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GRAND THEATRE
What better way to promote exchange and harmony between visitors and residents than to ask the people of Bordeaux to share the emotions that their heritage, culture and way of life bring to them? We are pleased that Bordeaux is the first French city to benefit from a Facebook community guide.

said Stephan Delaux, President of the Bordeaux Metropole Tourist and Convention Bureau.
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INTRODUCTION

**Group. Noun** [gruːp]. A number of people forming a whole and defined by a common trait.

1 billion people use Groups on Facebook. This feature enables them to connect with others, to learn, share, start something for themselves and help each other. Pages and Events are wonderful tools to build communities and unite people around what matters to them.

Whatever the center of interest, cause or passion they are dedicated to, these are places of discussion and sharing. Groups also offer users an original way to explore places they know little or nothing about. Whether you’re from Bordeaux, chose to settle there or just came to visit the city, our guide will take you through its streets, its most unusual places, its restaurants and bars and its must-see cultural sites. Bordeaux the elegant, the vibrant, the modern, seen by its dwellers and communities.

Now, it’s your turn to discover its multiple facets in your very own way.

Welcome to Bordeaux

The Facebook Team
Since you can’t visit a city without tasting its gastronomic specialties, the group ‘Kweezine–Bordeaux’ helps you discover a number of eating places in the Bordeaux region, some of them traditional and others more original. Here are their five favorites.
LA SALLE À MANGER DES CHARTRONS | 18 rue Saint Joseph

Welcome to the temple of comfort food! If you happen to be in the lovely neighborhood of the Chartrons, you just have to book a table in this charming restaurant serving ‘seasonal, market cuisine’ prepared by Virginie and Karolina. The produce is extra-fresh and cooked with passion and love, just like at home. A little-known eating house that is definitely worth the visit.

LES HALLES DE BACALAN | 10 Quai de Bacalan

Les Halles de Bacalan is a gourmet market that draws inspiration from ‘open-air markets’ to offer the very best food of the South-West region. With its 950 sqm and 23 stalls, the fussiest foodies will be spoilt for choice, and delighted by the warm atmosphere of the market.

CAPPERI | 3 rue de la cour des Aides

Being a true pizza lover in Bordeaux means going to Capperi’s, an Italian micro-restaurant owned by chefs Bartolo and Julia, whose pizza will take you back to Italy. A meticulous selection of producers and of organic, seasonal ingredients make for out of this world flavors. The love and respect for the ingredients are reflected in the quality and the savors to be enjoyed here!

RACINES | 59 Rue Gorges Bonnac

This small eatery serves an inspired cuisine imagined by Daniel Gallacher, the Scottish chef who embarks his patrons onto a sensory journey by building upon select products and a superb balance of flavors. Definitely worth trying out, with its excellent value for money. Racines is the place to go if you want to enjoy a gastronomic meal for a fraction of the price!

GAROPAPILLES | 62 , rue de l’Abbé de l’épée

Recently starred in the Michelin guide, chef Tanguy Lavialle offers a refined cuisine in a sober and elegant setting. Wine lovers won’t be disappointed by the pairings suggested with their surprise menu. Surprise, since you can’t order à la carte or ask for a food list. Instead, you’ll enjoy a custom-made meal adapted to your very own desires!
EXPLORING THE LOCAL HERITAGE

BY AGENDA CULTUREL BORDEAUX ET ALENTOURS
(UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS IN AND NEAR BORDEAUX)

Boasting more than 36,000 members, ‘Agenda Culturel Bordeaux et Alentours’ is a group run by a bunch of people passionate about their city, but also about all kinds of cultural events. Museums, exhibitions, concert halls... The community provides its members with a host of addresses, but recommends five not-to-be-missed places.
**LE GRAND THÉÂTRE** | Place de la Comédie

Erected at the end of the 18th century in the neoclassical style, this building is renowned for the splendor of its facade. The interior too is a feast for the eye, starting with an awe-inspiring staircase. Guided tours allow visitors to discover the hidden aspects and history of this iconic place. The stage, which occupies a third of the building’s surface, provides a perfect backdrop for operas, ballets and live performances. The theater’s state-of-the-art technologies make it possible to create outstanding sound effects.

**DARWIN** | 87 Quai des Queyries

Located on the right bank of the Garonne River, these former military barracks stretching over about 20,000 sq. m have become one of the most sought-after alternative venues in the city of Bordeaux. Inside these ecologically renovated buildings, Darwin dedicates its activity to economic cooperation, the ecological transition and social entrepreneurship: shared offices, social retail concepts, spaces for the expression of graffiti artists, skatepark, yacht club, urban farm, repair center...
GETTING OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

WHERE TO HANG OUT IN BORDEAUX?

