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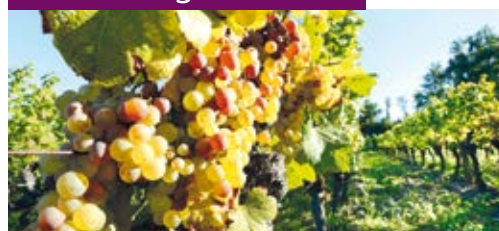
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By road :

- **From Paris (500 km)**
 - Périgueux-Limoges A20
 - then Limoges-Périgueux RN21
 - Périgueux-Poitiers A10
 - then Poitiers-Angoulême RN110
 - then Angoulême-Périgueux D939
- **From Bordeaux**
 - Bordeaux-Périgueux A89 (120 km)
 - Bordeaux-Bergerac D936 (100 km)
- **From Lyon**
 - Lyon-Périgueux A89 (466 km)
- **From Toulouse**
 - Toulouse-Périgueux A20/A89 (278 km)



By air :

- Regular flights Paris-Bergerac-Périgueux - 2 return flights per day
www.twinjet.fr
- International departures from Bergerac - 14 lines
www.bergerac.aeroport.fr



By train :

- Périgueux - Paris : 4h
- Périgueux - Bordeaux : 1h15
- Périgueux - Toulouse : 3h
- Périgueux - Lyon : 5h



Welcome to Dordogne Perigord one of the finest and most beautiful holiday destinations in France.

This 2015/2016 edition of the Holiday and Leisure Magazine opens up new pages of local colour and events inviting you to come and discover the Perigord and spend your next holidays in Dordogne.

For this third edition, we have chosen our leading local authorities and local personalities from among those men and women who nurture the Perigord spirit by the richness and variety of their lives and experience. Such ambassadors of the Perigord know exactly how to draw you to this region with their knowledge and love of the area.

This magazine is, in addition, a long voyage through time illustrated by the progress of mankind in Dordogne Perigord, from the discovery of prehistoric decorated caves, Romanesque churches, chateaux, castles and medieval bastides to Renaissance architecture and the classic period.... in short a sort of Visitors' Book which continues with the creation of the Montignac Lascaux International Centre of Wall Painting Art where the entire original structure of the celebrated Lascaux Caves will be reproduced, opening to the general public in 2016.

Coming to the Perigord will mean a successful holiday. So find the time to take advantage of our famous sites, of our picturesque villages, of our towns dedicated to the Arts and History: come and sample our famous truffles, foie gras, strawberries, walnuts and Bergerac wines straight from the winegrowers themselves; come and join in the fun; come and take part in our fêtes and festivals; enjoy local hospitality; find new experiences and share them with family and friends. Do not be shy, fulfil your wishes and enjoy a holiday that can be active or cultural or just for the great cuisine!

Come and discover in the Perigord a golden opportunity for adventure, excitement, savours and flavours.

Made up your mind? Good! Now choose your accommodation, work out your programme... and.... Have a Right Good Holiday in the Perigord !



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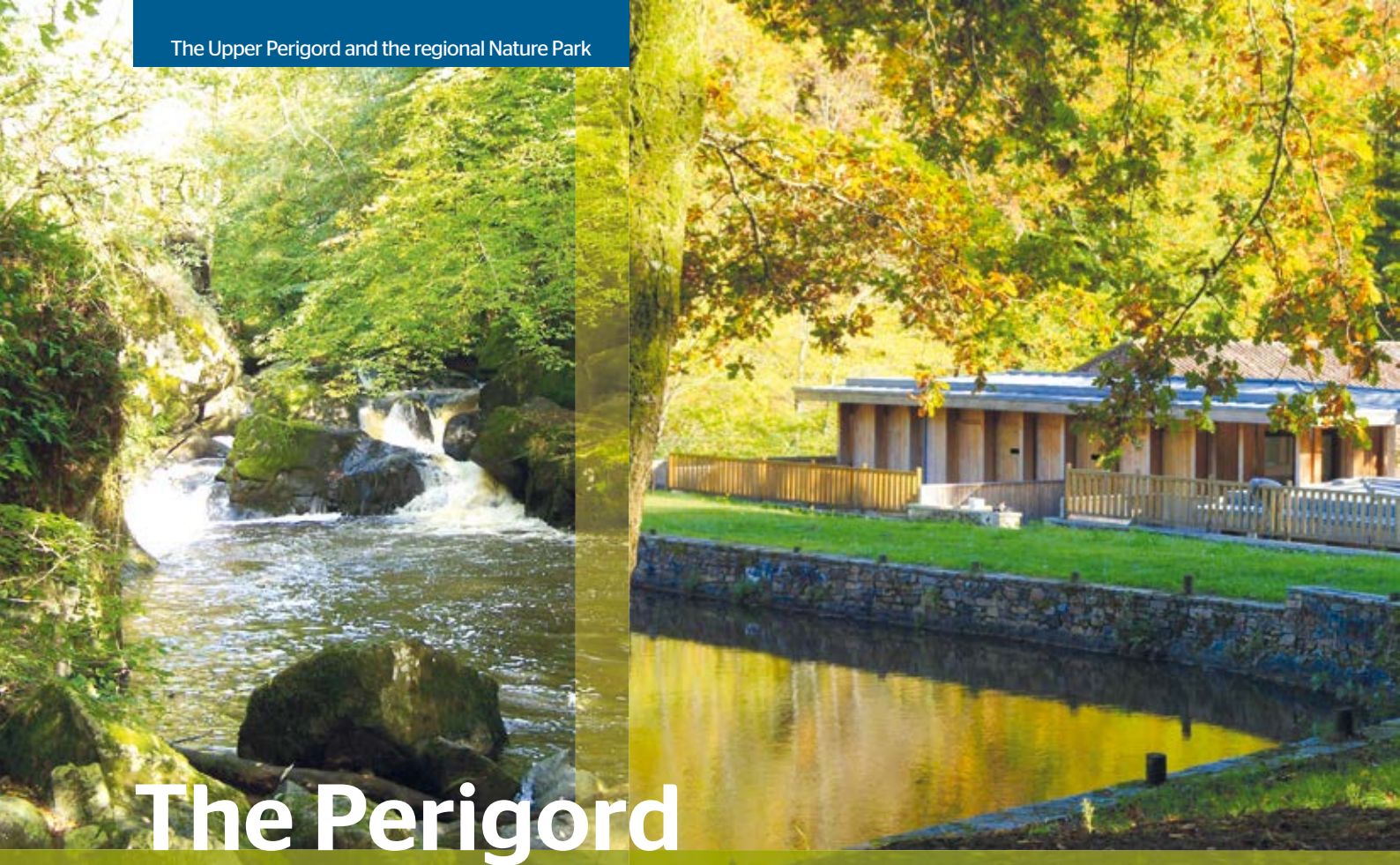
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Saint Estephe lake



The Upper Perigord and the regional Nature Park



The Perigord

naturally

It could have been a ragbag collection with the occasional racoon in it but it is in fact, simply a general survey of the diversity of the local flora and fauna: 18 species of bats, 50 species of grasshoppers and crickets, 110 types of nesting birds and 22 varieties of wild orchids... Pascal Mechineau, passionately involved in the Regional Nature Park welcomes you to the Green Perigord.



Leading
local
authority

Pascal Méchineau

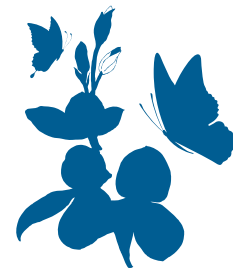
vice-chairman
of the Regional Nature Park

The Upper Perigord shelters one of the forty eight regional nature parks in France, the only one in the Dordogne shared with the neighbouring department of Haute-Vienne, (seventy-eight different communities). It is here that Mother Nature occupies the space. The area bustles with wild animals, among which have been recorded species of rare birds and insects; the colours change seasonally from the hues of spring flowers to the tints of autumn.

Here, we are far from the beaten track, deep in the country of peat bogs, streams, grassland, thickets of trees and rocky outcrops. From the river Nizonne to the Argentine plateau, from the Upper Dronne Valley to the La Ponge lake and into the Sandonie Valley (All Natura 2000 classified sites) one passes from steppe-like treeless plains to a view of stands of mature trees. Before the coming of the Park in 1998, Pascal Mechineau knew every minor contour of this land of his origins. The boy who dreamed of becoming a land agent in the National Forestry Commission showed his talents in public works and then, worked for the State by following the paths of his career through the countryside.

Pascal Mechineau joined the Regional Nature Park Association as a simple citizen, "on the Environmental Committee" then, after three terms as a local councillor, he became mayor of Milhac-de-Nontron and vice-chairman of the Regional Nature Park.

His responsibilities lie in communication for which he lacks no enthusiasm on the subject of the National Regional Park. You may meet him with his camera, snapping here and there as if on a photographic binge taking close-ups of his favourite flowering plants... wild orchids. Twenty-two species have been recorded in this area: the bee orchid,



« We are indebted to the Nature Park for having revealed the true value of the Upper Dronne heritage and for having emphasized the characteristics of the Argentine plateau, with its orchids. »

Pascal Mechineau

Photo captions from left to right :

- the Chalard falls
- the park information centre- La Coquille

**A network of European terrestrial and marine sites identified by the rarity or fragility of their wild species, both animal and plants and their habitats.*

its light pink petals and brown and yellow sphere contained within an envelope enclosing the stamen and pistils, the red cephalantherus set along the edges of the truffle fields and so many fragile plants. Pascal and his friends from the Phot'Oc club are recording this heritage. "We have produced specification sheets with texts, descriptions and photos."

In the realm of biodiversity

With the experts of the French Orchid Lovers Society, Pascal has started the idea of late mowing in the surrounding areas, with the association of communities in the Green Perigord and the Regional Nature Park. These volunteers note all points of growth along the roadside. The first quasi-activist movement of its kind in France! "We also visit owners on their properties. The public domain serves as a good example but the real success is found in individual gardens where the owners mow avoiding the orchids." The Park adheres to the Natura 2000* programmes dedicated to the conservation of the habitats where threatened species can be found! Among the species risking extinction, several need human presence. "If leaving land fallow gains the upper hand the orchids will disappear. In the Nizonne Valley a succession of species has evolved because people have mown in order to bring their herds late to pasture. We must re-establish the lost balance between man and nature. The Regional Nature Park is not just a sanctuary."

Sensitive natural areas

For Pascal Mechineau, the natural environment is everybody's business. Good sense and straightforward observation are both welcome. "It is very interesting to share this Park with other regions, departments and some small communities. As you look back in history towards the dioceses and the different parts of the countryside, you can easily see the divisions between the Limousin and the Perigord. This nature park reflects this

complexity. Humid areas and dry areas together form an unbeatable region for study." The Dronne Valley will benefit from a new European policy for the circulation of water and fauna with the removal of certain edge-of-woodland areas, old mills, forges. "This rural heritage has a cultural and social dimension; it is a witness to the passage of time, but many of these sites are no longer workable and there is detritus. Choices must be made." The Upper Dronne is one of the rare water courses in France where one can still find pearl-bearing mussels. Three hundred years ago they existed in fast flowing rivers. "This species lives in symbiosis with its environment. It filters the water, thus improving the quality which benefits the salmonids that carry the embryos in their gills in order to spread them. Previously these mussels covered the river bed, slowing down the effects of erosion." Abandoning the farmland has affected the environment more than the presence of human beings. Much more than local memories, which fade. The old postcards tell the story of the countryside. "At the beginning of the 20th century you could not see a single tree in the valley, the land was all pasture just for cattle and sheep-rearing. There were small areas of woodland on the slopes. The area was much more populated than today and the ecological balance was respected. We must know about the past of such a natural region to keep watch on its future." Convinced that good habits start in childhood, Pascal believes very much in the "Park Explorers" scheme. The programme invites 1500 young people and their teachers every year to come and discover and preserve their surroundings. A good way of making the 50,000 inhabitants living in this area, aware. "They rediscover walking in the forest." The tourist season is the most advantageous period for enjoying the various demonstrations and information trails. Theatrical presentations will soon show off the Park to help walkers to move around.

Maison du Parc - La Barde - 24450 La Coquille

Tel: +33 5 53 55 36 00 - www.pnr-perigord-limousin.fr



« In France the market has gone from a hundred to five manufacturers and the “best brollies” only account for 2% of the market. »

Local Characters

Rodolphe Thiam “Share my umbrella”

As with Mary Poppins, Ayrens umbrellas have something magical about them. Still resistant to the winds of competition blowing from Asia, they remain solid and beautiful in the face of adversity and even push the concept of luxury up a notch. The old know-how remains firm and Rodolphe Thiam who bought the family business in 2005, after 25 years spent in banking right up to the financial crisis, understands completely how to mix excellence and a modern attitude. “I was used to risky professions and I had always dreamt of having my own business. At that moment Christian and Marie-José Meylen were about to retire!” He fell in love with this small company which had established its reputation for design and quality. The de luxe model conceals its fibreglass struts in a double cloth binding with a single support and a discreet sound as you open it. Rodolphe Thiam who learned to be a designer with the previous owner, created the prototype based on sketches discovered in the family archives. Since 2009 Ayrens has been allowed into the closed circle of “Living Heritage Companies” officially recognised and certificated by the state to preserve human capital along with heritage fabrication processes and rare machines. The manufacture of umbrellas founded in 1868 at Nontron by a tinsmith from the Auvergne moved to St-Pardoux-la-Rivière in 1972. Rodolphe Thiam also took over (in 2010) the Sauvagnat Company at Aurillac, the historic capital of the umbrella. “Until 1970 the umbrella was a fashion accessory but since the arrival of Chinese products it has become a disposable item.” By rendez-vous and in groups, the director will give a guided tour accompanied by a short talk on the economics of products made in France. But it is not possible to take away one of his models as you leave. This businessman remains faithful to his network of 200 fine leather goods dealers. “Our brand is a gift idea that has a visual style and is robust. We even repair twenty-year old models.” Twelve employees put together 12 to 15 000 umbrellas per year for a total of 200 different models. The collections are presented six months before the first rains of the following season. Following conception and design, all carried out by hand, the choice and blending of colours is followed by the cutting out of the material and the assembly. Dressing the framework can necessitate as many as 43 pieces of material; a special feature of the company that cannot be copied.



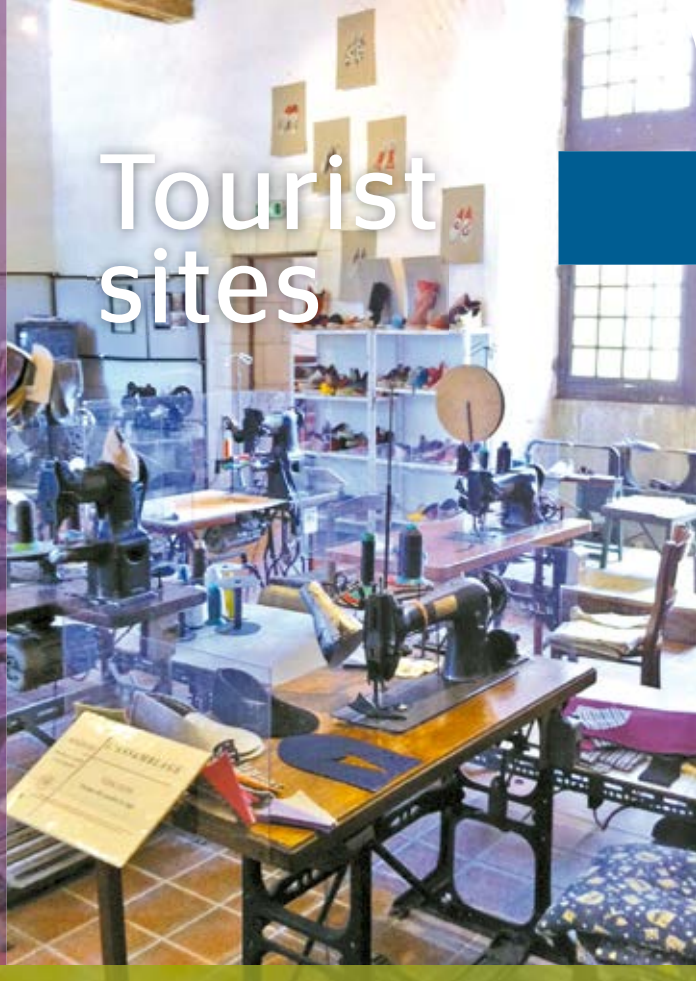
Rodolphe Thiam

Director of Ayrens Umbrellas

Manufacture Ayrens - 24470 Saint-Pardoux-la-Rivière

Tel : +33 5 53 56 71 10 - www.ayrens.com

Tourist sites



The Weavers' and Slippers' Museum and Workshop

A soft shoe shuffle.

Just a few kilometres from Nontron, up in the north of the Dordogne, you will find in the chateau of the little village of Varaignes, the weavers' and slipper-makers' museum and workshop. This ecomuseum describes the history of the textile industry in the Perigord-Limousin, cradle of the Charente slipper.

The first thing to discover in the Varaignes is its chateau with its medieval keep and its Italian Renaissance inspired courtyard. Once inside, take a walk around the various rooms named after the former local factories where there is a permanent exhibition of looms, a spinning mill with its workshop plus the Charentaise slipper cutting-out and sewing machines. In the village there is a restored weaver's cottage where you will experience the daily life of a 19th century peasant weaver. The weaver's and Charentaise slipper workshop also has a permanent exhibition of contemporary textile creations. You may also take part in the manufacture of Charentaise slippers guided by the CPIE of the Perigord-Limousin who will award you a Slipper Maker's Diploma!

Atelier des Tisserands et de la Charentaise
Le Château - 24360 Varaignes

Tel. +33 5 53 56 35 76 - www.officedetourismevaraignes.com

The Nontron Cutlery Manufactory

The Nontron cutlery manufactory has existed since 1653. A team of sixteen professionals maintain this knowledge and know-how. The knives are completely hand-made, followed through by an assembler who supervises the manufacturing process from beginning to end. Each one is a unique object. A range of styles and types are on offer: Traditional table decoration and creation.

Nontron - Tel. +33 5 53 56 01 55
www.coutellerie-nontronnaise.com



"Le Perigord" Cutlery Manufacture

Our craftsmen cutlery will take great pleasure in welcoming you to one of the three workshop-boutiques in Perigord (Nontron, Brantôme, Sarlat) where folding knives with unusual mechanisms are manufactured along with traditional table decoration on the theme of rugby. All models are stamped "Le Perigord" and designed with numerous types of wood.

