



Wines of Bordeaux + Beaches of Normandy!

Free-Flowing Wine, Beer and Spirits on the 5-Star Azamara Quest with only 680 guests and a crew of 400!

Overnight Downtown Riverside Heart-of-the-City Stays in Bordeaux and in Rouen with options to visit MONT ST. MICHEL, the NORMANDY D-DAY BEACHES and PARIS!

Bordeaux, Saint-Malo (Mont St. Michel), Cherbourg, Rouen (Paris), Honfleur and Dunkirk, France
St. Peter Port, Guernsey (UK's Channel Islands) — Antwerp, Belgium

June 14 - 27, 2026



14 Day - 12 Night Cruise / Tour

Travel with TRIPS on this delightful journey to Bordeaux, the finest wine region in the world, and explore the D-Day Beaches of Normandy too!

You'll enjoy **three days in prestigious Bordeaux**, where for centuries winemakers have crafted some of the **world's most sought-after wines** brimming with plush, soft fruit, including their revered cabernet sauvignon and merlot blends. Yet it's more than just wine to experience on this tour - from Bordeaux to Amsterdam, you'll explore charming and exciting villages and cities! Stroll tree-lined promenades and stunning Pont de Pierre stone bridge in Bordeaux. Gaze at the steep cliffs of Guernsey, and marvel at the uniquely beautiful setting of Mont St. Michel near quaint Saint-Malo! Visit the hallowed D-Day beaches of Normandy, and the Impressionists' scenic views in Rouen. Perhaps escape to iconic Paris to boot. Enjoy the entrancing port of Honfleur, WWII's historic Dunkirk, and delectable Belgian waffles and chocolates in Antwerp. And do it all from the upscale comfort, plush amenities and pampering you'll enjoy for eleven nights on the Azamara Quest, your intimate luxury hotel at sea!

Itinerary

June 14, 2026 - Your Journey Begins!

Today you board your overnight international flight, beginning the trip of a lifetime in Bordeaux and Normandy, France!

June 15, 2026 - Welcome to Beautiful Bordeaux!

On arriving in **Bordeaux**, called "**Port of the Moon**" due to its romantic location on the Garonne River, you'll be greeted then embark to discover this fabulous city from the water, **cruising on the romantic Garonne** to take in the wonderful sights of this magical place! Later, you'll check in to your centrally located deluxe hotel to relax and unwind, or perhaps begin to explore Bordeaux a little further on your own. Overnight: Mercure Bordeaux Centre Hotel (or similar)

June 16, 2026 - Board the Azamara Quest / Day Two in Bordeaux

After breakfast, you'll go on a tour of historic Bordeaux' treasures, including lovely **Place de la Bourse** and its water mirror, with a stroll along the Garonne and visits to the elegant **Golden Triangle** and the majestic **Saint-André Cathedral**, ending with a walk in the picturesque Saint-Pierre district. Afterward, you'll be assisted with your transfer to board the **Azamara Quest** in time for a late lunch, and unpack only once for the next 11 nights. And don't forget that one night during your voyage, an exclusive event you're bound to enjoy is the **AzAmazing Evening**, a festive destination-specific onshore celebration! The Quest stays in Bordeaux overnight, giving you **two more days** to enjoy its thriving waterfront with chic boutiques and cafes, and yes, all those famous nearby vineyards! More than 22,000 dot the landscape of this **intoxicating wine region** with their 7,000 wine châteaux. (B/L/D)

June 17, 2026 - Day Three in Bordeaux, France

On your third day in Bordeaux - whose entire historic center forms the largest UNESCO World Heritage Site in the world - you might enjoy a leisurely stroll to **Esplanade des Quinconces**, the largest square in Europe, or along tree-lined **Allées de Tourny**. Don't miss the **Bordeaux Wine Museum** and one of Bordeaux' most iconic sights, the exquisite **Pont de Pierre** stone bridge, spanning the Garonne River with 17 graceful arches. Today also offers a perfect time to venture into **Bordeaux's famed wine country**! You'll discover a world of unparalleled beauty and tradition at any of Bordeaux' prized châteaux in

its many wine regions including **St. Émilion, Pomerol and Médoc**. Imagine strolling among legendary vineyards and sipping celebrated Bordeaux wines that set the standard against which others are measured! The Quest cruises away at **6pm** this evening. (B/L/D)