Charming places, quirky and unusual bars…

By day or by night, whether you are from Bordeaux or a just casual visitor, exploring the lesser known side of the city is always a pleasure! The group has a talent for finding unique spots, including the five that follow.

CAP SCIENCES | Hangar 20, Quai de Bacalan

Located along the Garonne River, Cap Sciences is the meeting point for the curious people of all ages! This place of learning is home to a number of interactive exhibitions and events relating to science. Gatherings, conferences and guided tours are also on the menu. The Café des sciences gives you the opportunity to sit down on its spectacular suspended terrace and enjoy a breathtaking view over the Port de la Lune!

LE MUSÉE DES ARTS DÉCORATIFS ET DU DESIGN
39 Rue Bouffard

An emblem of Bordeaux, the Museum of Decorative Arts and Design is housed within the Hôtel de Lalande, a private mansion dating back to 1779. In the wood-paneled salons with parquet flooring, you’ll discover a large collection of objects of decorative art from France, and chiefly from the Bordeaux region, dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries: ceramics, musical instruments, marble fireplaces, daily-use objects, glassware, and so on. A museum of stunning beauty.

LA CITÉ DU VIN | Esplanade de Pontac, 134 Quai de Bacalan

Entirely devoted to wine culture, La Cité du Vin takes its visitors onto an exciting journey throughout the ages, cultures and civilizations of the whole world. The museum conveys perfectly the importance of wine culture in a region like Bordeaux! With its temporary exhibitions, its shows and workshops, this is the ideal place to learn about wine. To top it all, you can end your visit by enjoying a glass of wine of the world on the belvedere, with an all-round view of the city!
GETTING OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

BY OÙ SORTIR À BORDEAUX ?
(‘WHERE TO HANG OUT IN BORDEAUX?’)

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LE BB25 | 25 rue Bouquièrè

While wandering through the maze of cobbled alleyways of the quartier Saint-Eloi, you might be fortunate enough to pass by the BB25. In this community-run bar decorated by artists and steeped in a warm atmosphere, you can do pretty much anything you feel like: have a drink, contemplate the works of art, chat and meet with people of all kinds... This place oozing with charm is truly reflective of the confidential Bordeaux nightlife, one of the favorites of die-hard night owls. A DJ is there on certain nights.

LE THELONIOUS CAFE JAZZ CLUB | 18 rue Bourbon

The Thelonious Café Jazz Club is a venue like no other offering a fusion between Jazz, Blues and World music, but also a restaurant serving savory, seasonal dishes, a wine bar, and a digital wall where photographers and video makers can exhibit their work. All of this under the roof of a 250-sq.m venue with a decoration blending items from the 1930s and contemporary ones, wood panels and industrial objects.

LE QUARTIER LIBRE | 30 rue des Vignes

As its name implies, the nighthawks who come here are free to do as they please! Quartier libre is the go-to destination to enjoy a refined meal in the cozy atmosphere of its small, hidden terrace. You may also opt for a custom-made cocktail while listening to a groovy or jazzy live show. Or you might want to keep it simple and dance to the music of the best DJs the city has to offer.

LE BARACAJOU | Quai Deschamps

This pop-up bar is only open in the summer. Large tables, families, hand-picked wines and attractive prices, that is all you need to know about the Baracajou. An open-air bar giving on to the Garonne River, a perfect setting to relax through the season!

CENTRAL DO BRASIL | 6 rue du Port

Nestled in an alley decked with flowers in the colors of Brazil, this place is an ideal fit for all lovers of the Brazilian and Portuguese culture! The flavors of the dishes and the typical cocktails will take you there instantly. Guests can also wiggle to the sound of typical music like forró or samba, and even watch a demonstration of Capoeira.
‘Qui joue où et quand ?’ is a group where local bands can announce their upcoming gigs. This community of experts of the Bordeaux nightlife listed five bars you should definitely go to if you want to party!
LE CAFÉ BRUN | 45 rue Saint-Rémi
Le Café Brun is the perfect spot if you’re in the mood for having a good time in a friendly and festive atmosphere, sipping a beer, a glass of whisky or other spirits. Keen on music and jazz, the clientele gives the place a friendly atmosphere, enhanced by the furniture gleaned at antique markets. The bar features a concert every Sunday at 7 pm.

