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October 18–26, 2017

Vineyards, Vintages & Châteaux

*Round-trip Bordeaux Aboard
AmaDolce*

Stephen G. Nichols '63 PhD

Professor Emeritus of French and Humanities

Dear Yale Traveler

Please join Yale this October for a leisurely cruise through the rich Bordeaux region, to discover exquisite vintages and varietals during the autumn *vendange*. Ply the Dordogne, Garonne, and Gironde rivers aboard the deluxe *AmaDolce*, stepping ashore to admire timeless architecture, meet local winemakers, and enjoy *haute cuisine*. This is the land of Eleanor of Aquitaine, Queen of France, Queen of England, and one of the most powerful and charming women of the Middle Ages. Bordeaux's fame as a capital of culture and wine has only grown since her day.

Call at Cadillac to enjoy a tasting of Sauternes, a sweet white wine, or admire the splendidly preserved medieval Château de Roquetaillade. In Pauillac, visit an award-winning wine estate to learn about the process from the vineyard to the vat room, Great Barrel Hall, and cellars. Stroll the streets of Bergerac and other charming villages. In Bordeaux, tour the impressive Cathédral Saint-André and Musée des Beaux-Arts, with works by Corot, Redon, and Rodin.

Yale study leader Stephen G. Nichols '63 PhD will accompany you on the voyage as well as other distinguished experts including an educator from The Metropolitan Museum of Art, a Harvard professor of French literature, and a professor of art history from the University of Pennsylvania.

We hope to welcome you on this delightful celebration of French art, wine, and *l'art de vivre*. An optional Dordogne postlude will highlight the region's natural beauty, *foie gras*, and prehistoric treasures.

To register, visit www.yaleedtravel.org/bordeaux17 or call Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu with any questions.

Happy travels,

Kathy Edersheim '87

Sr. Director, International Alumni Relations and Travel Association of Yale Alumni

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Saint-Émilion, photo by Perentez

Highlights

Experience this celebrated wine-producing region, home to seven regional *Appellations d'Origine Contrôlée* (AOCs), during the *vendange* (grape harvest) season

Savor black truffles, *foie gras*, and exquisite local varietals during exclusive tastings

Learn the secrets of *terroir* and how to differentiate the typical wines of the region, including Merlot, Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon

Visit the 17th-century Blaye citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site overlooking the Gironde estuary



La Cité du Vin



Yale Study Leader

Stephen Nichols '63 Ph.D.



Stephen G. Nichols, a medievalist, is James M. Beall Professor Emeritus of French and Humanities, and Research Professor at Johns Hopkins University. He earned his Ph.D. at Yale University in Comparative Literature. Since then, he has written or edited some 26 books on the Middle Ages, including *Romanesque Signs: Early Medieval Narrative and Iconography*, for which he received the Modern Language Association of America's James Russell Lowell Prize. He is an honorary *Docteur ès Lettres* from the University of Geneva, and was decorated Officer of the *Ordre des Arts et des Lettres* by the French government. Nichols co-directs Johns Hopkins University's Digital Library of Medieval Manuscripts, and co-founded the electronic journal *Digital Philology, A Journal of Medieval Culture*.

Upcoming Trips

Waterways of the Tsars Aboard *Volga Dream*

6/8/17-6/17/17

Vladimir Alexandrov, Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures

Baltic's Amber Coast Aboard *Sea Cloud II*

7/19/17-7/30/17

Alan Plattus '76, Professor of Architecture and Urbanism

Remembering World War I: Belgium and France

9/10/17-9/17/17

Jay Winter, Professor of History

Book Corner

Adventures on the Wine Route by Kermit Lynch

Highly recommended for anyone touring the wine regions of France. This delightful book brings wine domains and appellations to life—and the portraits of the personalities who make the wine are priceless.

The Essential Guide to Bordeaux Wines

by *Bordeaux Wine School*
Equal parts handbook, guide and illustrated history, this look at the Bordeaux wine region offers keys to fully appreciating the world's most famous vineyards and the culture that surrounds them. Written by experts at the renowned Bordeaux Wine School, the book includes lush photographs, drawings, maps, and charts.



Musée des Beaux-Arts de Bordeaux

Cover: Bordeaux vineyards, photo by Michael Clarke Stuff

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OCTOBER 18–26, 2017

WELCOME PHONE CALL

Thursday, October 5 (Tentative)

Please join a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Stephen Nichols at 4:00pm Eastern to meet other travelers, learn more about what to expect, and ask questions.

U.S. DEPARTURE

Wednesday, October 18

Depart the U.S. on a flight to Bordeaux via Paris.