June 18, 2026 - At Sea on the Quest

Enjoy a relaxing sea day onboard the Quest where it's the perfect time to discover all your **boutique resort at sea** has to offer - or simply do nothing at all! From **decadent specialty dining**, to **immersive lectures**, to **tranquil spa treatments**, the choice is yours for this indulgent day. Shop for tantalizing gifts at the onboard stores, or explore the world with the **digital Inspiration Center**. Every Azamara Club voyage is packed with complimentary, high-value amenities too! Find **fresh cut flowers** in your stateroom along with Egyptian cotton bed linens and terry bathrobes. When dining, you're treated to complimentary select standard spirits, international beers and wines. In the evening, perhaps stop in the **Casino Luxe**, or relax in the **Cabaret Lounge** with a musical revue or maybe a classical soloist. A leisurely day at sea becomes surprisingly spectacular when you're on the **Azamara Quest**! (B/L/D)

June 19, 2026 - St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands, UK

Today you'll visit **Guernsey**, the second largest of Britain's **Channel Islands**! Its **high sea cliffs** and windswept grasslands provide the scenic backdrop to a history dating back to 1066 that's as dramatic as the landscape. Once a pirate haven in the Middle Ages, it was later occupied by German troops during WWII. Today, Guernsey is a self-governing British Crown Dependency. The island's capital of **St. Peter Port** overlooking the harbor is considered one of Europe's **most attractive seaport cities** with its cobblestone streets and cliff-side paths, rows of **brightly painted houses**, lush terraced gardens, museums and boutique shopping. You can opt to tour 800-year-old **Castle Cornet** or visit **Hauteville House**, the one-time home of famed French author **Victor Hugo**. The Quest tenders here from **8am to 6pm**. (B/L/D)

June 20, 2026 - Saint-Malo, France (Mont St. Michel)

Today finds you in **Brittany** on the English Channel coastline of northwestern France. The Quest tenders in at **Saint-Malo** from **8am to 8pm**. This walled city is a quaint maze of picturesque old buildings, museums and cafes serving local specialties of crepes and cider. Stroll along the scenic ramparts, walk the cobblestone streets, and hear the

tales of **corsairs**, privateers who became rich off of captured ships' booty. You'll also have the opportunity to visit the nearby world-famous island of **Mont St. Michel** with its beautiful monastery and abbey, surely one of the most stunning destinations in all of France! (B/L/D)

June 21, 2026 - Cherbourg, France

Occupied by Germany during World War II and liberated by Allies following the invasion of Normandy, **Cherbourg** has an extensive military history and roots that stretch way back to its 9th century Viking invasion. From here, you might also choose to visit the deeply moving **US Cemetery and Omaha Beach**, about an hour away. The future of all of Europe was at stake here on the 6th of June, 1944 when US troops landed with little going as planned. Ultimately 3,000 troops lost their lives that day. At the top of the bluff, the **American Cemetery and Memorial** honor the US Soldiers buried here. Nearby is the **Ranger Monument** where "Rudder's Rangers" performed one of the war's greatest feats, scaling Pointe du Hoc's 90-foot-cliff under intense German gunfire and securing it as part of the famous Allied victory. (B/L/D)

June 22 and 23, 2026 - Two Days in Rouen, France - and Paris too?

