

## SAINT EMILION TOUR FROM BORDEAUX

Experience the magic in one of our favourite villages

Tour Date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Starting in the city of Bordeaux at 9.00am, a short drive brings you out of the city to the picturesque countryside plains and rolling hills of the right bank wine producing area.



You will be taken on a 2-hour guided cultural & historical walking tour of Saint Emilion village, classified as a Unesco World Heritage site, filled with interesting facts, anecdotes and unique visits.

Enjoy a walk through the quaint, cobbled streets of this medieval town, while your tour guide recounts local history, from the days of the 8th century of hermit Emilion, to the 19th century mining galleries which still lie beneath the village.

On the tour you will visit the most famous monument of Saint Emilion: the underground monolithic church. 125 ft long, 66 ft wide and 36 ft high, all you can see from the exterior are a few windows on the one facade and the steeple, topped with a Gothic arrow 174 ft high. Benedictine monks were the inspiration for this church carved out of solid rock which is Europe's largest monolithic cathedral!

The licensed tour guides have the privilege of being able to guide inside the monolithic church of Saint Emilion so follow them on a Travelling Fit private guided tour. As you enter, following a long gallery, one comes across an altar oriented towards the west, rather than the east as is the Christian tradition. The sobriety of the ornamentation stands in stark contrast with the wealth of lessons to be learned from them.



Once the visit of the underground church is over, follow your guide and stroll through the wonderful small streets of the village. Discover the unique 68-meter-high bell tower built between the 12th and 13th century and that is the culminating point of Saint Emilion. There will be time to climb the challenging 96 steps but the result is that you will admire one of the most stunning views of the area.



After the walk, enjoy some free time to grab a bite to eat and explore on your own in the village. Finally, you will head back to Bordeaux where the tour concludes after having learned a lot about this famous medieval town. ETA 3.00pm.