



# Bordeaux

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Celebrating wine, gastronomy, arts and culture, Bordeaux is a city that represents the very essence of the French spirit. Its heartbeat hums in cobblestone streets, sunlit quays, and the hum of cafés alive with conversation. Here, centuries-old châteaux meet avant-garde galleries, while the Garonne flows steadily under graceful bridges. Bordeaux invites you to savour life slowly—sip, wander, and lose yourself in layers of flavour, history, and quiet elegance that linger long after you leave.



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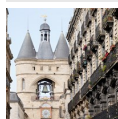
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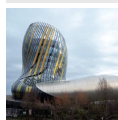
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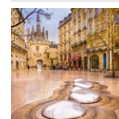
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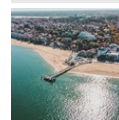
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## THE CITY



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Bordeaux has deep roots in trade, wine, and architecture—once a busy port city, now known for its classical façades and sharp mix of old and new. The grand 18th-century buildings, built to impress, now frame a city that's grown more confident and lively in recent years. Trams glide past old stone squares, riverbanks have been cleaned up for walking and cycling, and cafés spill onto the streets. It's a place where history still shapes daily life, but the pace feels modern. And yes, the wine is still very much the real deal.

## DO & SEE



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Bordeaux's squares, like Place de la Bourse and Place de la Victoire, are where life unfolds slowly, with cafés spilling onto the streets and the river just a short walk away. Classic stone façades stand alongside sleek, modern spots, while the city's deep connection to wine is everywhere—from bustling markets to cosy wine

bars. Whether you're wandering through elegant streets or tasting local dishes, Bordeaux offers a blend of history, flavour, and quiet rhythm that stays with you.

### Place de la Bourse & Miroir d'eau



Probably the most photographed spot in Bordeaux—and for good reason. The 18th-century buildings around Place de la Bourse are part of the city's UNESCO-listed historic centre, and they reflect perfectly in the shallow pool of the Miroir d'eau just across the road. It looks great early in the morning, but the reflections are just as striking in the evening when everything's lit up. Kids run through the mist when it sprays every 15 minutes in summer, and photographers camp out for that symmetrical shot.

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Address: Place de la Bourse, Bordeaux

Public Transport: Tram stop: Place de la Bourse (line C)

### Place des Quinconces



Place des Quinconces is one of the biggest squares in France, laid out in the early 1800s where a château used to stand. At its centre is the Monument aux Girondins—a tall column topped with Liberty, surrounded by bronze fountains mid-splash. It was built to honour the Girardin deputies executed during the Revolution. The square is wide open, lined with trees, and often hosts something: funfairs, antique markets, food stalls, or temporary exhibitions.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock

Address: Place des Quinconces, Bordeaux

### Porte Cailhau



Built in 1495, Porte Cailhau was one of the main gates into medieval Bordeaux and still stands nearly unchanged. It's about 35 metres high and part of the old city walls. Climb to the top for a good view over the river, the Pont de Pierre, and the city rooftops.

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Address: Place du Palais, Bordeaux

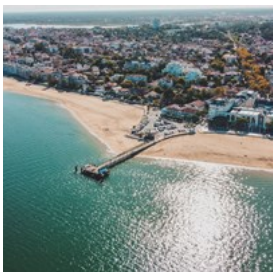
### Saint-Emilion Day Trip with Sightseeing Tour & Wine Tastings from Bordeaux



Spend a day sipping French reds and whites in the Saint-Emilion and Pomerol wine region on a day trip from Bordeaux. Visit two chateaux to taste the region's famous wines and then stroll through the charming streets of the medieval town of Saint-Emilion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Photo: Jordy Meow/Unsplash

### Arcachon Bay & Dune du Pilat



About an hour from Bordeaux, Arcachon Bay is known for its calm waters and wide sandy beaches, shaped by oyster farming that still thrives here. You can cycle along quiet paths, spot birds on the nearby Île aux Oiseaux, and stop for fresh oysters at one of the local seafood shacks.

Just next door is the Dune du Pilat, Europe's

tallest sand dune, rising over 100 metres.

Climbing it rewards you with wide views across the bay and the Atlantic beyond. Together, the peaceful bay and the towering dune make a great day out, whether you're after nature, fresh air, or just some impressive scenery.

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Address: Bassin d'Arcachon, France

### Opéra National de Bordeaux - Grand-Théâtre



Opened in 1780, the Grand-Théâtre is one of Bordeaux's standout buildings — all columns, symmetry, and old-world grandeur. It was built on the site of a former Roman temple and still feels like a place where something serious is about to happen. Inside, the auditorium is known for its acoustics and classical style, and it hosts opera, ballet, and orchestral concerts throughout the year.

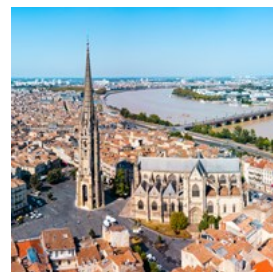
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Address: Place de la Comédie, Bordeaux

Phone: +33 5 56 00 85 95

Internet: [www.opera-bordeaux.com](http://www.opera-bordeaux.com)

### Basilique Saint-Michel



Basilique Saint-Michel is a Gothic church dating back to the 14th century, and it stands out for its separate, 114-metre bell tower — the tallest in southern France. You can climb the tower for great views over Bordeaux. Inside, there are plenty of chapels with old artwork, and the whole place is part of the UNESCO-listed Routes of Santiago pilgrimage.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock

Address: 16 Place Meynard, Bordeaux  
Opening hours: Daily 9am–7pm  
Phone: +33 5 56 91 67 13

### Museum of Aquitaine



Set in a former 16th-century convent, this museum dives deep into Bordeaux and Aquitaine's history, with more than 70,000 items on display — from prehistoric tools to objects linked to the city's past as a busy port.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock  
Address: 20 Cours Pasteur, Bordeaux  
Public Transport: Tram stop: Musée d'Aquitaine (line B)  
Opening hours: Tue–Sun 11am–6pm, Mon closed  
Phone: +33 5 56 01 51 00  
Internet: [www.musee-aquitaine-bordeaux.fr](http://www.musee-aquitaine-bordeaux.fr)

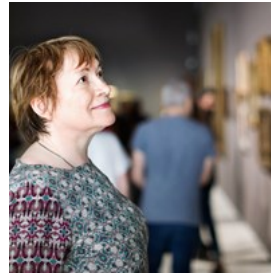
### Grosse Cloche



One of Bordeaux's oldest landmarks, the Grosse Cloche is a medieval belfry that once served as a gate and even a prison for young offenders. The two towers on either side are about 40 metres tall and frame the central bell tower. The current bell, cast in the 18th century, weighs nearly 8 tonnes and still rings on special days.

