

WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE TRIP!

“We had a great time on our trip to Bordeaux. The food and wine were incredible and the settings for our meals were gorgeous. We were truly impressed by your attention to detail in arranging such memorable experiences with the chateaux. I can honestly say, the trip was worth EVERY penny! Thanks again for the trip of a lifetime.”

Barbara & Dan, California

"After the first day, we thought it couldn't get any better, we were so wrong...each day surpassed the previous"
Charles & Mary, Brazil

“Trip of a Lifetime is truly an understatement when describing the WONDERFUL experience we had in Bordeaux with Jean-Noel! In fact it's an experience that could not be duplicated without the wonderful friendships Jean-Noel has, such a special part of the journey! We were welcomed by all of the vineyards and Chateaux as if we were part of his extended family! This trip was truly first class all the way- Cheers!!!

Laurie & Ned, Texas

“We had an amazing time and, in fact it was our best trip EVER! Jean-Noel is a master, and we were in awe. He opened doors for us that led to the true heart and soul of the experience. Thank you for creating memories that we will cherish for the rest of our lives.”

Todd & Kim, Washington

“It has been a truly glorious week! I don't know how Jean-Noel is able to bring so much happiness and good feelings into so many people's lives both at the Chateaux he visits or the participants from the States, but he does. In spades! What a great trip! To a man and woman, we all agree...when he says the trip of a lifetime, he means it”!

Mark & Carol, Florida

“When I first read the trip brochure with its "once-in-a-lifetime" proclamations, I was reflexively dubious. Such claims are marketing hyperbole, virtually without exception. This trip is THE exception. Jean-Noel has carefully curated visits to seminal Bordeaux chateaux through his personal connections, affording the group access otherwise nearly impossible to obtain. We tasted highly revered older vintages, in addition to recent ones. A perfect trip for our honeymoon!

Pascal & Kristin, California



BORDEAUX

A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME TRIP

August 30th- September 5th, 2026

September 5th-11th, 2027 and September 12th-18th, 2027



I am Jean-Noël Fourmeaux, owner of VGS Chateau Potelle in Napa Valley and...

...I would like to introduce you
to some of my best friends in Bordeaux.

From Angelus to Haut-Bailly to Margaux, and lunch at Léoville-Poyferré
to dinner at Château Canon and Château Beychevelle.

Luxury Trip. Exquisite food, carefully paired with phenomenal wines from
the current vintage, still in barrel all the way back to 1989!

A handwritten signature in dark brown ink that reads 'Jean-Noël'.

Jean-Noël Fourmeaux du Sartel

VGS: GOOD THINGS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

A FABULOUS PROGRAM DONE MY WAY-TO PERFECTION!

Sunday

Arrive to the 5* Hotel Les Sources de Caudalie, your home for the next three nights at your leisure. The group will meet at 4:45 PM in the lobby of the hotel to go visit the Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte. Following the winery tour, Florence and Daniel Cathiard, my friends who own the Chateau, will welcome us in their house “La Chartreuse” for an aperitif! Diner will follow at La Table du Lavoir at Les Sources de Caudalie.

Monday

Ready...Set...GO! We will start our week off with a real experience! A very rare and unique in depth vertical tasting of one of Bordeaux’s most celebrated chateaux, Angelus followed by lunch at Michelin-starred Logis de la Cadene founded in 1848! Following lunch we will drive to Pomerol, the land of Merlot and visit the boutique Chateau Le Gay. Following our tasting at Le Gay, we will stroll through the ancient village of St. Emilion and finish our day at Clos Fourtet and their underground 30 acres of caves, and complete the day with a delicious dinner at the Chateau.

Tuesday

The morning is for-SPA TIME! Each of you will enjoy a “Ritual Initiation” at the world-renowned Caudalie Spa famous for its use of grape seeds in all its beauty products! After a morning of pampering, it’s back to business as we’re off to visit Eric Perrin’s beautiful Chateau Carbonnieux for a vintner lunch where the owners of Chateau Malartic Lagraviere and Chateau Guiraud will also join us. Dinner tonight will at the venerable Chateau Haut Bailly, for a superb dinner.

Wednesday

Moving day...have your luggage ready as we head to the Left Bank where we will move into the incredible Chateau Beychevelle, our private chateau for the next 2 nights. Our first stop, today we will discover the “magic” of French Oak barrels with an in-depth educational visit to Tonnellerie Radoux. This fascinating visit will be followed with a blind tasting of various wood-aged wines at lunch at Bistrot Chez Loic a Jonzac. After lunch we will drive to Chateau Beychevelle, to check-in then visit the chateaux with my dear friend Philippe Blanc for a visit, tasting and then a spectacular dinner at your very “own” Chateau Beychevelle in their grand dining room!

Thursday

Our first stop, the negociant house Ulysse Cazabonne for an unforgettable tasting of very special vintage wines tasting. Next stop, a visit, tasting and lunch at Chateau Giscours. We will continue this tough day with our next visit, another first growth, none other than Chateau Margaux! Tonight, we walk across the road from Chateau Beychevelle for an enchanting visit, tasting and dinner at Chateau Branaire Ducru.

Friday

Today we begin at the esteemed Chateau Leoville Poyferre where we will enjoy a vertical tasting of their highly acclaimed wines. We will then enjoy a spectacular tasting & lunch at either Chateau Phelan Segur or Chateau Pichon Baron. Following lunch, we will then enjoy a tasting at Chateau Grand Puy Lacoste then drive to the city of Bordeaux to check in to the Grand Hotel for our last night. Our farewell dinner tonight, we will enjoy the delicious Ressources Restaurant. With champagne, great wines and delicious food many have called “too beautiful to eat” we will celebrate the end of our trip together!

Saturday

Guests depart your leisure.

** You will be meeting the most famous vintners from Bordeaux, in demand the whole world over. Therefore, there may be some last-minute changes to the above itinerary, which are beyond our control.*



“Once-in-a-lifetime’ is no joke! There is no way any tour company could introduce you to the Chateaux’s, their owner’s, winemakers, barrel makers, negotiants, wine & cuisine the way Jean-Noel does. We’ve traveled the world with Abercrombie & Kent, Micato, AMA Waterways, Silverseas etc. and they provide inside access and special experiences but none are as authentic as what Jean Noel provided. Our accommodations were stunning at every new location. The meals were exquisite and our hosts were charming. This is the France we dreamed about and you opened doors to Bordeaux-well beyond our expectations. Missing France already...

Merci beaucoup for a truly memorable experience!

John & Victoria, Pasadena, CA

THE DETAILS

This memorable insider’s trip includes:

Six (6) nights in luxury accommodations. All meals (I plan every dish so we do not ever have the same meal twice), the wine (the wines we are going to taste and enjoy cost more than the food on this trip!), transportation with a luxury van, tips etc. all is included. You are responsible only for your personal expenses. Fun, memories, unique experiences and...hangovers for 21,975 EUROS for two.

The trip is limited to 10 couples.

VGS Chateau Potelle Club Members have a special discount:

Club VGS: 450 euros discount

Connoisseurs, Red and Collectors Club: 650 euros discount

The discount will be applied to the payment of the balance.

Club members for more than 5 years membership will receive an extra 300 euros discount!!!