

Saturday 8th July

Optional day trips (100 euros per person)

Arcachon, between land and sea

Less than an hour away from Bordeaux, the *Bassin d'Arcachon* is situated between the forest and the sand dunes and the Atlantic Ocean. Discover a place where serenity, nature and mankind are preserved, a landscape in perpetual movement over the courses of the tides, the oyster beds, "Bird Island," the peninsula fishermen villages and the Pyla Dune. Experience the "art de vivre" of the French Southwest.

9:00 am Leave Bordeaux with our guide

9:45 am Visit of oyster villages. You will share the passion and the knowledge of oyster cultivators. Tasting on request (6 oysters with a glass of white wine, bread and butter).

11:15 am Visit of Arcachon, a 19th-century seaside resort. Overlooking the beach, the Winter Town ("Ville d'Hiver") typifies the Second Empire architectural style; the eclectic houses create a dreamlike, almost imaginary atmosphere

12:30 Lunch

2:30 pm Boat tour (1h-1h45): Bird Island ("L'Ile aux Oiseaux") with its famous shacks perched on stilts ("cabanes tchanquées"), the Cap Ferret peninsula with its picturesque fisherman villages, etc.

4:00 pm Pyla sand dune, the highest in Europe. View over the entire bay, the forest and the fearsome rollers marking the entrance of the Bay: one of the best magic spots of the Bay.

6:00 pm Return to Bordeaux