Photo: sylv1rob1/Shutterstock  
Address: Rue Saint-James, Bordeaux  
Internet: [www.visiter-bordeaux.com/fr/decouvrir-bordeaux/vi-site-de-la-grosse-cloche.html](http://www.visiter-bordeaux.com/fr/decouvrir-bordeaux/vi-site-de-la-grosse-cloche.html)

### Bordeaux Museum of Fine Arts



The Bordeaux Museum of Fine Arts sits in a grand 19th-century building just off the main shopping street. Inside, you'll find a collection of European paintings and sculptures, from the Renaissance through to the 20th century, including works by Rubens, Delacroix, and Picasso.

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Address: 20 Cours d'Albret, Bordeaux  
Opening hours: Daily 11am–6pm  
Phone: +33 5 56 10 20 56  
Internet: [www.musba-bordeaux.fr/en](http://www.musba-bordeaux.fr/en)

### Place de la Victoire



This busy square sits at the southern end of Bordeaux's Old Town and is a popular hangout, especially among students. The 18th-century Porte d'Aquitaine marks one of the city's old entrances, while a tall obelisk and two bronze tortoises — added in 2005 by Czech sculptor Ivan Theimer — celebrate Bordeaux's wine culture. Look closely and you'll spot grape clusters and appellations carved into the sculptures.

Around the square, you'll find casual bars, kebab shops, and small boutiques. It's more a spot to grab a drink or soak up the atmosphere than a must-see, but it's a good place to get a feel for local life.

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Address: Place de la Victoire, Bordeaux

### Saint-Émilion



About 35 km from Bordeaux, Saint-Émilion is a medieval town set in the heart of one of the world's oldest wine regions — and the first to be listed as a living UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's small, walkable, and packed with history, from old stone streets and monolithic churches to underground catacombs carved into the limestone. Of course, the wine is a big draw. You can visit nearby châteaux for tastings or just grab a glass in the town square.

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### Cathédrale Saint-André de Bordeaux



Saint-André is Bordeaux's main cathedral — parts of it date back to the 11th century, though most of what you see now is from the 13th to 15th centuries. It's a classic Gothic structure and has seen a fair bit of history, including the marriage of Eleanor of Aquitaine. Just next to it is the Tour Pey Berland, a separate bell tower you can climb for panoramic views over the city and the cathedral roof.

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Address: Place Pey Berland, Bordeaux  
Phone: +33 5 56 44 67 29  
Internet: [www.cathedrale-bordeaux.fr](http://www.cathedrale-bordeaux.fr)

### Wine School



Bordeaux's wine school, L'École du Vin, offers courses on wine and the Bordeaux vineyards, as well as on the topic of pairing wine with cheese and other foods. Of various durations and existing both in English and French, these short training classes will allow you to act like a true connoisseur. To perfect the practice, each course also features several wine tastings.

Photo: Cup of Couple/pexels  
Address: 1-3 Cours du 30 Juillet, Bordeaux  
Phone: +33 5 56 00 22 85  
Internet: [www.ecoleduvindebordeaux.com/en](http://www.ecoleduvindebordeaux.com/en)

### Cinéma Utopia



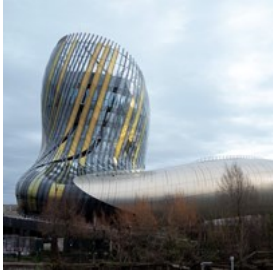
Hosted within the former St Simeon's church, Utopia is a unique fusion of a film theatre, café, lunch spot and cultural hub. Specialising in alternative films shown in their original language with French subtitles, Utopia offers a memorable movie experience in a comfortable and nostalgic setting. Even if you're not in the mood for a film, the building itself is a noteworthy French cultural landmark worth exploring.

Aside from its cinematic offerings, Utopia features a charming bar and restaurant with indoor seating and a street terrace. Enjoy a variety of delicious lunch options and drinks in this cool, atmospheric space.

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Address: 5 Place Camille Jullian, Bordeaux  
Opening hours: +33 5 56 52 00 03  
Internet: [www.cinemas-utopia.org/bordeaux](http://www.cinemas-utopia.org/bordeaux)

Email: [bordeaux@cinemas-utopia.org](mailto:bordeaux@cinemas-utopia.org)

### La Cité du Vin



La Cité du Vin is a modern and interactive wine museum featuring immersive exhibits, audio guides in multiple languages, and lots of screens, sounds, and smells. The building itself is striking and hard to miss, shaped like a swirl of wine or a decanter, depending on who you ask. Inside, there are 19 themed areas exploring wine's history and culture around the world, plus tastings, workshops, a rooftop wine bar, and a panoramic restaurant.

Photo: Anant Chandra/unsplash

Address: 134 Quai de Bacalan, Bordeaux

Public Transport: Tram stop: La Cité du Vin (line B)

Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm

Phone: +33 5 56 16 20 20

Internet: [www.laciteduvin.com/en](http://www.laciteduvin.com/en)

### Bordeaux by Bike



Embark on a bike tour to explore the expansive city of Bordeaux in a unique way — this experience follows a meticulously planned route that takes you to all the must-see spots. Guided by a local, you'll traverse a 14 km path discovering street art, lush green spaces, and historical sites, all while unravelling Bordeaux's rich history and hidden gems. This bike tour not only allows you to cover more ground than walking, but it also helps you uncover sights and picturesque spots that could easily be missed when exploring alone.

