



Charente Maritime

Discover Charente-Maritime's history, coastal beauty, and gastronomy on this 9-day adventure. Explore La Rochelle, medieval villages, iconic lighthouses, and savor Cognac tastings, maritime explorations, and scenic waterfront strolls.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flight Tickets
- All transfers and excursions
- 8 days at the all-inclusive Club Med La Palmyre
- Daily Meals
- Expert Local Guide

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- La Rochelle – Stroll Vieux Port, towers, and lively streets.
- Cordouan & Royan – See France's oldest lighthouse, Royan's charm.
- Meschers & Talmont – Explore cliffs, caves, medieval village.
- Île d'Oléron – Taste oysters, visit colorful artist village.
- Saintes & Cognac – See ruins, Gothic sites, taste Cognac.
- Rochefort – Visit Corderie Royale, Hermione, Maritime Museum.

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Your detailed itinerary

DAY 1 ● BORDEAUX

Upon arrival in Bordeaux, you will collect your bags, and a shuttle will drive you to the Club Med La Palmyre resort.

DAY 2 ● LA ROCHELLE

Explore La Rochelle on a full-day tour! Begin with a walking tour of the city's highlights: the iconic Vieux Port, the historic towers, Porte de la Grosse-Horloge, and Hôtel de Ville. Stroll through Parc Charruyer and vibrant neighborhoods like Saint-Nicolas. After a delightful lunch with scenic views, enjoy free time before a 4 PM bus boat ride through Europe's largest marina. Discover maritime history, culture, and charm at every turn!

DAY 3 ● CORDOUAN | ROYAN

Embark on a half-day excursion exploring the Gironde estuary. Marvel at the iconic Cordouan Lighthouse, France's oldest, standing proudly since 1611. Then, discover Royan's blend of 1950s modernist architecture and historic charm. Highlights include the Notre-Dame Church, Palais des Congrès, Romanesque Saint-Pierre Church, Belle Époque villas along Boulevard Garnier, and the scenic waterfront.

DAY 4 ● MESHES | TALMONT

Explore the captivating Meschers-sur-Gironde, where stunning limestone cliffs carved by the sea reveal ancient troglodyte caves like the Regulus, a historical refuge for pirates and Protestants. Next, visit Talmont-sur-Gironde, a charming medieval bastide perched on a peninsula, offering breathtaking estuary views. Admire the Romanesque Sainte-Radegonde Church, stroll through narrow flower-filled streets, and discover its rich heritage at the Talmont Museum.

DAY 5 ● OLERON

Discover Île d'Oléron on a half-day excursion! Begin at the "Cité de l'Huître" to learn about oyster farming and enjoy an oyster tasting. Then, visit "Couleurs Cabanes," a vibrant village of artists and craftsmen in former oyster huts. Explore diverse workshops showcasing sculpture, knife-making and more, blending creativity with the island's rich maritime heritage.

DAY 6 ● COGNAC | SAINTES

Start day in Saintes, exploring its rich history: the 1st-century Arc of Germanicus, ancient amphitheater, Abbey of Ladies, Saint Eutrope Church, and Gothic cathedral. Stroll through charming streets and along the Charente River. Head to Cognac to visit a local winegrower, enjoy tastings of Cognac and Pineau, and tour the Baron Otard house, birthplace of King Francis I.

DAY 7 ● ROCHEFORT

Discover Rochefort, a military town with unique right-angled streets. Marvel at the endless perspective of the Corderie Royale, resembling a palace. Visit the dry dock where the Hermione replica was built. Explore the Maritime Museum to dive into sailing techniques and maritime history. Enjoy the charm and history of this extraordinary coastal town.

DAY 8 ● FREE TIME

DAY 9 ● RETURN HOME

Transfer by private shuttle to Bordeaux Airport for your flight home.