BORDEAUX, FRANCE

Thursday, October 19

Upon arrival, transfer to *AmaDolce*. In the late afternoon, attend a welcome reception with our study leaders at La Cité du Vin, an exciting new museum devoted to the two millennia of wine history in the region. (R/D)

PAUILLAC

Friday, October 20

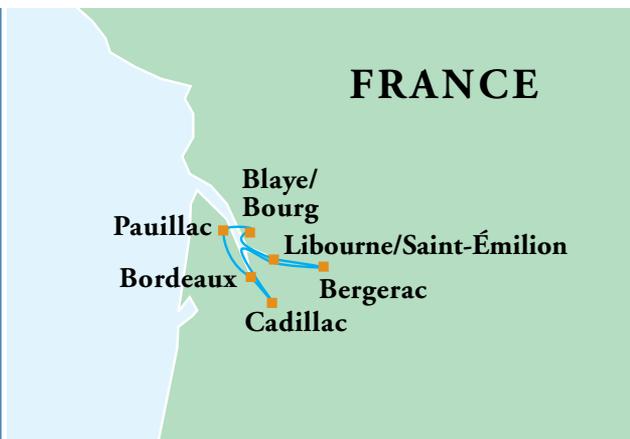
After a morning introduction to wine tasting and *terroir*, dock in Pauillac on the left bank of the Gironde Estuary. Well-known reds such as Merlot, Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon are produced in this area. Visit an award-winning wine estate – either the Château d'Arsac, celebrated for its Margaux wines as it is for its sculpture garden of works by Robert Indiana, Niki de Saint-Phalle, and others; or another similar property. Alternatively, you may wish to join an easy hike for views of the *châteaux* and estuary. Tonight the captain hosts a welcome dinner. (B/L/D)

BLAYE / BOURG

Saturday, October 21

Blaye, on the right bank of the estuary, was an important stronghold in the medieval wars against the English. Visit the imposing, UNESCO-recognized citadel, which contains spectacular

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fortifications as well as the ruins of a Gothic *château*. On an island in the middle of the estuary enjoy a private lunch of regional specialties and views from the nearby lighthouse. *AmaDolce* docks overnight in Bourg. Join a walking tour in this charming medieval town of picturesque alleyways and ancient buildings, or visit a local winemaker for a tasting in his *chai* (wine storeroom). (B/L/D)

Stroll the squares of Bordeaux, the largest urban World Heritage Site, and tour the Musée des Beaux-Arts

LIBOURNE / SAINT-ÉMILION

Sunday, October 22

Drive to the renowned wine capital of Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover the town's medieval architecture and underground monuments, including the remarkable Monolithic Church, one of the largest underground churches in Europe. (B/L/D)

BERGERAC / LIBOURNE

Monday, October 23

In charming Bergerac, visit the Récollets Cloisters to learn about the Dordogne's 13 AOCs (official wine regions). See St. Jacques'

Church, originally built in the 12th century and a stop on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route. At the market, sample locally produced *foie gras*, walnuts, and truffles. (B/L/D)

CADILLAC

Tuesday, October 24

History lovers may admire the splendidly preserved, medieval Château de Roquetaillade – whose original fortifications were built by Charlemagne – or the ruins of Sauve-Majeure Abbey, a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture. Alternatively, oenophiles may choose to visit a private *château* whose owner will greet us for a sampling of Sauternes, a sweet white wine. (B/L/D)

BORDEAUX

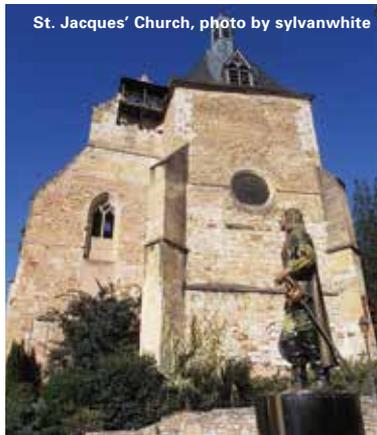
Wednesday, October 25

Today is devoted to Bordeaux, center of the region's wine trade. Learn about the historic ties between the city and America and go backstage at the elegant Grand Théâtre, one





Bordeaux



St. Jacques' Church, photo by sylvanwhite

of the finest theaters in France and a model for the Paris Opéra. Or you may wish to join an architectural tour of the UNESCO-listed Old Town. Admire its splendidly restored 18th-century buildings and the Cathédral Saint-André, featuring a gargoyled belfry. Also tour the Musée des Beaux-Arts, home to masterpieces from the Renaissance to the 20th century, including works by native son Odilon Redon. The afternoon is free, perhaps to see the Contemporary Art Museum, housed in an old colonial warehouse, or the current exhibition at the Bernard Magrez Cultural Institute. The captain hosts a farewell dinner this evening. **(B/L/D)**

BORDEAUX / U.S. RETURN

Thursday, October 26

Disembark *AmaDolce* and transfer to the airport for flights home. **(B)**

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D=Breakfast/Lunch/Reception/Dinner.



