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# TRAVELS 2017

**VINEYARDS & CHATEAUX OF BORDEAUX**  
*Aboard AmaDolce*

**WITH CHRISTIE MCDONALD**

Smith Professor of French Language and Literature &  
Professor of Comparative Literature

October 18–26, 2017

# VINEYARDS & CHATEAUX OF BORDEAUX

## Aboard *AMADOLCE*

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Château de Roquetaillade, photo by Jean Balcesak

### DISCOVER EXQUISITE VINTAGES AND VARIETALS DURING THE AUTUMN VENDANGE ON A LEISURELY CRUISE THROUGH THE RICH BORDEAUX REGION.

Travel 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, and Bordeaux's fame as a capital of culture and wine has only grown since her day. Discover two millennia of wine history at the brand-new museum La Cité du Vin; follow the wine-making process from vineyard to vat room at one of the region's most celebrated wine estates; stroll the squares of Bordeaux, the largest urban UNESCO World Heritage site; and tour the Musée des Beaux-Arts, home to an excellent collection of works by Matisse, Rodin, Renoir, and other masters, including local luminary Odilon Redon. Onboard classes imparting the secrets of *terroir* and how to distinguish the typical wines of the region will add to the pleasures of this voyage. Optional extension in the Dordogne region.

On the front cover: Bordeaux vineyard, photo by Michael Clarke Stuff

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## HARVARD STUDY LEADER



CHRISTIE MCDONALD is the Smith Professor of French Language and Literature in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and professor of comparative literature at Harvard University. From 2000-2006, she served as chair of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures. McDonald is the author or editor of many books and articles on literature in an interdisciplinary context. A literary historian, as well as cultural critic and theorist, she has worked in her research and teaching on eighteenth and twentieth to twenty-first-century French thought and literature in a comparative context. McDonald has also published in the areas of literature and philosophy, anthropology, feminist theory, and the arts (music and painting).



Vineyard at Saint-Émilion (top), La Cité du Vin (above)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn from lectures by Harvard study leader Christie McDonald and other distinguished guest speakers
- Spend seven nights aboard the deluxe M.S. *AmaDolce* during the grape harvest season, with onboard classes in wine tasting and *terroir*
- Attend a welcome reception at La Cité du Vin, a newly opened wine museum on the Garonne River in Bordeaux
- Savor black truffles, *foie gras*, and exquisite local varietals during exclusive tastings
- Enjoy a private lunch on an island in the Gironde Estuary
- Visit the 17th-century Blaye citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage site overlooking the Gironde Estuary
- Stroll the squares of Bordeaux, the largest urban World Heritage Site, and tour the Musée des Beaux-Arts

## SCHEDULE BY DAY



Bordeaux wine wellar (left); Eglise Sainte-Radegonde de Talmont church on the Gironde estuary (center); St. Jacques' Church, photo by [unreadable]

### 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 your 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 PAUILLAC

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-Emilion, 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)**

### 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



photo by sylvanwhite (right)

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. Tour the Musée des Beaux-Arts, home to masterpieces from the Renaissance to the 20th century including works by native son Odilon Redon. Following lunch, 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)**

*Included meals indicated each day as B, L, R, D = Breakfast, Lunch, Reception, Dinner.*

*This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Harvard Alumni Association and Academic Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at [www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms](http://www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms).*

will greet you 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.



Bordeaux



**OPTIONAL POSTLUDE IN  
THE DORDOGNE REGION  
October 26–29, 2017**

Discover the Dordogne's breathtaking valley views and prehistoric treasures. After an introduction to the region at the impressive National Museum of Prehistory, visit the Cap Blanc rock shelter, which displays a frieze of sculpted horses from the middle Magdalenian Period, and the new Lascaux IV, with its exact replica of the nearby original cave paintings, nearly 17,000 years old. A visit to the town of Sarlat, one of the best preserved in France, includes a walking tour of its quaint cobbled streets and turreted houses and a lunch featuring a tasting of rich *foie gras*.

Postlude Rate: \$2,195 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement: \$280.

Rate includes: Three nights accommodations with meals and excursions as noted.



Sarlat, photo by Marty Becker



# M.S. AMADOLCE

## CRUISE RATES

Per person

**108 to 112**  
**Double Rate \$5,995**  
**Single Rate \$8,990**  
 Piano Deck.  
 Twin windows, shower.

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**Double Rate \$7,495**  
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 Piano Deck.  
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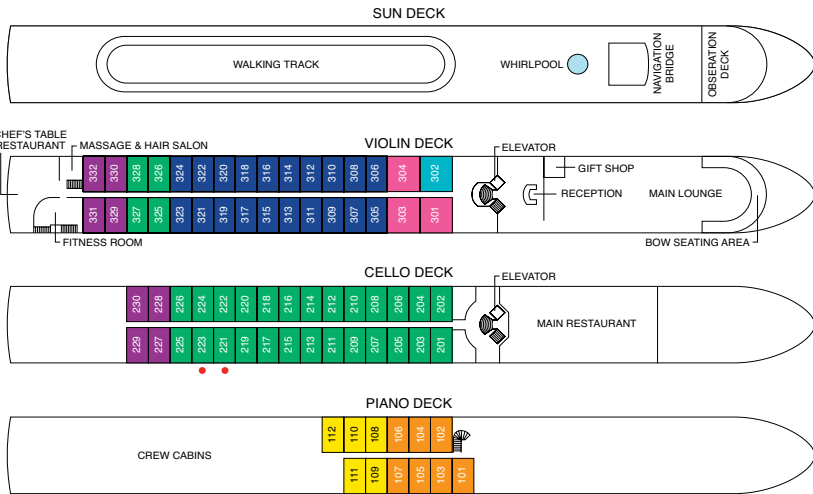
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**Single Rate \$12,790**  
 Cello & Violin Decks.  
 French balcony, shower.

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**Double Rate \$10,995**  
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 French balcony, shower.

**301, 303 & 304**  
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**Single Rate \$27,990**  
 Violin Deck.  
 Suites. French balcony, shower, and bathtub.



**AmaDolce (left); lounge (right)**

**M.S. AMADOLCE** 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 have air conditioning and an entertainment system with television and Internet access.

**TOUR COST INCLUSIONS** Enrichment program of lectures and talks by Christie McDonald and other expert lecturers; seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *AmaDolce*; All meals as specified in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, R=Reception); wine with lunches and dinners; escorted sightseeing, transportation and entrance fees for all included visits; airport/air/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights; customary shipboard gratuities; gratuities to local guides and drivers; taxes, service charges, portage; \$200,000 emergency medical assistance and evacuation insurance.

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OCT 18-26, 2017  
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