At **8:30am** on this morning of the 22nd, you'll dock in **Rouen**, the historic capital of Normandy, for a generous overnight stay until **10:30pm** on the night of the 23rd! It's here that **Claude Monet** was inspired to paint more than 30 canvases as part of his series of **Notre-Dame**. You can also see the **Place du Vieux Marché** where in 1431 **Joan of Arc** was convicted and burned at the stake. You'll want to make some time to explore on your own the historic center of this "city of a hundred bell towers" that's a maze of half-timbered houses and churches. The **Museum of Fine Arts in Rouen** contains one of the best impressionist collections in all of France, with works by Renoir, Degas and of course Monet. Normandy is also a **culinary delight**, so be sure to stop at one of Rouen's small confectioners or perhaps at a cheese shop. During your lengthy overnight stay, you might also choose to hop on a train or book an excursion to **Paris**, the incredible "City of Light," only about 90 minutes from Rouen. You might visit the great **Eiffel Tower**, a global icon of France, or perhaps have a look at the completed restoration of **Notre-Dame Cathedral** following its

catastrophic 2019 fire. You can stroll along the **Champs Elysees** and view the famed **Arc de Triomphe** commissioned by Napoleon in 1806. There's also historic **Montmartre**, lined with narrow hillside streets made famous by not only by the artists who worked here, but also as the setting for the classic film "**An American in Paris**." (B/L/D)

June 24, 2026 - Honfleur, France

This morning at **5am** you'll arrive in **Honfleur**, and honestly - ports don't come any prettier! One of the most visited towns in France with picturesque streets, timber-framed house fronts, and glorious historic homes, her beauty has long attracted artists. This town of Impressionist masters possesses that something extra to make it irresistible. The changing light on the Seine estuary inspired **Courbet, Monet, Boudin** and many others. Relax at a cafe sipping **Calvados**, the seductive local apple brandy, as you enjoy fresh crepes while gazing at the **colorful waterfront** before the Quest sails away at **6pm**. (B/L/D)

June 25, 2026 - Dunkirk, France

Today from **8am to 6pm** you'll explore the vibrant port of **Dunkirk**, steeped in both history and maritime charm. Explore the excellent **Dunkirk War Museum**, wander along the picturesque waterfront with its historic sandy beaches, and indulge in moules-frites (mussels and french fries) at one of the city's charming seaside bistros. (B/L/D)

June 26, 2026 - Antwerp, Belgium

Stylish and sophisticated, **Antwerp** is full of monumental reminders of its prosperous medieval and Renaissance past, but is now reinventing itself as an exciting contemporary city and a hot spot for foodies. It boasts many popular attractions including **Steen Castle, Grote Market, Brabo Fountain**, and the impressive **Cathedral of Our Lady**. And don't miss out on sampling Antwerp's signature **Belgian chocolates and waffles** while you're here from **8am to 6pm**. (B/L/D)

June 27, 2026 - A Fond Farewell

The Quest arrives at the Amsterdam port at **6am**. After breakfast, you'll disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Memories of Bordeaux and Normandy will be with you for a lifetime!** (B)

Bordeaux Wines & Normandy Beaches

\$7,498.00

Club Interior Stateroom
Category II

\$7,998.00

Club Oceanview Stateroom
Category o6

\$8,798.00

Club Veranda Stateroom
Category V3

\$8,998.00

Club Veranda Stateroom
Category V2

Pricing is based on double occupancy.
Single supplement is an additional 50% charge in your selected cabin category.



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Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers including gratuities
- Roundtrip airfare to Bordeaux and from Amsterdam (checked baggage fees are not included)
- All transfers from airport to hotel, hotel to pier, pier to airport
- 11 nights onboard the Azamara Quest in your selected stateroom category
- All meals while onboard the Azamara Quest **including free flowing wine, beer and spirits!**
- Gratuities for dining, housekeeping and bar staff included
- Select standard spirits, international beers and wines at all ship bars
- Bottled water, soft drinks, specialty coffees and teas included
- **Special AzAmazing Evening one night during cruise!**
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- TRIPS document wallet and luggage tags
- All cruise, port charges and government taxes

***** Passports are required for this trip! *****

Call today to reserve your space!!

Reservations for "Beautiful Bordeaux and Normandy" are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$750.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour, of which **\$250.00** is non-refundable (\$500.00 for single occupancy).

The remaining **\$500.00** of this deposit is fully refundable up to February 5, 2026.

Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before February 5, 2026. Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.

100% non-refundable on February 5, 2026.

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