



Saint-Émilion Tourisme



# Saint-Émilion

*Little Adventures*



*At the crossroads of appellations*

THIS TRIP STARTING FROM SAINT EMILION PROVIDES A DISCOVERY OF SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURES OF THE TERRITORY AND OF VINEYARDS ON 4 OF THE 12 APPELLATIONS OF OUR REGION.

DISCOVER UNUSUAL TRACKS THROUGH VINEYARDS AND HISTORY...

### *Car ride*

This tour will lead you through the towns of Saint-Christophe des Bardes, Saint-Genès de Castillon, Saint-Philippe d'Aiguilhe, Saint-Cibard, Francs, Tayac, Monbadon and Puisseguin from Saint-Émilion.

## SAINT-ÉMILION

In Saint-Émilion, take the roundabout of the Place Bourgeoise and head towards Saint-Christophe des Bardes. At the next "Y" crossroad, continue to the right on the D243E1 towards "Saint-Émilion sud", then exit the village. A little further on, turn right in front of Château Trottevieille, still in the direction of "Saint-Émilion sud".

Then stop following "Saint-Émilion sud" and continue straight on this small road, until you pass the Château Barde-Haut, recognizable by its rusty color and its windmill.

Just after the Château, on your right enjoy a view of the comb « du Barde ».

*Photo  
Break*

**THIS NATURAL THEATER WAS FORMED BY THE COLLAPSE OF THE ROCK SEVERAL MILLION YEARS AGO AND IS TYPICAL OF THE SAINT-EMILION LANDSCAPE.**

Continue along the road, then, at the stop sign, go straight on. To the right, you will see the remains of two windmills, witnesses of the varied cultivation of the past. A little further on, still on your right, admire the Château Laroque whose architecture blends the Middle Ages and the Modern Era. At the end of the road, turn left, then at the stop sign turn right on the D243 towards Saint-Genès de Castillon and continue on this road.

A little further on, at the top of the plateau, you will see the Château de Pressac, ancient medieval fortress and current wine estate whose architecture was modernized in the 19th century in a neo-gothic style. Superb viewpoint from the gardens. To reach it, turn right after the bus stop.



## SAINT-GENÈS DE CASTILLON

Continue on the D243 to Saint-Genès de Castillon. You will then leave the territory of the Saint-Emilion wine appellations, to the « Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux », only producing red wines.

At Saint Genès, approach the church rebuilt in the 19th century in neo-gothic style. Are you looking for something to eat? The Comptoir de Genès offers wines and local products.

To know all the picnic places of the Grand Saint-Émilionnais, [click HERE](#) >.



## SAINT-PHILIPPE D'AIGUILHE



From Saint-Genès, continue on the D17 in the direction of Castillon for about 1,5km. At the big intersection, turn left on the D123 towards Saint Philippe d'Aiguilhe. You will pass right next to the superb Château de Pitray, hidden in the middle of a wood, on your right.

Continue on your way to Saint-Philippe d'Aiguilhe. You can park near the church, from where we propose a hike lasting 1h to 1h30 and allowing you to discover the hillside and the local flora : "Saint-Philippe d'Aiguilhe and the hill of Pey Landry". Keep your eyes wide open! You will certainly find the very discreet megalith of Pey Landry. Some panels of interpretation will allow you to better understand the site.

### *Gardegan et Tourtirac : the golfer's paradise*

The Grand Saint-Émilionnais Golf Club is open all year.

Information at +33 5 57 40 88 64.

## SAINT-CIBARD

Take the D123 in the direction of Francs/Saint-Cibard. You will pass the magnificent Château de Puylgueyraud on your right. (Private property, do not enter the Château grounds).

In Saint-Cibard, you enter the Francs Côtes de Bordeaux wine appellation, offering a variety of dry and sweet white wines and red wines. Near its church overlooking a small lake it is a great spot to take a break! The church is sober, however surprising with its Romanesque architecture on a Gothic elevation. To picnic, you will find tables near the town hall, along the main road D21. Shortly after the town hall, on the heights, you can see the Château de Puyfromage and its dove house.



## FRANCS & TAYAC

Nearby, you can discover the small towns of Francs and Tayac:

- Francs, a small perched village, offers a nice view. You will also find picnic tables and a charging station for electric vehicles.
- Starting from the church of Tayac, we suggest the walking tour "Francs, Tayac and Saint-Cibard" to appreciate the relief and heritage of the surrounding area. On the parking lot of the church, there is a covered area for a sheltered picnic (no table).

## MONBADON

Finally, end your tour with Monbadon. Enjoy a beautiful view of the private Castle of Monbadon from the D21 and finally rest near the small Romanesque church, below the Castle (picnic tables, free camper van spot and sanitary facilities on site).

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Break

ENJOY A BREATHTAKING VIEW OF THE FEUDAL CASTLE OF MONBADON, BUILT IN THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY.

## PUISSEGUIN

If you wish, we also suggest you to go to the nearby town of Puisseguin to enjoy the walking tour "The satellites : Puisseguin".

Starting from the church of Saint Pierre, this 17 km loop will let you appreciate Monbadon and its surroundings, at the crossroads of the appellations Puisseguin-Saint-Émilion (red wines exclusively) and Francs-Côtes de Bordeaux.

Behind the church of Puisseguin, you will find a small picnic area and sanitary facilities, overlooking a old wash-house.

One last piece of advice before leaving? On foot or by car, take the D123E7 in the direction of Saint-Philippe d'Aiguille.

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Break

A FEW METERS AWAY, ON THE HEIGHTS, ENJOY A MAGNIFICENT VIEW OF THE CASTLE OF PUISSEGUIN.



Castle of Monbadon - (c) Jean Bernard Nadeau

*Churches of the Saint-Émilionnais :*

For more information about the churches of the 22 communes of the Grand Saint-Émilionnais, you can download our discovery guide "Journey through time" by clicking [HERE](#) >.