



Le Chai au Quai

7-9 Quai Camille Pelletan
Castillon-la-Bataille
33350 France

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GPS coordinates: 44°51'14"N 0°02'35"W

Directions from Merignac Airport to Le Chai au Quai

1. The airport road takes you to a roundabout, take the exit signposted Bordeaux, then go straight over at the second roundabout and immediately afterwards take the second right-hand turn onto the Rode, in the direction of Paris and Libourne
2. Follow the Rode until you cross over the huge suspension bridge, the Pont D'Aquitaine. As you leave the bridge, move into the right-hand lane and stay there, taking the filter right, in the direction of Libourne, and then after a couple of kilometres, you exit the Rode on the Libourne slip road
3. Turn left at the traffic lights at the top of the slip road, onto the N89 / E70. Follow the dual carriageway up the hill, in the direction of Libourne
4. Stay on this dual carriageway until exit 9, Libourne, which is also signed for Saint-Emilion and Castillon
5. Stay on this road until you reach the exit signed for Saint-Emilion and Castillon-la-Bataille. Turn right at the top of the slip road and follow the road all the way to Castillon-la-Bataille
6. Arrive at Castillon-la-Bataille, France
7. As you drive down the hill into Castillon, you arrive at a major crossroads with a right filter lane and traffic lights. Take a right turn into the town
8. Head through the town towards the Dordogne river, and take the left turn and drive down onto Quai Camille Pelletan
9. Le Chai au Quai is located on the left-hand side of the river

Directions from Bergerac Airport to Le Chai au Quai

1. Leave the airport on the exit road and turn right at the T-Junction
2. At the next roundabout, turn left signposted Ste. Foy La Grande, Castillon-la-Bataille and Bordeaux
3. Continue straight over the first roundabout, and again at the second roundabout which features a McDonalds and Leclerc shopping centre, take last exit signposted Bordeaux (D936)
4. Continue along the D936 following signs for Bordeaux for about 25km until you reach Castillon-la-Bataille
5. Drive down the hill into Castillon and take a left turn at the crossroads. This will take you into the town
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Libourne station to Le Chai au Quai

1. Take Rue de Chanzy straight out of the station (at the main station roundabout, this road leads directly away with the station behind you), which will take you up to the long, wide tree-lined avenue of Cours Tourny / Allees Robert Boulin.
2. You are forced to turn right onto Cours Tourny but you will need to turn left across the road by means of the roundabout at the end and continue back down to the huge Square des Quinzieme Dragons, where you take the road signposted for Bergerac (D670 Avenue Verdun)
3. Keep going on this road. You will pass the football ground and then Carrefour, continue on over several roundabouts in the direction of Saint-Emilion and Bergerac
4. Pass by Saint-Emilion on the left and continue through St Pey D'Armens (beware of the speed camera!) and continue on until you get close to Castillon-la-Bataille
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Alternatively you can drive or travel by Eurostar from St Pancras to Paris Gare du Nord, then cross Paris to Montparnasse and take the TGV in the direction of Bordeaux, getting off in Libourne. On arrival at Libourne station, Europcar car hire is next door.

Things to do & places to eat



The Battle of Castillon (Aug & July)

Re-live the drama of the Battle of Castillon of 1453; the last battle ever fought between the French and English during the Hundred Years' War. Every year, as part of a summer festival, there is a spectacular re-enactment of the battle in the grounds of the glorious Château Castegens (10 minutes from Le Chai). With a cast of 200 local actors, accompanied by more than 50 horses, oxen, goats and hunting dogs, you'll feel like you were there.

For more information visit: www.batailledecastillon.com



Markets

Castillon Market (every Monday)

The early market-goer gets the best produce; head down to Castillon Market and spend a mouth-watering morning choosing what to buy. Duck paté from Monsieur Tasta, sardines, shallots, saucisse, strawberries and more. The market is in the centre of town and the action usually finishes at around 12.30pm.

Libourne Market (Tuesday, Friday and Sunday)

The neighbouring town of Libourne (25 minutes from Le Chai) also has markets on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday mornings. Our winemakers' favourite stall is run by Pierre, a cheese expert.

Where to eat

Le Comptoir des Genes

Our local, Le Comptoir des Genes, is a three-part foodie heaven with a wine cellar restaurant, café and grocery store, all right in the heart of the vineyards of Côtes de Castillon. Book a table and try their delicious regional specialities, cooked with the best of the day's produce from the local market.