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## DINING



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Bordeaux's cuisine is as rich and layered as its wines. Local specialities are built around high-quality regional ingredients—from the briny oysters of Arcachon Bay to the prized Pauillac lamb and melt-in-your-mouth Entrecôte à la Bordelaise, typically served in a red wine and shallot sauce.

### Restaurant Influences



One of the city's more refined spots, Influences offers a surprise menu built around seasonal produce and reimagined local dishes. The dining

room is small, quiet, and polished without feeling stiff. Service is easygoing, and the wine pairings are chosen to match the mood of each course. Booking ahead is a must.

Photo: Jay Wennington/Unsplash

Address: 36 Rue Saint-Sernin, Bordeaux

Opening hours: Thu-Mon 7pm-9:45pm, Tue & Wed closed

Phone: +33 5 56 81 01 05

Internet: [www.restaurant-influences.com](http://www.restaurant-influences.com)

### La Tupina



Honouring the traditions and gastronomic products of the South-West of France, La Tupina is an institution in Bordeaux, and perhaps the city's

most famous restaurant. Opened in 1968 by Jean-Pierre Xiradakis, it has not stopped receiving praises for the quality and finesse of its food, its wines, as well as the perfection of its service. The decor is what a textbook French restaurant should look like, with its open fire and farmhouse feel.

Photo: creativesunday/Shutterstock

Address: 6 Rue Porte de la Monnaie, Bordeaux

Public Transport: Tram stop: Sainte Croix or Saint Michel

Opening hours: Mon 7pm-10pm, Tue-Sun noon-2pm / 7pm-10pm

Phone: +33 5 56 91 56 37

Internet: [www.latupina.com](http://www.latupina.com)

Email: [latupina@latupina.com](mailto:latupina@latupina.com)

### Melodie



Run by the same family since 1989, Melodie keeps things simple with dishes that remind you of traditional French home cooking. They focus on

fresh, carefully chosen ingredients cooked with care. The setting is rustic and elegant, with a couple of outdoor tables perfect for a relaxed meal paired with local wines.

Photo: nesavinov/Shutterstock

Address: 6 Rue des Faussets, Bordeaux

Internet: <https://restaurant-melodie.fr>

### Le Bar du Boucher



Paradise for meat eaters, Le Bar du Boucher — literally the butcher's bar — features a wide range of meat that you can choose directly and see

being cut at the butcher's stand inside the restaurant. Communal tables, a friendly staff, and a rustic and warm atmosphere complete your dining experience.

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Address: 5 Rue Parlement Sainte-Catherine, Bordeaux

Public Transport: Tram stop: Place de la Bourse

Opening hours: Wed-Mon noon-midnight, Tue closed

Phone: +33 5 56 81 37 37

Internet: [www.barduboucherbordeaux.fr](http://www.barduboucherbordeaux.fr)

### Les Drôles



Set in a stone-walled cellar, Les Drôles serves classic French fare with regional touches. The space has playful, mismatched decor, and

everything's made in-house using fresh, local ingredients.

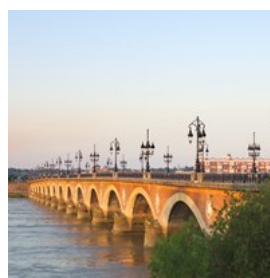
Photo: oliver\_schulz/Shutterstock

Address: 21 Rue Saint-Rémi, Bordeaux

Phone: +33 9 67 12 02 39

Internet: [www.restaurantlesdroles.fr](http://www.restaurantlesdroles.fr)

### Le Café du Port



Le Café du Port is a sophisticated restaurant on the banks of the Garonne River serving refined yet reasonably priced French cuisine in a

lovely setting with a terrace offering the best sunset in Bordeaux.

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Address: 1 Quai Deschamps, Bordeaux

Phone: +33 5 56 77 81 18

Internet: [www.lecafeduport.com](http://www.lecafeduport.com)

Email: [contact@lecafeduport.com](mailto:contact@lecafeduport.com)

### Baud et Millet



Part cheese shop, part wine cellar, Baud et Millet offers a serious selection of around 100 cheeses alongside a wine wall packed with options.

It's a family-run spot where the owners know their stuff and are happy to guide you through the pairings.

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Address: 19 Rue Huguerie, Bordeaux

Public Transport: Tram stop: Quinconces

Phone: +33 5 56 79 05 77

Internet: <https://baudetmillet.com>

### Restaurant Soléna



For a true gastronomic experience, be sure to book a table at Restaurant Soléna. The menu here is always changing, so as to keep

up with what is new and seasonal. And so is the wine list, which was carefully created in order to perfectly match this ever-changing menu. Plates combine flavours and textures in unexpected ways, making each bite interesting. It earned its Michelin star in 2020, and for good reason.

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Address: 5 Rue Chauffour, Bordeaux

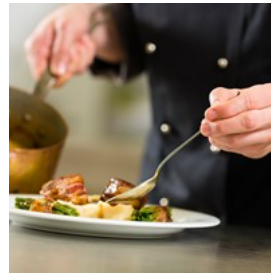
Public Transport: Tram stop: Saint-Bruno-Hôtel de Région

Phone: +33 5 57 53 28 06

Internet: <https://solena-restaurant.com>

Email: [contact@solena-restaurant.com](mailto:contact@solena-restaurant.com)

### C'yusha



Housed in a charming old building close to Porte Cailhau, C'yusha is a Michelin-starred spot serving modern European dishes. It features an

open kitchen where you can watch the chefs at work and a surprise menu that changes regularly, with each dish carefully put together to catch your eye and your taste buds.