Nontron - Tel. +33 5 53 56 62 78
www.couteau-leperigord.com



Experimental Centre for Art and Industrial Design

Since 1999 the Experimental Centre for Art and Industrial Design (PEMA) has promoted both the variety and the diversity of art and industrial design as well as the talent of professionals in the Perigord-Limousin. Exhibitions, lectures, meetings, demonstrations, courses and training periods... The PEMA supports to an equal degree the development of industrial design in the Perigord-Limousin: marketing and commercialisation of original creations, industrial design courses and designers in residence.

Nontron - Tel. +33 5 53 60 74 17
www.metiersdartperigord.fr



The Discover Nature City

The discover nature city is an introduction to the environment around the Miallet dam with special reference to the animals. Animal life, relations between man and animals and the ecosystem in and around the dam area are some of the themes presented. During summer a wide variety of activities are offered: art and discovery workshops, dictation with a fine nibbed pen and even a Junior School Proficiency Exam!

Miallet - Tel. +33 5 53 52 43 51
<http://dordogne-decouverte-nature.jimdo.com>



Bisons in Perigord

Since 2003 David Soulié has reintroduced into the Perigord-Limousin Regional Natural Park the mythical bison. You can visit his breeding farm travelling by buggy to find out all about the bison; its life, its history and its meat. In the farm shop you will find a variety of products based on the bison; cuts of meat, pre-cooked dishes, terrine.

Miallet - Tel. +33 5 53 52 63 03
www.bisons-du-perigord.com



Beauvais Chateau

Beauvais chateau, built during the 15th and 16th centuries, flanked with it two machicolated towers, is classified in the inventory appendix of Historical Monuments. It bears witness to the return of Medieval Architecture during the Renaissance boom: one can see the elongated main castle building enlivened by mullioned windows and tall chimneys, the whole being framed by massive towers with conical roofs. In the huge tree-covered park, you will come across the impressive dovecot and a covered well.

Lussas et Nontronneau
Tel. +33 5 53 56 07 51 - www.nontron.fr



Accommodation

Bed and Breakfast

Chantecor

2 Clévacances bedrooms
(2 key symbols)

Valérie DRUINEAU
La Coquille

Reference : DP000495D

This charming bed and breakfast accommodation offers a haven of calm in green surroundings. Having visited the many tourist sites in the area and having discovered our epicurean cuisine you can relax at the poolside.

Tel. +33 5 53 35 50 01

www.gite-booking.com



La Maison de Patrice

4 Gîtes de France bedrooms

(4 ears of corn symbols)

Patrice GEFFROY

Saint-Pardoux-la-Rivière

Reference : DP000527D

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Hotels

Grand Hôtel Pélisson **

23 bedrooms

Nontron

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Tel. +33 5 53 56 11 22

www.hotel-pelisson-nontron.com



Hostellerie Saint-Jacques ***

13 bedrooms

Saint-Saud-Lacoussière

A fine 18th century residence with its blue shutters clothed in ivy. The suites and the bedrooms are magnificently decorated opening onto a large landscaped garden with its swimming pool. The epicurean restaurant elegantly combines the flavours and the aromas of the Perigord.

Tel. +33 5 53 56 97 21

www.hostellerie-saint-jacques.com



Gites

Domaine de Montagenet-Lavande

Maisons et Villas en Périgord ****

7 persons

José FERRE

Saint-Martial-de-Valette

Reference : DP024977

Five charming houses completely renovated and decorated in a style which respects the essence of this place, embracing modern and contemporary art. All this is available throughout the year in a 200 acre park. Pool, spa, hammam, sauna.

Tel. +33 5 53 35 50 00

www.gite-booking.com



La petite Burnie

Clévacances (3 key symbols)

5 persons

Christian LACOUR

Biras

Reference : DP849863

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Vivale ***

Miallet

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www.vivaledordogne.com



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www.campingdenontron.com





The Green Perigord Music Festival July and August

"Music in the Green Perigord" started its first concert under the aegis of the Syndicat d'Initiative and the Association for the Protection of Pluviers Church. In 1980 with the encouragement of a famous lady pianist these concerts took on another dimension and so became a true festival. In 1987 the Association for the Coordination of Cultural Events in the Green Perigord became the principal support of this festival which today functions side by side with the tourist Office and other participating town councils and associations. The programmes offer a wide variety of musical culture.

www.musiqueenperigordvert.com

Tel: +33 5 53 56 40 62

Farmers' Markets

Throughout the year the farmers and craftsmen of the Dordogne will welcome you either in the evening, in party mood or during the day to fill your shopping bags with fine Perigord fare. The Farmers' markets are easily identified by their logo. They conform to the terms of a charter which requires that all products presented on the market originate directly and exclusively from the farmers themselves.

Dates and further information on:

www.marches-producteurs.com/dordogne



Bussière-Badil

Potters' Fair

May

30 to 40 potters from France and Europe.

www.foiredespotiers.com

Tel: +33 5 53 60 52 07

Vaigues

Marchés des Tisserands

Weavers' market

May

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Tel: +33 5 53 56 35 76

La Coquille - Maison du Parc

Le Parc en famille: animations pêche et nature

(the family in the park : open air activities and fishing)

July and August

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www.pnr-perigord-limousin.fr

Tel: +33 5 53 55 36 00

Miallet

Perigord Bison Festival

July

www.bisons-du-perigord.com

Tel: +33 5 53 52 63 03

Nontron

Knife Festival

August

<http://feteducouteau.typepad.fr>

Tel: +33 5 53 56 00 08

Etouars

Forges and Metal Work Festival

August

Presentations, exhibitions, demonstrations of the blacksmiths' craft, children's workshop, guided tours, metal work craftsmen.

Tel: +33 5 53 56 23 66

Saint-Saud-Lacoussière

Cepe and suckling calf Festival

October

Tel: +33 5 53 56 65 04

Nontron

The Showroom for Industrial Art and Design

October

Creators and craftsmen designers present their last collections and give demonstrations

www.metiersdartperigord.fr

Tel: +33 5 53 60 74 17

Vaigues

Turkey Fair (Dindons)

November

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Tel: +33 5 53 56 35 76



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Bourdeilles and its chateau



Romanesque Art and the Dronne Valley

Bourdeilles, the other chateaux

and the whole Perigord as a cinema backdrop

Bourdeilles Chateau is one of the most favoured sites for shooting films in the Dordogne but also the whole department is a land of welcome for films and television serials. Thierry Bordes, Perigord's Mister Cinema, relates this alternative local history.



Leading
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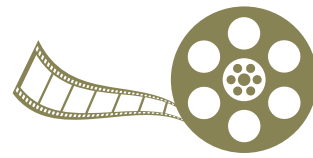
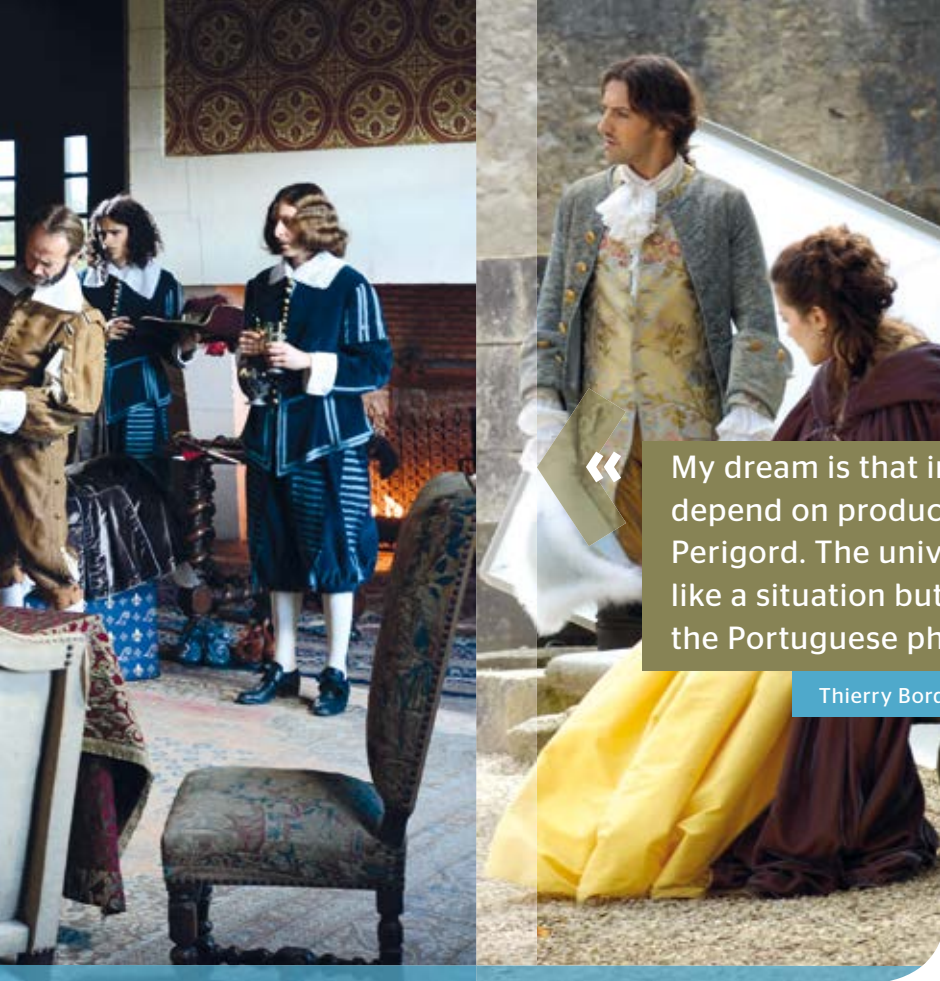
Thierry Bordes

Deputy chairman Ciné-Passion,
responsible for organisation
and reception of film shoots.

*“R*ichelieu, la Pourpre et le Sang” the fictional version broadcast on France 3 in the spring of 2014 and starring Jacques Perrin shows the extent of this loyalty. Henri Helman, who filmed “Cartouche” at Bourdeilles in 2008, came back to film his “Richelieu” in 2013. “Moreover he knew he would get good service here and he knew he could bank on the incomparable chateau scenery. This is the ideal spot, the main advantage being the 17th century furniture and furnishings, everything is included except costumes. Our excellent relationship with the Departmental Heritage Section and Semitour, owner and manager of the site, makes setting up the shoot much easier.” A sure and certain brand image and tourist attraction. The filming of “Richelieu” which also took place at Hautefort, Jumilhac-Le-Grand, Cadouin, Sarlat, Beynac, Tremolat employed not only fifty technicians and thirty or so actors but also more than four hundred extras. The Dronne Valley has also received “Vilaine” and “Un jour mon père viendra”. “With the same producer.”

Thierry researches locations beforehand, checks how the film crews will be received, chooses the backdrops, selects the extras from the cast lists before promoting the Dordogne as a possible area for filming. He visits all the festivals like Cannes, Clermont-Ferrand, La Rochelle, to establish contacts, and of course Paris regularly. “I try to show off all the assets and advantages of the Dordogne to all those with projects in mind. Here we have all we need right from prehistory to today.”

Sarlat is still the star attraction, just as Hautefort, Monpazier and Bourdeilles are. The town of Perigueux and Bergerac are beginning to emerge as possible locations. “We are trying to diversify. So far film shoots have taken place in 150 different communities.”



My dream is that in ten years we shall be able to depend on producers and scriptwriters from the Perigord. The universal spirit is an open concept like a situation but with no constraints as the Portuguese philosopher Miguel Forga said. »

Thierry Bordes

Photo captions from left to right :
• Behind the scenes on a film shoot

In 2015 the Ciné Passion network is launching a Smartphone App for « La Route du Cinéma » to show the film shoot locations by means of film extracts.

Coming back home

"I have always loved the cinema. My first film was Paris, Walt Disney's "Robin Hood". He very soon demonstrated his great desire to play an active role in his passion. "When I was an eleven-year-old in a holiday camp, I rented Super 8 films and gave film shows for my pals." Born into a family from Mussidan, who were teachers in Paris, Thierry studied anthropology, gained a Master's degree in film-making, then concentrated on documentary making.

His memories of holidays called him back to the Perigord. "The choice of living in the country but without working." He met another person smitten by the cinema, Raphaël Maestro, the Director of Ciné Passion. "He found me a spare-time job as a projectionist." We were in 2001 and the Dordogne and was, like Moliere's Bourgeois Gentilhomme, under a delusion without realising it. Films were being made but nothing was really organised. Thierry suggested creating a film-making Council. "It took two and a half years. The department of the Dordogne supported the project, convinced of the economic possibilities." A sinking fund for audiovisual and cinematographic productions was set up at the same time. "We were the only ones in Aquitaine in 2005, our fund was combined with that of the region. The other departments soon followed."

Since then, almost thirty other projects have received support which makes 1.2 million euros invested, producing an 8 million euros spin-off for the economy. An outstanding profit ratio. Thierry can verify that, as far as the film shoots are concerned, film production ensures that local hiring and spending more than make up for public funding.

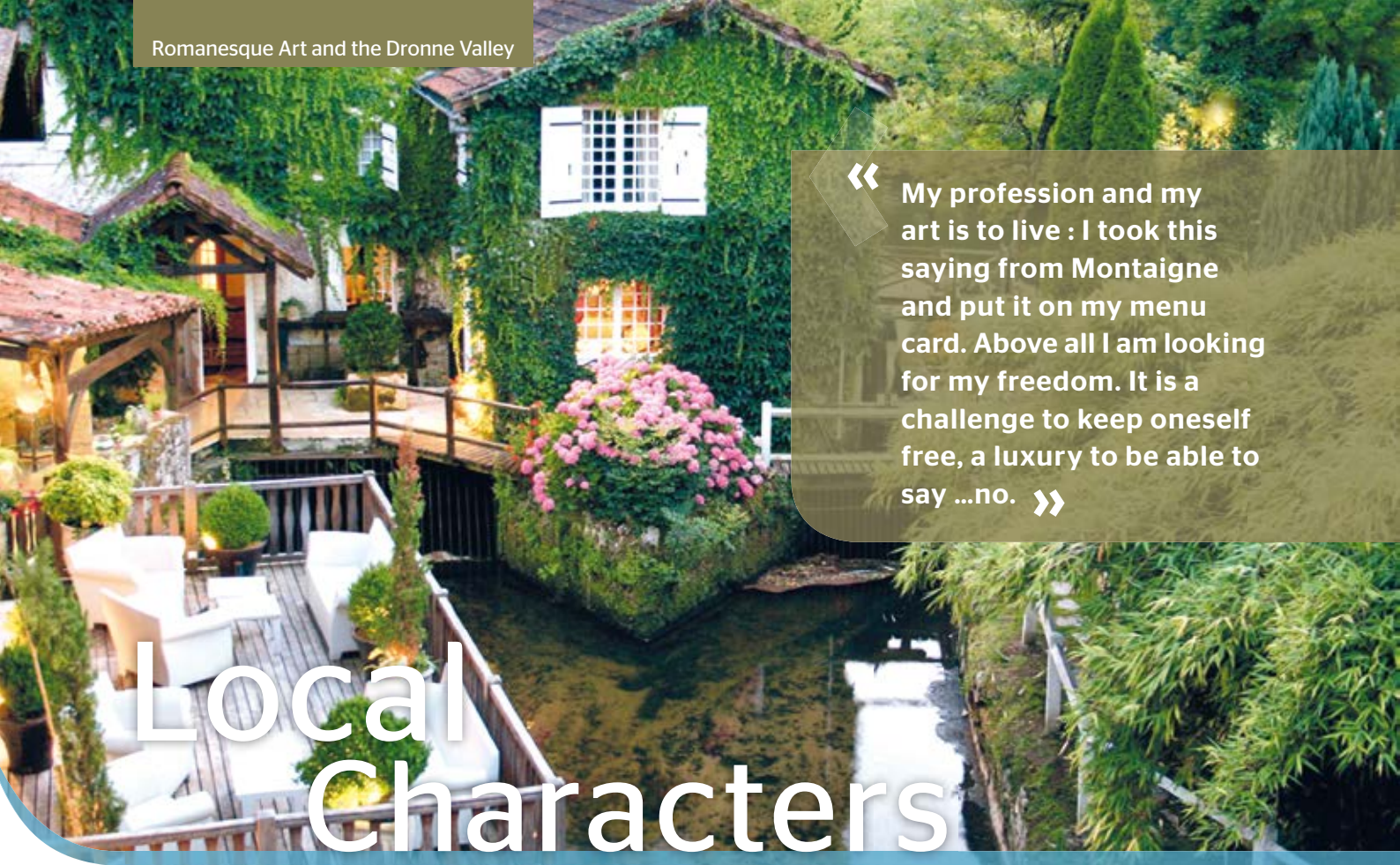
Shifting heaven and earth

Almost every-day Thierry Bordes has to shift heaven and earth to get what he wants. A river in the Perigord that could conjure up the image of Africa? "The River Dordogne near Mauzac !" A

street with trams as in 1920? He has set up a network of people and resources capable of keeping him informed about everything, everywhere, every moment. Each year Thierry analyses 80 projects. In 2013 only one was realised. Hours spent looking for locations. "I am a bit dangerous when I drive because I store as many places as possible in my head." He watches over a stock of 10 to 15 000 locations all photographed and recorded in detail, a stored accumulation of precise descriptions to satisfy the demands of film crews.

Once the shoot is set up, the work of the film-making council is finished. Nineteen days on average for a televised work of fiction, thirty to sixty days for a film. Restricted by costs the sweeping historical classics are becoming rarer. "I can remember the shoot of "8 times standing up" with Julie Gayet at Périgueux, the story of an unemployed woman with problems finding a place to live." But the picture postcard version of the Perigord still exists. The shoot of "Jappeloup" at Issigeac, Bergerac, Pomport, Mouleydier, Brantôme and Périgueux represented a budget of 26 million euros. "The biggest economic spin-off since the start of the film-making council." Out of the 5 million attendances, 10% came from the Cine Passion network which consists of 11 cinemas and a travelling cinema. "No other film-making council in France is linked with the development of cinemas. So we were able to put on a preview showing for "Jappeloup" for an audience of 2,800 !" Short films and documentaries are supported financially to encourage local talent. "We also offer training courses for actors who are more inclined to the theatre than the cinema. We teach them how to pass an audition and to act under the true conditions of a film shoot." Thierry has a location in mind that he would very much like to see chosen for a film: the city of Clairvivre. "I dream of receiving David Lynch there! But I am putting my money on a young director from the Perigord, Antoine Besse, who created a sensation on You Tube with his documentary "Skate Modern". "He will go far."

www.cine-passion24.com



« My profession and my art is to live : I took this saying from Montaigne and put it on my menu card. Above all I am looking for my freedom. It is a challenge to keep oneself free, a luxury to be able to say ...no. »

Local Characters

Alain Gardillou Great recipes in a dream setting

When very small, Alain Gardillou encountered the magic world of his parents one-star hotel. He has since followed his own star while still staying in the family tradition. In this way, change has taken place within the continuity of this 17th century mill. Very much an individual he is fascinated by the little stream with its terracing and little bridges, and by the old stones clothed in green. Here the chef's personality adds much to the character of this establishment. Lucien and Solange Gardillou set up the business in 1969. Alain was born at the same time, a somewhat odd combination. The abandoned watermill was gradually transformed, little by little into a delightful hotel with restaurant of great repute. "My mother took up cooking by chance, quite a revelation!"

