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BORDEAUX ADVENTURE

FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS



The Grand Théâtre © Teddy Vernel - @Lazbroz

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DISCOVERING THE HISTORY OF BORDEAUX



HELLO YOUNG EXPLORER!

I'm Robin, your guide and your new friend. Together, we're going to have a thrilling adventure. So, are you and your family ready to explore Bordeaux?

The adventure starts now!

WELCOME TO BORDEAUX, capital of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region.

Explore its old quarters by following this route through the city and answering the riddles.



IT'S YOUR TURN TO PLAY

Can you answer each of these questions?

1

Opposite the Bordeaux Tourist Office sits the Maison du Vin, which promotes Bordeaux wines. Head towards the building and find a clearly recognisable sign on the ground, the symbol of this place. What is it?

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Answer 1: A bunch of grapes.

2

Go around the Maison du Vin via Rue Gobineau and reach the building at number 10 des Allées de Tourny. It is decorated with numerous sculpted masks called mascarons. There are over 3,000 of them in the city! Two of them look alike: guess what they have on their heads with the charade below:

My first syllable is a large animal that loves honey and hibernates in the winter.
My second is a beam of light from the sun.
Put them together and I'm a traditional French hat from the southwest of France.

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Answer 2: B - Raie = Bêret

3

Now head back towards the Grand Théâtre and, on the way, look for the bronze map showing the neighbourhood in 3D. Which three monuments are shown?

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Answer 3: The three monuments shown on the bronze map are: the Grand Théâtre, Notre-Dame church and the Palais de la Bourse.



Maison Gobineau - CIVB © David Remazeilles (Gironde Tourisme)



Le Grand Théâtre - relief map © Steve Le Clech Photos



4

Find the city's coat of arms on this relief map and identify the corresponding symbols.

The crescent moon

The English leopard



- The big bell ('Grosse Cloche')
- The Garonne river
- The fleurs-de-lys



Answer 4:



DID YOU KNOW?

Each element of the Bordeaux coat of arms tells a part of the city's history. The **Grosse Cloche** refers to the Town Hall of which it was part, the **leopard to the Kings of England**, and the **fleurs-de-lys to the Kings of France**. The **water** and the **crescent** symbolise the river and the port of the Moon.

6

Take Rue Mautrec to the church of **Notre-Dame**, a superb 18th-century Baroque church. Above the entrance door is a bas-relief depicting the apparition of the **Virgin Mary to Saint Dominic**. What animal is depicted in this scene?



Notre-Dame church © Nicolas Duffoure

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The animal in the bas-relief in the church of Notre-Dame is a
Answer 6:

7

In Place du Chapelet, there is a statue of a Spanish painter who lived the last years of his life in Bordeaux. He is elegantly dressed, but what is he holding in his right hand?



Statue of Goya © Nicolas Duffoure

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What is his name?
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Answer 7:
The Spanish painter is holding a cane in his right hand and his name is Goya.

5

You've reached Place de la Comédie, where Bordeaux's Grand Théâtre is located. Look at the statues above the columns. What instrument is Euterpe, the musical muse on the far left, playing?



The muses and goddesses of the Grand Théâtre © Steve Le Cléch Photos

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Answer 5:
Euterpe, the musical muse, is holding a flute.



8

Head through Passage Sarget, a covered shopping arcade, and turn left onto Cours de l'Intendance. In this avenue of fancy shops, look for the building whose balcony is supported by tritons, sea creatures that look like men.

Look closely at them and complete the drawing below.



9

Take Rue Sainte-Catherine, the longest pedestrian shopping street in France. On your right is the Galeries Lafayette shop. Can you see the clock above which two children (there are two clocks!) are holding toys in their arms? Circle the corresponding toys.



The little girl is holding a doll and the little boy is holding a boat.
Answer 9 :

Write down the names of the two animals under the clock. 10

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The two animals are a cockerel and a cat.
Answer 10:

We invite you to walk down Rue Saint-Rémi towards Place de la Bourse to discover the old Saint-Pierre quarter and the water mirror facing the Garonne.



BRAVO! You've managed to solve all the riddles!
We hope you enjoyed your visit and wish you a pleasant stay in our city.