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Address: 12 Rue Ausone, Bordeaux

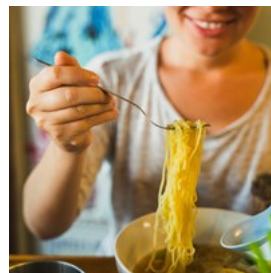
Public Transport: Tram stop: Place du Palais

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 7:30pm-9:30pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +33 5 56 69 89 70

Internet: [www.cyusha.com](http://www.cyusha.com)

### Wok Way



Authentic Chinese restaurant offering hearty dishes at very reasonable prices. Come here for their homemade fresh noodles as well as

steamed dumplings, beef noodle soup, and Jasmine tea.

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Address: 2 Rue Paul Louis Lande, Bordeaux

Public Transport: Tram stop: Musée d'Aquitaine

Phone: +33 5 56 74 94 62

Internet: <https://wokway33.com>

## CAFÉS



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Whether you want to take a break in between visits or you feel you might have indulged too much in French wine the night before, there is no bad excuse for a coffee break in Bordeaux.

Although you will be spoiled for choice with all the beautiful and tasty French pastries on offer, there is one local speciality you shouldn't leave without trying: the canelé, a small pastry flavoured with rum and vanilla with a soft custard centre and a dark caramelised crust.

### Books & Coffee



Right by the Grosse Cloche, this café draws a steady crowd with its brunches, homemade cakes, and all-day menu of sandwiches and salads.

You'll spot people queuing on weekends, but the slower pace is part of the vibe. The interior strikes the perfect balance between industrial edge and vintage charm. Outside, a few terrace tables offer one of the best street views in Bordeaux. Later in the day, the mood shifts from coffee to wine and tapas.

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Address: 26 Rue Saint-James, Bordeaux

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-7pm, Sun 9:30am-7pm

Phone: +33 5 35 54 24 90

## Black List Café



Blacklist is a small and bohemian café with an open kitchen where they whip up fresh pancakes, eggs (even smoked trout Benedict), and

wholesome brunch plates, alongside fresh juices and rotating filter coffees from French and local roasters. It's right next to Cathédrale Saint-André and the Pey Berland Tower—easy to stop by after a visit.

Photo: sav\_an\_dreas/Shutterstock

Address: 27 Place Pey Berland, Bordeaux

Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm

Internet: [www.instagram.com/blacklistcafe](http://www.instagram.com/blacklistcafe)

## SIP Coffee Bar



If you're a specialty coffee lover or you're just looking for a place to get your caffeine fix, head over to the SIP Coffee Bar. Located in the heart

of Bordeaux, near Saint-André Cathedral, SIP is one of those new generation coffee shops that only recruit passionate and talented baristas, so you can see that there's real care and attention placed into making each coffee. The food menu features cookies, cakes, banana bread, as well as some savoury options.

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Address: 69 Bis Rue des Trois-Conils, Bordeaux

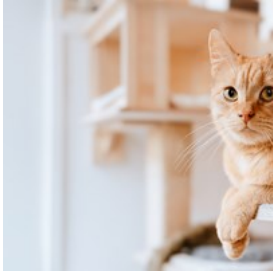
Public Transport: Tram stop: Hôtel de Ville

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm, Sat & Sun 9am-4:30pm

Phone: +33 9 81 91 91 80

Internet: [www.instagram.com/sip\\_coffeebar](http://www.instagram.com/sip_coffeebar)

### Le Comptoir Des Chats



Bordeaux's first cat café is a quiet little haven with eight resident felines and a gentle, homey vibe. The space is thoughtfully arranged for both cats

and humans—low lighting, climbing paths overhead, and a hidden terrace out back. Children are welcome from age 10, but the mood is calm and cosy, better suited to slow afternoons than loud catch-ups. The menu focuses on homemade pastries to be enjoyed with a variety of teas, chocolate (both hot and cold), and coffee.

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Address: 8 Rue Pierre de Coubertin, Bordeaux

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 2pm-6:30pm, Sun & Mon closed

Internet: <https://lecomptoirdeschats.com>

### Peter Coffee Shop



Peter Coffee Shop is a cosy and colourful café serving Piha coffee from a Bordeaux roaster and a menu that changes with the seasons. Brunch runs

daily, with veggie-friendly dishes like falafel pitas, halloumi burgers, and weekly street food specials, plus playful cakes and oversized cookies.

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Address: 3 Rue de Guienne, Bordeaux

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-4:30pm

Phone: +33 7 85 91 87 27

Internet: <https://petercoffeeshop.com>

Email: [hello@petercoffeeshop.com](mailto:hello@petercoffeeshop.com)

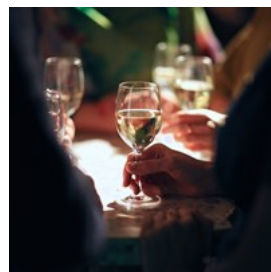
### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



*Pierre Blaché/Unsplash*

It's not all about wine tasting in Bordeaux. Although this experience you should definitely not miss out on while in the city, Bordeaux, despite its size, does offer vibrant nightlife. Most bars and clubs are concentrated in walkable areas, mostly along the river. Check out the areas around the Place du Parlement, Rue Sainte-Catherine, and the University of Bordeaux for more options.

### Aux Quatre Coins du Vin



Near Place Saint-Pierre, Aux Quatre Coins du Vin offers you the perfect introduction to wine in Bordeaux. However, this is not your typical wine

bar. Instead of being waited on, you tap your own wine from the bottle through a self-serve card system. It's a fun way to select and taste from their extensive library of both local and international wines.

Feeling overwhelmed by the number of choices available? Just ask the friendly and very knowledgeable staff to help you with your selection.