This passion was crowned by a star in 1979 at a time when it was rare for a lady chef to be recognised. As he watched this success arrive and fully aware of the pressure that went with it, Alain knew already that this world was to be his world; "There is an instinct, a feeling. It becomes truly a part of your heritage." During his apprenticeship he went to learn catering and allied trades and trained with some of the great chefs like Joël Robuchon who became his role model. In 1995, after a period of transition Alain bought the family business; "Extensions, new decorations, I changed almost everything." Le Moulin du Roc nowadays sails on a high tide with its 15 bedrooms, its restaurant seating 50, worked by a dependable crew of 30 persons of whom Alain Gardillou is the captain and starred figure head.

The chef works smoothly with no other restrictions than the pleasure of creating, his inspiration permanently renewed, following the seasons, his trips and his curiosity. "Even if fusion food is possible, I still consider my clients who have chosen the Perigord for its particular style of country cooking." The mill closes in winter and Alain spends 5 months in the Argentine. "I first of all thought of Switzerland but I don't really like the snow that much." In 2005 he invested in an organic fruit and vegetable franchise, then, he changed direction and in 2010 started a chain of high quality brioche bakeries. "This part of the world has produced great energy after the crisis." He also likes to create his gastronomic cuisine, which he practises in Perigord, over in Buenos Aires where his life is calmer. Other latitudes, other atmospheres. "The Perigord is important to me when I am here but the wish to be elsewhere still exists and I do not prevent myself from yielding to it."



Alain Gardillou

Owner and chef
at the Moulin du Roc,
Champagnac-de-Belair

Hôtel-restaurant Le Moulin du Roc - 24530 Champagnac de Belair

Tel. +33 5 53 02 86 00 - www.moulinduroc.com

Tourist sites

The Terres Blanches Windmill

"The Attraction of Mill Sails"

Situated between Cercles and La Tour Blanche, and renovated, by the Verteillac village communities, this windmill roofed with chestnut shingles, is equipped with Berton sails. The interior construction shows a complicated mechanism built of wood, metal and stone which as it is turned by the sails actions the cogwheels and other gearwheels of the windmill. Probably constructed in the 14th century, already in ruins by the 18th century and restored in 2007, the mill lives again thanks to the action taken by an association of people with a passion to make the White Mill live again on a regular basis. As in former times wheat is milled into flour: guided visits and the flour production are maintained by voluntary millers. The mill looks out over its natural surroundings of dry grassland, which is strange since the area is noticeable for its watermills. A limestone bluff, surrounded by escarpments, overlooks the River Julie, a stream bordered with wild orchids and discovery paths offering truly remarkable viewpoints.

Moulin à vent des Terres Blanches - 24320 Cercles
Tel. +33 5 53 91 11 98 or +33 5 53 91 38 45
<http://moulindesterresblanches.blogspot.fr/>

The Villars Caves

Six hundred meters out of the multi-level thirteen kilometres have been developed offering a superb natural background with impressive calcite flows, delicate stalactites and numerous stalagmites. The high point of this spectacular visit is without doubt the Hall of Paintings where representations of bison, the head of a red deer and the famous blue horse, a miracle of prehistoric wall art glazed with calcite.

Villars - Tel. +33 5 53 54 82 36
www.grotte-villars.com



The Alaije Botanical Garden

Both kitchen garden and ornamental strolling garden, this garden shows over a thousand ornamental varieties and forgotten and original vegetables. In addition, this is the place to exchange knowledge and information about botanical plants and everyday kitchen garden cultivation.

Brantôme - Tel. +33 5 53 35 38 64
<http://alaije.solidairesdumonde.org/>



Puyguilhem chateau

Erected in the 16th century, hidden in the woods around Villars, near Brantôme, the elegant silhouette of this Renaissance chateau rises up topped with an oak roof structure in the form of an upturned ship's hull. A huge and magnificent main staircase leads to a variety of furnished rooms decorated with tapestry wall-hangings. An exceptional sculpted fireplace shows the twelve labours of Hercules.

Villars - Tel. +33 5 53 54 82 18 <http://puyguillem.monuments-nationaux.fr/>



The Vendoire peat bogs

The Vendoire peat bogs are located 20 kilometres north of Ribérac. On the site the "Maison des Tourbières" offers a permanent exhibition as well as an introductory video and themed activity. According to the season one can observe dragon flies, butterflies, toads and frogs and migratory and resident birds.

Vendoire - Tel. +33 5 53 90 79 56



The Troglodyte Trail - Brantôme Abbey

Through this trail one can follow the traces of the first Benedictine monks from the 8th century onward: living quarters, pigeon lofts, the Saint-Sicaire fountain and the sculpted grotto known as the "Judgement Day Grotto" with two bas-relief sculptures one of which is quite enigmatic.

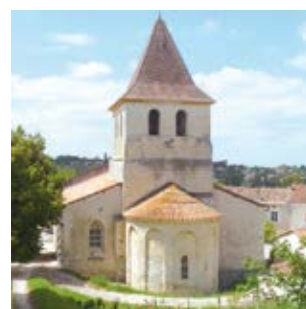
Brantôme - Tel. +33 5 47 45 30 12
www.perigord-dronne-belle.fr



The Romanesque Domed Churches Circuit

Eight centuries after having been built these churches are solid, sober and sure, roofed with cupolas and endowed with defence systems. A brochure is available in the Tourist Offices around Ribérac which will help you to discover and enjoy about thirty of these churches some of which have sound and light facilities.

Tel. +33 5 53 90 03 10 - www.riberac.fr





Accommodation

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Au nid des Thés

4 Clevacances bedrooms
(3 key symbols)

Sandrine LABY
Brantôme

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www.au-nid-des-thes.fr



La Picandine

5 Gîtes de France bedrooms
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Armelle et Olivier LACOURT
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Tel. +33 5 53 35 50 01

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Hotels

Les Jardins de Brantôme ***

7 bedrooms



Brantôme

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Tel. +33 5 53 05 88 16

www.lesjardinsdebrantome.com



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17 bedrooms

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Tel. +33 5 53 03 70 11

www.chateaudelacote.com



Gîtes

Les Grands Chenes - Leynie

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Annie VALLADE

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Saint-Aulaye

Festival des Musiques Epicées Beginning August

Every year the terraces of the Saint-Aulaye bastide echo to the sound of latin music welcoming groups coming from many different origins. This festival supported during the last 20 years by the "Swing in Eulalia" association has already welcomed such great names as Yuri Buenaventura (sponsor of the event), Ernesto Tito Puentes, Raul Paz and even the group Zebda. In festive and convivial surroundings you will discover and meet exciting people and their music: intense and stimulating.

www.musiques-epicees.com

Tel: +33 5 53 90 63 74

Farmers' Markets

Throughout the year the farmers and craftsmen of the Dordogne will welcome you either in the evening, in party mood or during the day to fill your shopping bags with fine Perigord fare. The Farmers' markets are easily identified by their logo. They conform to the terms of a charter which requires that all products presented on the market originate directly and exclusively from the farmers themselves.



Dates and further information on:

www.marches-producteurs.com/dordogne

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Tel: +33 6 83 08 68 45

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International Gourmet Festival

End of June

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www.festivalverregourmet.com

Tel: +33 5 53 05 16 16

Green Perigord

Travelling baroque festival

July

Baroque music

www.itinerairebaroque.com

Tel: +33 5 53 90 05 13



Brantome

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July and August

Fridays from 9 pm in front of the Abbey.

Tel: +33 6 33 13 65 53

Riberac

The Grand Souk Festival

End of July

This blossoming festival presents a distillation of today's music with international and French Top-of-The-Bill artistes.

www.legrandsouk.com

Tel: +33 5 53 92 52 30

Tocane-Saint-Apre and surroundings

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www.rencontresmusicalesirlandaisesstocane.fr

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Romanesque Journey around Ribérac (groups only)

According to Raoul Glaber, during the Romanesque period, a white garment of churches lay over the Perigord, an image which suits perfectly the Ribérac area with its wealth of white limestone Romanesque domed churches, mostly built in the 12th century. Here we are at the limit of Occitania just before entering the region of modern French. Travel deep into the Ribérac Circuit of Romanesque Domed Churches thanks to this opening trail taking you around the most characteristic eight Romanesque churches, enriched with their enigmatic cupolas, their impressive powerful ramparts, not forgetting the doorway ornamentation or the restored paintings.

1 day from 33 € per person (based on 25 persons)

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Follow the Dronne Valley Water Mill Trail (groups only)

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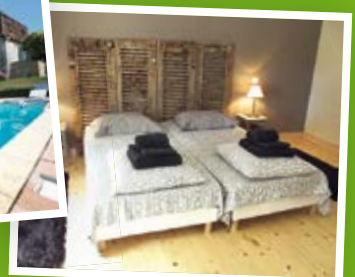
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The truffle eco-museum - Sorges



A story of Gold and Steel



The Sorges Truffle Eco-museum

The secrets of the Black Diamond

A dazzling showcase for an underground mystery that the enthusiasts are continually trying to solve, the Sorges Eco-museum is the latest makeover of the first temple consecrated to the truffle in 1982, which had been almost forgotten by everyone at that time. Jean-Charles, however, remains bewitched by it.



Leading
local
authority

Jean-Charles Savignac

President of Honour
of the Truffle Eco-museum
President of the Friends
of the Museum Association

For Jean-Charles the truffle is a family affair. "In Sorges one could not avoid falling under its spell when quite young. My house sits on limestone and my grandparents were, very conscious of the environment. I looked after my own patch personally."

Jean-Charles Savignac divides his time between Paris and Sorges where he was mayor from 1978 to 2001, the truffle being the link since, from 1996 to 2014 he was chairman of the French Federation of Truffle Cultivators and he is still editor of the national magazine "The Trufficulture". "We work hard to make the truffle well-known. We have set up a group of parliamentary supporters both in the National Assembly and in the Senate." Truffle and Truffle Cultivation, the specialists' bible, published by Fanlac in 1996 and twice re-edited is, for many people part of the image of Sorges. Nowadays the publication has an international appeal. As holder of the highest public office in the department, he began to consider how he might enrich the local heritage to attract the public. The black diamond immediately became the obvious solution.

"In 1975 Sorges did not exist on any tourist map. The truffle had not yet become a media subject. We sold people details of how to produce truffles on a cottage industry basis but they did not know how to implement them." And yet the Perigord was producing a thousand tones of melanosporum a century ago. In 1867, 150 hectares of truffle plantations were recorded at Sorges. An experimental method had already been substituted for the traditional way of harvesting; the truffles were crumbled around acorns in a furrow and the resulting oak saplings were planted out. After the destruction of the local vineyards by the phylloxera disease, truffle cultivation took over.



I like the stubborn character of the truffle, the complex relationships that it arouses. It is an extraordinary phenomenon. »

Jean-Charles Savignac



Photo captions from left to right :
• The truffle eco-museum - Sorges

Rebirth of a museum

The working group formed around Jean-Charles Savignac at first created the concept of an exhibition. But after three years of reflection, together with INRA (The National Institute of Agricultural Research), the French Federation of Truffle Cultivators as well as the departmental federation, created in 1965, and urged on by Sylvain Floriat, a museum finally took shape in order to present the wealth and diversity of the subject by means of about forty or so themes : history, myths and legends, various types, trade and business, gastronomy... "We set up a resource centre, complete with its archives." The Ecomuseum opened in April 1982. Sylvain wove links with other specialists and neighbouring knowledgeable persons. A producers' market was born for the truffle season and each summer festive markets give tourists and the villagers of Sorges a rare treat with their peerless truffle pâté. The celebrated Auberge de la Truffe was founded by Jacqueline Leymarie and chef Pierre Corre does not spare the black diamond in his recipes. "A real pooling of resources and skills has been established." Unique in France, the Museum has been joined by six others in the world. After thirty years of receiving the public, the visual presentation and the contents deserve a new approach. "Our knowledge has evolved a lot. We have decoded the symbiotic process between the roots and the spores, the truffle's genome... Its birth comes not just from being associated with a tree but also with the type of soil, the surrounding locality and the climate, a balanced system. Truffle research conducted for a long time in isolation, has become from now on interdisciplinary and international." In 2010 it underwent a facelift and was transferred to a former house. The museum presentation depends mainly on videos and interactive modules following all the aspects of the black diamond. Up to 10,000 visitors annually stop off at the museum of which the majority is groups and of course the museum shop dedicated to the art of fine eating always does good business. The truffle is becoming more and more popular. Many people buy a sliver just to taste.

Concentrating all the senses

This dark tuber still keeps its secrets to itself. Served at table to the great and the good from the ancient regime to the republic, it has always held a fascination. "The powerful have always aided its progress". Much more than the cep (edible mushroom) production of this capricious fruit of the soil cannot meet demand. "A mild spring with regular rainfall, a not too cold winter and the truffle is born from the subtle alchemy of the soil and the tree. Our limestone soil is ideal with its slight iron and clay content." The federation has 1700 members who exchange and share their experiences and observations. "When their first truffles appear certain members develop an almost mythical excitement. Discovering their underground treasure produces a kind of euphoria. However there is no connection with the prospect of profit even if the prices have risen. There is a considerable investment for very fickle returns."

The Tuber *Melanosporium*, the black truffle of the Perigord is the iconic variety. But one must not forget the summer truffle, the autumn truffle, the winter truffle and the white truffle. "We protect them all... apart from the Chinese Truffle!" The fight is on against the synthetic aromas which allow any old bit of Chinese truffle to have some sort of perfume.

In a good year France produces a hundred tones of truffles of which ten come from the Dordogne.

The museum demonstrates all this and more: the alchemy of the senses, the epicurean treasures, the experience of truffle cultivation, the biotype with its plant cycle, the truffle hunting and the brotherhoods. All that remains is to reflect even further on the mysteries of the black diamond, to get out on the truffle trails developed on the limestone terrain and follow the information panels dedicated to the local fauna.

Ecomusée de la truffe, Le bourg - 24420 Sorges

Tel: +33 5 53 05 90 11 - www.ecomusee-truffe-sorges.com

Local Characters

« For 20 centuries, medicine did not develop much, all the great discoveries date from the 19th century. »

Docteur Barnier Medicine in all its aspects

Hypochondriacs and malingerers welcome! This museum goes beyond a preamble to the subject of medicine, it offers a journey through history. Doctor Louis-Charles Barnier devotes the time he no longer spends with his patients in this museum, always concerned with enhancing and increasing the collection.

"During the local Occitan folklore festival in 1987 I presented an exhibition of medical instruments. The former Hotel Dieu, a classified monument in 1937 was closed and the idea of setting up a medical museum became obvious. Such a museum would also tell the story of when this place was created in the 17th century by Louis XIV to hide away the poor." So that in 1669 when the royal edict was extended to the provinces, the wealthy Marquis of Hautefort founded this Hotel Dieu unique in Dordogne. The construction based upon the architectural form of a Greek cross lasted 130 years.

The rebuilding of a dormitory allowed the question of hygiene to be tackled – the pointed mask forming part of the doctor's clothing filtered aromatic plants to counter the plague epidemic. At the end of the 18th century the local establishment received 1947 children. "Abandoning babies was condoned at all levels of society."

In 20 years the friends of the museum have put together an astonishing collection: a 19th century set of apothecary's furniture, some 18th century trepanning instruments, blood letting and enema apparatus, 19th century wooden wheelchairs, a 1950 midwife's birth kit complete with case, a 1726 apothecary's jar, a 19th century assay balance. "Following an article in the doctors medical review I was told about the contents of an Aladdin's cave in the attics of the Pozzi Hospital. A retired nurse gave us her collection of 150 urinating bottles some of them from the 19th century."

The library holds the 1751 records of the Royal Academy of Surgeons, the complicated calculations of apothecaries account books, the latin original of Vidal with preface by Louis XVIII. One can study the development of the dentists' surgeries as well as x-ray and anesthetic apparatus. Since Hotel Dieu is a religious chapel surrounded by cloisters, one must not miss the wing and its exhibition of embroidered priests' robes. The garden outside contains a display of medicinal herbs offering a profusion of colours and aromas.



Docteur Barnier

Founder and curator
of the Medicine Museum
of Hautefort

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24390 Hautefort

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Tourist sites

The Golden Gallery

A visit worth its weight in gold

The Golden Gallery, situated just near the Jumilhac Chateau, in a former wine cellar, invites you to discover the story of this precious metal from its extraction to its use in jewellery, money, industry and gilding. During the twelve stages of your visit, gold will reveal its secrets of legends and myths, the history of great civilisations and all its aspects and objects for example the rolling mill process, gold plate chrysotherapie for treating tuberculosis using gold salts. Goldmines already existed here during the time of the Gauls, before falling into oblivion and then arousing new interests in the 19th century. The museum has recreated a mine gallery with rails, wagons, props, lighting. Here in this gallery both young and not-so-young will dream of gold and will become real gold diggers thanks to a beginners' guide to gold panning.

These gold digger courses are offered twice a week during the season and throughout the year by reservation, weather permitting; The sessions take place on the banks of the Isle above 10 kilometres from Jumilhac-le-Grand and last for half a day; Each participant will learn how to handle the pan and will certainly come away with a few specks of gold that he or she will have found for themselves.

Galerie de l'Or

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The Foie Gras Centre

450 square meters of presentations and displays, spread over two floors, showing the life of the goose and the duck, from prehistory to modern times, including all manners of preparing and cooking foie gras, with recipes and professional practices. Children's area: games and entertainment based on foie gras and to finish your visit...a sampling of foie gras.

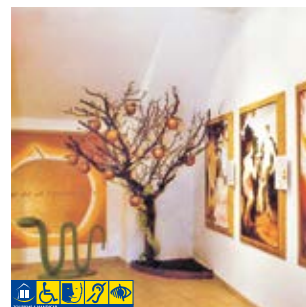
Thiviers - Tel. +33 5 53 55 12 50
<http://maisondufoiegras.jimdo.com>



The House of the Golden Apple

After your short botanical lesson showing the birth and development of the apple tree, one meets up with Isaac Newton and his theory of gravity followed by total immersion in the legends and world-wide references to the apple. Not forgetting the tasting sessions and the discovery of the nutritious benefits of the apple.

