



MY FRENCH WINE CLUB

# MY FRENCH WINE TOUR



SUMMER 2017:  
JUNE TO OCTOBER

Wine Tour Directors

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# ABOUT US

## MFWT TEAM



Guilhem H.



Christophe B.



Chris

### WHO ARE WE?

Guilhem Hebrard and Christophe Besson have been friends since childhood. Dynamic and full of ambition, they created My French Wine Club, an import company specializing in bringing unique French wines to the American market. Guilhem is currently residing in the South of France, and Christophe lives in New Jersey, US.

As lifelong globe trotters and lovers of French culture, these two wine professionals decided to develop a unique tour combining their passion for wine & travel on the Mediterranean coast. Thus, this unique experience of wine and culture, My French Wine Tour, was born.

A bit about Chris...

Chris is a Franco-English acquaintance of Guilhem, who studied at the SupAgro University in Montpellier. Chris is passionate about the diverse wines

from the Occitanie region. He also has a profound understanding of the region's complex history, its rich culture, architecture, and much more!

### OUR PHILOSOPHY

Select the best. On this tour, you will discover all that the South of France has to offer. We are regional experts and have handpicked activities and events that will make your trip truly memorable.

During this amazing adventure, you will visit beautiful castles, and taste the best vintages in breathtaking settings. We look forward to introducing you to the lively spirit of Southern France, and immersing you in its culture!



# ABOUT THE TOUR



## OUR BEAUTIFUL REGION

### The Occitanie region is rich.

#### *Rich in diverse landscapes.*

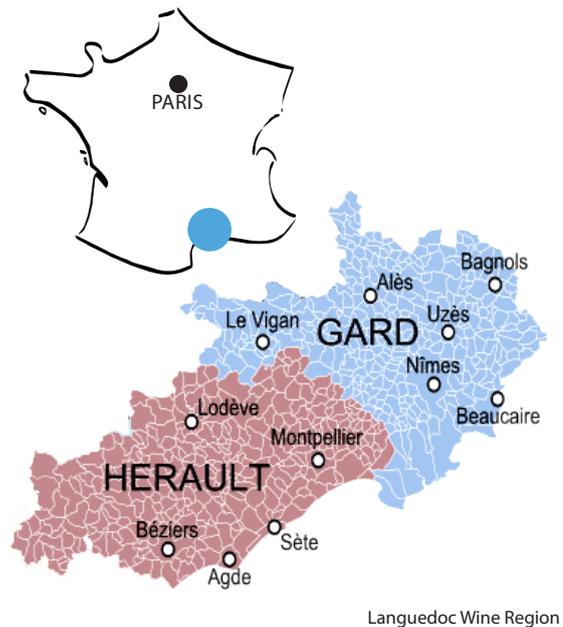
On the road between the Hérault and the Gard, you will discover the most beautiful French landscapes. The photos you take here will be better than any postcard! Situated between the sea and the mountains, this lively land gives off the sweet aroma of garrigue, a mix of fragrant plants like rosemary, lavender and juniper. In the rocky valleys below, you can hear the soft ripples of the Hérault River, the main source of life for the region.

#### *Rich in architectural masterpieces.*

There is a wealth of architectural heritage in this region. While visiting Montpellier, Nîmes, and other villages, you may feel as if you have stepped back in time. You will discover the medieval architecture of downtown Montpellier, with its many ancient abbeys. Nîmes will take you back to Roman times, with its arenas, the Maison Carré (or 'Square House'), and the impressive Pont du Gard.

#### *Rich in gastronomy and wines.*

In addition to being a melting pot of French gastronomy, this French region is home to the largest and



oldest vineyards in the world. Here they enjoy a Mediterranean climate, characterized by mild winters and warm, sunny summers. So come and enjoy the sun, the food, and the wines.

