

## TOUR OF SOUTHERN RHÔNE

12th - 19th May 2024

The Southern Rhône wine region spreads out from the river valley, red wines blended from multiple different grape varieties predominate, but also there are whites, rosés and sweet muscat in Beaumes-de-Venise; something for everyone! Guests will be based in Avignon, in a single hotel for the whole week, and all coach journeys are being planned to be less than 60 miles each way so that more time can be spent on activities rather than on travelling.

In 2019 the Club started its journey following the wine regions alongside the river Rhône; from its source in the Southern Swiss Alps, west through Lake Geneva where the river enters France, turning south in Lyon towards its Mediterranean outflow. The group visited the quality Swiss wine regions of Valais and Lavaux, before transferring to the Northern Rhône wine region stretching along the valley between Vienne and Valence. You don't need to have been on the 2019 tour to join us in 2024, but those who were will see the contrast from the light white and red Swiss wines and the varietal syrah reds and marsanne and roussanne whites of the Northern Rhône.



*The Pont Saint Bénézet (Le Pont d'Avignon)*

International travel is not included, and can be by train, air or self-drive, with transfers from and back to Marseilles airport included at a time to be fixed when the airlines have published their schedules.

Prices in Western Europe have increased dramatically just as they have in Britain, and we need to reset our expectations. The tour is priced at £2,350 per person sharing (less than the inflation-adjusted price of the 2016 main tour), with a non-refundable and non-transferrable deposit of £500 per person.

Bookings are direct with Winetrails, not with the Club; the booking form and terms and BACS payment details are attached.

Please contact Steve Dallyn at [sales@winetrails.co.uk](mailto:sales@winetrails.co.uk) for information about the single supplement. Balance payments will be due by 1st March, 2024. Do please contact me at [millarsw@btinternet.com](mailto:millarsw@btinternet.com) if you'd like more information.

*Stephen Millar*

### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Member,

Dear all, now is your last chance to book onto the Club's main tour this year, to the Southern Rhone. If you have been delaying your booking, please do so no longer as it will soon be too late! You will also see that we have now got everything in place and can advertise the short tour to Lisbon in October. All the best for 2024,

Best Wishes

  
Jane Orr

This tour is planned to include visits with tastings to wineries in the major Southern Rhône sub-regions – Beaumes-de-Venise, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas, Lirac, Rasteau, Tavel, Vacqueyras and Vinsobres – and to some named villages in the Côtes du Rhône, as always setting the visits into the local gastronomic, cultural, geographical, geological, historical & climatic context.

In addition to seven nights' bed and breakfast, there will be two included dinners and four included lunches. There will be a short guided walking tour of Avignon on arrival and one full day, mid-week, without any included activities so guests will be free to explore. Go to Avignon Tourisme ([avignon-tourisme.com](http://avignon-tourisme.com)) for the massive range of options for your free time.

# SHORT TOUR TO LISBON

17th - 20th October 2024

I am delighted to announce that the Club's 2024 short tour is now finalised. We will be staying in the 4\* Ramada by Wyndham Hotel in Lisbon, which is conveniently placed next to a Metro station which is on the line from the International Airport. Partly for this reason, and partly because there are so many flights at varying times to Lisbon, transfer to the hotel is not included in the cost.

The tour starts with a wine tasting and dinner at the hotel on the first night and then there will be two days of winery visits, with included lunches, in the Setúbal area on the opposite side of the River Tagus. This area is particularly known for its Moscatel but, as we will discover, produces many other fine wines too. Many of the wineries have really interesting histories.



*The famous yellow Tram 28*

To reserve your place, please use the booking form attached and pay the non-refundable deposit of £120 per person. Balance payments will be due by 5th August 2024

I look forward to seeing you there and discovering this beautiful and historic city with you.

*Jane Orr*

The tour finishes after breakfast on Sunday so you can choose to either leave then or make the most of being in such a vibrant capital city and stay on for a few hours or days.

The cost of the tour is £485 per person sharing, with a single person supplement of £155. There will also be a city tax of €2 per person per night.

Should you wish to extend your stay, the hotel has confirmed that you can do this at your own cost, on either side of the tour dates, at the group room rate of €140 for double occupancy and €130 for single. Please indicate on the booking form whether you wish to avail yourself of this as I will need to book it with the hotel.



*One of Lisbon's wineries*



*Home of Pastel de Nata and local wines*



*Belem Tower*

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# WINETRAILS

## BOOKING CONDITIONS

All bookings are made and accepted subject to the terms and conditions that follow, and by signing the booking form you agree to this. The contract thus secured is between the signatory, acting on behalf of all members in his/her party, and Stephen Dallyn, trading as Winetrails, of Greenways, Vann Lake, Ockley, Dorking RH5 5NT; (hereinafter called 'us' or 'we').

