

Itinerary #14

Vineyard Tour

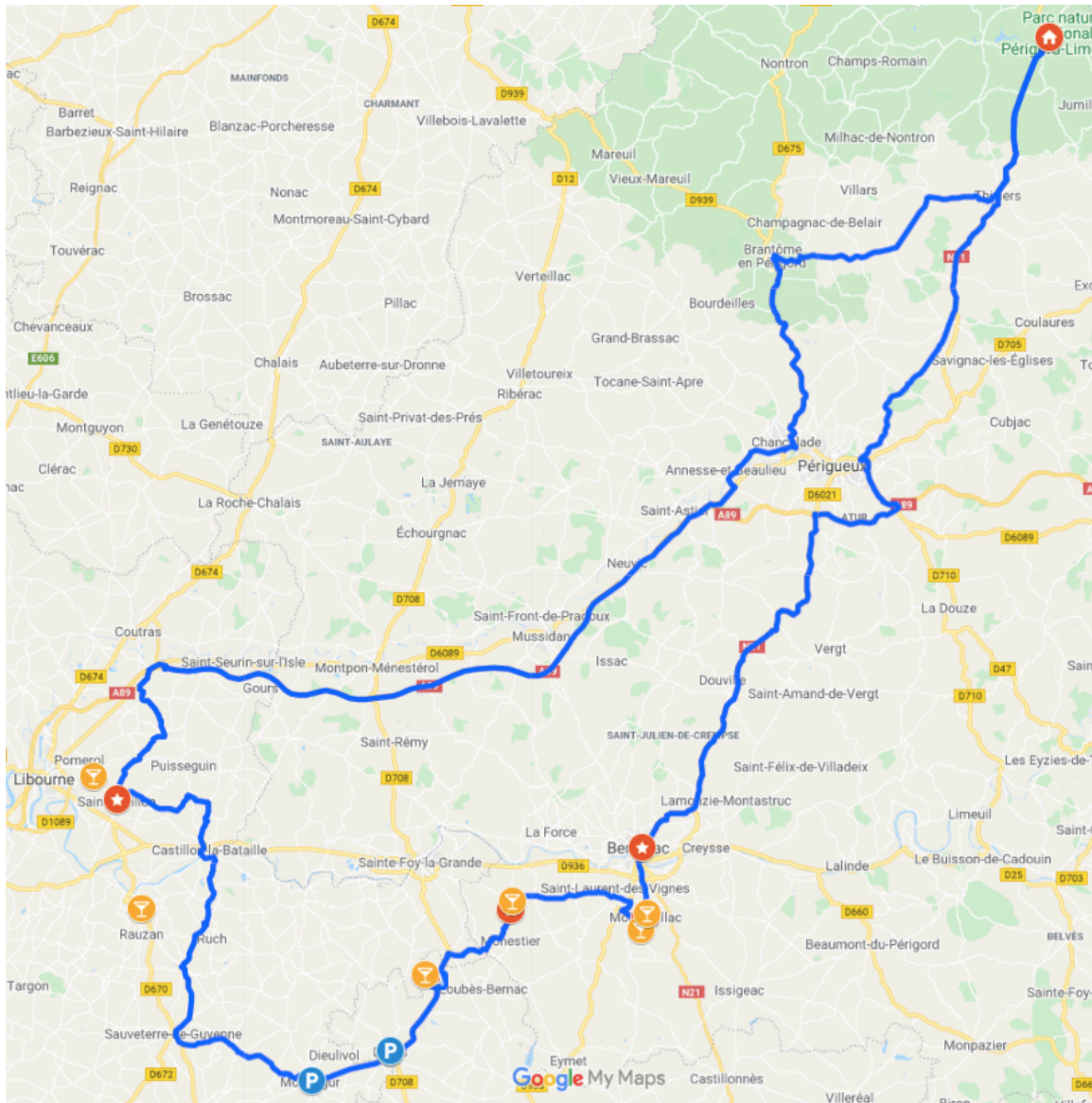


Trip Time: 9+ hours *

Distance: 373 km

1:30 to Bergerac	(106 km)
0:10 to Monbazillac	(8 km)
0:15 to Saussignac	(18 km)
0:20 to Duras	(21 km)
1:00 to St Emilion	(63 km)
2:00 to Bonnes Routes	(157 km)

The main aim of this tour is to take you for a full day's driving through the vineyards of Bergerac, Saussignac, Duras and Bordeaux. We have included a number of vineyards near the route that you may wish to visit – tours may need to be booked in advance, but many châteaux have shops for tasting and wine purchase without reservation.



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Main Sites

Bergerac



1.5 hours

Bergerac on the banks of the Dordogne is classified as a town of Art and History. The highlight of a trip to Bergerac is the old town - the area immediately north of the river, signposted 'vieille ville' with lovely medieval streets and squares to explore, with half timbered houses, intricate architecture, and a variety of boutique type shops.

Place Pelissière is where you'll find the infamous statue of Cyrano. Place of the Mirpe houses of the boatmen. You can follow the towpath from the port for a walk along the river and a unique view of the city.

Visit the Maison de Vins de Bergerac in the heart of the old town. It is a beautiful old cloister dating back to the 12th century (you can enter this without visiting the museum). If you are a wine enthusiast there is an exhibition showing the history of Bergerac wines.

Monbazillac



Vineyards en-route:

Château de Monbazillac: the chateau is open to the public as a museum with a self-guided tour with wine tasting. Vineyard tours available booked in advance.

La Grande Maison de Monbazillac: organic wine producer south of the village. Hand harvested grapes are used to make white, rosé and red wines. Visit times are flexible.

Duras



0.5 hour visit

Small historic town at the heart of the wine making in the Dordogne. One main sight that attracts visitors is the Chateau de Duras with its medieval clocktower; and a sprinkling of attractive houses to enjoy while exploring, and the impressive Maison des Vins commemorating the highly regarded wines of the region.

Vineyards en-route:

Château Feely: A biodynamic vineyard and organic wine estate in Saussignac, highly recommended for its guided visits ranging from a one hour tasting tour to a wine and food lunch, or full day walking tour.

Domaine du Grand Mayne: Producing a wide range of award winning wines (red, white, rosé), with awards for its role in wine tourism.

St Emilion



1 hour visit

Charming medieval village in the heart of the famous Bordeaux wine area full of world-famous wineries, fine wine, beautiful architecture and great monuments. Emilion was a monk from Brittany who made this area a great religious center. The Jurade, a wine brotherhood, was created in 1199 by John, King of England who delegated his economic, political and legal powers to the noblemen of the region and the village to let them rule. In 1948 a few winemakers resurrected the brotherhood who now promote Saint-Emilion wine around the world and organise the Spring Feast and the "Ban des Vendanges" (administrative authorization to start the grape harvest) each year. There are many local chateaux to visit for tours and wine tasting.

Nearby vineyards:

Château La Dominique: world renowned designed wine cellar and magnificent restaurant – La Terrasse Rouge.

* Notes:

Trip time does not account for stops for meals or vineyard visits.