



## **EXPLORE BY BIKE**

## CYCLING TOUR OF BORDEAUX, FRANCE

No one wants to be the designated driver when wine tasting is involved, so swap four wheels for two on a six-day cycling tour of the most prestigious vineyards of the Bordeaux region, sampling their delicious Grands Crus en route. You'll try a range of wines, including reds, dry and sweet whites, and rosés, at vineyards within the Margaux and Medoc areas, among others. You'll also get the chance to explore the charming medieval town of Saint-Émilion, as well as spending a day in the beautiful city of Bordeaux itself.

Don't miss its striking, wine-dedicated cultural venue, La Cité du Vin. **How to do it** This five-night, self-guided cycling tour starts from £1,529 per person, including return flights, accommodation, breakfast, hire bikes, and luggage transfers between hotels; headwater.com or 01606 369 121.



## SPARKLING SIGHTS

## ROYAL CHAMPAGNE HOTEL AND SPA, CHAMPILLON, FRANCE

When you're visiting the home of the world's most prestigious celebratory beverage, you want to stay in some suitably sparkling accommodation. Enter the Royal Champagne Hotel and Spa. Perfect for returning to after a hard day tasting Dom Pérignon, Moët et Chandon or Pol Roger, this - the region's first five-star hotel – will not disappoint. Each room has spectacular views, and there is a Michelin-starred restaurant. But the jewel in the crown is the destination spa. How to do it A Garden Junior Suite starts from €523 (approximately £444) per night; royalchampagne.com or 0033 326 528 711.