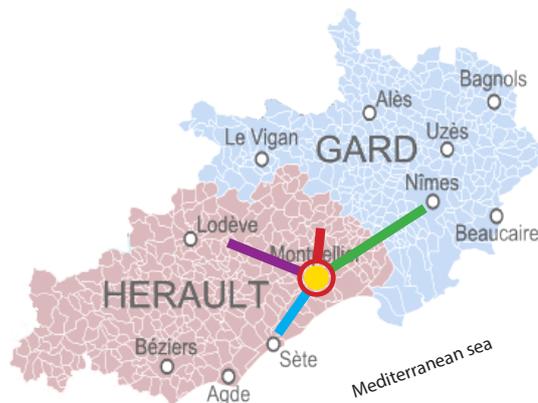
Discover the many grape varieties grown in this atypical climate, some local and some world famous...you are sure to find a new favorite!



## TOUR ITINERARY

From June to October, we offer you the trip of a lifetime: to discover the Occitanie region through local and authentic culinary experiences. Our tour group of ten people will be based in a hotel by the sea. Two tour guides will accompany you 24 hours a day, and a private tour bus will take you to all planned activities.

- DAY 1 : Arrival in Montpellier
- DAY 2 : Discover Pic Saint-Loup
- DAY 3 : Nîmes - City Tour
- DAY 4 : Discover Picpoul de Pinet
- DAY 5 : Montpellier - City Tour
- DAY 6 : Terrasses du Larzac
- DAY 7 : Departure from Montpellier



## TOUR INCLUDES:

Driver / Tour guides  
Transportation to all sites  
6 x Breakfasts  
6 x Lunches  
6 x Dinners  
9 x Vineyard visits  
9 x Wine tastings (27 wines)

Oyster farm experience  
Olive oil farm experience  
Medieval monuments  
All entry fees  
1 x Golfing or Boat trip  
Pickup and dropoff between  
hotel & Montpellier station

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

- Drinks at cafes and bars
- Extra food / drinks outside of selected menus
- Your personal shopping

9am  
Daily Meeting:  
to run through  
the day's  
schedule &  
activities!

# DAY 1:

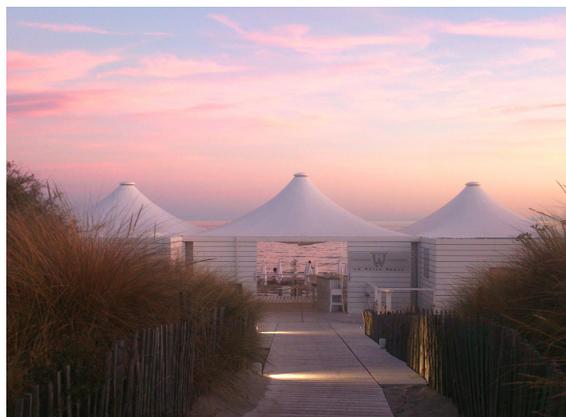
## WELCOME TO MONTPELLIER !

### IN THE AFTERNOON

After collecting you from the Montpellier train or airport, we will transfer you to your hotel near the beach. You will have some free time to relax, unpack, go to the beach, or simply unwind at a cafe by the port.

### 7:30 PM

In the evening, we will have our welcome dinner. We will take you to Le White Beach, a chic private spot that will instantly immerse you in a relaxed and authentic atmosphere. In the dining room or on the terrace, you will be treated to a culinary experience full of the flavors of the Mediterranean.



Le White Beach: Private Beach in La Grande Motte

\*Dining options, restaurants and wineries may change depending on availability

# DAY 2: DISCOVER PIC SAINT-LOUP

## 9:30 AM DEPARTURE

### 10:00 AM CHÂTEAU PUECH-HAUT

On Day 2, we will visit a famous wine region of Languedoc, the 'Pic Saint-Loup'. We will have the chance to enter the world of the Château Puech-Haut, located in Saint-Drézéry.

