribbons

'Grand Théâtre' of Bordeaux



Following the renovation and restoration from 1990-1991, Bordeaux's 'Grand Théâtre', an 18th century architectural master piece, regained a new appearance resembling that obtained of the initial architect, Victor Louis, and which can be seen from the 'wooded' room with its twelve columns and blue velvet seats. The stone walls have recaptured their original beauty, especially the large staircase, which was a source of inspiration for Charles Garnier when he designed the staircase for the Paris 'Garnier' Opera House.



The Regent Grand Hotel

This luxury hotel, 'palace', with 150 rooms - completely renovated and classified as a 4 star luxury hotel – benefits from a wonderful location in Bordeaux's historical centre. The entire building, including its facade, which dates back to 1779, is directly in front of Bordeaux's Grand Théâtre. It is close to the Garonne River, shops and the major sites as well as Bordeaux's principal park and gardens. With a surface area of over 20 000 m², the hotel also offers a gastronomic restaurant, a brasserie on two levels and a bar.