La nouaille - Tel. +33 5 53 52 60 21
www.lanouaille.fr



Hautefort Chateau

The troubadour Bertran de Born's ancient fortress blends medieval defence systems and classic main structures, constructed between 1630 and 1670. In the 17th century the chateau was transformed into a family residence which today houses a remarkable collection of 17th and 18th century furniture. Once your appetite for history is satisfied, you may want to stroll round the English style-park or the more formal French-style gardens laid out in terraces, classified as a historic monument.

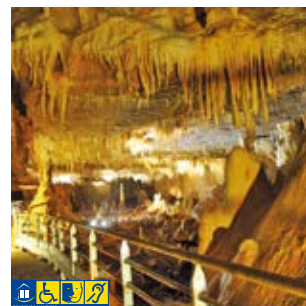
Hautefort - Tel. +33 5 53 50 51 23
www.chateau-hautefort.com



The Tourtoirac Caves

Discovered only in 1995, this cave journeys between geology, history, and the human adventure. Following the underground river you witness a shadow and light show in between the crystal columns, crystal curtains, bizarre forms and fistulas, all contained within a dazzling theatrical atmosphere. The caves are completely accessible to persons of reduced mobility.

Tourtoirac - Tel. +33 5 53 50 24 77
www.grotte-de-tourtoirac.fr



Vaux Paper Mill

This paper mill was founded in 1861 on the site of two former forges to produce rye straw paper. The ecomuseum having ceased production in 1968, has been restored. This classified Historic Monument is the last factory in France demonstrating a continuous conveyor belt production, witness to last century's industrial period.

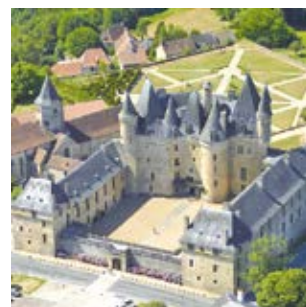
Payzac - Tel. +33 5 53 62 50 06
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Jumilhac Chateau

The astonishing rooftops of this Renaissance noble's 12th century retreat are ornamented with cones, pyramids and ridges allegorical to the theme of alchemy. They are believed to be unique in Europe. In the dining room the visitor is thrust into the very heart of the 16th and 17th centuries with its pebble stone floors in the form of a rose (pisé), the vaulted kitchen with its copper pots and pans, the little Louis XV lounge and its adjacent study.

Jumilhac-le-Grand - Tel. +33 5 53 52 42 97
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Accommodation

Bed and Breakfast

La Maréchalerie

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(2 key symbols)

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Hotels

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20 bedrooms

Sorges

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Gites

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- 6/7 persons

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Tourtoirac

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www.gite-araucanie.com



Campsites

Les Tourterelles ***

Tourtoirac

Set amongst a 12-hectare wooded parkland, this campsite offers not only 107 pitches but also mobile homes and chalets which blend perfectly into the green surroundings. 2 pools, children's play area, sports ground, thematic evenings, horse riding, and fishing parties.

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www.les-tourterelles.com



Le Moulin de la Jarousse *

Angoisse

This site offers unusual camping rentals such as yurts, log cabins, tree cabins, lake cabins all of which are completely integrated into their environment with careful regard for the ecology and sustainable tourism. 25 pitches, covered heated pool, fishing lake, farm visits to see animals.

Tel. +33 5 53 52 37 91

www.moulindejarousse.com





Coming events

Genis Rand'Auvézère End October

Every year for the last 25 years lovers of nature and cheerful company have gathered together at Genis at the end of October to take part in a magical ramble through the gorges of the Auvézère. But first of all after a good cup of coffee one must select one's mount: mountain bike? horse? or a good old pair of sturdy shoes? And keep your camera handy. You will come across superb forests, majestic waterfalls, gambolling sheep in this hilly landscape. Finally, at the end of the day you will benefit from the rich flavours of a good Perigord soup.... The ramblers' finest reward!

Tel: +33 5 53 52 29 79

Farmers' Markets

Throughout the year the farmers and craftsmen of the Dordogne will welcome you either in the evening, in party mood or during the day to fill your shopping bags with fine Perigord fare. The Farmers' markets are easily identified by their logo. They conform to the terms of a charter which requires that all products presented on the market originate directly and exclusively from the farmers themselves.



Dates and further information on:

www.marches-producteurs.com/dordogne

Excideuil and surroundings

Val Natura

June 2015

This rambling rally reserved for senior citizens (55 and over) is intended to discover the Dordogne and its historic heritage. It takes place over several days with sporting activities adapted to the participants, cultural discoveries and visits to outstanding sites.

Rallying point 2016, consult the web site below.

<http://sports.cg24.fr>

Sorges - Truffle Festival

End January

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Jumilhac-le-Grand and surroundings

Les Guitares Vertes N'co

July

Concerts and shows

www.guitaresvertes.fr

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Thiviers - Thiv'Oie

July

Exhibition of geese, market, open air events, children's activities.

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Saint-Pantaly d'Excideuil

Bread Festival

Mid July

Week-end dedicated to good cheer, riverside music concert and good eating.

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Nailhac

Walnut Festival

Mid-August

Events, activities, refreshments and meals. Cookery contest.

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Excideuil, Thiviers

Fatted poultry markets

November to March

Large numbers of poultry farmers. Sales of foie gras and fatted poultry.

Tel: +33 5 53 05 96 56 (Excideuil),

+33 5 53 55 12 50 (Thiviers)



Reserve the Perigord



From 166 € TTC

Rambling in unspoiled countryside

Leaving from the City of Clairvivre, you are free to go as you please to discover for yourself the forest of Born with its lakes, the farmland with its hedgerows and trees, the moorland of the Limousin Plateau and the gorges of the Auvézère River.

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Discovering the Auvézère area (groups only)

Leaving the Savignac-Ledrier Forge you follow a guided walk along the Auvézère, discovering, as you go, the last charcoal forge in France. After lunch you visit the Vaux Papermill Ecomuseum, a former forge transformed into a straw-paper mill in 1861. The water wheels are turned by the Belles Dames stream tributary to the Auvézère. All this is set in natural picturesque surroundings. As you finish your day, you can choose between a visit to the Resistance Mill situated on the Auvézère or the superb classified Medieval village of Segur-le-château where the memory of Henry IV (King of France) still haunts the half-timbered houses.

1 day from 30€ per person (based on 25 persons)

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From 329 € TTC

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Another go-as-you-please circuit discovering the Périgord. Hotels and suppers reserved. We suggest circuits and visits to help you discover the main sites of the Périgord.

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Right in the heart of the Black Périgord, Nadine and Eric passionate truffle cultivators that they are, will show you how to find the Périgord Truffle (*Melanosporum*). You will go to market, visit a duck farm and learn to cook this delicious black fungus before tasting it.

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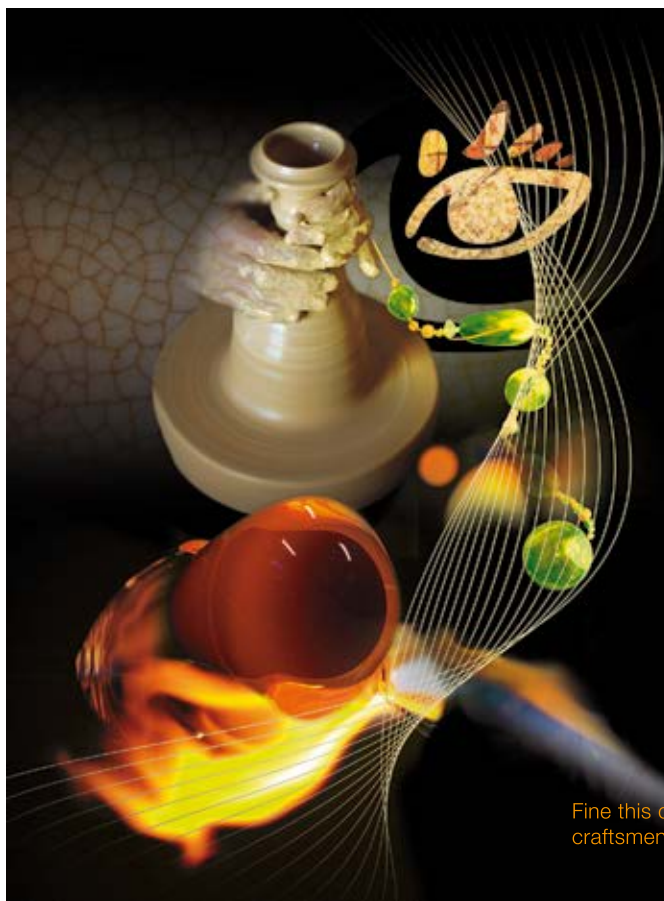
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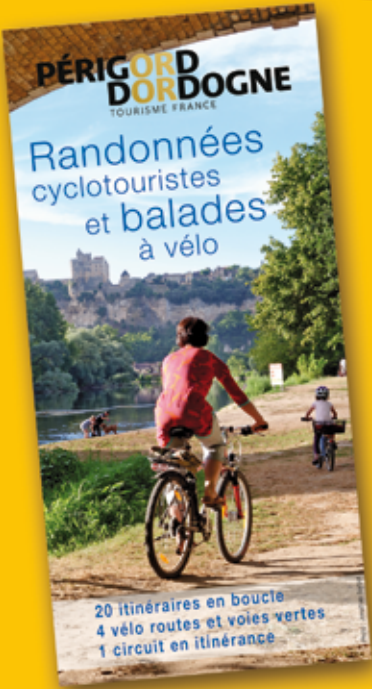
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**A new map
for bike lovers**



Cycling is a good way to visit the Perigord: variety of landscapes, following canal towpaths, little country roads, breathtaking panoramas.

A new map has been designed to show all the possibilities offered to all bike lovers, adults and children.

**20 loop trails, 4 biking routes and Green Ways,
1 way-marked route** have been selected for this new map.

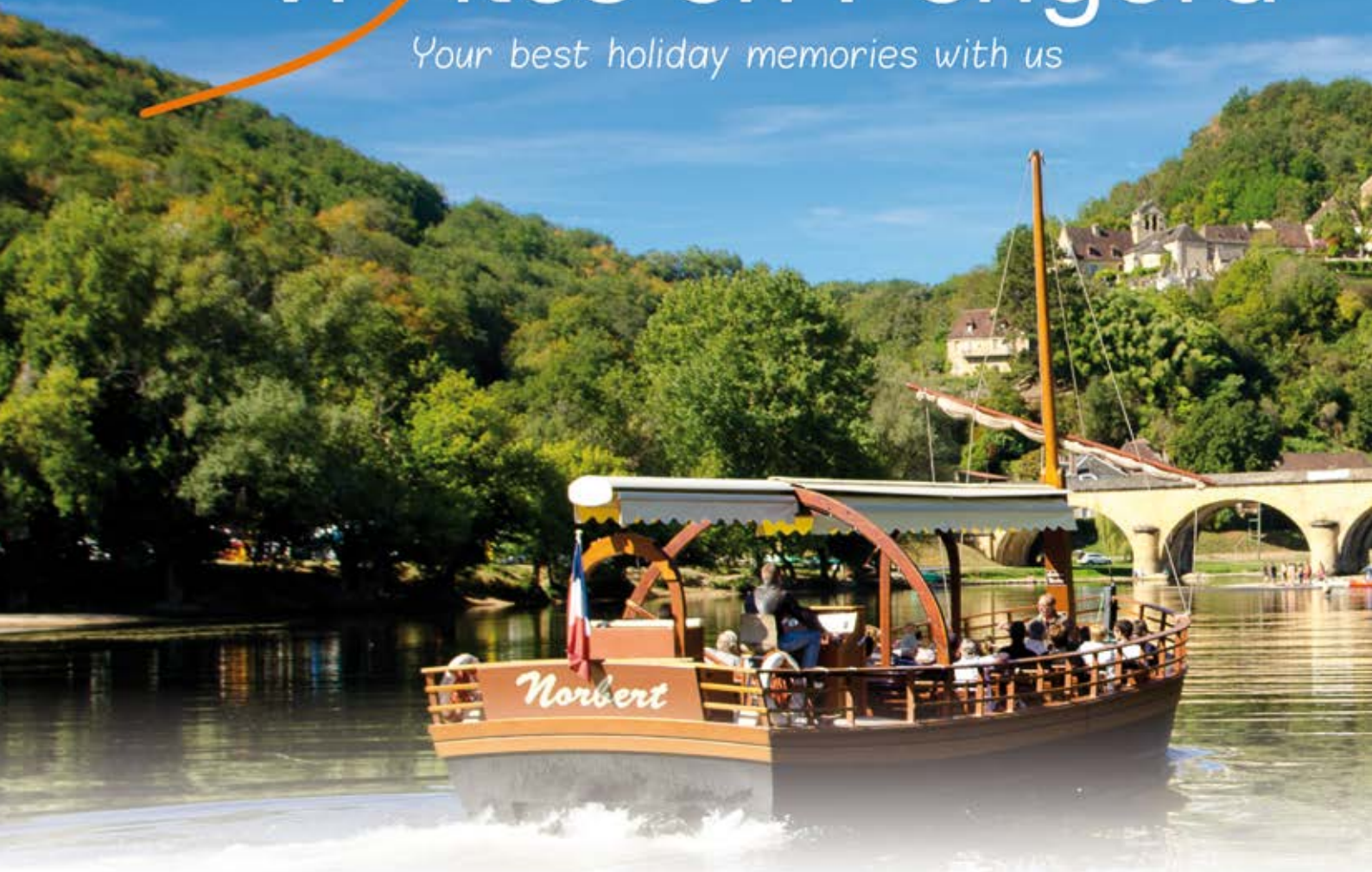
A clear presentation of all the levels of difficulty will help everyone to cope with all routes.

**This map is available
from the Dordogne Tourist Board and Tourist Offices**

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Vi sites en Périgord

Your best holiday memories with us



11 major sites

The "ViSites en Périgord" association groups together the most visited tourist sites in Périgord in the categories: Caves, Pit caves, Castles, Mediaeval fortresses, Parks and gardens, Prehistoric parks, Aquariums, Theme parks, Troglodyte forts and towns and Scows, encompassing 1.5 million visitors in 2014.

These sites are some of the most precious treasures of the heritage of the Périgord, offering a chance to travel through time, space and the elements for great adventures and thrills to be shared by the whole family.

Geology, archaeology, cave art, troglodyte dwellings, medieval architecture, the art of landscaping, historic waterway transport, old-fashioned expertise and the ecosystem are themes for every generation to explore through fun circuits, workshops, activities, memorable encounters and all-around magical moments.



La Roque St-Christophe



La Maison Forte de Reignac

THE FORTRESSES, FROM PREHISTORY TO MEDIEVAL TIMES

Since the dawn of humanity, man has understood how to make the most of these cliffs overlooking the valleys. Through the millennia, these rocky promontories provided refuge and views over the surroundings, enabling our ancestors to survive the ice ages and watch over the migrations of wild animals. Later the same sites were converted into powerful fortresses against invaders.

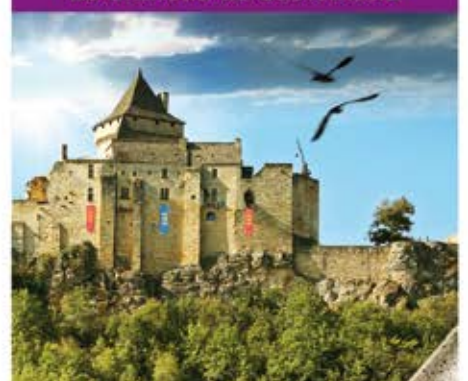
On the left bank of the Vézère River in this 'prehistoric valley', **La Roque-Saint-Christophe** lays claim to 55,000 years of history. These centuries remain engraved in the stone of this vast troglodyte settlement, protected throughout many conflicts by the ingenious work of military architects. On the great terrace, their exploits are recounted with reverence, and replicas of lifting apparatus can be seen functioning as they did in medieval times... With a little help from young visitors.

Located at the base of a great rock face, the direct outskirts of **La Maison Forte de Reignac** were also once occupied by our distant ancestors. This site, built up in medieval times and again during the Renaissance, today features fully furnished rooms, but continues to perpetuate the mystery of 'cliff-castles', of which it is one of the last intact few. Like

a vertical labyrinth, it draws visitors in and up, from one discovery to the next; until they reach the very top, where peregrine falcons nest.

Built on a rocky spur overlooking the Dordogne River, **Le Château de Castelnaud** keeps its promises towards all those who wish to become a princess or a knight for a day. Its medieval war museum features a superb collection of armour and life-size reproductions of long-distance assault apparatus. The castle is brought to life through demonstrations and a variety of medieval activities for young and not-so-young visitors, making this a real opportunity to travel through time.

Le Château de Castelnaud



FROM CASTLES TO GARDENS

After so many centuries of fratricidal combat, some of the fortresses in the Périgord turned towards the light and shook off their medieval austerity. Arrow loopholes, machicolations and armoury courtyards would give way to a more leisurely architecture, and battlefields would be metamorphosed into parks and gardens.

Overlooking the Dordogne River, **Les Jardins de Marqueyssac** offer a generous view of the horizon in this 'castle valley'. Of Tuscan inspiration, these gardens feature romantic walkways, verdant chambers, an incredible box-hedge 'folly' and labyrinths that the young and curious will naturally want to explore before attending the workshops specially designed for them... Unless they are tempted to follow the via ferrata along the cliffside among birds of prey.

One of the rare Classical buildings at the limits of the Périgord noir, **Le Château de Hautefort** rises above a landscape that combines the strict dictates of French gardens with the pastoral invitation of English parks. Within its walls, its prestigious history is recounted through theatrical evening tours featuring period costumes. During the daytime of the summer season, children can also enjoy artistic workshops here.

Les Jardins de Marqueyssac



Le Château de Hautefort



Le Gouffre de Proumeyssac



Les Grottes du Roc de Cazelle

A TRIP TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH

Since the dawn of time, Mother Nature has been ceaselessly sculpting these caves, abysses, grottoes and rock shelters, creating a geological diversity that compels visitors to admire and wonder.

Located within the Audoux hillsides, **Le Gouffre de Proumeyssac** is one of the greatest masterpieces of the elements. This 'crystal cathedral' evokes feeling like a great mineral symphony. Sparkling calcite fountains glitter before the wonderstruck eyes of children still reeling from the enchantment of the sound-and-light show (and, for the more intrepid, a descent through the air in a basket). Young visitors are the absolute chiefs at ground level with games and a new educational fun park in the middle of the forest.

