

# BORDEAUX

## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CITY

Bordeaux and Bristol have been twin cities since 1947 so come and discover some of the amazing things that make Bordeaux so exciting. There are some great facts and fun activities for you to learn more about this important French city.

### PHILOSOPHER

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### ATHLETE

The Matmut Atlantique is the main football stadium in Bordeaux. It is the home of Ligue 1 club FC Girondins de Bordeaux and seats 42,115 spectators.

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### SCIENTIST

It was a Bordelais, Pierre Georges Juzan who invented the modern bicycle and developed its use in the late 1880s.

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### AUTHOR

The Gran Teatro de Burdeos, inaugurated on 7 April 1780, is where famous writers have seen their plays, operas and ballets performed over the ages.

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### ARTIST

La MÉCA, a temple of culture and an architectural marvel, is devoted to hosting art exhibitions, the performing arts, books and cinema.

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### HISTORIAN

The Musée d'Aquitaine presents the story of Bordeaux and its region, from prehistory to the present day, through its collections of archaeology, historical artefacts and its Atlantic Slave Trade exhibition

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### ENGINEER

Named in honour of Jacques Chaban-Delmas, a former Prime Minister of France and Mayor of Bordeaux, this massive vertical lift bridge has a main span of 110 metres (361 ft).

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### MUSICIAN

Arkéa Arena is a multi-purpose indoor arena in Floirac near Bordeaux. The arena is mainly used for concerts and sporting events.

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### GEOGRAPHER

Bordeaux lies on the 45th parallel and has a very temperate climate, partly due to its latitude but also due to the moderating influence of the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf Stream. The chill in the night air and sunlight adds the much needed acidity to the grapes, which creates Bordeaux's famous wines.

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