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Cooking with Reza in Bordeaux

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About Reza:

Born in England, Reza received a British style education in India, and now describes himself as speaking both English and Hindi with a classic public school accent.

His father was none other than Sheikh Mahammad, one of the first great Indian chefs to bring the flavors of India to eager UK diners. In 1954 he opened The Star of India in Kensington, elevating it to near legendary status by the

time of his father's untimely passing in 1978. Reza took the helm aged 17 and has since risen to international acclaim as celebrity chef and television personality.

Reza began his onscreen career with "Flavours of India" in 1993 and subsequently shot to fame with Channel 4's "A Place in France". Reza is now a top chef for the Food Network Channel and guest chef for ITV's "This Morning." In front of the cameras his trademark flamboyant style reflects his passion and genuine enthusiasm for creating authentic Indian cuisine.

In person, he is absolutely charming with an infectious energy and obvious delight in sharing the results of his creative instincts.

Reza divides his time between filming, teaching around the globe and his cookery school, Chez Cartier in southwest France.

Day 1

Arrive at Bordeaux International Airport and transfer to the beautiful Chateau Mirambeau.



This Relais & Chateaux five star renaissance castle will be your sumptuous home for the week. Set in a 10 acre park,

the fairytale chateau commands views of the surrounding countryside, with turreted towers and garden fountains. The luxurious salon, complete with grand piano, is your opulent *home from home*, while the on site spa facilities offer relaxation and rejuvenation.

Enjoy walks in the grounds, relax in the spa or take a stroll into Mirambeau to revive before the week's activities begin.



Early supper at *Le Viterezay*, a renowned seafood restaurant on the Gironde estuary.



Day 2

Breakfast and relax in the morning. Meeting with Warwick Hewson, our trip director and Reza's business partner at 11am in the salon to discuss the week ahead and meet your fellow guests. Warwick, a concert pianist, will be staying at the chateau and will give us a short concert during the week.

Late lunch will be at Chez Cartier, Reza's residence, former Cognac distillery and home to the cooking school.



All stops are pulled out for a gastronomic feast prepared especially for us by Reza -- champagne and hors d'oeuvres served on arrival followed by an unforgettable banquet showcasing Reza's talents and unique flavors. Be prepared to be hosted and entertained by the unique Reza – one of the most charming, inimitable and flamboyant people I know – He will make you feel entirely at home!



Day 3

After breakfast we will drive to Talmont sur Gironde on the coast. Talmont is a car free village founded in 13th century and relatively untouched architecturally in 700 years. The views along the coast are most impressive, with white cliffs in both directions. The 11th century church towers above the village on a rocky peak and is well worth exploring.



Lunch at the renowned *Hotel Estuaire* for fabulous seafood, with panoramic views of the Gironde estuary.



After lunch, we will drive on to *Chateau Bertrand*, a family owned Cognac house founded in 1731 for a personal tour by Therese Bertrand, the youngest generation in the Bertrand family. Therese will explain the production and demonstrate the process, with tastings and insights into the mystical world of Cognac.

Transfer back to Chateau Mirambeau where you will have a free evening.

Day 4

We depart after breakfast for Chez Cartier where we will have a full day cooking with Reza, learning how to conjure up fabulous Asian inspired food. Packed with tips and insights from Reza's encyclopedic knowledge, it will be a fun filled and most informative day.



We will enjoy the fruits of our labors for a lunch, served in the Chez Cartier dining room with coffee and drinks afterwards in the garden.



Following the course, we will visit Aubeterre sur Dronne, officially listed as one of « The Most Beautiful Villages in France». It has welcomed pilgrims, visitors and pilgrims en route to Santiago de Compostella in northwest Spain for over 1000 years.

Two important historical monuments add to the cultural status of Aubeterre -- the extraordinary, monolithic, underground Church of St Jean and the Romanesque Church of St Jacques, with its stunning façade.



Transfer back to Chateau Mirambeau where you can relax and enjoy a free evening.

Day 5

It's garden day! We will be whisked off to the gorgeous Jardin du Chainge where we will tour the gardens and you would be forgiven for thinking you had landed in Italy! Sweeping vistas, water gardens, an amphitheater and

beech tree maze provide constant surprises offering both grandeur and subtlety. An informal lunch will be served in the garden.



We then head to Jardins du Logis de Forge which has been a mill for centuries and is now an enchanting and beguiling landscape of water and colour created by the charismatic current owner who will give us a private tour.





From Logis de Forge, we travel to 15th Century *Maine Giraud*, for a private tour an opportunity to sample the Charente aperitif *Pineau de Charente*.

We drive on to Cognac for dinner at one of the region's best addresses, *La Domaine de Breuil*. A stone's throw from Cognac centre, this 19th century chateau houses a panoramic dining room with seasonal dishes.



Day 6

We depart after breakfast for Chez Cartier where we will have another full day cooking a new menu with Reza, delivered with his inimitable flair and enthusiasm.





Back to Chateau Mirambeau for a simple dinner. After dinner we take coffee and apres dinner drinks in the salon where Warwick will entertain us with a private concert.

Day 7

We leave this morning for the St. Emilion wine district where our first stop will be La Maison du Vin Saint-Emilion. This is THE place to go for an overview of the appellations for an informative introduction to the region's wines.





From La Maison we head to *Chateau Angelus* one of the largest and most prestigious St. Emilion estates. The wine was promoted to 1er grand cru classe status in the 1996 St-Emilion reclassification. After a private vertical tasting, we will be guests at Le Logis de Cadenne, the chateau's restaurant in the heart of St. Emilion.