Located between Les Eyzie and Sarlat, **Les Grottes de Cazelle** offers a chronological, fun and interactive approach to a series of rock shelters and grottoes occupied from prehistoric times to the end of the last century.

Its many life-sized reconstructions give visitors a concrete vision of the everyday life of our successive ancestors, while various workshops give children the opportunity to become familiar with hunting techniques, the use of a propulsor, fire-starting, cave art and flint knapping.



Near Brantôme, in **La Grotte de Villars**, prehistoric cave art and the effects of geologic elements share the secrets of the earth within this silent world of majestic calcite waterfalls, translucent draperies and opalescent stalactites, illuminated to breathtaking effect. The tour continues outside the cave, through a fun, educative circuit that encourages the whole family to deepen their understanding of prehistoric man's environment.



La Grotte de Villars

ALONG THE DORDOGNE RIVER AND THROUGH ITS TRADITIONS

The Périgord, this land of heritage and history, would be an empty shell if it had not been enriched as the centuries passed: the expertise, work and sense of sharing of its inhabitants have made it what it is. Here on the water and on the land, encounters are timeless, and exchanges always involve a respect for nature and tradition.

Le Bournat, located in Le Bugue, is the guardian of the friendliness and lifestyle of times gone by, transporting young and old to the simplicity and abundance of the great times of this historic countryside. Representing discovery for some and nostalgia for others, life - as it used to be - is expressed through each house of the old village, in each workshop, beneath the windmill's wings and at the restaurant Chez Paul. Here, there is no generation gap, and the turn-of-the-century fairground amusement rides bring laughter to the child in every one of us.

A bit farther along, **L'Aquarium du Périgord noir** is a study of another silent world. Before the vast sunlit aquariums, thousands of fish from here and elsewhere swim and live as they would in their natural environment. Koi carp tickle the fingers of young visitors; sturgeons play with divers; and, in the tropical area, iguanas, snakes and - since February 2014 - alligators, are in their element in the largest private freshwater structure in Europe.



Parc Le Bournat



Les Gabares Norbert



L'Aquarium du Périgord Noir

Speaking of water, let's get back to the river, to the jetty of La Roque-Gageac. In the wake of cargo bargemen of yore, **Les Gabares Norbert** navigate up and down the river, among castles, cliffs, herons' nests, squadrons of mallards, sedentary and migratory fish, islets and pebble beaches... This cruise is an ode to nature, paying homage to the merchants who once transported walnut oil, wine and wood along this river towards the Atlantic coast.

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The Greater Perigueux Green Way



Perigueux

and

the Isle valley



The Riverside

Green Way

At just turned 40 Claude-Hélène Yvard's legs have already had 30 years experience of touring by bike including 18 years of voluntary work in the sport. So it is no surprise that she is chairperson of this particular activity. She is frequently to be seen, with her family, rolling along the Green Way on the banks of the River Isle.



Leading
local
authority

Claude-Hélène Yvard

**Chairperson departmental
committee of cycle tourism**

For Claude-Hélène the bike is a family affair. She was only 12 years old when she was smitten by cycling together with her elder brother during a bike tour which took them from the Val de Loire to Guincamp some 300 kilometres away. The feeling of freedom has never left her. So it is as a family that she goes on outings with her husband (they met in the world of two wheels, of course) and her two sons Cyprien and Flavien, who were taken around "on tow" from four months old before beginning to travel by the strength of their own little legs. "We try to go on holiday every year during the week of the Cycle Tour Federation event that we hosted in Perigord in 2007 and which left many happy memories. People still talk to me about it. We welcomed 15,300 participants, the national record."

Together with the St-Front-de-Pradoux and Riberac clubs, Claude-Hélène is at present preparing for the Easter Perigord meeting which should attract a thousand visitors over three days in the three valleys of the Isle, the Crempse and the Dronne.

This sport and leisure activity is very varied, ranging from a 10 kilometre trip, accessible to all, to long range tours several hundred kilometres long. There are no criteria of speed, classification or type of bicycle.

"In the public mind, the image is rather that of a serious sport complete with special kit and helmets but where everybody can take part with very little previous experience. One can travel at their own speed, pedal without too much effort and use the gears, changing at the right moment." It all begins with choosing the right frame, handling ability and safety. "There is no age for launching oneself into this sport." Club outings serve to develop endurance progressively: 20, 40, 100 kilometres.



Travelling by bike allows the local rural heritage to be seen: a pretty farm and a local wash house; there is always a cultural aspect. One often takes a camera on trips. »

Claude-Hélène Yvard

Photo captions from left to right :

- On foot or by bike the Green Way is the Gentle Way
- The Grandou leisure area - Trélissac
- A footbridge crosses the Isle at the Saint Front cathedral

* When he was still a student and was called Thomas Edward Lawrence, he cycled 250 kilometres across the Perigord in July 1908. Further information: <http://rando.cg24.fr>

Circuits and Information

When she was just 20 Claude-Hélène became member of the Management Committee of the National Federation. "Doing voluntary work has taught me a lot about human behaviour." She continues to give her time, about 15 hours a week, to the departmental committee of which she has been chairperson since 2013. As an important representative of cycle tourism in the Dordogne, its authority being based on the approval given by the Ministries of Sport and Youth and Tourism (notably for cycling in schools), this committee includes 22 affiliated clubs with 680 licensed members. "It is more of a male sporting activity with an average age of 60 rather in the spirit of fitness and health through sport", says she with a smile as a young woman family biker pedalling somewhat against the stream. The committee has evolved towards serving the needs of cyclists. It has put much effort into tourist circuit development "on the trail of Lawrence of Arabia"* so to speak on both the side of culture and departmental tourism: an information leaflet has been published and way-marking is being planned. During 2014 a brochure "A History of cycling" with family circuits, was published in collaboration with the Departmental Council and this year "Cycling for Tourists" maps should be updated.

"We are establishing terms and references which will allow both tourist offices and various communities to plan itineraries on secondary routes following safety norms and definitions of levels (family, sport, touring) together with points of tourist interest and advice sheets." Mountain bike circuits have already been set up through the cycling clubs.

Cycle Tourism with the family

For Claude-Hélène the bike is a question of balance: she could not do without it. Every Sunday this little family unplugs the computer and the playstation and goes off on a 30 to 70 kilometre round trip. A charming little convoy: a tandem or two

adult bikes plus the kids' bikes. "Since I was elected I take part in all the circuits marked on the departmental calendar of events." Above all Claude-Hélène frequents the Green Way at just a couple of gear changes from where she lives and the journalist in her can cover local stories at short distances by bike. The Green Way is also the starting point for all her outings. "It's a marvellous way of serving the local population but it should be more open to use from outside. It is a link between the various communities of Greater Perigueux. My favourite section is between the St Georges bridge and the Barris bridge with that superb view over old Perigueux and the cathedral. The shady areas are very pleasant at Marsac near the footbridge and the Grandou area at Trélissac." The extension of this track from Razac-on-Isle to Antonne will double the present route by 15 kilometres. "The future extensions will make this a wonderful means for the people to move around as well as for tourist development. This mixed activity area devoted to gentle exertion is a space to be shared between walkers, rollerbladers and cyclists." As the first sun's rays appear, walkers have a great fondness for this area along the river bank which gives the opportunity to contemplate the natural surroundings and the historic buildings. "This route which connects the two banks is ideal for a family outing. Benches and tables enable you to picnic and there are children's play areas. You can watch the ducks, birds, horses and some cattle since the Green Way passes near some farms: so you can be in the country at a stone's throw from the town." The Green Way is connected to 260 kilometres of rambling tracks. Four cyclable facilities of this type exist in the Dordogne. The Greater Perigueux Green Way forms a link to the future Veloroute Voie Verte along the Isle Valley which will join up with Libourne. More stretches are under construction at Annesse-et-Beaulieu, Saint-Astier and Montpon. "A truly welcome European project."

<http://dordogne.ffct.org/>



Local Characters

« As far as possible we meet the general public through exhibitions, shows and presentations to explain how our breeding and rearing functions as well as production. We emphasize how rare caviar is. »

Laurent Deverlanges The black gold of the Isle

From the clear waters of the River Isle the black gold of the caviar spurts out. This recent speciality of the Perigord dates back to when sturgeon swam up from the ocean to spawn in the river. Overfishing in the 1920s ended wild caviar in the estuary. Having exhausted its resources, the South West of France created farmed caviar on the Isle in the 1970s. This fish has returned to its origins and man has played a big part in the process. Laurent Deverlanges bought the trout farm at Neuvic in 2011. This food processing technician who has worked developing various projects in France and abroad, is realising a childhood dream. With shareholders from the luxury business and much knowledge of epicurean cuisine, he launched into a growth market which passed in 2010 from a wild product (Iranian, Russian) to an exclusive farmed product. The connoisseurs looked towards the French product, ranked third in the world. "We have 500 square metres of rearing tanks fed from the river by a pumping system. We now have 120,000 Siberian species. The females are identified at 3 years, reared to the age of 5, the eggs being supervised so that they can be extracted at the point of maturity. Our laboratory resembles a jewellery workshop such is the detailed level of know-how and craftsmanship."

Caviar Baeri, medium sized and clear of colour, reaches a tonne and a half in quantity. "The eggs present a hint of butter and hazelnut as opposed to wild caviar which was saltier. This is a delicate product to be sampled like a great wine." From September 2013 onwards the company launched its brand name "Caviar de Neuvic" with an elegantly designed presentation. "Just to make a change from the usual packaging." Respect for the fish, fresh produce not pasteurised, much research and development, all to improve the function and structure of the organs: Neuvic Caviar has excellence in its sights. But the company wants to remain part of the neighbouring gastronomic context with fishing the sturgeon to discover its incomparable meat. "We are developing recipes with the chef of the Reynats restaurant at Chancelade: caviar butter, potted sturgeon, sturgeon terrine and smoked sturgeon."

The establishment welcomes visitors for tasting (in summer every Friday morning and groups during the year: reservations only.)



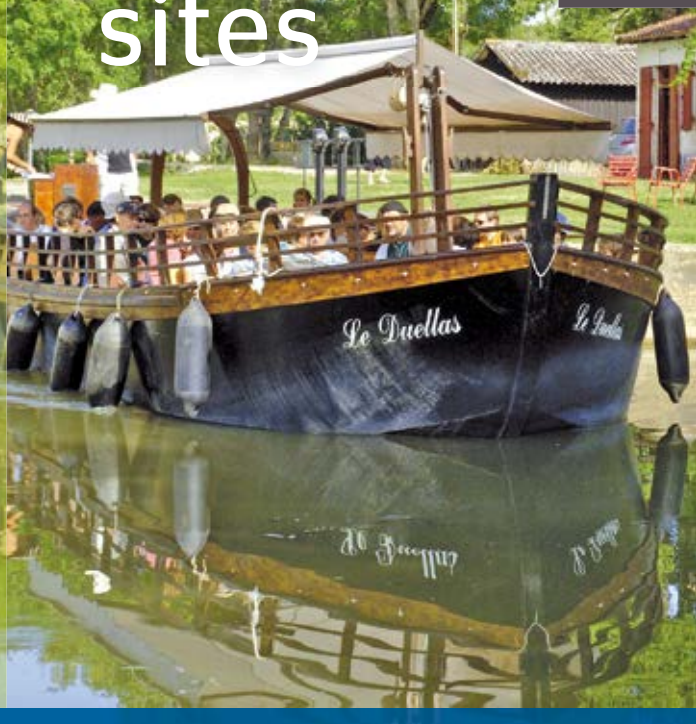
Laurent Deverlanges

Chairman and Managing
Director of Caviar
de Neuvic

Domaine Huso, La Grande Veyssière - 24 190 Neuvic

Tel: +33 5 53 80 89 81 - www.caviar-de-neuvic.com

Tourist sites



The Duellas Mill

A barge trip along the Isle

Follow in the wake of the watermen of yesterday and discover the pleasures of sailing along the Isle on a flat-bottomed barge with commentary. You will also shoot a hand-operated lock unique in the Perigord.

You can also take longer trips on the Isle by river cruises (reservation necessary); In the morning you can cruise as far as Saint-Martin-l'Astier accompanied by a guide. Then you lunch in the rural atmosphere of the Romanesque church gardens. Afterwards you will visit the church, classified as a historic monument, accompanied by a dedicated and enthusiastic guide. At about 3 pm you will embark on the barge making for the Duellas Mill, souvenir of former industrial activity connected to hydraulic power. Exhibitions and entertainments in season.

Moulin du Duellas - 24700 Saint-Martial-d'Artenset

Tel : +33 5 53 82 39 54 or +33 6 84 17 64 63

www.moulin.duellas.fr

The Gallo-Roman Museum of Vesunna

Contained within the architect Jean Nouvel's structure, this museum, unique in France, sits on the traces of a rich Gallo-Roman domicile. A themed route explains "the town and its public life" followed by "the house and private life". From the mezzanines of the museum you have a spectacular view over the site. Above and beyond the huge glass walls the country setting of the Vesunna Tower is to be seen as well as sections of the 4th century rampart walls.

Perigueux - Tel. +33 5 53 53 00 92
www.perigueux-vesunna.fr



Lime Factory

The pure, natural lime of St Astier is famous the world over and is much prized in the restoration of historic Monuments. This dramatic visit takes you down to the galleries which make up the vast underground limestone quarry. Either by car or by bus (if you are a group) you can see for yourselves the manufacturing process of the lime: extraction, treatment and even as far as the baking process.

Saint-Astier - Tel. +33 5 53 54 13 85
www.c-e-s-a-fr



The La Veyssiere Mill

The last working water mill in the Vern Valley is waiting for you to discover it. Walnut and hazelnut oil are produced respecting the age-old traditional methods. Your guided tour will reveal all the secrets of this authentic oil. Walnut and hazelnut oil produced by our artisans can be sampled and our quality produce shop is to be found in the old mill bakery.

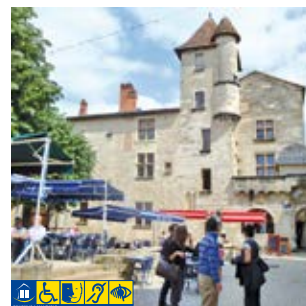
Neuic-sur-l'Isle - Tel. +33 6 32 96 17 89
www.moulindeleyssiere.fr



Perigueux, City of the Arts and History

Two thousand years of history can be traced here in Perigueux, the capital of the Perigord. From the ancient Gallo-Roman City of Vesunna to the heart of the Medieval Renaissance town, Perigueux counts no less than thirty nine buildings classified as Historic Monuments set in one of the largest conservation areas in France. Saint-Front Cathedral has been classified as a St James of Compostella Pilgrim Trail World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Perigueux - Tel. +33 5 53 53 10 63
www.tourisme-perigueux.fr



Montreal Castle

Classified as a Historic Monument, this private, furnished and lived-in residence was built in the 12th century and modernised in the 16th, you will find the main salons, the circular library, the underground room with its 12th century staircase.

The natural cave and the delightful little chapel with the three different gardens planted with yews and hibiscus are not to be missed. (classified as a "Noteworthy Garden")

Issac - Tel. +33 5 53 81 11 03
or +33 6 08 47 22 84 - www.bergerac-tourisme.com/Chateau-de-Montreal

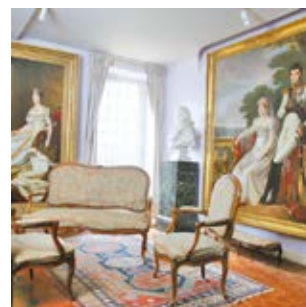


The Napoleon Museum

La Pommerie Chateau

Your guided tour enables you to enter into the bosom of the Imperial Family by means of personal souvenirs from the two emperors: more than 600 objects, pictures and sculptures of which 158 are classified as historic Monuments. Furthermore a video commentary brings to life the story and the history of the First and Second Empires.

Cendrieux - Tel. +33 5 53 03 24 03
www.musee-napoleon.fr



Accommodation

Bed and Breakfast

Château d'Escoire

4 Gîtes de France bedrooms
(3 ears of corn symbols)

Sylvie and Tase KORDALOV
Escoire

Reference : DP000519D

In the heart of the department near Perigueux, right in the middle of a 24 acre wooded park, you will be able to completely relax in our spacious and comfortable bedrooms. Pool available in summer.

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www.gite-booking.com



Champlebout

2 Clévacances bedrooms
(3 key symbols)

Patricia DUVERNEUIL
Chalagnac

Reference : DP000478

In the middle of the White Perigord, near Perigueux, this 18th century house of character, completely renovated, is situated in a 40 acre area of cultivated woodland. Car park, private shower, lounge, terrace.

Tel. +33 5 53 46 68 96
www.chambres-dhotes-champlebout.com



Hotels

Le Mas des Bories ***

11 bedrooms

Antonne-et-Trignonant

Completely restored and renovated, this former 16th century farmhouse sitting in one hectare offers 11 individually redecorated bedrooms to take you back to the feeling of family life. In the restaurant you will sample a fine cuisine developed from local seasonal products.

Tel. +33 5 53 02 23 52
www.masdesbories-dordogne.fr



Château de Lalande ****

17 bedrooms

Annesse-et-Beaulieu

Charm, elegance and a cheery atmosphere will be yours in this entirely renovated elegant 18th and 19th château situated in the green countryside. Extensive gardens, swimming pool. The outside terrace or the plush dining-room are to be found here for you to discover an epicurean and generous cuisine.

Tel. +33 5 53 54 52 30
www.chateau-lalande-perigord.com



Gites

Les Pétrécres

Gîtes de France (Luxury) - 13 persons

Zénildès PEREIRA XAVIER

Coulounieix Chamiers

Reference : DP561261

Large luxurious villa. 240 square metres in area with its own swimming pool, in an out-of the ordinary setting. Situated in 120 acres of grounds with a panoramic view over Perigueux, classified as "Town of the Arts and History". Six top of the range mountain bikes available.

Tel. +33 5 53 35 50 00
www.gite-booking.com



La Chapelle du Thouin

Clévacances (4 key symbols) - 4 persons

Christian PINEAUD

Perigueux

Reference : 1247

A totally unusual lodging 100 square metres in area, very well lit, situated in the heart of the historic district of Perigueux. This former 18th century chapel has been entirely renovated and lies a mere 100 metres from the main market.

Tel. +33 6 74 97 69 06
http://locationperigueux.fr



Campsites

La Cigaline ***

Montpon Ménéstrol

The Cigaline campsite has 120 marked out and shaded sites on three and half hectares and offering you different types of accommodation: mobile-homes, caravans and tents. Swimming and relaxing at the Chandos Leisure Centre just a five-minute walk from the camp-site. Throughout the summer thematic evenings are to be enjoyed.