LE ZIG-ZAG | 173 Cours de l’Argonne
In the heart of the quartier de la Victoire, this bar is admittedly one of the trendiest places in Bordeaux! In addition to the very reasonable price of beverages, this eclectic venue is home to renowned or amateur musicians and DJs, but also to film projections, music quizzes and board game nights.

LE TROU DUCK | 3 rue Piliers de Tutelle
A real institution in Bordeaux, Trou Duck exists since 2005 and is the oldest gay bar in the city and the only one open during the day. Deco kitsch to wish, atmosphere 70’s-80’s, nice team... The Trou Duck team also offers board games to spend good times with your friends, on the terrace, with a beer at 2.50€.

IL TEATRO | 113 Place du Maucaillou
A small piece of Italy in Bordeaux, this authentic neighborhood bar in the spirit of Amélie Poulain will be a break from your usual routine. Italian songs, good coffee-based drinks, prosecco and birra Moretti—this welcoming place is known for the warmth and cheerfulness of its staff and patrons!
L’APOLLO BAR | 19 Place Fernand Lafargue

This pub, whose identity rests on its unique musical atmosphere, was named after the original Apollo Theater from Harlem. The genres played here range from soul music to funk through to Rhythm n’ Blues, and sometimes Congolese rumba. Top-notch bands give a live performance once a month, and a giant screen allows you to watch sport live with your friends.
GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

BY WANTED COMMUNITY BORDEAUX

The group ‘Wanted Community Bordeaux’ gathers more than 133,000 members. More than a mere classified advertisement page, it is meant as a place of mutual assistance. It is with the same goal that the community recommends five key venues who endeavor to make a positive impact on society.
**LE WANTED CAFÉ | 2 rue des Douves**

The Wanted Café was born out of the desire of the founders and members (1 million) of Wanted Community, the mutual assistance community, to build a welcoming space designed to encourage people to meet, connect and share. Market-fresh food served at lunch and dinner time, coffee, tea, pastries – every month, Wanted Café donates 2% of their selling price to a local association. Additionally, it serves a free meal to someone in need for every 10 meals ordered.

**LE MARCHÉ DES DOUVES | 4 rue des Douves**

This former market of the Capucins District was converted into a house dedicated to the life of the community. This facility is run by an association, La Halle des Douves. Steeped into the spirit of the district, it aims at encouraging collaborations, mutual assistance, and offers various events open to all and free of charge.

**LE JARDIN PÊCHEUR | 1 Quai Armand Lalande**

This refined brasserie famous for its outstanding hospitality is unique in the sense that 80% of its employees are disabled. The restaurant serves a seasonal cuisine starring fresh, locally sourced produce, while offering excellent value for money. In this convivial eatery, you can also participate in dinner-shows, attend live concerts, or discover exhibitions.

**LE GARAGE MODERNE | 1 rue des Étrangers**

Located near Quai Bacalan, Le Garage Moderne is a community-run cultural place. People go there to repair or restore their car or bike with the assistance of a mechanic. Since they do the work themselves, the prices are much cheaper than in conventional garages. This place like no other is also a melting pot where people from different backgrounds gather in the context of exhibitions, small concerts and varied artistic performances.

**L’ATELIER REMUMÉNAGE | 6 rue Jules Guesde**

In order to combat exclusion in all its forms, strengthen social cohesion and protect the environment in Gironde, this association uses biogas trucks and bikes to help people from the wider Bordeaux and the whole region move house without damaging the planet, and at rates adapted to everyone’s means. L’Atelier Remuménage also offers services like pick-up and delivery and last-mile delivery with cargo bikes. In addition, it salvages and sells recycled moving boxes!
THE ECO-FRIENDLY BORDEAUX

BY LES APÉROS ÉCOLOS DE BORDEAUX
(BORDEAUX’S GREEN APERITIFS)

These aperitifs give people the opportunity to talk about environment-related topics in a straightforward, uncomplicated way. As Bordeaux is packed with eco-friendly places, the community had no problem coming up with five destinations it recommends wholeheartedly.
**AU NOUVEAU MONDE | 2 rue des Boucheries**

A pub-brewery run by French Canadians could hardly go unnoticed in the streets of Bordeaux, right? People from the area go there to have an–organic–home-brewed beer of the highest quality, treat themselves to a steak or veggie burger, French fries and poutine, and above all to put the world to rights at any time of the day or night!

**SUPERCOOP | 19 rue Oscar et Jean Auriac**

A cooperative supermarket whose owners are also customers, and the other way around! Every month, each cooperator donates three hours of their time to the shop. In addition to the household essentials, you’ll find a large choice of organic (but not only) products, loose items, wine, natural cosmetics, etc. You might also make some wonderful encounters while filling the shelves or working the cash register.

