

EXPLORE THE FLAVOURS OF BORDEAUX AND THE MÉDOC

hosted by Ian Botham and Rosemary Shrager



ALL-INCLUSIVE BORDEAUX CRUISE WITH IAN BOTHAM & ROSEMARY SHRAGER
8 DAYS FROM £2,398^{PP} - INCLUDES SAVING OF £500^{PP}

Join special guests Ian Botham and Rosemary Shrager on their third Uniworld Cruise, following their unforgettable journeys through Venice and Burgundy & Provence.

SAIL IN LUXURY THROUGH BORDEAUX

Join us on an exquisite journey through the heart of Southwest France, as we explore the rich history, stunning architecture and world-renowned cuisine of Bordeaux and the Médoc wine region. This luxury cruise invites you to sail along three enchanting rivers—the Garonne, Dordogne and Gironde—on a voyage steeped in history and invigorated by the beauty of the region.

Discover breathtaking landscapes, iconic wines and cultural treasures as you visit Bordeaux, Fort Médoc, Cadillac, Blaye, Libourne and more. Wander through archaeological wonders, historic landmarks and magnificent vineyards, all while indulging in quintessentially French experiences.

EXPLORE WITH IAN BOTHAM AND ROSEMARY SHRAGER

Throughout this extraordinary journey, you'll be accompanied by two esteemed hosts. Cricket legend and celebrated winemaker Ian "Beefy" Botham who will be hosting a special talk about his illustrious career, his passion for wines and a chance to engage in a private Q&A session delving into his cricketering legacy, his evolution into a renowned winemaker and his continued dedication to charity work supporting his own charity, Beefy's Charity Foundation.

Accompanying Beefy is renowned chef and TV presenter Rosemary Shrager. She will host an entertaining cookery demonstration, complete with tasting plates and paired wines and offer insights during a talk and Q&A session about her life as a chef, author and much loved TV personality.

This cruise offers ample opportunities to savour the region's exquisite wines, including a tasting of Sauternes at Château Royal de Cazeneuve in Cadillac and a visit to the Cité du Vin museum in Bordeaux, where you'll delve deeper into the art of winemaking.

EXPERIENCE UNPARALLELED LUXURY ON S.S. BON VOYAGE

The S.S. *Bon Voyage* is your floating boutique hotel, designed to immerse you in the essence of French culture, art, and wine. From its grand entrance—a hallmark of the Uniworld experience—to its lavish interiors inspired by Yves Saint Laurent's Villa Majorelle, every detail exudes elegance and sophistication. Enjoy a curated selection of exceptional French wines on board, and savour the picturesque views of Bordeaux's vineyards as you sip some of the finest vintages these lands offer.

Travel in style with Uniworld, globally recognised as the most luxurious river cruise line. As you explore the region, indulge in unlimited ultra-luxurious amenities, including fine local wines and exceptional culinary experiences. Each day unveils new adventures as you join intimate small-group tours of châteaux, wineries, local art museums, and more.



BRAND NEW ULTIMATE EUROPEAN BROCHURE OUT NOW!

Featuring Brilliant Bordeaux with an incredible stay in *Biarritz*, *15 day Portraits of Majestic France* and *22 day Grand France*. Available to view online!

YOUR 8-DAY ITINERARY

Super Ship Bon Voyage - Maximum Guests: 124

Uncover the proud legacy and heritage of Southwest France as you set sail along three stunning rivers; the Garonne, Dordogne and Gironde. Wander through archaeological marvels, historic landmarks and magnificent vineyards where you'll be treated to a sampling of quintessentially French experiences.

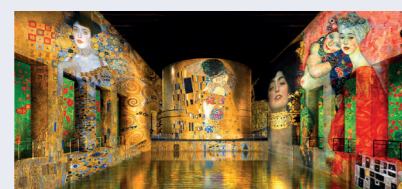
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INCLUDES FLIGHTS OR EUROSTAR FROM LONDON

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419 reviews



ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCES

- Wander through archaeological marvels, historic landmarks and magnificent vineyards where you'll be treated to a sampling of quintessentially French experiences.
- Experience multiple private wine tastings, village tours and farmers' market visits on a showcase of the very best Southwest France has to offer.
- Journey through the vineyards to Château Royal de Cazeneuve for a private tour and Sauternes tasting.



- Experience the Bassins des Lumières, a stunning and immersive light show projected against the walls of the base.

DAY 1: Bordeaux (Embark)

Welcome to Bordeaux. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative to be transferred directly to board the *Super Ship Bon Voyage* to begin your luxury river cruise. (D)

DAY 2: Cussac Fort Médoc

The legendary Médoc region abounds with prestigious wine châteaux in a dizzying array of architectural styles, as well as miles of grapevines stretching to infinity. Take a scenic drive through the storied Médoc wine route, followed by a wine tasting at a beautiful wine estate. (B, L, WD)

Featured Excursions: *Fresh Médoc oysters tasting or choice of Let's Go: Bike in the Médoc Vineyards or Médoc Châteaux route with private wine tasting.*



DAY 3: Cadillac

The French phrase "la douceur de vivre" is an accurate description for your time in Cadillac, known for its deliciously flavoured dessert wines. Visit Château Royal de Cazeneuve, site of Henry IV's and Queen Margot's tempestuous love. Meet the owner around a glass of Sauternes in the reception hall. (B, L, D)

Featured Excursions: *Choice of Private owner's tour of Royal Château with Sauternes toast or The colourful life of Toulouse Lautrec.*