Tel. +33 5 53 80 22 16
www.lacigaline.fr



Le Bois du Coderc ***

Antonne-et-Trignonant

Here on the banks of the river Isle you will discover just the place for a charming and relaxing stay. 35 varied sites either in the sunshine of the fields or shaded in a wooded area. Mobile-home rental or caravan rental. Swimming pool, games area and an inflatable castle for the children. During July and August we have snacks available, a bar and take-away meals.

Tel. +33 5 53 05 99 83
www.campinglecoderc.com





Coming events

Farmers' Markets

Throughout the year the farmers and craftsmen of the Dordogne will welcome you either in the evening, in party mood or during the day to fill your shopping bags with fine Perigord fare. The Farmers' markets are easily identified by their logo. They conform to the terms of a charter which requires that all products presented on the market originate directly and exclusively from the farmers themselves.

Dates and further information on:

www.marches-producteurs.com/dordogne



Marsaneix

Donkey Fair

Beginning May

Donkey foal market and traditional market, events and refreshments.

www.marchedantanmarsaneix.com

Tel: +33 6 85 10 88 82

Perigueux

Expoésie Festival

March

Right in the middle of the Springtime of the Poets this festival (unique in France) helps you to discover a living and luscious poetry. Linked to other present-day arts.

www.ferocemarquise.org

Tel: +33 6 72 83 67 74

Vergt

Strawberry and Flower Festival

3d Sunday in May

www.syndicatinitiative-vergt.com

Tel: +33 5 53 54 90 05

Champcevinel

Book Fair

June

Book signing by well-known authors, literary cafés, presentation of the Augieras Prize, this is the universal literature showcase of Greater Perigueux. It takes place in a creatively appetising atmosphere

www.livrenfete.fr

Tel: +33 5 53 04 64 76

Perigueux

Mimos Festival

End July beginning August

Mime, body movements, dance, circus, manipulations, puppet theatre.... MIMOS is a blend of mime and movement. For the last 33 years this international festival is to be seen each summer in Perigueux: on the streets, in the gardens, and in the theatre. On the programme: 30 companies both French and from overseas, present exhibitions, workshops, video projections.... Not forgetting the 20 companies who perform "beyond the fringe".

www.mimos.fr

Tel: +33 5 53 53 18 71

Cendrieux

Cendrials Festival

End of May to beginning of June

Multicultural festival in rural surroundings.

Exhibitions, theatrical performances, concerts, short films.

www.lescendriales.org

Tel: +33 6 08 06 87 75 or +33 6 23 43 53 46

Perigueux

Macadam Jazz

July and August

Every Tuesday Open Air Jazz Concerts in different places in the town.

www.clap-perigueux.com

Tel: +33 5 53 08 69 81

Perigueux and surroundings

Sinfonia en Perigord

End of August

Baroque Music Festival

www.sinfonia-en-perigord.com

Tel: +33 5 53 08 69 81

Bassillac

Comic Book Festival

October

Come and meet the artists, authors. Autographs and dedications.

www.bd-bassillac.com

Tel: +33 6 82 46 32 93

Perigueux

Fatted poultry markets

November to March

Wednesdays and Saturday mornings. Sale of poultry farmers products; ducks, geese, livers, carcasses, duck breasts.

www.tourisme-perigueux.fr

Tel: +33 5 53 53 10 63

Perigueux

Truffle Festival

January

A festival organised around award and prize giving and several interesting events.

www.tourisme-perigueux.fr

Tel: +33 5 53 53 10 63

Reserve the Perigord



From 164 € TTC

A visit to the fatted poultry markets of Perigueux with Nicolas.

Every Saturday from Mid-November to Mid-March, this tradition has dated back to the Middle Ages. As a couple or with friends you will be accompanied by chef Nicolas Lamstaës as you visit the market and learn how to choose the finest foie gras... and he knows his stuff! Back in his restaurant the "L" the owner (trained by the famous chef Alain Ducasse) dons his apron and passes on his knowledge. Before sitting at table and while your personal terrine (you will take it with you) is cooking, take the time to taste different wines with the knowledgeable advice from Nicolas.

2 days / 1 night from 164 € per person

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupes@tourismeperigord.com



From 29 € TTC

Perigueux "The History Book" (groups only)

Perigueux City of the Arts and History will be the setting for your day's journey to the past. Allow us to transport you back to the world of the Vesunna Gallo-Roman Museum and Site, unique in archaeology, conceived by Jean Nouvel. After a lunch based on local gourmet fare, it's time to take the guided tour through the alleys and lanes of the Medieval-Renaissance city following the St James of Compostella Pilgrim Trail leading to the St Front Cathedral. To complete your passage through this two-thousand-year-old city come and enjoy the savours and flavours of home-made products at the "Au Temps d'Eugénie" delicatessen.

1 day from 29 € per person (based on 25 persons)

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupes@tourismeperigord.com



From 35 € TTC

Montpon, betwixt land and water (groups only)

Your morning begins with discovering the Parcot Farm at Echourgnac, a symbol of perigord rural architecture, and follows on with a gastronomic visit to a small-scale traditional duck farm. La Land' ine. After your lunch of fine perigord fare, it is off to the sound of organ music; Montpon-Menesterol is the organ capital of Aquitaine: 10 organs in perfect working order are to be found over five sites. The guided tour to the Duellas Mill (an original watermill) bears witness to former industries linked to water power. This is followed by a barge trip (gabare) including shooting a manually operated lock...unique in Perigord.

1 day from 35 € per person (based on 25 persons)

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupes@tourismeperigord.com



From 23 € TTC

A crisp and crunchy day in Perigord! (groups only)

Your morning will be spent against the backdrop of the chateau de Neuviac as you stroll through the Botanic Park. After lunch at the Chateau Restaurant, the Walnut Oil Mill on the Veyssiere will show you the know-how behind the manufacture of walnut oil. This is one of the last active water mills in Perigord. Then will be the moment to savour a wide range of tasty treats made from the walnut. Then the hidden secrets of the Chanteracoise, the last traditionally hand-made biscottes or rusks in France will be revealed.

1 day from 23 € per person (based on 25 persons)

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupes@tourismeperigord.com

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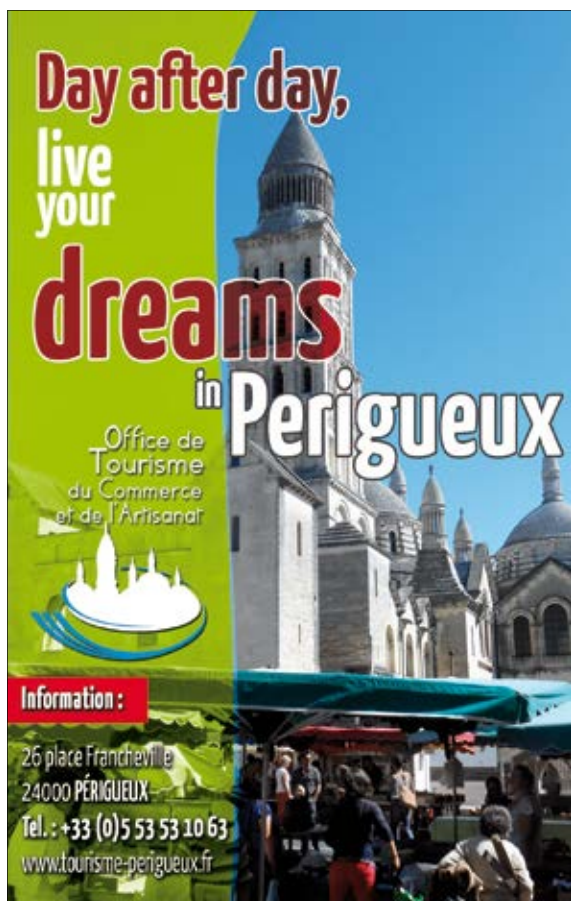
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www.tourisme-perigueux.fr




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THROUGH
THE PERIGORD***

The Collection "Perigord Trails" (Sentiers du Périgord) makes available to the general public a choice of 39 trail maps showing details of rambles on foot, horse trails and mountain bike trails to help find a different way of discovering the Périgord

These maps to a 1:50 000 scale and in four-colour print are available from

The Departmental Tourist Board of the Dordogne
25 rue Wilson - BP 40032 - 24002 PÉRIGUEUX Cedex
e-mail : dordogne.perigord.tourisme@wanadoo.fr
www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr

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- Eymet / Sigoulès
- Canton de Hautefort
- Canton de Saint-Pardoux
- Pays de Mussidan
- Canton de Jumilhac
- Canton de Lanouaille
- Canton de Thiviers
- Canton d'Excideuil
- Pays de Montpon
- Canton de Champagnac
- Canton de Saint-Aulaye
- Canton de Salignac-Eyvigues
- Autour de Thenon
- Saint-Pierre de Chignac et ses alentours
- Pays de Beaumont
- Pays de Monpazier
- Canton de Brantôme
- Nontron
- Autour de Piégut / Varaignes
- Canton de Domme
- Autour de Saint-Cyprien
- Autour des Eyzies
- Pays de Neuvic
- Pays de Saint-Astier
- Autour du Buisson de Cadouin
- Canton de Ribérac
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- Autour de Montignac-Lascaux
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- Canton de Carlux
- Villefranche du Périgord
- Sarlat

* All the trails shown are part of the Departmental Program of Rambles and Walks that has been set up by the Dordogne County Council



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Map of the Dordogne

1 - The Upper Perigord and the regional Nature Park



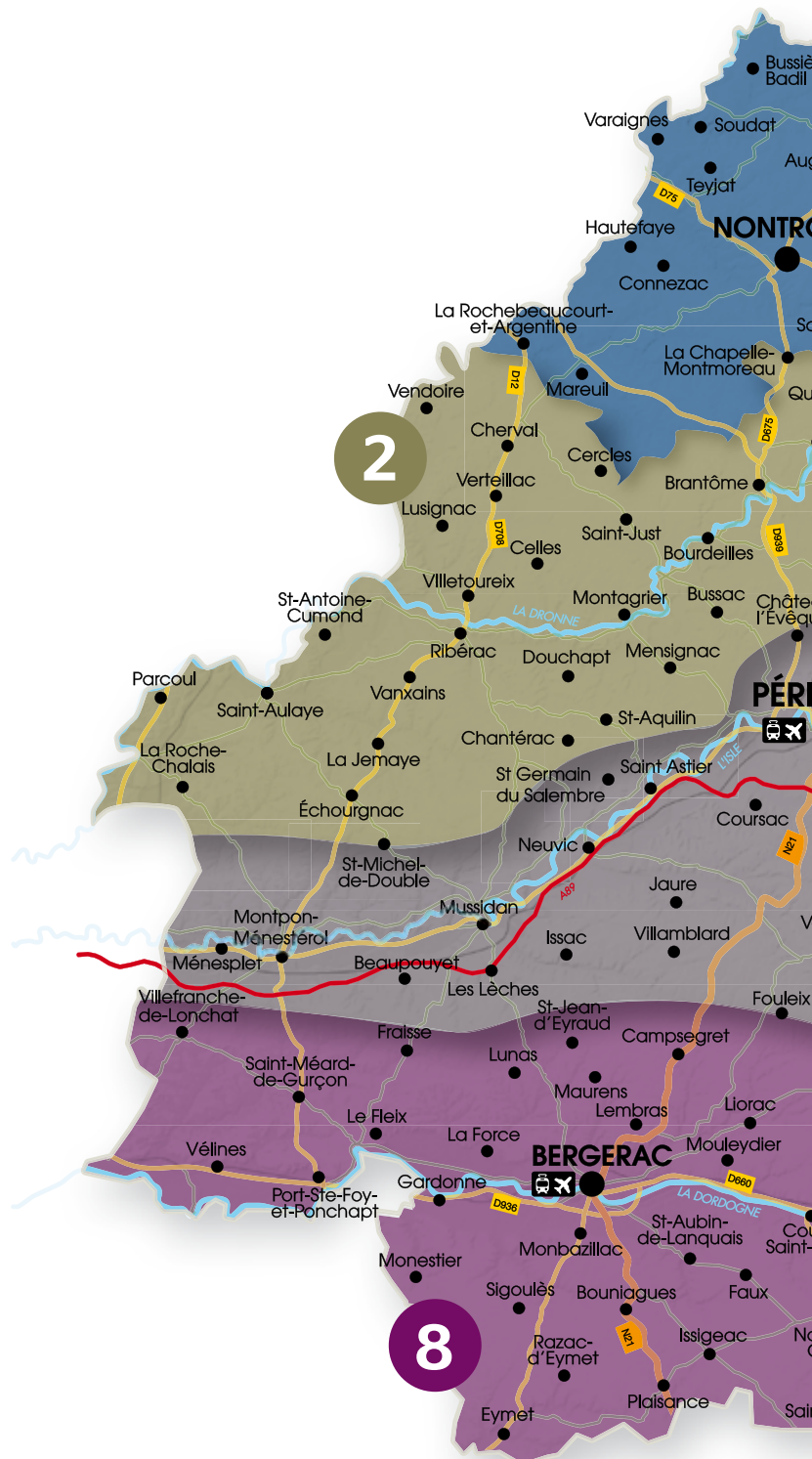
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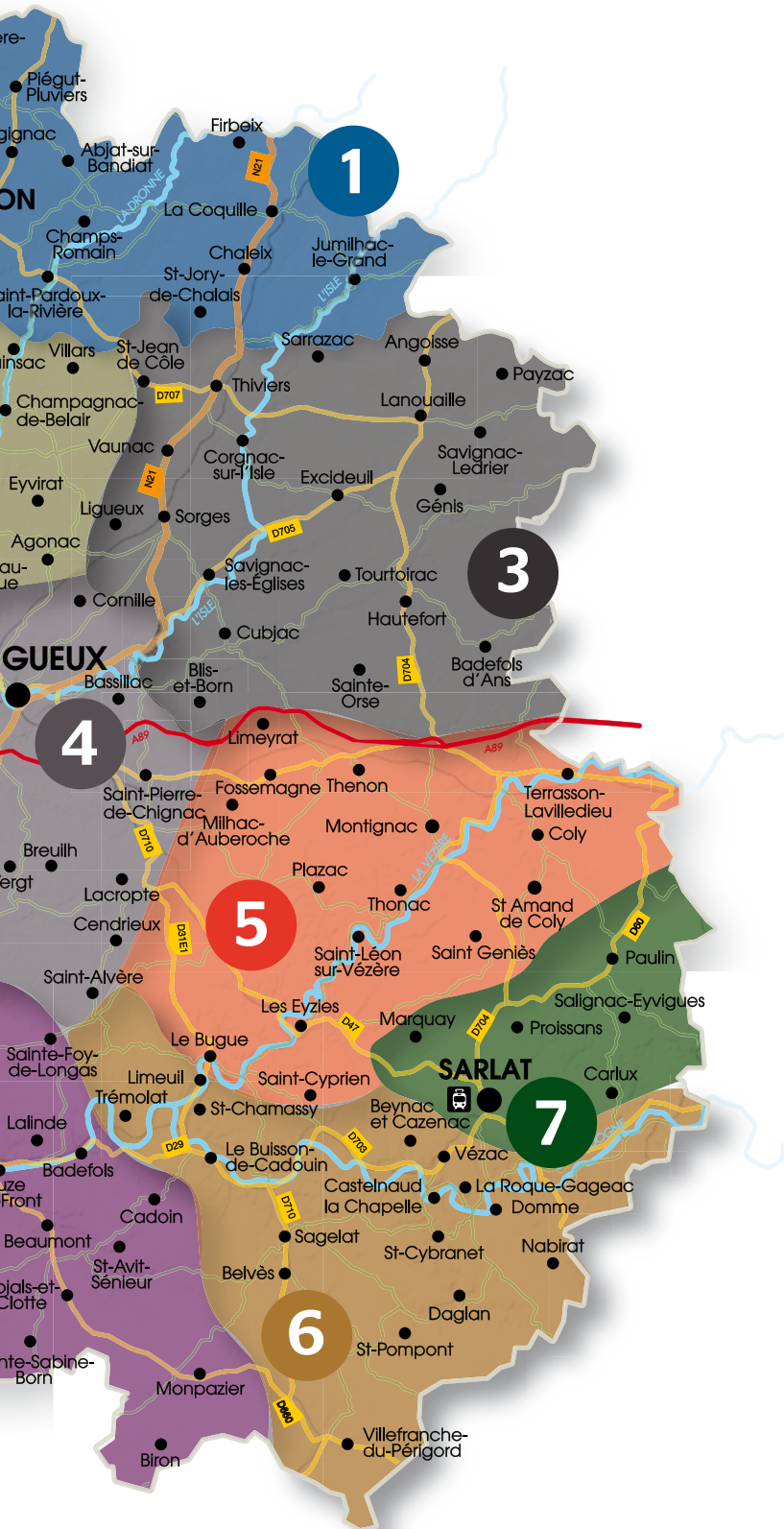


