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## LUXE Life

### EXCLUSIVE BORDEAUX WINE TOUR

Ever dream of sipping premium Bordeaux in a private chateau? Now travelers to France can do just that, thanks to Maryland-based travel company French Wine Explorers, whose exclusive Bordeaux Prestige Tour is offered in early summer, 2011 (May 16–21, June 6–11 and June 27–July 2) to a select group of just 12 lucky oenophiles. For \$5,800 per person, guests can stay at the luxurious, four-star Château Pichon Longueville Baron (a registered historic monument built in 1851) in Pauillac, one of the most prestigious—not to mention gorgeous—private wine estates in the Médoc region. The six-day, five-night itinerary is packed with wine-centric experiences to savor, including stops at all five First Growth Château, numerous VIP tasting events, winery tours and five gourmet dinners, several of which feature special guests (including author Dewey Markham Jr., an expert on Bordeaux classification). The Prestige Tour shuttles guests between famous wine estates like Château Haut Brion, Château Margaux and Château Lafite Rothschild in an air-conditioned car,

offering stops in the medieval village of Saint Emilion and the city of Bordeaux for additional sightseeing and shopping. And while the Château Pichon Longueville Baron doesn't have modern hotel-style amenities (it offers no television or internet access and limited room service), guests seem to hardly notice—the Old World vineyard vibe is downright intoxicating. [wine-tours-france.com](http://wine-tours-france.com)



## FLIGHTS OF FANCY

In Zurich, wine lovers experience heaven on earth at Angels' Wine Tower and Bar.

Trapped in airport hell? Layovers in Zurich can feel downright divine—thanks to a 52.5-



foot tall wine tower (and the eight scantily clad “angels” who service it) at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Zurich Airport. Only the third vertical wine tower of its kind (the others are located in Las Vegas and London), this kitschy-cool structure cost nearly four million Swiss francs to build, and holds 4,000 bottles of wine from 14 countries. Of course, the vino plays second fiddle to the white feather-adorned angels, who retrieve bottles of wine for guests via a computer-controlled harness system. Incorporating acrobatic movements, the angels follow a colorful LED-lit flight path toward the bottle to be harvested, securing it in a wine pouch before sailing back to earth. Fetching wine never ruffled so many feathers. (The wine angels can be seen daily, from 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.–11:30 p.m., and perform during lunch and dinner service). [radissonblu.com](http://radissonblu.com)

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