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Bon Voyage

Notes for the savvy traveler



● Above: Château Cordeillan-Bages, a premier wine-tourism destination. Right: A tasting at O-Château.



TOAST MASTERS

- La Revue des Vins de France, France's leading wine publication, just gave longtime wine-tourism pioneers Jean-Michel Cazes and his sister Sylvie its award for **Meilleur Accueil dans le Vignoble 2010**. This distinction acknowledges the sibs' dedication to providing a high-quality visitor experience at Château Lynch-Bages, Château Cordeillan-Bages and the renovated hamlet of Bages. lynchbages.com, cordeillanbages.com, villagedebages.com
- Discover the **French wines that Thomas Jefferson loved** during his years as American ambassador to France with bilingual wine expert Philippe Catz. Tastings are held at Vinissime, Catz's art gallery/cave in Paris's charming Butte-aux-Cailles district. vinissime.fr

- **O-Château Paris Wine Tastings** now has a new location near the Louvre with three separate tasting rooms and a stylish wine bar where clients can relax before or after their *dégustation*. The company also organizes Champagne cruises and wine & cheese lunches. o-chateau.com



SECONDHAND TROVES

Forget colored eggs—more enduring treasures (at bargain prices) can be found at Easter **brocantes** throughout France. One of the largest is in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, outside Avignon (foireantiquites-isesurlasorgue.fr). In the Poitou-Charentes region, check out the Foire de Pâques de Chaunay (<http://videgrenierchaunay.blogspot.com>). In Paris, head over to the Brocante de Pâques at the Marché d'Aligre (12^e) (<http://brocantes.paris.free.fr>). Between April 21 and 25.

APP WATCH

- **Louis Vuitton's** iPhone app, dubbed "Amble," draws from the company's acclaimed City Guides; it features restaurants, art galleries and boutiques. Users can click on the "around me" icon to discover nearby places of interest. *Free*.
- **Rail Europe's** new app, due out this spring, can be accessed by iPhones and other smartphones. The software allows customers to book train travel, view rail itineraries and product information, and find out what's happening at their destinations. *Free*.
- **Impressionist Paris: Walking Tour 1 and 2** features two fact-filled itineraries—Pont Royal to Pont des Arts and Pont Neuf to Pont Louis Philippe—that highlight the connections between Impressionist paintings and the street scenes that inspired them. A photo album feature lets you save your own views. *\$1.99*.



● Louis Vuitton's new Amble app for the iPhone.

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