3 - A story of Gold and Steel



4 - Perigueux and the Isle valley





5 - Lascaux and the Vezere Valley



6 - The Dordogne Valley, valley of the Castles

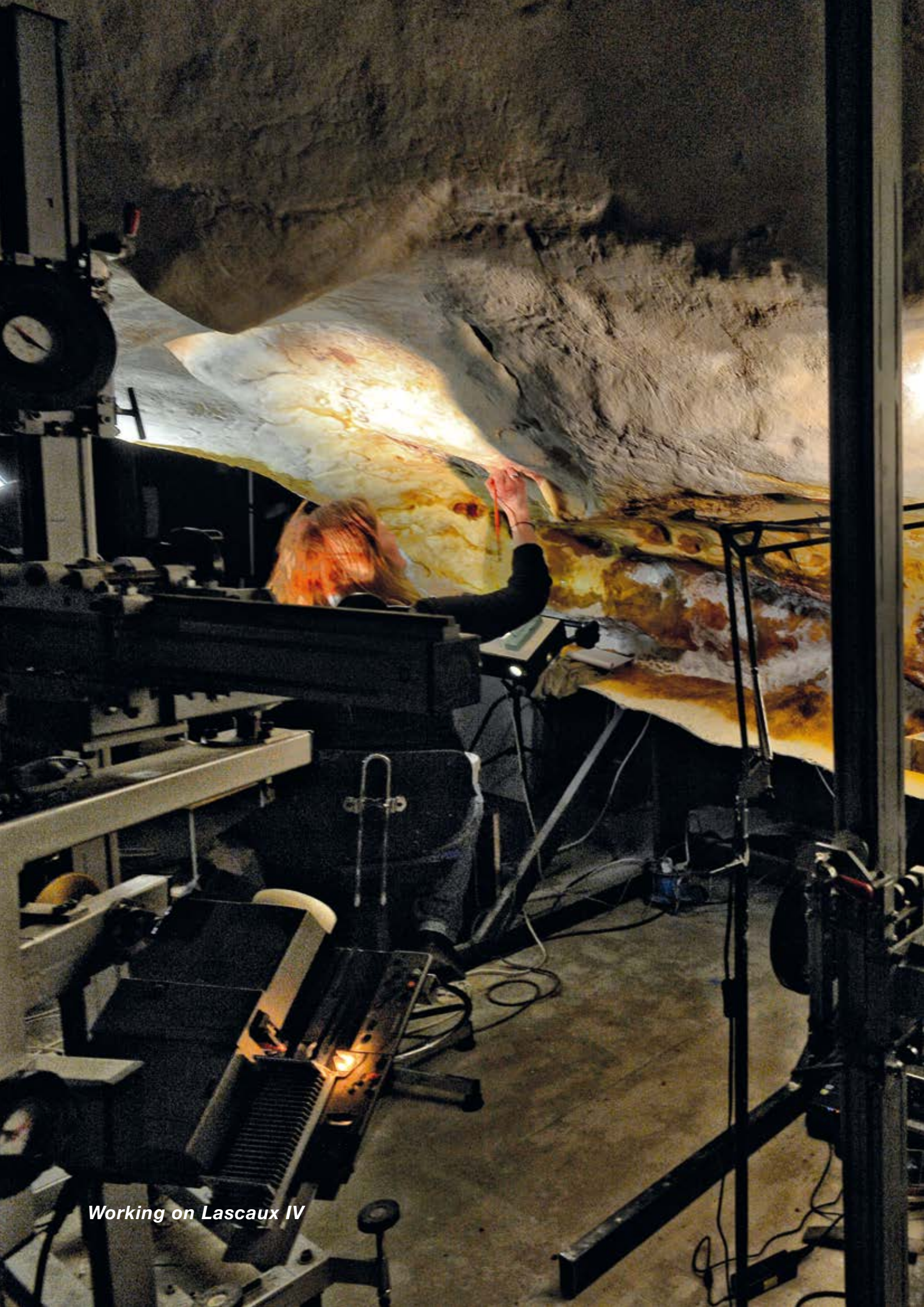


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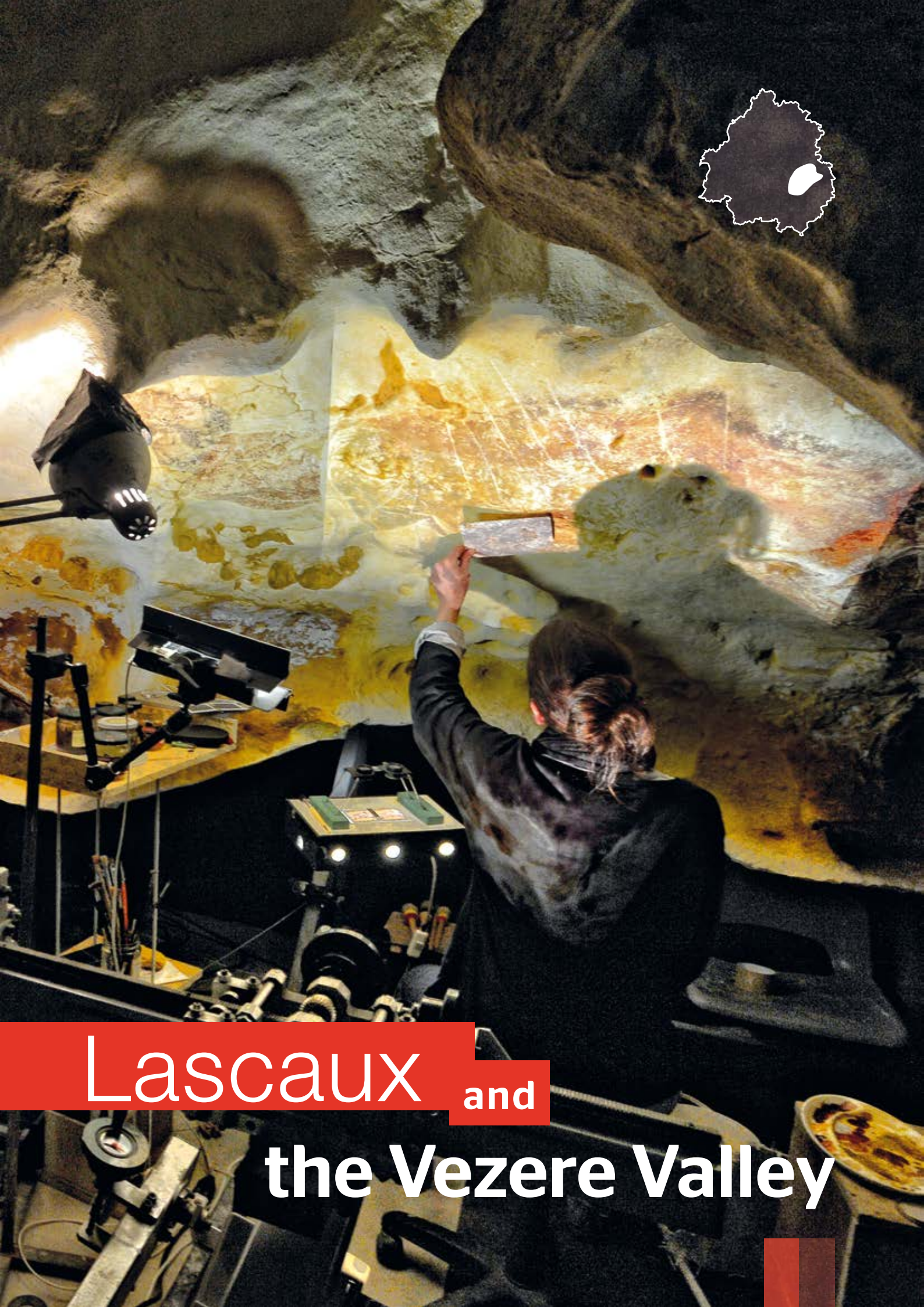


8 - Vineyards and Bastides around Bergerac





Working on Lascaux IV



Lascaux and the Vézère Valley



Lascaux IV

high-tech prehistory

The Lascaux Cave, discovered in 1940 has been closed to the eyes of the general public since 1963 in order to preserve this great work created 16,500 years B.C. The shock wave resulting from this decision has given birth to a number of replicas. Lascaux II, the nearby facsimile opened in 1983; Lascaux III, a travelling exhibition that tours the World and Lascaux IV, whose opening is planned for the spring of 2016 at Montignac. The power to attract remains constant.



Leading
local
authority

Francis Ringenbach

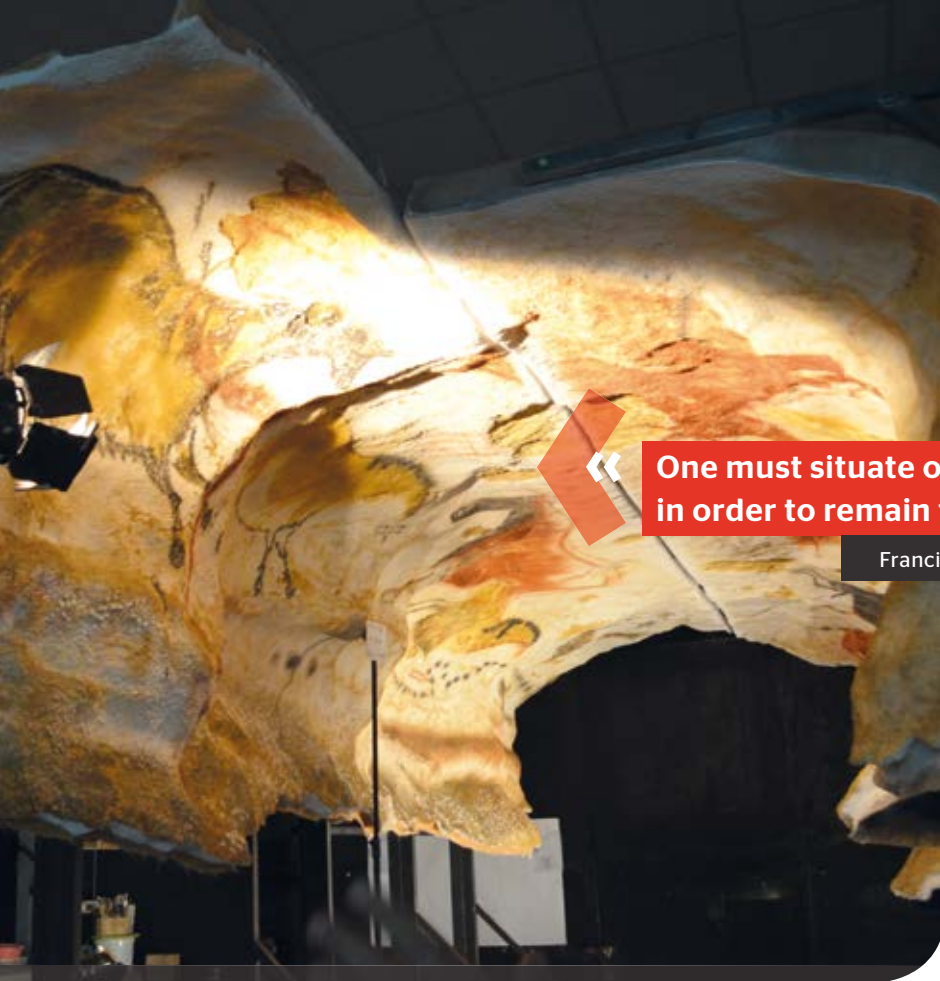
Artistic and production director
of the Perigord facsimile workshop

Francis Ringenbach travels in time and space. Having turned the spotlight on the original cave by means of Lascaux III, he follows his replica like a shadow round the World to Chicago, Houston, Montreal and Brussels. But from now on, it is Lascaux IV which concerns him. To have some idea of the size of this project, one only has to consider the organisation and planning schedules necessary to the reproduction of the cave.

"The original creations are a long way from three-dimensional images, the huge gap between our distant past and our latest advanced technologies is permanent. Such intellectual gymnastics demonstrate the huge amount of work performed by the artists at Lascaux. In the domed apse thousands of engravings are tangled together. With the frescoes the work concerned with composition and the thinking that goes with it, is quite extraordinary." At the moment the Workshop contains a vast, numbered jig-saw puzzle which will be re-assembled on site. The whole project is sectioned, quantified and timed so that it will all fit together on the appointed day. "Certain parts are eight metres long by four metres high. Inside each one there is a profusion of details. It's quite breathtaking!" The teams of artists have already reproduced the Diverticule and the Hall of Bulls. Behind the scenes the fascination is as strong as ever. "This is a major work, every day is magical even if it means using a digital reamer or a three-dimensional segmented pattern or machining a mould prior to modelling."

The art of replica making

As a sculptor himself Francis Ringenbach is excited about being in the



« One must situate oneself in the original conditions in order to remain faithful to Lascaux. »

Francis Ringenbach

Photo captions from left to right :
• Finished panels at the facsimile workshop - Montignac

footsteps of his ancestors. "Because Lascaux has retained its freshness we can feel near to the artists. One wonders how these hunter-gatherers were able to summon up so much time and technical ability. The structure of the illustrations shows that nothing was left to chance as far as preparation and methods were concerned. One does not ask questions about techniques only but also about what the aim of these paintings was." During each phase of the reproduction, Francis Ringenbach keeps in mind the unity of Lascaux and how long it has already lasted. "We must try to understand the painters' actions, their progress, the pigment they used, how the cave has deteriorated, the corrosion on the walls." Having spent a hundred or more hours inside the original cave, Francis has put together masses of information by photography. Even prehistorians are interested in how the artist views the cave. "Inside one is never further than a hand's breadth away from the wall and the lighting is very weak. In the workshop one can step back and the apparent distortion gives the impression that the animal is moving. When we reproduce the surface of the wall we can detect worrying details. We dispose of the technical side, forget the location and meet the human dimension: we can now communicate with the Lascaux artist."

A journey through time and space

Through lack of time Francis has put aside his personal work as a sculptor. The responsibility of what will become Lascaux IV weighs heavily on his shoulders. "I was an industrial designer and so I have some idea of construction and assembly. This task suits me very well."

He joined the Lascaux III project as a sculptor in June 2006 and the cave swallowed him up. Having worked on the replicas at Le Thot, he used the necessary ingenious talents required for the travelling exhibition of the Lascaux III panels. "The complete exhibition consisted of ten articulated trucks full of

enormous cases." Such restrictions ensure priorities. "That operation controlled the *modus operandi* for Lascaux IV. The elements fabricated here will be dispatched at the end of 2015 to be installed on site, it is the logical conclusion to all the preceding endeavours." The digital paperwork is transformed into its physical counterpart and the artists paint the walls.

"For Lascaux IV we depend on the new technologies, six-headed robots for the milling and the three-dimensional processing of sequences where in the past I used a pair of compasses. We produce 900 square metres of surface that is to say twenty one panels in 24 months."

Twenty five people work on Lascaux IV including two metallurgists, three fibreglass moulders for the shell structure, visual artists: painters, sculptors, art restorers, water colour artists and a master glazier. Know-how works closely with the professions.

Francis Ringenbach likes to share his experience with Monique Peytral who painted the frescoes at Lascaux II and somehow or other during this incredible project managed to create a continuous prehistoric lineage with the facsimiles. "We exchanged much information during the complete restoration of Lascaux II. Monique has perfect knowledge of the cave. She is a true artist who has conversed with the original Lascaux artists in her own way. We are respectful fakers!"

The Workshop, a subsidiary of Semitour Perigord works to the orders of the Dordogne Departmental Council. While taking this project through to its conclusion, Francis Ringenbach looks to the future. "Our speciality is reproduction in the realm of art, but not only that. We benefit from the peregrinations of Lascaux III to create contacts." Such a potential for precise production on this scale is unique. "We can now foresee anything, adapt to any project massive or modest. We have developed a true *savoir-faire* with a team of specialists."

While awaiting the opening of Lascaux IV why not visit Lascaux II, Le Thot Montignac

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« I have visited the caves in the valley and above all the original Lascaux... What a revelation! »

Pascal Lombard Wisteria and Cro-Magnon

This former posthouse and hotel frequented by the first prehistorians no longer has very much in common with its 1862 aspect. The wisteria covering the façade is from that period. As for the rest, great changes have been made by Pascal and Laurence Lombard who fell under the charms of both the Vézère Valley and the Glycines Hotel in 2001. As you enter Les Eyzies, once past the bridge, the purpose-made windows blending with the ancient stones catches the eye. Difficult to imagine that a two hectare (5 acres) park opens out behind this four star hotel with its twenty six bedrooms, rose garden, hundred-year-old trees and an organic kitchen garden from where the chef Eric Jung chooses vegetables as fresh as his latest culinary inventions. Pascal Lombard pursued many careers before becoming the man who takes care of everything at the Glycine Hotel. He is, however, above all a cook. "It's in my DNA. The chef and I have the same inspirations: first of all the local culinary pearls, blended with a world cuisine to provide some surprises." The international clientele is more from Northern Europe, the United Kingdom and North America. "We would like to receive more people from the Périgord." The bistro format with the open kitchen on the veranda is the anteroom to the gastronomic restaurant which overlooks the park and is lit up by one of Pascal Magis' latest paintings. The open wine cellar is also exhibited as a work of art: "my secret garden" confides Pascal who gives first preference to French wine growers and keeps his eyes opened for that star that could crown his table. The decoration has been refurbished to create a modern tranquil and snug atmosphere. The room layout was entrusted to an expert in hotel management from the Landes region like Pascal. "He has preserved the atmosphere of South West France, respected the history of this place and maintained the soul of a provincial house, at the same time elegant and convivial." Laurence Lombard who had a career in fashion and luxury goods supervises the decoration and the reception area. "Ecolodge" timber cabins have been built in an ecological chic spirit with south-facing terraces giving onto the ochre-yellow cliffs. Another quite new feature is the spa for complete relaxation. Pascal has chosen to stay open all year to maintain customer and staff loyalty (16 employees in season and 6 in winter); an additional chapter in the story of a village that depends on seasonal activities.



Pascal and Laurence Lombard

Owners of the "Wisteria" hotel-restaurant (Les Glycines)

Les Glycines - 4, avenue de Laugerie - 24620 Les Eyzies-de-Tayac

Tel. +33 5 53 06 97 07 - www.les-glycines-dordogne.com

Tourist sites

The Gardens of your Imagination - The story of mankind told through your senses.

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The "Abri Cro-Magnon" Museum

On this site, named after the place where the first sepulchre of modern man was discovered in 1868 (Cro-Magnon), numerous interactive experiences await you! A hologram film, tactile tablets, a sound and vision total immersion theatrical presentation, all are a part of the facilities that you will find at the Abri Cro-Magnon. Here you can retrace the life of your ancestors, as well as follow the story of the discovery of the site.

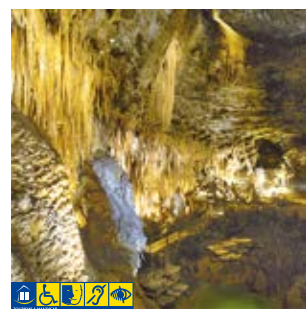
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The Proumeyssac chasm

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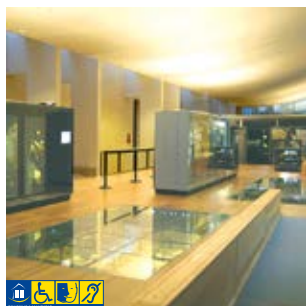
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The National Prehistory Museum

This museum offers a discovery trail following the most ancient traces left by man. Stone tools, objects d'art in ivory and bone, life size reproductions of prehistoric men and animals, now disappeared, will allow you to understand how human society has evolved over 400,000 years all shown to best advantage and contained within a framework of modern architecture.