Photo: Anna Jurkowska/Shutterstock

Address: 8 Rue de la Devise, Bordeaux

Opening hours: Mon & Tue 6pm-midnight, Wed 6pm-1am,  
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Phone: +33 5 57 34 37 29  
Internet: [www.auxquatrecoinsduvin.fr](http://www.auxquatrecoinsduvin.fr)

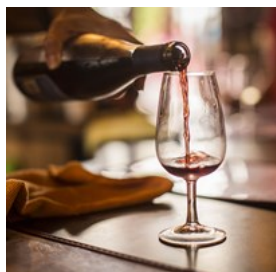
### La Calle Ocho



Always bustling with people, La Calle Ocho is a lively Cuban-themed bar, a few minutes from Place de la Bourse, offering the best mojito in town along with two floors where you can enjoy some salsa, merengue, as well as some reggaeton.

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Address: 24 Rue Piliers de Tutelle, Bordeaux  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5pm-2am, Sun closed  
Phone: +33 5 56 48 08 68  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/calleochocafecubano](http://www.instagram.com/calleochocafecubano)

### Le Bar à Vin



Just a few steps from Place des Quinconces, this classic wine bar pours a rotating selection of local wines—usually around 30 by the glass—alongside cheese and charcuterie boards. The setting is calm, elegant, and filled with art.

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Address: 3 Cours du 30 Juillet, Bordeaux  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-10pm, Sun closed  
Phone: +33 556 00 43 47  
Internet: <https://baravin.bordeaux.com>

### IBOAT



IBOAT is a former ferry turned multi-level cultural hub covering around 687 m<sup>2</sup> across three decks. The main level houses a

bar-restaurant serving casual dishes and cocktails, while a heated terrace offers riverside views. Below decks is a concert hall/club and a lounge space featuring regular gigs, DJ sets, exhibitions, workshops and even kids' events. In the summer, the adjacent Blonde Venus tent and large dock terrace transform into a vibrant open-air space with tapas, markets, DJ afternoons, outdoor cinema, and more.

Photo: Ground Picture/Shutterstock  
Address: Bassin à Flot n°1, Cours Henri Brunet, Bordeaux  
Internet: [www.iboat.eu/en](http://www.iboat.eu/en)

### Le Lucifer



Despite its name, at Le Lucifer, you won't need to sell your soul to the devil to enjoy their large selection of beers, some of which you might not have heard of but should really try.

Photo: ChameleonsEye/Shutterstock  
Address: 35 Rue de Pessac, Bordeaux  
Opening hours: Daily 6pm-2am  
Phone: +33 5 56 99 09 02  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/leluciferbordeaux](http://www.instagram.com/leluciferbordeaux)

### Levrette Café Bordeaux



With its underground bar with a big dance floor and even a separate space dedicated to smokers, the Levrette Café hosts theme parties, sports events, live music, DJs, pole dance shows, and many more. The menu at the Levrette offers some tapas to share as well as a great selection of beers, wines, spirits, and many original cocktails.

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Address: 6-8 Rue de Mérignac, Bordeaux  
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 6pm-2am, Sun & Mon closed  
Phone: +33 5 56 52 04 23  
Internet: [www.levrettecafe.fr](http://www.levrettecafe.fr)

### The Connemara



The Connemara is everything you'd expect from a classic Irish pub—cold pints, hearty pub grub, and a steady buzz of occasional live music or sports on the screens. It's popular with both locals and expats, and the atmosphere is reliably lively, especially on game nights or weekends.

Photo: Nestor Rizhniak/Shutterstock  
Address: 18 Cours d'Albret, Bordeaux  
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11:30am-2am, Sat 2pm-midnight, Sun closed  
Phone: +33 5 56 52 82 57  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/theconnemairishpub](http://www.instagram.com/theconnemairishpub)

### Seeko'o Bar



Tucked inside the sleek Seeko'o Hotel, this bar keeps things modern and polished without feeling overdone. The space is stylish and understated, with a cocktail menu that leans creative, crafted by a skilled in-house bartender. A good spot for a quiet drink with a bit of flair.

Photo: santypan/Shutterstock  
Address: 54 Quai de Bacalan, Bordeaux  
Phone: +33 5 56 39 07 07  
Internet: <https://seekoo-hotel.com>

## SHOPPING



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Bordeaux offers a little bit of everything for shoppers — from lively markets and food stores to big-name brands and designer boutiques. The city's main shopping street, Rue Sainte-Catherine, is a bustling pedestrian-only stretch packed with over 250 shops, perfect for a day of browsing and grabbing a bite. For luxury shopping, head to the 'golden triangle' district between Cours de l'Intendance, Cours Georges Clemenceau, and Allées de Tourny. Markets here are also great spots to soak up local flavours, and second-hand shops have a strong following too.

### L'Intendant Grands Vins de Bordeaux



L'Intendant Grands Vins de Bordeaux is a must-visit wine cellar, set in an impressive space featuring a stunning circular staircase. Along its walls, you'll find fine vintages dating back to 1945, offering a deep dive into Bordeaux's rich wine heritage.

Photo: Maryshot/Shutterstock  
Address: 2 Allées de Tourny, Bordeaux  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-7:30pm, Sun closed  
Phone: +33 5 56 48 01 29  
Internet: [www.intendant.com](http://www.intendant.com)

### Marché des Capucins



Marché des Capucins is Bordeaux's bustling food market and a true local institution. Right in the heart of the city, it's the place to find fresh

produce, cheeses, and wines, plus ready-to-eat treats and coffee.

Photo: 8th.creator/Shutterstock

Address: Place des Capucins, Bordeaux

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 6am-2pm, Sat & Sun

5:30am-2:30pm

Phone: +33 5 56 92 26 29

Internet: <https://marchedescapucins.com>

### Neuf & Royal Markets of Saint Michel



Experience a classic slice of local life at the Saint-Michel markets along Quai de Salinières. On Saturdays, the

Marché Royal is the livelier option, with everything from fresh produce and cheese to ceramics and vintage finds. Mondays are for Marché Neuf, a bit more low-key but great for second-hand clothes, books, and curiosities. It's a favourite weekend ritual for many locals—part treasure hunt, part people-watching, and always worth a stroll.