5 lieu dit La Croix, St Genès de Castillon, 33350 France.

+33 5 57 47 90 03

www.comptoirdesgenes.com

Guinguette La Plage (open June, July and August only)

Sitting pretty on the banks of the Dordogne river, Guinguette La Plage has always been a place to eat, drink and dance. Here, under the shade of the trees, you can dine on a menu of grilled meat, fresh eels from the Dordogne, hearty salads and their famous homemade chips. Special menus for groups can be arranged on request.

2 rues Saint Exupéry, Mouliets et Villemartin, 33350 France.

+33 5 57 40 35 48

www.restaurant-guinguette-la-plage-castillon.com

Lunch 15€, Dinner:19€/30€

La Table Rouge

Eat al fresco at this riverside restaurant. Hidden between two small villages, La Table Rouge is hard to find unless you're in the know. Produce is king here and they search out the best; we can certainly recommend the steak, or opt for regional favourites foie gras and duck. The wine list is impressive too.

66 bis Avenue de la Dordogne, Cancadoul, Mouliets et Villemartin, 33350 France.

+33 5 57 48 51 15

www.latablerouge.com

La Poudette (15 minutes from Le Chai)

At the foot of the little village of Pujols, it's worth making the journey to find this little restaurant. The setting is beautiful, especially in the summer when you can dine outside in owners Sophie and Frederick's wild garden. The food is delicious too; the menu is determined by the season with the best of the region's ingredients sure to turn up on your plate.

1 Bernadigot, Pujols, 33350 France.

+33 5 57 40 71 52

www.la-poudette.com

Lunch 29€, Dinner 34€/38€, Carte approx 49€

L'Envers du Décor

Located in the heart of Saint-Emilion with bundles of character and charm, L'Envers du Décor is our winemakers' favourite, and rightly so. A restaurant and bar with a wonderful courtyard out the back, it offers delicious regional cuisine, plus a decent selection of wines and cheeses, without a huge price tag.

11 rue du Clocher, Saint-Emilion, 33330 France.

+33 5 57 74 48 31

www.envers-dudecor.com

Hotel recommendations - places to stay

BORDEAUX

55 minute drive to Le Chai au Quai

The Regent Grand Hotel Bordeaux ★★★★★

Bordeaux's landmark hotel, the five-star Regent Grand is an architectural masterpiece, located in the historic city centre. Opposite the Opéra National de Bordeaux, with the Maison du vin de Bordeaux, Place de la Bourse and Place des Quinconces close by, it is ideally positioned for exploring the city's highlights.

The 150 luxury guestrooms are complete with five-star amenities such as satellite channels, free wi-fi and a Bose Wave music system. Guests also have access to an indoor pool, sauna and wellness centre. With two gourmet restaurants, guests can dine at the relaxed Brasserie L'Europe or the one-star Michelin restaurant Le Pressoir d'Argent, or stop by the stylish Victor bar beforehand to try one of their delicious cocktails.

2-5 Place De La Comedie,

Bordeaux, 33000 France

+33 5 57 30 44 44

www.theregentbordeaux.com

Rooms from 210€ per night

Burdigala Hotel, Bordeaux ★★★★★

A plush pad, the five-star Burdigala Hotel is a fabulous place to lay your head while in Bordeaux. On the edge of the business district, it's just a stone's throw from the historic centre and great for exploring the city. Known for its excellent service, the Burdigala has a fine dining restaurant, Le Jardin de Burdigala, serving regional specialities, as well as a great bar, Le Piano. Complimentary access to a local fitness facility and wi-fi, plus multilingual staff to help you plan your trip.

115 Rue Georges Bonnac,

Bordeaux, 33000 France

+33 5 56 90 16 16

www.burdigala.com

Rooms from 160€ per night

Seeko'o Hotel, Bordeaux ★★★★★

In an up-and-coming district, not far from the beautiful Jardin Public, the four-star Seeko'o Hotel is a sleek, modern abode. Its 45 rooms come complete with all the mod cons: mood lighting, iPod docking stations, climate control functions and flat screen TVs. Book a massage at the spa and relax in the sauna, afterwards enjoy a Champagne cocktail at the bar – they'll even arrange babysitters if you've got kids.

