



SAINT EMILION PATRIMOINE - A romantic long weekend away



Duration: 4 nights / 5 days

Dates: Thursday 10th to Monday 14th September 2009

Car: Economy-sized car hire included

Accomm: Château de Sanse (3 nights) & Ormes de Pez (1 night)

Price: 1,180€ per person (based on two sharing)

Saint Emilion is widely regarded as one of the most romantic destinations in the SW France. One day in the year it takes on an even more special feel to it - the jour du Patrimoine. St Emilion's streets are filled with musicians and street artists during the day and the evening concludes with a dramatic firework display set to music.

Your base for the first three nights of your trip is Château de Sanse. It is located a short drive from St Emilion and is set in beautiful, undisturbed, countryside. From here you can visit the bastide villages of Entre-deux-Mers on your first day. On the Friday a visit to a Grand Cru Classé St Emilion vineyard will be organised in the morning followed by taking to the skies in the afternoon over the vineyards of the Duras region in a hot-air balloon.

Saturday is the day of the patrimoine, so you can spend the day soaking up the atmosphere and culture in St Emilion. That evening a very special 7 course chef's tasting menu at the Michelin two-starred restaurant at the top of St Emilion will be booked and pre-paid for you. At the conclusion of your meal the fireworks will start and you will have the best seat in the town to watch them - from the hotel's private terrace, high up in the town. A nice touch to this special day is that you will then be chauffeured back to your accommodation.

On Sunday you will make your way through the scenic Premières Côtes de Bordeaux region and on up to the Médoc, the home to Bordeaux's most well-known and amazing looking Châteaux. Touring the famous route and viewing them from the outside is a pleasure in its own right, but you will also spend the night at one in the Saint-Estèphe appellation and then have a visit and tasting at a Grand Cru Classé vineyard in Margaux the following day.

Throughout your stay you will benefit from a touring guidebook personalised to your interests and linked to a bespoke GPS system provided with your car.

To make the weekend extra special consider upgrading to a convertible hire car. Accommodation can also be reserved at the Michelin starred hotel where you will eat, but early booking is essential.

Contact Gourmet Touring on Tel 0033-632800474 or at info@gourmet-touring.com for more information.