Photo: Elena Dijour/Shutterstock

Address: Quai des Salinières, Bordeaux

### Les Noisettines du Médoc



Les Noisettines du Médoc is a small, family-run shop that specialises in hazelnut-based treats from the Médoc region. If you're into artisanal

sweets, this place is a little gem — crunchy pralines, creamy spreads, and chocolates that highlight the rich, nutty flavour of local hazelnuts. It's perfect for picking up authentic, handmade goodies that make for great souvenirs for those back home.

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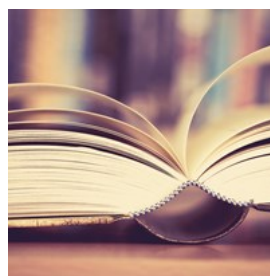
Address: 34 Rue des Remparts, Bordeaux

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun closed

Phone: +33 9 53 92 55 05

Internet: [www.noisettines.fr](http://www.noisettines.fr)

### Librairie Mollat



Librairie Mollat has been part of Bordeaux since 1896, and it shows.

Tucked into the city's historic centre, this independent bookshop is more than just shelves and spines—it's a local institution. The selection is vast, covering everything from literature and philosophy to cookbooks and comics, with plenty of art and science in between.

Photo: Cozine/Shutterstock

Address: 15 Rue Vital Carles, Bordeaux

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 2pm-7pm

Phone: +33 5 56 56 40 40

Internet: [www.mollat.com](http://www.mollat.com)

### Badie



For wine lovers who don't want to venture out to the distant wineries and chateaux, Bordeaux's streets and squares are generously peppered with

wine merchants. One of the oldest and most renowned among them is Badie. Offering a selection of rare champagnes, high-end wines and premium liquors, Badie is housed in an

elegant 18th-century building, providing an exquisite shopping experience right in the heart of the city.

Photo: M-Production/Shutterstock  
Address: 62 Allée de Tourny, Bordeaux  
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 10am–7:30pm, Sun closed  
Phone: +33 5 56 52 23 72  
Internet: [www.badie.com](http://www.badie.com)

### Pétrusse



Pétrusse is the spot if you're looking to take home something a bit special. Set inside a historic building near the Grand Théâtre, the shop is known for its elegant scarves, shawls, and pashminas—many made from silk, cashmere, or wool and often designed in-house.

Photo: Johnstons of Elgin/unsplash  
Address: 41 Rue des Remparts, Bordeaux  
Phone: +33 5 56 48 21 48  
Internet: [www.petrusse.com/en-us](http://www.petrusse.com/en-us)  
Email: [hello@petrusse.com](mailto:hello@petrusse.com)

### Galleries Lafayette



If you feel like giving your credit card a little workout, Galleries Lafayette Bordeaux is the place to go. Housed in an elegant historic building, this department store offers a carefully curated selection of high-end fashion, beauty, and accessories. It's a stylish and comfortable spot to browse premium brands with attentive service to match.

Photo: Ground Picture/Shutterstock  
Address: 11-19 Rue Sainte-Catherine, Bordeaux  
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 10am–8pm, Sun 11am–7pm  
Phone: +33 5 56 90 92 71

Internet: [www.gallerieslafayette.com](http://www.gallerieslafayette.com)

### Aushopping Bordeaux Lac



If you want a modern shopping experience away from Bordeaux's historic centre, Aushopping Bordeaux Lac is worth a visit. Located about 20 minutes by car from downtown, this open-air mall houses over 130 stores, from fashion to electronics, alongside a variety of cafés and casual dining spots in its food court.

Photo: Sergey Nivens/Shutterstock  
Address: 1 Avenue des 40 Journaux, Bordeaux  
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 9:30am–8pm, Sun closed  
Internet: <https://bordeaux-lac.aushopping.com>

### TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit Bordeaux is in spring (April to June) or early autumn (September to October), when the weather is comfortable, the city isn't packed with tourists, and there's plenty to do. In June, you've got Fête de la Musique filling the streets with live music, and

every other year, Bordeaux Fête le Vin sets up along the river with wine tastings and food stalls.

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### Bordeaux-Mérignac Airport (BOD)



Bordeaux-Mérignac Airport (BOD) is located about 12 km west of the city centre, with the journey taking between 30 to 45 minutes

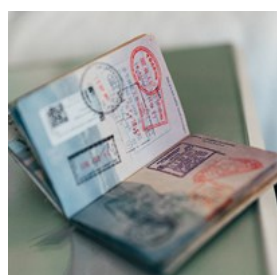
depending on the mode of transport. Travellers can take tram line A directly from the airport to central Bordeaux in around 35 minutes. The 30' Direct shuttle runs between the airport and Gare Saint-Jean train station in about 30 minutes. The Liane 1+ bus is a cheaper option, reaching the city in roughly 45 minutes. Taxis and ride-shares are also available outside the airport.

Photo: Kingmaya Studio/Shutterstock

Address: Bordeaux-Mérignac Airport

Internet: [www.bordeaux.aeroport.fr/en](http://www.bordeaux.aeroport.fr/en)

### Passport/Visa



Citizens of the European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries do not need a visa to enter France, only a valid ID. Many other countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, the United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

Visitors from visa-exempt countries must hold a valid passport and, starting in late 2025, will need to apply for an ETIAS (European Travel

Information and Authorisation System) authorisation online before travelling.

For those requiring a visa, such as travellers from some Middle Eastern, African or Asian nations, a Schengen visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay.

Photo: ConvertKit/Unsplash

### Public Transport



Getting around Bordeaux is pretty straightforward thanks to the TBM network, which runs the city's trams, buses, and even a river shuttle called

the Bat<sup>3</sup>. The tram system is easy to use, with four lines that cover most major areas, while buses fill in the rest. The Bat<sup>3</sup> offers a scenic ride along the Garonne, and if you're up for cycling, the city's V3 self-service bikes are everywhere. Tickets work across all modes and come in single rides, day passes, or weekly options.

