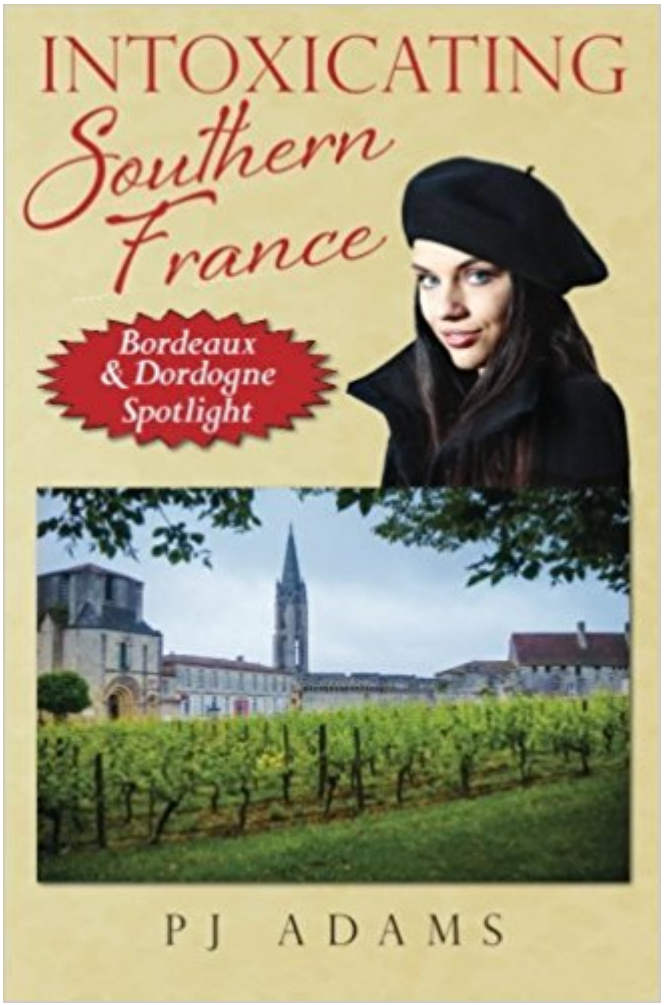
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Intoxicating Southern France: Bordeaux & Dordogne Spotlight (PJ Adams Intoxicating Travel Series)



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Synopsis

Pamela "PJ" Adams, whose best seller Intoxicating Paris uncorks the magic in Paris, is back with another quirky journey. This time it's through Intoxicating Southern France: the French Riviera, Provence, Languedoc, Dordogne, and Bordeaux. The Bordeaux & Dordogne Spotlight guide is a chapter taken from the complete Intoxicating Southern France. It's designed to meet the needs of readers who want to concentrate specifically on Bordeaux and the Dordogne region.Inside, you'll find stories and information about the enchanting Dordogne with its medieval castles at Castelnaud and Beynac, esoteric Rocamadour, prehistoric caves, market towns like Sarlat, Limoge, and Cahors, and the sublime Dordogne River. Then we travel to Saint-Ãƒâ milion, ancient wine hamlet and purveyor of famous vintages. And we explore the noble grape kingdom that is Bordeaux, home to Lafite and Margaux--and some of the finest wines and creative vintners on the planet. We tour some of the most romantic grands crus estates. And we learn from the wine pros how the great Bordeaux vintages are made as we taste the delectable fruits of their labors. Above all, this book is a guide to the delights of Bordeaux & Dordogne for those who journey here--or dream of doing so one day.

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Customer Reviews

"PJ Adams has crafted a vivid travel memoir filled with stories and photographs of the bounteous beauties of Southern France."Ã Â --Paul Shawcross, author/photographer ofÃ Â Nice & Beyond,Ã Â Dordogne Explorations, andÃ Â ProvenÃƒÂ§al RoamingÃ Â "PJ's writing style is

engaging. [Her] ability to weave in the facts and historic information in a logical way that is fun to read is so well-done and the amount of information [she] provides about each region is really impressive."--Patricia McBain,Ã Â Bordeaux Walking Tours"...another fun adventure by PJ Adams. You can taste the foie gras and smell the Mouton Rothschild. PJ takes us from Medieval Dordogne to the legendary vineyards of Bordeaux in style.Ã Â --Tom Leech, author of Say It Like Shakespeare and On the Road in ’68 "As a blogger and France travel pro, my tour group guests have foundÃ Â Intoxicating Southern FranceÃ Â to be a valuable travel resource in planning their trips to Dordogne and Bordeaux particularly." --Christy Destremau, President, France Off the Beaten PathThe P.J. Adams books lend themselves to quickly planning a trip through the most fascinating parts of rural France. The descriptions in the Adams books allow me to size up an area and determine which towns are worth an overnight stay, which cities merit three nights in a central boutique hotel, and what parts of the countryside will be most enjoyable.Ã Â Ã Â --Gary Beals, Director, Fortaleza Experiencias Medievales

Measure yourÃ Â Bordeaux & DordogneÃ Â IQ:InÃ Â Intoxicating Southern France: Bordeaux & Dordogne Spotlight,Ã Â PJ Adams explores the delights of the Dordogne, Castelnaud, Beynac, Rocamadour, Saint-Ãƒâ milion, the rise of Eleanor of Aquitaine and the Hundred Years War, Bordeaux, the Medoc wine region and Bordeaux’sÃ Â Grands CrusÃ Â wines, Cahors black wine, and much more. Take the quiz below to find out how much you already know about these fabulous locales:Ã Â 1.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Eleanor of Aquitaine married Henri II and became Queen of Normandy.Ã Â True or False2.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Benjamin Franklin visited numerous wine estates in Bordeaux while serving as Ambassador to France.Ã Â True or False3.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Which (now)Ã Â premier grands crusÃ Â estate lobbied for years to be included in the top tier of theÃ Â Grands Crus ClassÃƒÂ©sÃ Â wines of Bordeaux?4.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â The Dordogne is famous for its apricots, breads, orÃ Â foie grasÃ Â products?5.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â A dog named Robot originally led his owner down a hole in the ground to the famous Lascaux Caves.Ã Â True or False6.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Michael Crichton’s bookÃ Â TimelineÃ Â is based on time traveling back to Bordeaux in the 14th century.Ã Â True or False7.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â The originalÃ Â premieres grands crusÃ Â wines included only four estates: Lafite Rothschild, Margaux, Latour, and Gruaud Larose.Ã Â True or False8.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Despite the high-end nature of wine and food in Bordeaux, youÃ Â canÃ Â get a beer, burger, and fries at local downtown pubs like the Frog & Rosbif.Ã Â True or FalseÃ Â Answers: 1. False: England, not Normandy. 2. False:

Thomas Jefferson visited numerous estates. 3. ChÃƒÂ¢teau Mouton Rothschild 4.Ã Â Foie gras. 5. True. 6. No, Dordogne. 7. False: Yes, only four were included but they were Lafite Rothschild, Margaux, Latour, and Haut Brion. 8. TrueÃ Â

Once again, P.J. Adams has produced a great read on another part of France. This is the book to read before you finish planning your trip, as she gives insights into where to stay, what to eat, and, most important, how to access the hidden treasures of the region. Bordeaux and the Dordogne constitute an amazing part of France, nestled in the southwest part of the country near the Atlantic Ocean and inland. I have traveled there several times, and this book captures the essence of the places described.Take good notes as you read and you will have restaurants and cafes to enjoy, wineries and chateaus to visit, and hints on the best shopping throughout the region.

Thin on detail.

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