**NATURÔME | 7 Impasse Saint-Jean**

In this venue dedicated to natural health, you can consult naturopaths and many other professionals for a massage, an energy therapy, etc. A soothing atmosphere pervades every corner of this lovely, ecologically renovated venue. The sauna, that helps you unwind while eliminating body toxins, is particularly worth the visit. You will leave it relaxed and ready to conquer the world!

**LE BURO DES POSSIBLES | 2 rue Planterose**

A place as cozy as can be, where you can work in the Working Café section or have lunch, a snack, take part in a workshop or buy and sell clothes... The three women who founded the Buro have taken eco-friendliness a step further: green electricity, composting of organic waste, vegetarian diet made of organic and locally sourced products ... with the bonus of their communicative cheerfulness!
A public institution that raises awareness of environmental issues and sustainability through an array of fun and instructive tools: exhibitions, hands-on workshops, encounters, excursions, conferences, projections. All the events on the program are free of charge, so that the largest number can embark on a process of ecological transition.
For a successful romantic date, find the recommendations of the blogger Les pavés Bordelais and Justine Dubois, Miss Bordeaux 2018.
A ROMANTIC DATE BY **JUSTINE DUBOIS, MISS BORDEAUX**

‘If I had a lover to take to a romantic date, I think I’d go to L’Autre Petit Bois, a stone’s throw from the Place du Parlement. This small, very peaceful restaurant has the loveliest vintage decoration, not to mention the giant tree inside, and all the small candles! In the summer, guests can enjoy their meal on the small terrace. The food here is excellent and very simple, like the Croque-Monsieur in the old style, one of my favorites! To continue the evening, I’d head for the Mama Shelter or the Night Beach, two bars well known for their rooftops and their exquisite cocktails … enough to make quite an impression! To finish in style, I’d go for a walk along the banks and pass by the quintessential reflecting pool.’

A ROMANTIC DATE BY BLOGGER “**LES PAVÉS BORDELAIS**”

‘There’s no place as romantic as La Grande Maison de Bernard Magrez. Its cuisine cooked by two-starred chef Pierre Gagnaire and its classy and warm decoration make for a unique atmosphere, for an experience like no other. Book a table for an exceptional evening, or simply to share this moment to the one you love most!’
On their Facebook page, the teams of the Bordeaux Metropole Tourist and Convention Bureau offer travellers a series of surprising escapades to discover Bordeaux. Here are three suggestions for visits, to embark on an unusual journey!
WINE AND HERITAGE, HAVE A TASTE OF BORDEAUX

From Place de la Bourse to Porte Cailhau, passing through Place du Parlement, discover the most emblematic sights that Bordeaux has to offer on foot, accompanied by a guide. Once the tour is over, enjoy a gastronomic, convivial moment over a glass of wine and a platter in one of the city’s many wine bars. 2nd May to 26th September 6pm every Thursday.

NEW BORDEAUX

An exploration of the city’s transformation since the last decade: new areas, new cultural venues including La Cité du Vin, le Musée Mer Marine, le miroir d’eau (water mirror), the Saint-Jean Euratlantique quarter, etc. It’s an invitation to discover the significant work and developments that have been undertaken to turn Bordeaux into a must-see metropolis. Dates available on www.visiter-bordeaux.com For groups, please book by calling +33 5 56 00 66 10. This tour can be enjoyed on bus or on bikes.
WINE TASTING CRUISE PASS

An 1.5 hour cruise trip on the Garonne. Accompanied by a guide, taste two wines from the region and discover the fascinating history of the Bordeaux waterfront, where the wine trade and the Garonne were so intimately linked. November to February + April: Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays May to October: Wednesdays to Sundays. Bookings: www.visiter-bordeaux.com. Operator: Bordeaux River Cruise.
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Wanted Community, a community that goes beyond the borders of the Internet. With almost 750,000 members in France, among which 120,000 in the Bordeaux area, this mutual assistance group was an inexhaustible source of inspiration to produce this first guide. And the Café Wanted was the ideal setting to host its launch event!

This guide, that shines a light on Facebook communities’ favorite places in the Bordeaux region, is reflective of what we strive for: enabling each and every one of you to take the floor so that you can unite, federate and get involved. The community is every one of you. It is up to you to complement this guide so we can continue to write a story together, whilst discovering the various facets of a city in a unique and meaningful way.
Facebook likes Bordeaux

The recommendations presented in this guide do not originate from Facebook’s teams. All of them were suggested by the Bordeaux-based administrators of Facebook groups and pages.

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