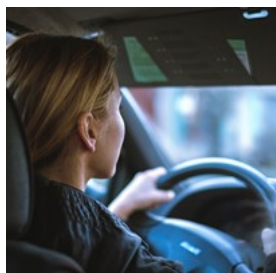
For visitors, the Bordeaux CityPass is worth considering—it includes unlimited public transport plus free entry to museums and other perks. You can buy tickets at machines, in shops, or on the TBM app—just don't forget to validate them before boarding.

For information on routes, timetables and fares, visit TBM's official website.

Photo: Leonid Andronov/Shutterstock

Internet: [www.infotbm.com/en](http://www.infotbm.com/en)

## Taxi



Taxis in Bordeaux are easy to find, especially at taxi ranks or by hailing them on the street; they're usually black or dark blue with a roof light indicating availability. You can also book ahead using the local app Taxi Couleurs Bordeaux. Ride-sharing apps like Uber and Bolt also operate in the city.

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## Post



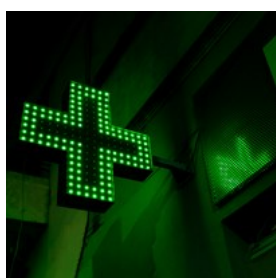
In Bordeaux, most post offices are open Monday to Friday from around 9 am to noon, then again from 2 pm to 5 or 6 pm. Many also open on Saturday mornings. They handle everything from regular mail and international parcels to registered letters and basic banking through La Banque Postale. For simple things like stamps, it's often easier to pop into a nearby 'bureau de tabac'. As for posting, just drop your letter into one of the yellow and blue mailboxes around town.

Photo: igra.design/Shutterstock

Address: 9 Allées de Tourny, Bordeaux

Internet: [www.laposte.fr](http://www.laposte.fr)

## Pharmacy



Pharmacies in Bordeaux are easily identified by the green cross, often illuminated, on their exteriors. Most staff speak at least some English, especially in central locations, and they

can often help with minor ailments, travel-related issues, or replacement prescriptions.

Many pharmacies also carry toiletries, basic first-aid items, and travel essentials. Opening hours typically follow shop times (roughly 9 am to 7 pm), but a rota of pharmacies de garde ensures there's always one open after hours or on Sundays—check online or ask at any pharmacy for the nearest one.

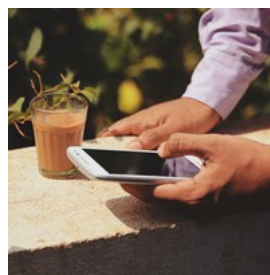
Photo: Mariano Baraldi/unsplash

Address: Grande Pharmacie Sainte-Catherine - 94-96 Rue Sainte-Catherine, Bordeaux

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-8pm, Sat & Sun 9am-8pm

Phone: +33 5 56 44 63 97

## Telephone



Country code: + 33 Area code: 5

Photo: Rohit Tandon/unsplash

## Electricity



In France, the electrical system operates on a voltage of 230 volts with a frequency of 50 hertz. The country uses two main types of plugs: type

C, which has two round pins, and type E, which also has two round pins along with an additional hole for the grounding pin.

Photo: Paul Hanaoka/unsplash

## Population

Metro area: 1,018,000 (2025)

**Currency**

Euro (€, EUR)

**Internet**

[www.visiter-bordeaux.com/en](http://www.visiter-bordeaux.com/en)

**Newspapers**

Courrier Français: [www.courrier-francais.com](http://www.courrier-francais.com)

Sud Ouest: [www.sudouest.fr](http://www.sudouest.fr)