Bordeaux vineyard, photo by Images Paulmario

OPTIONAL POSTLUDE IN THE DORDOGNE REGION

October 26–29, 2017



Sarlat, photo by Marty Becker

Discover the Dordogne's breathtaking valley views and prehistoric treasures. After an introduction to the region at the impressive National Museum of Prehistory, visit the Cap Blanc rock shelter, which displays a frieze of sculpted horses from the middle Magdalenian Period, and the new Lascaux IV, with its exact replica of the nearby original cave paintings, nearly 17,000 years old. A visit to the town of Sarlat, one of the best preserved in France, includes a walking tour of its quaint cobbled streets and turreted houses and a lunch featuring a tasting of rich *foie gras*.

Postlude Rate: \$2,195 per person, double occupancy.
Single supplement: \$280.

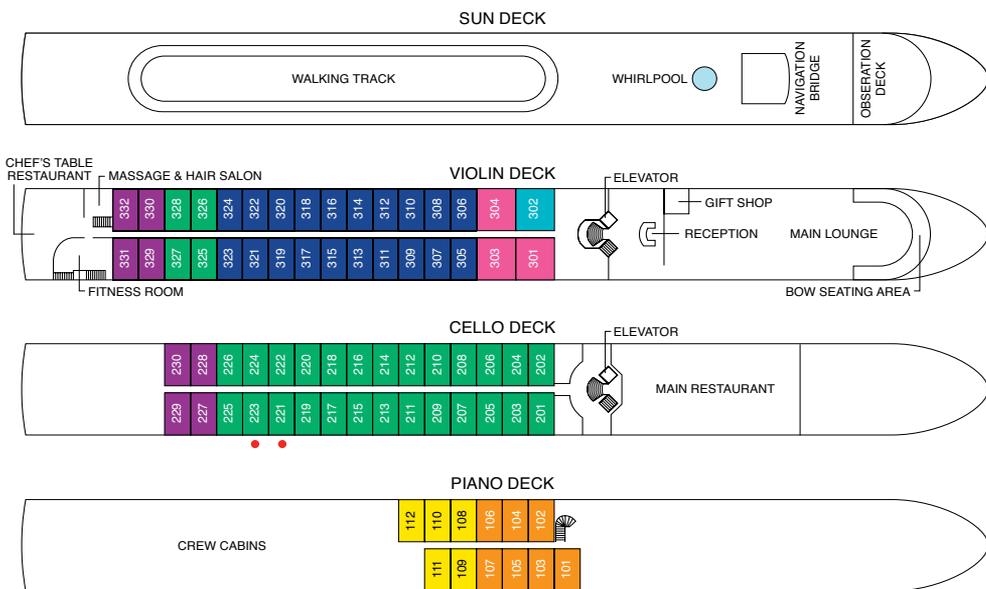
Rate includes: Three nights accommodations with meals and excursions as noted.

What is Included:

- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions with Yale study leader Stephen G. Nichols and other experts
- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard M.S. *AmaDolce*.
- All meals during the cruise (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, and coffee/tea with all meals; local wine at lunches, dinners, and planned tastings.
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers.
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits.
- Customary shipboard gratuities.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
- Taxes, service charges, portorage.
- Emergency medical evacuation services with UHC Global Assist

What is Not Included:

- International airfare.
- Passport fees.
- Meals not specified.
- Alcoholic beverages other than wine at lunches, dinners, and planned tastings.
- Personal items and expenses.
- Airport transfers for those not on suggested flights.
- Excess baggage.
- Trip insurance.
- Optional Dordogne postlude.
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



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Cabins 108 to 112 Twin windows, shower	Piano Deck	\$5,995	\$8,990
Cabins 101 to 107 Twin windows, shower	Piano Deck	\$7,495	\$11,290
Cabins 227 to 230 & 329 to 332 French balcony, shower	Cello & Violin Decks	\$8,495	\$12,790
Cabins 201 to 226 & 325 to 328 French balcony, shower. • Single cabins (221 and 223)	Cello & Violin Decks	\$9,495	\$16,690
Cabins 305 to 324 French balcony, shower	Violin Deck	\$9,995	\$18,990
Cabins 302 French balcony, shower	Violin Deck	\$10,995	\$20,890
Cabins 301, 303 & 304 Suites. French balcony, shower, and bathtub	Violin Deck	\$13,995	\$27,990

M.S. AmaDolce

Cruise Europe's most scenic waterways aboard the elegant M.S. *AmaDolce*, a state-of-the-art riverboat christened in 2009. All 71 staterooms and four junior suites face outside, and most have large French balconies. Relax in the lounge and experience fine international cuisine in the dining room or Chef's Table restaurant. The ship also features an elevator, whirlpool, wellness area, and bicycles for guests to use ashore. All accommodations have air conditioning and an entertainment system with television and Internet access.



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Optional Postlude

I/We wish to join the optional postlude in the Dordogne

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Château de Roquetaillade, photo by Jean Balcesak