After lunch there is time to explore Saint Emilion and its chic boutiques. Perhaps have a coffee on the panoramic terrace overlooking the rolling hills and famous vineyards

or scale the King's Keep - the only Romanesque castle still intact in the Gironde.



We drive back to Mirambeau where dinner will be on your own.

Day 8

After a light breakfast we will check out and travel back to our second home, *Chez Cartier* where we will enjoy wonderful hors d'oeuvres and a brunch packed with fresh and delicious flavors prepared by Reza.



On to Bordeaux, where we check our hotel (TBD).

Bordeaux is a stunning World Heritage site and capital of the Charente region. The grandiose 18th century architecture makes it a jewel of a city.

We will stroll around and explore this dynamic and artistic city before visiting Cite du Vin, the internationally acclaimed museum of wine, for a guided tour and wine tasting.

Back to the hotel where we will get ready for our grande finale dinner. (TBD)

Day 9

Leave for the airport after breakfast for connecting flights home.

Trip Cost:

8 Persons: \$5,300/p/p double occupancy

The trip is arranged through ZAANHA and includes a \$500 tax deductible contribution to ZAANHA Fund. Rates are quoted per person, based on sharing double accommodations. The cost has been calculated on the existing rates/tariffs and any changes in the costs or modification in tax structure will oblige us to revise the same.

Single Supplement:

\$800.00

If you are traveling alone and would like to share a room, please let us know and we will do our best to find you a roommate. If, however, that can't be accomplished, then you will be required to pay the single supplement.

What's Included:

- Accommodations
- All meals as outlined in the itinerary
- Entrance to all events as outlined in the itinerary
- Ground Transportation
- All beverages except alcohol at the hotel which will be billed to your room
- Transfers to and from airport
- Loads of FUN and LAUGHS!

What's Excluded:

- International airfare to and from Bordeaux
 - Please do not make your airline reservations until you have received written confirmation of your registration from ZAANHA.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls etc.
- Medical or evacuation expenses
- Insurance for self, baggage and liability. There are other companies offering this, so please check for yourselves.
 - *Please note that ZAANHA runs this tour personally and will not have insurance for individuals. The insurance is the responsibility of the participants. A list of insurance providers follows:*
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<http://www.travelexinsurance.com>
(800) 228-9792

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<http://www.travelguard.com/> or Travel Insurance Services
<http://www.travelinsure.com>.

Travel Insurance Services
<http://www.travelinsure.com/cobrand/select/photoex>

Atlas International Insurance
(HCC Medical Insurance Services) and underwritten at Lloyd's of
London
<http://www.visitorsmedical.com/atlasinternational.html>

American Express

Seven Corners
<https://www.sevencorners.com/insurance/HW7C6YH>

Note on the Itinerary: We will do our best to adhere to the itinerary as indicated, but it is always subject to change for circumstances that occur beyond our control.

Conditions of Participation: Participation is subject to signing an Agreement and Release from Liability and the Booking Conditions. All participants are responsible for their own travel and liability insurance.

ZAANHA Terms and Conditions

Bookings and Payments

All trips are booked on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

Payments

- The final payment is due 60 days before the departure date.
- Checks should be made payable as follows:
 - Upon booking, a \$500 non-refundable check made payable to ZAAHHA should accompany your application.
 - 90 days prior to departure, an additional 50% or \$2,400 in the form of a check made payable to ZAAHHA should be made.
 - 60 days prior to departure, the remaining balance of \$2,400 should be paid as follows:
 - \$1,900 payable to ZAAHHA and \$500 payable to ZAAHHA Fund.
 - The ZAAHHA Fund portion is tax deductible as permitted

by law.

Cancellation

- The booking deposit is non-refundable if you cancel your reservation
 - **ZAANHA STRONGLY ENCOURAGES ALL PARTICIPANTS TO PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE TO PROTECT AGAINST CANCELLATIONS DUE TO ILLNESS AND INJURY.**
- From 75+ days prior to your departure date, there is a 25% cancellation fee.
- From 45-74 days prior to your departure date, there is a 50% cancellation fee.
- From 44 -0 days prior to your departure date, there is no refund.

Your itinerary and costing is subject to change in the event of extreme currency fluctuations.

Risk and Liability

While participating under ZAANHA Adventures, certain unavoidable risks and dangers may occur, including but not limited to: accidents, illness, travel by automobile, or other conveyance and the forces of nature.

Neither ZAANHA, nor its operators accept responsibility or liability for any injury, loss or damage suffered by any person or property from any cause whatsoever.

Neither ZAANHA nor its operators accepts responsibility for any delay prior to or during the course of our trip brought about by strikes, weather conditions or any other circumstances beyond our control.

If ZAANHA judges any destination to be unsafe at the time of departure, it will offer to reschedule, relocate, or refund your trip. If conditions should not be optimum due to weather conditions, operators reserve the right to change the itinerary at any time.

All individuals come on this trip at their own risk and must therefore provide their own travel, health and accident insurance coverage during the trip. In addition, we strongly advise guests to take out cancellation insurance to cover any possibilities of personal health or family matters that would result in the inability to travel.

ZAANHA is running this tour and will not have any kind of insurance including liability for the trip. In order to go on the trip you must purchase all insurance for yourself I strongly recommend that you self insure for yourself, baggage and liability. Should you decide not to purchase insurance, we require a letter from you stating this.