54 Quai de Bacalan,

Bordeaux, 33300 France,

+33 5 56 39 07 07

www.seekoohotel.com

Rooms from 160€ per night

Mercure Château Chartrons ★★★★★

With its beautiful Victorian façade and location in the former wine merchants' district, the four-star Mercure Château Chartrons is a great place to stay. Book one of the 144 rooms and enjoy al fresco French dining at Le Chais Saint-Louis Brasserie. Multilingual staff, satellite TV and wireless internet will all ease your stay.

81 Cours Saint-Louis,

Bordeaux, 33300 France,

+33 5 56 43 15 00

http://hotel-bordeaux-chateau-chartrons.fr

Rooms from 90€ per night

Hôtel De Normandie ★★★

An old-fashioned but recently refurbished three-star hotel, the Normandie is centrally placed, with sensational views of the city and the Garonne from its upper floors. Rooms are equipped with a mini bar and safe, telephone, satellite television, wireless internet, air conditioning and hairdryer. The hotel also boasts a conference room with seating for up to 25 people.

7-9 cours XXX Juillet, Bordeaux, 33000 France.

+33 5 56 52 16 80

www.hotel-de-normandie-bordeaux.com

Rooms from 95€ per night

LIBOURNE

25 minutes from Le Chai au Quai

Hôtel Mercure Libourne ★★★

On the banks of the Dordogne river, the Hôtel Mercure Libourne is perfectly positioned for visiting Saint-Emilion, Pomerol and Fronsac. Sample the region's fine wines in the hotel's Bar à Vins and enjoy breakfast on the patio. The 81 guestrooms are modern and comfortable, with satellite TV and high-speed internet.

3 Quai Souchet,

Libourne, 33500 France.

+ 33 5 57 25 64 18

www.mercure.com

Rooms from 95€ per night

SAINT-EMILION

15 minute drive to Le Chai au Quai

Grand Barrail Château Hotel & Spa ★★★★★

An imposing turn-of-the-century château with fairytale turrets and spires, Grand Barrail Château Hotel & Spa is set in secluded and tranquil grounds in the midst of the vineyards of Saint-Emilion. Expect delicious cuisine, spacious rooms and a beautiful spa.

Grand Barrail Château Hotel's 41 rooms and five suites are stylish, with views overlooking gorgeous gardens with manicured lawns, a large pond and a pool, and surrounded by terrace upon terrace of bushy green vines that extend for miles around.

Grand Barrail Château's most majestic rooms are reserved for the restaurant, which has three separate dining areas. Choose between the baroque magnificence of Salon Mauresque with its stained-glass windows, red marble pillars, gilding and oriental-style paintings and the more intimate Salle Ronde with its elegant chandeliers, or the terrace overlooking the gardens.

Route de Libourne D243

Saint-Emilion, 33330 France

+33 5 57 55 37 00

www.grand-barrail.com

Prices from 180€ per night

Au Logis Des Remparts ★★★

This recently renovated boutique hotel has elegantly appointed rooms and suites, but the highlight is its sundrenched swimming pool, which is set in lush private gardens overlooking the vineyards.

Stretching right up to the ceiling, timber bed heads have recessed halogen downlights shining down on iridescent blue- and gold-threaded bedspreads. Air-conditioning in rooms as well as public areas helps beat the summer heat. Free parking is no small bonus in this tourist-packed town, and the hotel has wi-fi for a fee to keep in touch with the world beyond the village walls.

18 Rue Guadet,

Saint-Emilion, 33330 France

+33 5 57 24 70 43

www.logisdesremparts.com

Prices from 90€ per night

Auberge De La Commanderie ★★

Inside this family-run hotel's 13th-century walls, rooms were dramatically modernised a few years ago. The medieval and contemporary eras are married by massive murals plastering the walls, which are technicoloured pop art versions of old black-and-white postcards of the village.

Ten rooms are housed in the main building (which has a lift), with another six across the street in an annex dating from the French Revolution (with no lift). Some are done out in pastels and some in primary colours, but all have glossy timber furniture and funky light fittings. For families or two couples, there's also a third building with a two-room apartment, with upper and lower-level bedrooms (there's one shower, which is independent of the bedrooms, and two toilets, but no kitchen). Suspended citrus-coloured lights and moulded plastic chairs put an upbeat spin on the bar area, which also serves breakfast. Perks include a free, private lock-up car park as well as wi-fi and an online computer, and fun, friendly staff.

2 Rue Porte Brunet,

Saint-Emilion, 33330 France

+33 5 57 24 70 19

www.logisdesremparts.com

Prices from 75€ per night