DAY 4: Blaye, Bourg sur Gironde

The Route de la Corniche Fleurie...could this be the most beautiful road you've ever travelled? Find out today on the drive to Blaye Fortress, passing through one impossibly picturesque hamlet after another. Once you arrive, you'll discover the wonders of this historic fortress, a UNESCO-designated citadel that once protected Bordeaux from attacks by sea. (B, L, D)

Featured Excursions: *Bourg sur Gironde Stroll. Choice of Panoramas of Route de la Corniche Fleurie with Blaye Fortress or Intimate Experience with Local Wine & Art Connoisseurs.*

DAY 5: Libourne (Saint-Émilion)

With Libourne as your base, travel to nearby breathtaking Saint-Émilion and immerse yourself more deeply in the region's history and wine culture. The medieval town of Saint-Émilion is an ideal place to linger. Wander its cobblestone lanes lined with wine shops and bakeries, and stop to admire the amazing rock-hewn church that extends beneath the city's streets. (B, D)

Featured Excursion: *Saint-Émilion walking tour with wine tasting.*

DAY 6: Libourne, Bordeaux

France's rich agricultural tradition is the heart and soul of the region's exquisite cuisine-and what better way to get a taste for the freshest vegetables, cheeses, breads and fruits than with a visit to Libourne's lively farmers' market?

In the evening, a special Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you. (B, L, FD)

Featured Excursion: *Libourne "Village Day" with farmers' market.*

Included Night Out Excursion: *Tonight you'll visit Bassins des Lumiere's, a stunning light show projected against the walls of a WWII submarine base.*

DAY 7: Bordeaux

Discover Bordeaux's many charms today, either on foot with a local expert or on two wheels-the locals' preferred way to navigate the city's charming backstreets. You have a wonderful selection of active opportunities to see this magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B, L, D)

Featured Excursions: *"Do as the Locals Do" Bordeaux walking tour or "Let's Go" bike Bordeaux backstreets.*

DAY 8: Bordeaux (Disembark)

Disembark the ship and be transferred to the airport to begin your journey home. (B)

WHAT'S INCLUDED ON THIS LUXURY SAILING?

- Welcome drinks reception with both Beefy and Rosemary
- Seven night's all-inclusive on S.S. Bon Voyage, in a Classic Stateroom
- All meals on board - seven breakfasts, five lunches and seven dinners - prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- Return flights from a range of UK airports or Eurostar
- Talk and Q&A session with cricketer and winemaker Ian Botham
- Cooking demonstration, talk and Q&A with celebrated chef Rosemary Shrager
- Six days of immersive, flexible and specially curated excursions
- Private tour of Château Royal de Cazeneuve or learn about the colourful life of Toulouse Lautrec at Château de Malromé
- Fresh Médoc & oysters tasting
- Bike tour through the Médoc vineyards or drive along the Médoc Châteaux route with private wine tasting
- Bourg sur Gironde walking tour
- Saint-Émilion walking tour with wine tasting
- Visit the Cité du Vin museum
- Enjoy a Captain's welcome and farewell reception and dinner
- Unlimited fine-wines, handmade cocktails and more throughout the sailing
- Onboard gratuities

From Sun, Mar 30, 2025

To Sun, Apr 6, 2025

Duration 8 Days

Price per person **£2,398***

RIVER HERITAGE CLUB MEMBERS

Past guests of Uniworld will receive an additional £100pp off this itinerary

Included Meals (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner (WD/FD) Welcome/Farewell Dinner

TO BOOK, CALL **0808 168 9231** AND QUOTE **"BOTHAM-SHRAGER"** AT TIME OF BOOKING

WHY YOU SHOULD BOOK THIS LUXURY CRUISE:



MEET LORD 'BEEFY' BOTHAM

Cricketer and wine connoisseur Ian Botham will join you for the duration of this cruise, accompanying you on several excursions and sharing his love for wine. With Ian onboard for the full week, you'll have plenty of time to get to know the much-loved cricket star.



WINE TASTINGS

Indulge in exclusive wine tastings at some of the region's most prestigious estates. Enjoy expertly guided experiences, where Ian Botham will share his extensive knowledge and passion for fine wines, making each tasting truly memorable.



CRUISE IN LUXURY

Indulge in unlimited fine wines, exceptional dining, and impeccable service as you sail in five-star luxury. With countless breathtaking moments, this journey is one you'll cherish for years to come.



EXCELLENT EXCURSIONS

Enjoy six days of immersive, flexible, and specially curated excursions, such as visits to Château de Malromé, Fort Médoc, and Blaye. Each excursion is designed to offer a deep dive into the region's rich history, culture, and stunning landscapes, ensuring a truly unforgettable experience.



MEET ROSEMARY SHRAGER

Join renowned chef Rosemary Shrager on *S.S. Bon Voyage* for a week of fun. Watch her rustle up exquisite dishes during a live cooking demonstration and enjoy engaging with her throughout the cruise.



SUPPORT BEEFY'S CHARITY FOUNDATION

By booking this cruise, you'll be supporting Ian's charity, **Beefy's Charity Foundation**. 15% of each booking will be donated to this worthy cause.

“This was our first experience of Uniworld River cruises and whilst this had challenges due to French strike action we had the most AMAZING time, the food, service, standard of rooms and of course great wine was exemplary. The organised tours were great fun and extremely interesting (with a little more wine of course!) Beefy and Rosemary were the most incredible hosts from start to finish...and seeing Rosemary manage Beefy 'cheffing' was a sight to see! We loved it, and have already booked for next years trip!”

Paul and Bec H

“Absolutely amazing river trip with Ian and Rosemary, we had a wonderful time, a lovely group, never stopped laughing with Ian's fantastic stories and Rosemary's infectious laughter! We were one large happy family can't wait for the next cruise.”

Sue and Roger Potter

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