To make a booking you must send us a signed booking form and the required deposit (normally 20% of your chosen travel arrangements, or other agreed sum). Your signature on the booking form indicates that you have read these booking conditions, essential information and other details referring to your holiday and understand and accept them. We will confirm your booking in writing and invoice you for the outstanding balance of your costs, at which time this contract comes into force. The outstanding balance must be paid no less than ten weeks before the start of your chosen holiday, and should such payment fail to reach us by that date we reserve the right to cancel your booking without refund. Where a reservation is made within eight weeks of departure, that reservation is secured upon receipt of a completed booking form and the total holiday cost, including any extra payments that may be due. If you book through one of our authorised agents all monies paid to that agent for your holiday are held by them on our behalf.

If you cancel your booking, all payments made will be retained by us, at our discretion. If, however, you are unable to travel in circumstances we find reasonable and you notify us in writing not less than 56 days before departure, you may transfer your booking to another person (if they are acceptable to us), when a transfer fee of £100 per person will be payable (£200 if less than 56 days), plus any other irrecoverable costs. Additional costs levied on Winetrails, such as airline fees, may also be payable by you under some circumstances. Such transfers are not generally possible less than 49 days before departure. Cancellations only come into effect on our receipt of written confirmation from the signatory. In view of the above, we strongly recommend you take out travel insurance cancellation cover at the time of booking.

If we are forced to cancel your holiday we will try to offer you a suitable alternative. If this is not acceptable, we will refund in full all monies paid to us in respect of tour cost and insurance. We will not be liable for any incidental costs, such as visa, vaccinations etc., nor for compensation payments.

This holiday is priced on exchange rates on 3rd July 2023 and for minimum numbers of people on group tours (in this case 20). Before your booking is confirmed by us we reserve the right to increase or decrease promoted prices. We also reserve the right to impose surcharges due to unfavourable exchange rate changes, air fare or other transport cost increases, government action, or where the group size falls below the minimum number. We will absorb all surcharges below

2% of the basic tour cost. If any surcharge exceeds 10% of the basic tour cost, you have a right to cancel your booking within seven days of our notification of that surcharge; we will then refund any monies paid to us in respect of the tour and insurance, but not incidental expenses such as visas, amendment fees etc.

Most of our holidays are constantly being developed and modified, to take in new routes, hotels or wineries, for example, or to allow for seasonal closures and other changes. Our brochures and newsletters include a detailed outline of each holiday and what it entails, but changes may occur after printing. After booking we may (if applicable) send you more up to date trip information on your chosen holiday, which is to be incorporated into the terms of the contract. If on receipt of this information you are not happy with the details of your holiday we will allow you to cancel, with a full refund, provided we receive written notification of such cancellation during the week following our sending this information to you. Such cancellations will in no case be allowed less than eight weeks before departure, and if you are booking within eight weeks of departure you should ensure you are fully familiar with all aspects of the proposed holiday.

Many of these are outdoor holidays of an adventurous nature, sometimes visiting remote areas, and on occasion may lead to inconvenience, discomfort and disappointment. Your booking is accepted on the understanding that you realise the hazards of this kind of holiday, and are prepared to accept a degree of on-tour flexibility, particularly concerning changes caused by local bureaucracy and conditions, including weather, politics, travel arrangements, access, breakdown and sickness. These are not hotel package holidays, but a style of travel, and the itineraries, accommodation units and facilities described are expressions of intent. Though we would not normally do so, we reserve the right to alter an itinerary and/or accommodation at any time, and will not be liable for any loss as a result of such alteration or delay. In particular, most of the wine estates we visit are as invited guests to working estates, not tourist centres, and as such conditions may change abruptly and visits and tastings be curtailed, cancelled or changed. Such changes or cancellations may occur at any time on any departure, but particularly at high summer, weekends, and busy times such as harvest. You must at all times accept and abide by the authority of our guide or local agent, and if your conduct at any time is deemed disruptive, or detrimental to the safety, welfare or enjoyment of other members of the group, you may be asked to leave the party, without any right to a refund, compensation or payment of any other costs incurred.

Bookings will only be accepted from people in normal good health, and if this is in doubt your booking must be accompanied by a doctor's certificate stating that it is entirely safe for you to travel on the holiday chosen. All clients must also be covered by insurance, with adequate cover for medical expenses, including repatriation, helicopter rescue and air ambulance. Many insurance

schemes are specifically designed for these types of holiday, and we strongly recommend you to use them. All insurance claims must be directed to your insurers, and not to us, as we are unable to act in such matters.