The owners will organize a tasting of their wines, and show you how they produce their local olive oil. After this introductory tasting workshop, your guide will take you to the foot of the mountain, between Pic Saint-Loup and the Hortus Peak. You can admire the beautiful views over the valley, adorned with magnificent medieval castles.



12:30 PM:  
LA GUINGUETTE DES  
AMOUREUX,  
LAC DE CECELES

For lunch, we will offer a  
delicious meal at the edge of a  
beautiful lake with sparkling  
turquoise blue waters.



### 2:30 PM CHÂTEAU LASCAUX

Welcome to the Château Lascaux of Vacquières, located in the heart of Languedoc. We will tour the vineyard and taste some great wines.

### 4:00 PM CHÂTEAU SAINT-HENRI

Afterwards, we will make our way to Château Saint-Henri located in Saint-Mathieu-de-Trévières to discover a few more vintages.

### 5:30 PM RETURN TO THE HOTEL

Free time to relax.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

- 3 ESTATES
- 3 TASTINGS
- 12 WINES
- 1 OLIVE OIL EXPERIENCE
- BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES



7:00 PM:  
LE YACHT CLUB

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# DAY 3: NIMES TO CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE



## 9:30 AM DEPARTURE

### 10:00 AM NIMES

Today, we will visit the city of Nimes and one of the most famous monuments of Roman architecture: a magnificent 2,000-year-old amphitheater, one of the most well-preserved Roman temples in the world!

Aside from its Roman heritage, Nimes is worth visiting for its attractive city center and its fantastic garden, Jardin de la Fontaine. Built in 1745, the park is punctuated with flowing waters and statues standing guard.

### 2:00 PM PONT DU GARD

After lunch, we will visit the famous 'Pont du Gard', a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This impressive aqueduct (50 km long) is one of the greatest architectural masterpieces of the Roman Empire.

### 4:30 PM CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

We will then visit the Châteauneuf-du-Pape, which dates back to the 17th century, where we will taste some world famous wines: Tavel, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, & Côtes du Rhône.

### 7:00 PM RETURN TO THE HOTEL

Free time to relax before dinner.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

- 1 ESTATE
- 1 TASTING
- 3 WINES
- 1 UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE
- 3 FAMOUS ROMAN MONUMENTS

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### 12:30 PM: LE CHEVAL BLANC



### DINNER AT YOUR HOTEL



# DAY 4: DISCOVER PICPOUL-DE-PINET & EXTRA ACTIVITIES

## 9:30 AM DEPARTURE

### 10:00 AM LA GRANDE-MOTTE

This morning you will have the opportunity to either enjoy a two-hour boat tour on the Mediterranean Sea, or play six holes at the beautiful Grande-Motte golf course.

### 12:00 AM DEPARTURE TO BOUZIGUES

This region is famous for its oysters, the Thau Lagoon, and the delicious white wine, Picpoul-de-Pinet.



### 12:30 PM: LE PETIT BOUZIGUES



### 2:30 PM OYSTER FARM

We will start with a visit to an oyster farm to enjoy some fresh, local shellfish. The owner will give us a tour, and teach us how to pair oysters with wine.

### 4:00 PM CHÂTEAU CROIX-GRATIOT

This winery has been passed down from father to daughter. They have made a commitment to environmentally friendly production. During this wine tasting, the producer will explain the wine making process, all the way 'from the vine to the glass'.

### 6:00 PM RETURN TO THE HOTEL

Free time to relax before dinner.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

- 1 GOLF OR BOAT TRIP
- 1 ESTATE
- 1 TASTING
- 3 WINES
- 1 OYSTER FARM EXPERIENCE

### 7:00 PM: L'INSTANT PRESENT



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# DAY 5: MONTPELLIER, A VIBRANT CITY



## 9:30 AM DEPARTURE

### 10:00 AM MONTPELLIER

On Day 5, we will visit the delightful downtown of Montpellier, one of the most energetic and cultural cities in France. Situated 11 kilometers from the Mediterranean Sea, in the heart of Occitanie region, Montpellier is a lively coastal city.