**Emergency numbers**

Police: 17

Fire Brigade: 18

Ambulance: 15

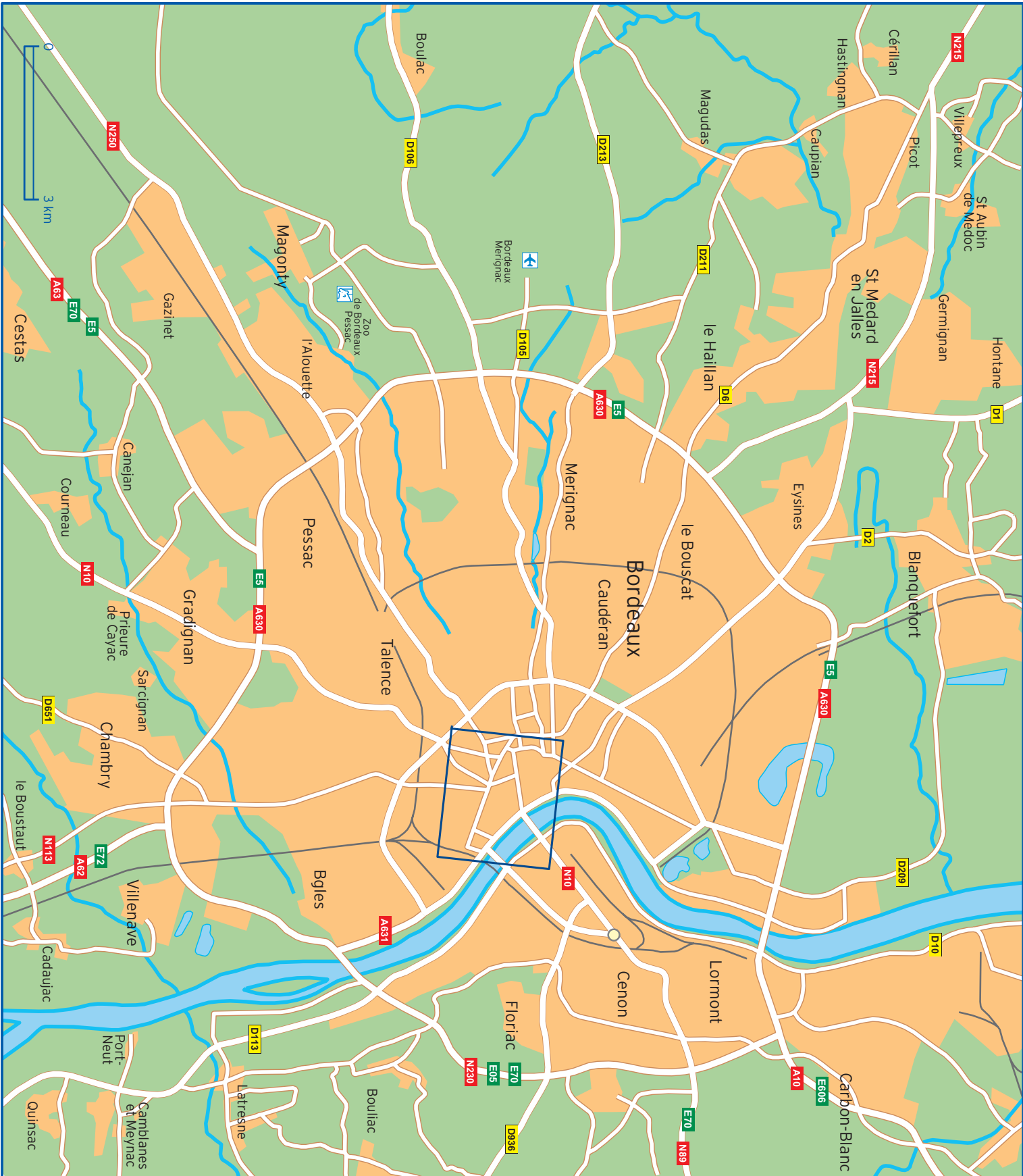
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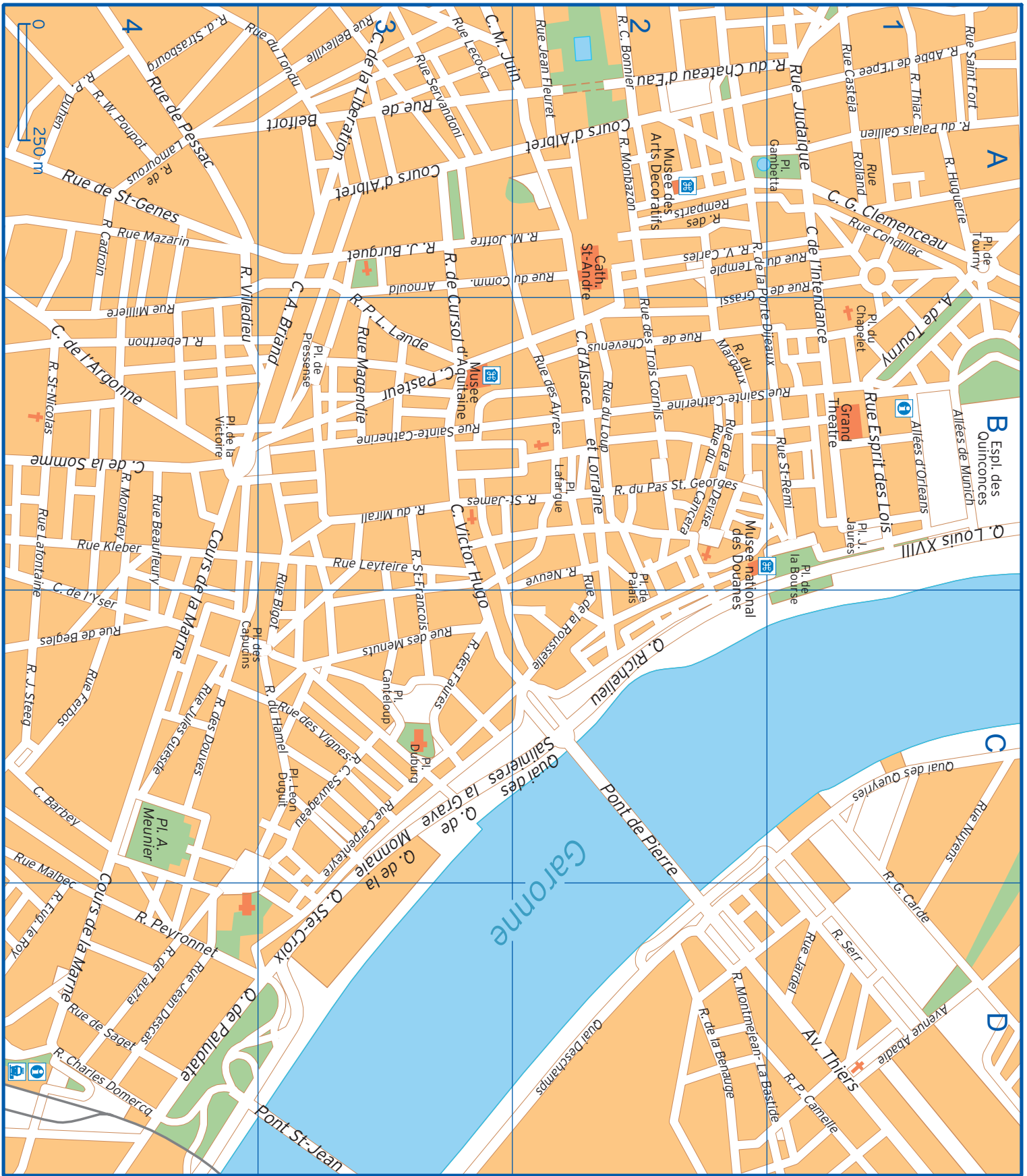
Office de Tourisme & des Congrès de Bordeaux Métropole

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Q. Richelieu	C2	Rue Carpenteyre	C3	Rue Saint-Fort	A1
Q. Ste-Croix	D3	Rue Casteja	A1	Rue Sainte-Catherine	B1 B2 B3
Quai des Queyries	C1	Rue Condillac	A1	Rue Servandoni	A3
Quai des Salinieres	C2 C3	Rue de Begles	C4	Rue St-Remi	B1
Quai Deschamps	D2	Rue de Belfort	A3	Rue Walter Poupot	A4