Any complaint should be made known at the earliest opportunity to the guide and/or our local representative, hotel or other supplier and every effort will then be made to rectify it. It is unreasonable to take no action whilst on holiday, and then to make a formal complaint at a later date. If you are not satisfied with their response, then you must notify us in Great Britain immediately, and we will do our best to resolve the situation. If at the end of the holiday you feel your complaint was not properly dealt with, the details should be put in writing to us within 14 days of the scheduled end of your holiday. Should the matter still not be resolved, you may take your dispute to independent arbitration.

Travel of any kind can be hazardous, and it is essential that you are fully aware of the dangers involved, including sickness, disease, natural disasters, force majeure, war, strike, government action, robbery, violence, civil or political unrest, or the result of unusual, unforeseeable or unavoidable circumstances. We cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to your person, your luggage or your personal property or for any other damages caused by the total or partial failure to carry out any contract unless it can be shown to be the direct result of negligence on the part of us. Where we are found to be liable for damages, the maximum amount of such damages will be limited to the price received by us for the holiday.

Any and all information regarding trains, flights or ferries, times and prices and other items beyond our control is given in good faith, but may change after printing. In particular, due to the flexible nature of our tours and booking procedure, we do not always have confirmed airline, aircraft type or flight details at time of booking, and these will be confirmed to you as soon as they are known. We act only as agents for the airlines, railways, ferry companies and their licensed agents, and any such travel arrangements are subject to the conditions of the carrier concerned, and their responsibility is normally limited to the carriage of passengers and their luggage in accordance with International Law and conventions. Similarly, our responsibility is limited to the carriers conditions of carriage, and we shall not be responsible for baggage loss, cancellations or delays or their results, including subsequent amendment or curtailment of planned itineraries.

By signing our booking form you agree to accept all these conditions, and when we accept your booking we agree to operate your holiday as defined in this brochure, these booking conditions, the general information in this brochure and other information provided to you. Both sides of this agreement are made subject to, and are to be interpreted and enforced, only in accordance with English law in an English court.

## BOOKING FORM

TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	NATIONALITY	OCCUPATION	D.O.B.

Please book .....places on holiday.....

Departing on .....

I enclose a deposit of £..... (20% but minimum of £500 per person) for each person travelling. Flight travel payment of £..... per person enclosed (\* see below).

Total £..... I have paid by Internet banking

Single travellers will be invoiced for a single supplement, if applicable. If you would like to share a twin-bedded room with someone of the same sex, please indicate this and we will amend your booking before departure if we are able to do so.

☐ I would be happy to share a room ☐ I would like a single room throughout

We would like rooms with... ☐ double bed ☐ twin beds

☐ If there is a choice, I/we would prefer a ground floor room

All correspondence will be sent to the one address you indicate below: if you do not wish this, you must make separate bookings.

Name .....

Address .....

.....Postcode .....

Phone: day .....

evening .....

email .....

I certify on behalf of all persons included on this form that I/we have read the booking conditions and agree to abide by them, that I am over 18 years of age, and that I am authorised to make this booking on behalf of the above named.

Signature ..... date .....

Internet banking: NatWest, Sort Code 60-07-02

Account S M Dallyn T/A Winetrails No. 31542131

Please use reference CHWC2419 and your Surname

Please complete this reservation form in full and return by post or email to:

Winetrails, Greenways, Vann Lake, Ockley, Dorking RH5 5NT Tel: 07770 728 300 e-mail: sales@winetrails.co.uk

**THE CHARLES HASTINGS WINE CLUB**  
**A Wine Tour of the Setúbal area of Portugal based in Lisbon**  
**17th – 20th October 2024**  
**BOOKING FORM**

Please complete and return this form as soon as possible to Mr. D. Carter at [events@chwineclub.org.uk](mailto:events@chwineclub.org.uk) or 11 MacKinnon Place, Dunfermline. KY11 8PW. Please note that payment is non-refundable and non-transferable and that a deposit of £120 per person is required on booking and full payment is due by 5th August 2024. CHWC event booking terms are available on the Club's website or in hard copy from the Club's Secretary, David Carter.

Full name(s):

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Mobile:

I/we would prefer a TWIN/DOUBLE/SINGLE room.  
Preference will be honoured if possible but choice between twin and double cannot be guaranteed.

I/We would like extra nights at the hotel on the following dates:

I/we have dietary restrictions:

I/we have disabilities which restrict(s) mobility:

My/our travel insurer is:

My/our travel insurer's emergency contact number is:

Next of kin name, relationship and contact 'phone number:

The full price of the event is £485.00 per person sharing, with a single supplement of £155.00. International travel is not included but please inform David Carter of your flight arrangements as soon as you have made them.

Payment by BACS transfer is preferred; please contact the Club's Treasurer at [events@chwineclub.org.uk](mailto:events@chwineclub.org.uk) for bank details. If paying by cheque please make it payable to The Charles Hastings Wine Club and send it to David Carter at 11 MacKinnon Place, Dunfermline. KY11 8PW.