With its narrow medieval streets (a shopper's heaven), its hidden cathedral, and its many cozy cafe-filled squares, Montpellier is a city full of life and diversity. At the city center, the Place de la Comedie is a bustling hotspot, and it is THE place to be, night or day.

### 2:30 PM CHÂTEAU DE FLAUGERGUES

After lunch in an excellent restaurant in the heart of Montpellier, a wine tasting will be waiting for us at the magnificent Château de Flaugergue, which was built at the end of 16th century by wealthy aristocrats. The grape vines here date back to ancient Roman times.

### 4:30 PM RETURN TO THE HOTEL

Free time to relax.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

- 1 ESTATE
- 1 TASTING
- 3 WINES
- MEDIEVAL CITY CENTER

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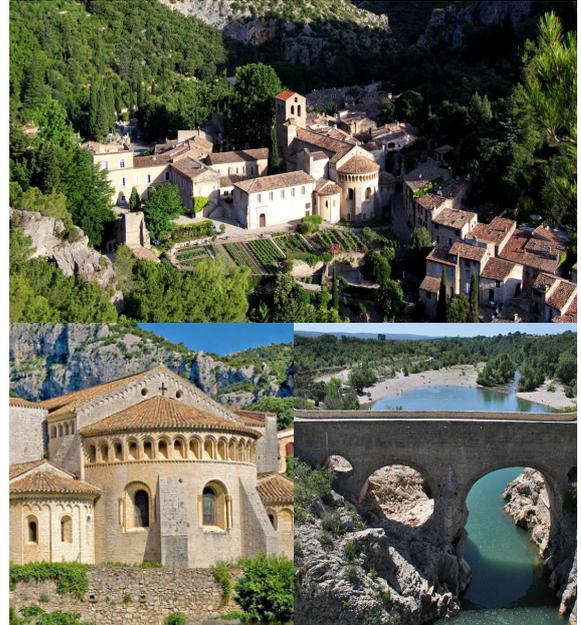
# DAY 6: TREASURES OF TERRASSES DU LARZAC

9:30 AM DEPARTURE

10:00 AM TERRASSES DU LARZAC

On our last day of touring, we will venture into the beautiful countryside of Terrasses du Larzac to visit 2 famous wineries: **DAUMAS GASSAC** and **CHÂTEAU JONQUIÈRES**. We will take a tour of the vineyards, and exercise our taste buds at a tasting workshop.

For lunch, we will venture to the famous village of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, also registered as a UNESCO World Heritage site. This lovely village is located in the Gellone Valley. Steep cliffs and rugged landscapes surround the little town, and stunning backdrops emphasize its beauty.



12:30 PM:  
LE VAL DE GELLONE

2:30 PM GORGES DE L'HÉRAULT

After lunch, we shall make a stop to admire the giant gorges of the Hérault, over the famous Pont-du-Diable (the Devil's Bridge), before ending the day with a visit to a third vineyard.

3:30 PM CHÂTEAU VIRGILE JOLY

This winery is located in St. Saturnin and produces organic wine, harvested by hand in order to produce limited quantities of carefully selected grapes. The winemaker will show us the vineyard and the cellar, and have us taste the final product.

5:30 PM RETURN TO THE HOTEL

Free time to relax.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

3 ESTATES  
3 TASTINGS  
12 WINES  
BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES  
1 UNESCO HERITAGE SITE

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7:00: LE  
WHITE BEACH

# DAY 7: DEPARTURE FROM MONTPELLIER



**BON VOYAGE!**

We will drop you off at the Montpellier airport or train station of your choice, and help make sure that everything is well coordinated for the last leg of your journey.

**We hope we have in succeeded our mission:  
to share with you the rich culture of Southern France,  
with a week full of memories and smiles.**

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