Les Eyzies de Tayac
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www.musee-prehistoire-eyzies.fr



International Prehistory Centre

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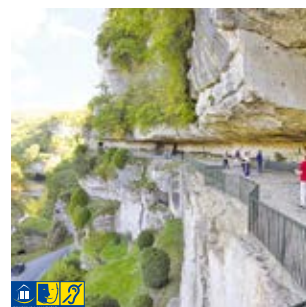
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www.marches-producteurs.com/dordogne



Terrasson

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July

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www.centre-culturel-terrasson.fr

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Montignac

Festival Cultures aux Coeurs

End of July, beginning of August

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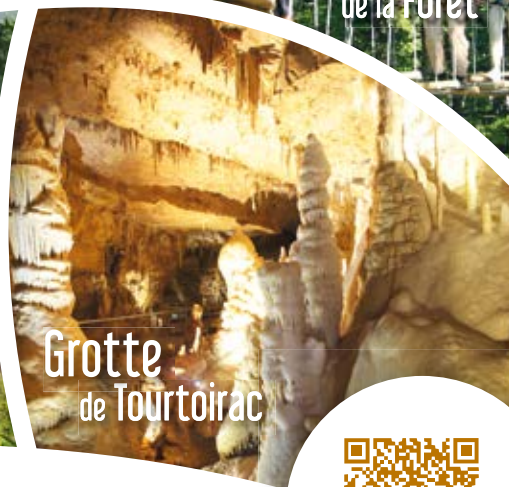
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The Dordogne Valley seen from Castelnaud



The Dordogne Valley

,

valley of the Castles



In the wake of the barges

The Dordogne flows between ochre-coloured cliffs and verdant banks, enchanting villages and lofty castles. Once aboard one of Michel Leger's gabares (barges) cruising between La Roque-Gageac and Castelnaud you will discover how the world of the river merges yesterday's world with today's.



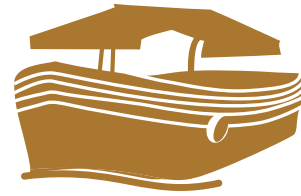
Leading
local
authority

Michel Léger

founder of "Norbert Barges"

Before clearing their way through crowds of coloured canoes and opening up superb vistas for tourists, the original simple gabares, constructed in the upper Argenta valley, used to transport floating logs for the making of wine stakes and barrel staves. Once arrived at the port of Bordeaux, they were unloaded and dismantled, the woodwork intended for heating. In the Roque-Gageac valley the gabares under the local name of yawl (coureau) were designed for return trips. Loaded with local products for the outward journey they made the return journey with imported goods, fish and salt. They were pulled along the towpaths by entire families. This prosperous river trade, along with the watermen, was swept away by the arrival of the railway at Sarlat in 1882.

The hour-long river trip sails along the foot of the Marqueyssac cliff, below the castles of Castelnaud, la Malartrie, the La Roque stronghold and Canon Tarde's manor. As the boat and the river take you back in time the guide from his position on the bridge will relate the history and the architecture. He will also explain the river's ecosystem, the flowers and plants and the animals and the surrounding countryside found along the river banks. Floating water buttercups indicate the healthy condition and oxygen content of the river water. Thirty species of fish both resident and migratory swim through one of the cleanest water courses in Europe where kingfisher and black kite fly.



People will always come to the Perigord and the human scale will always be maintained. We keep up friendly relations with our clients who imagine they have come to a minor tourist area which on the contrary is enormous. >>

Michel Léger

Photo captions from left to right :
 • A gabare at La Roque-Gageac
 • Welcome aboard!

Further reading : *Les gabares de Dordogne*, Felix Chiocca, Editions Sud-Ouest.

Gabare captain

Born in Vezac, Michel Leger started as a canoe instructor and a keen fisherman. He knows the river very well but he never thought at all of working on it. "I joined the army for five years. Then I came back to the area." He was one of the first people to launch into the adventure of river tourism in 1986. "At that time the idea was very much in the air so I thought why not have river trips on the Dordogne?" Michel obtained the certificate of competence to become captain of a passenger-carrying boat. "I began with a twenty-seater vessel then we opted for an aluminium barge of the type the oyster farmers of Arcachon were using." Then came the shooting of the television series "The River of Hope" (La Rivière de l'Espérance) by Josee Dayan in 1995). "We worked with the film crews, had the cameras on board and even manoeuvred the boats. The idea of using the gabares for river trips was born, sailing on the success of this very popular series. And so we became part of the history of the River Dordogne."

Today's boat trippers remember the television series well which attracted so many millions of viewers. People from all over the world came aboard at La Roque-Gageac. "On board ship the commentary is in French and for the last twelve years we have supplied audio guides in eleven languages." Each year 65 000 individual and 25 000 group tickets fill the two Norbert gabares. River tourism has developed in accordance with the demand. On board, schoolchildren are in their element. These junior midshipmen arrive on board with their teaching notebooks, fishing for general knowledge and happy memories. "We signed the "Family Charter" with the Departmental Tourist Board to provide trips especially for children, every Friday afternoon during the summer: interactive visits for schoolchildren."

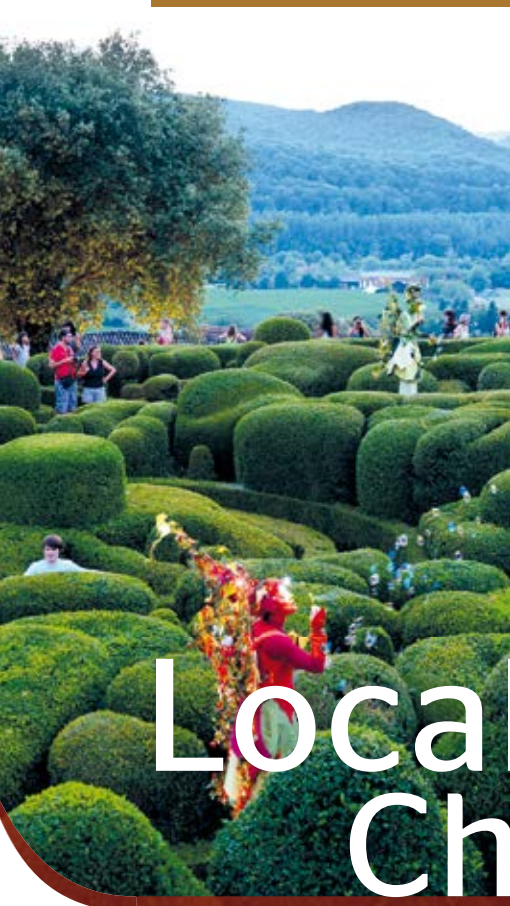
The biosphere reserve

Our waterman is pleased with his life along the river. "I love what makes this job so creative." In 2012 UNESCO classified the Dordogne Valley as a biosphere reserve: an essential recognition by the international community of all who are involved in the life of this river. "The economic philosophy practised here is adapted to protecting the animal life, the flower and plant life and the surrounding countryside. Precise criteria confirm that nothing can disturb the balance of this area. After three years of preparation this classification is a great opportunity; it will allow us to further develop this environmental balance. There are only 630 areas classified as biosphere in the whole world and the slopes of the Dordogne catchment area constitute one of the largest such territories."

Everyone agrees about sharing the use of this river. "I could never grow weary of this adventure, my boats form part of the scenery and I am proud of having brought them up to scratch." There are four captains, including Michel's son, who work in relays piloting the two Norbert boats. Ten people work through the year from the first launch at the end of March to the 1st of November. During the winter, the boats are taken on trailers to a field and the landing stages partially dismantled for general maintenance and marketing. When the time comes to furl the sails and cast off to go travelling Michel Leger is very European, he knows how to profit from new ideas when they are good in order to drop anchor on his return to his beloved Dordogne.

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«

I have been around these gardens for 18 years and of course I feel somewhat part of them. It is an exceptional place to work in and I am very attached to it. »

»

Local Characters

Jean Lemoussu Dizzy green heights

Topped by a chateau roofed with local stone shingles (lauzes) and sited among geometrical patterns, Marqueyssac cleaves the Dordogne valley in two. Walking through the paths and alleys one inhales the boxwood aromas and admires a horizon studded with chateaux: Castlenaud, Fayrac, Beynac not to mention the heights of the Roque-Gageac cliff face.

For eighteen years Jean Lemoussu has admired the panorama offered by this rocky promontory. "At sunset the gardens have a magical atmosphere, just before our romantic candle-lit tours, and in the early morning as the mist rises from the valley." But the memories remaining after three seasons at Castlenaud Castle as a biology student, opened up the gates of Marqueyssac to him in order to conduct guided tours. "It was a lovely surprise, I did not hesitate! I have always loved the countryside and I really wanted to go back to my homeland." Jean Lemoussu loves the history and the geology of the gardens as he does his job. "This site has been well-known since the Middle Ages. The terraces date from the 17th century and the chateau from the end of the 18th century. The park was designed at the end of the 19th century and planted with 150 thousand box tree saplings, parasol pines and ornamental trees. Along the six kilometres of alleys, some carved out of the rock, the shaping and hewing of the stone shows a mastery of landscaping technique. And if that was not all, there is the extravagance of all those box trees!"

Brought from Italy this Mediterranean inspiration has adapted itself to this rocky spur. After fifty years of being abandoned and one year of being restored, the garden-park opened to the public in 1997 and 190,000 visitors wend their way across the site. Jean took over the responsibility of the gardens with a team of five gardeners. Early morning work respects the visitors tranquillity, trimming and cutting is done entirely by hand. Jean watches over the least detail. "I put myself in the place of a visitor. I see the site as if for the first time." Also in charge of entertainment, he pampers the children with a 6000 egg hunt at Easter. In the cliff situated next to the chateau a via ferrata with a continuous life line has been installed in the rocky flank to provide a dizzying souvenir.



Jean Lemoussu

In charge of the gardens and entertainment in the Marqueyssac Garden Park

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Tourist sites

The Walnut Ecomuseum

What's inside?

After you have visited the fortress of Castelnaud take the little road which goes up to the plateau above the village and make an epicurean pause at the Perigord Walnut Ecomuseum. Situated in the main building of an 18th century restored farm, this is a natural living area which invites you to discover the origins, the history, the work, the cultivation of the walnut tree and in particular the Perigord Walnut. Since 2012 the site has accommodated the Aiguevive Walnut Oil Mill producing walnut oil from prime quality walnuts.

Your visit starts with a film which follows throughout the seasons the work necessary to produce quality fruit from the walnut trees. An amusing presentation finishes off this documentary telling the story of the Perigord Walnut, its quality of origin label (AOC) and its health benefits. Follow this visit by discovering the animal and plant life of the local area during your stroll through the organic walnut grove and then on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in July and August, watch the traditional oil pressing in the Perigord Walnut Ecomuseum's own mill.

Economusée de la noix - Huilerie d'Aiguevive
Vielcroze - 24250 Castelnaud-la-Chapelle
Tel. +33 5 53 59 69 63 – www.ecomuseedelanoix.fr

Beynac Archeological Park

Developed on a site dating back to the Bronze Age, this park invites you to come and take part in the daily life of the first peasant metalworkers from the Neolithic to the Gaulish period (6000 to 52 BC). Craftsmen's workshops and houses from that time have been reconstructed giving a unique experience.

Beynac-et-Cazenac
Tel. +33 5 53 29 51 28



Fenelon Chateau

It was in this place that François de Salignac de la Mothe-Fénelon was born (1651-1715) known as the "Swan of Cambrail" and author of the "Adventures of Telemachus". Constructed on a succession of rocky terraces, the chateau skilfully blends the warlike character of the Middle Ages with the elegance of the Renaissance period. Housed within is a collection of arms and armour, furniture and objets d'art from the 15th to the 18th century.

Sainte-Mondane - Tel. +33 5 53 29 81 45
www.chateau-fenelon.fr



Albarede Gardens

Deep in the valley of the Albarede this free-spirited garden combines ancient stonework, flowers and aromas Set in a rural atmosphere with a southern aspect, perennials, wild flowers and traditional old roses display their subtle natures through all seasons. Entirely organic this truly country garden invites you to partake of its pleasures.

Saint-Cybranet - Tel. +33 5 53 28 38 91
www.jardins-albarede.com



Castelnaud Castle

Dedicated entirely to the Arts of Medieval Warfare, Castelnaud Castle overlooks the Dordogne valley, offering an all-round perspective of Beynac Castle, the Marqueyssac hanging gardens and the Roque-Gageac, one of the most beautiful villages of France. Medieval entertainment and demonstrations are presented for the enjoyment of both children and grown-ups.

Castelnaud-la-Chapelle
Tel. +33 5 53 31 30 00
www.castelnaud.com



Milandes Chateau

Built between the 15th and 19th centuries this chateau is mostly known for having belonged to Josephine Baker. A permanent exhibition relates the extraordinary destiny of this young girl from Missouri who became a star of Parisian nightlife. Surrounded by formal gardens the chateau also offers a spectacular falcon display.

Castelnaud-la-Chapelle
Tel. +33 5 53 59 31 21
www.milandes.com



Beynac Fortress

Perched high on a rocky spur the castle overlooks not only the River Dordogne but also the stone-shingled roofs of the houses and their honey-stoned façades. This is one of the most beautiful villages in France. The fortress built during the 12th century offers fabulous views over an amazing countryside with on the opposite bank of the Dordogne, Castelnaud Castle.

Beynac-et-Cazenac
Tel. +33 5 53 29 50 40
www.beynac-en-perigord.com



Accommodation

Bed and Breakfast

Domaine de la Dame Blanche

4 Gîtes de France bedrooms
(3 ears of corn symbols)

Sandrine et Remy BRUNETEAU-LORENZO
Siorac en Périgord

Reference : DP000510D

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www.gite-booking.com

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Agnes REYNAUD CHARLES

Saint-Cyprien

Reference : DP000449

This mansion house, set in a 5 000 square metre park, in Saint-Cyprien, in an exceptional location on the banks of the Dordogne, has as well as its own swimming pool, the opportunity to visit many remarkable tourist sites within a radius of 15 kilometres. 2 double bedrooms for 4 people plus one bedroom for 2 people.

Tel. +33 6 09 73 03 79



Hotels

Hôtel Plaisance ***

48 bedrooms

Vitrac



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www.hotelpalaisance.com



Le Relais du Périgord Noir ***

43 bedrooms

Siorac-en-Périgord



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www.relais-perigord-noir.fr



Gîtes

"La Mounerie"

Gîtes de France (3 ears corn symbols)

2 persons

Raymond JOSEPH

Castels

Reference : DP509189

Deep in the Dordogne Valley, this single storey gîte is situated in green surroundings just right for relaxing and enjoying a calm atmosphere. Its situation is perfectly suited to either a cultural holiday or a country stay.

Tel. +33 5 53 35 50 00

www.gite-booking.com



Gaillardou

Clévacances (4 key symbols) - 6 persons

Josy GAUTHIER

La Roque Gageac

Reference : 1235

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Tel. +33 6 70 63 05 14

www.maison-piscine-perigord.com



Campsites

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Vitrac

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Tel. +33 5 53 28 33 05

www.labouysse.com



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Saint-Cybranet

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Tel. +33 5 53 28 32 66

www.lescascadesdordogne.com





Coming events

Farmers' Markets

Throughout the year the farmers and craftsmen of the Dordogne will welcome you either in the evening, in party mood or during the day to fill your shopping bags with fine Perigord fare. The Farmers' markets are easily identified by their logo. They conform to the terms of a charter which requires that all products presented on the market originate directly and exclusively from the farmers themselves.



Dates and further information on:

www.marches-producteurs.com/dordogne

Carlux

The Springtime of the Books

April

A whole day meeting authors from the region

Tel: +33 5 53 28 81 93

Carves

Theatre of the Fon du Loup

June to October

A country theatre which has become the regional centre of Aquitaine Puppet Art. Internationally famous shows and performers are to be seen

www.theatrefonduloup.fr

Tel: +33 5 53 29 10 20

Limeuil

Potters's Market

July

50 professional artists and craftsmen invite you to come and share their passion. Competition for unique pieces, clay workshop for children.

Tel: +33 5 53 63 38 90

Calviac en Perigord

Fête du Chabrol

1st week-end August

Various events. The ceremonial tradition of Chabrol at the evening meal (adding red wine to your soup). Ceremony of the Enthronement of the Brotherhood of Chabrol followed by fireworks.

Tel: +33 5 53 28 81 93

Meyrals

Scarecrow Festival

July

This Scarecrow Festival was established in 2002 when a hundred volunteers got themselves organised in this village of only 590 inhabitants. During the last week-ending in July 4000 people attend the exhibition which displays between 70 to 80 of these bizarre characters put together by the villagers themselves and from beyond. Each year a well-known person is elected president of the jury. Saturday evening, a song contest brings all the people together. On Sunday it is time for children's games, both traditional and ancient, landau rides and ancient crafts exhibition. The festival closes with a typical perigord meal and show with fireworks.

<http://epoufest.com>

Tel: +33 5 53 31 13 56

Domme

Air show

August

Presentation of grounded and flying aeroplanes, helicopters, autogiros, and parachutes. Rare aeroplanes and stunts and acrobatic flying.

Tel: +33 5 53 28 32 95

Castelnaud La Chapelle

Canoe-kayak marathon

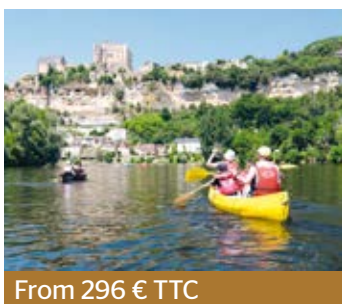
September

<http://marathoncanoe kayak.sportsregions.fr>

Tel: +33 6 75 61 58 28



Reserve the Perigord



From 296 € TTC

Dordogne canoe cruises in the wake of the ancient bargees

Come and immerse yourself in history. This is what is on offer with this canoe trip along the Dordogne Valley. Various scheduled journeys will steer you close to medieval villages to admire beautiful chateaux and the aged cliffs of the Dordogne. Each day you will cover 20 km and your nights will be spent in two or three-star hotels.

3 days / 2 nights half board from 296 € per person

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupes@tourismeperigord.com



From 678 € TTC

Rambling in "The Enchanted Land"

Your route will take you to famous prehistoric sites, proud and noble fortresses and pretty little medieval villages set in naturally green surroundings. In the evening at the end of each sector, you will enjoy a warm welcome as well as rich perigord fare. Unforgettable moments guaranteed.

7 days / 6 nights half board in a two-star hotel from 678 € per person.

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupes@tourismeperigord.com



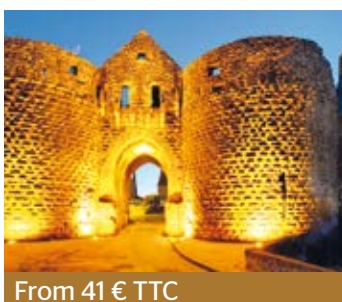
From 290 € TTC

Cookery Course "Taste the Perigord"

The Chef at the Hotel Latreille at Vitrac (he is also the owner) will help you to discover the true fine cuisine of the Perigord: learning how to prepare foie gras, visit to a poultry farm and epicurean dinners. During your suppers you will have the opportunity to discuss the local products and cuisine.

3 days / 2 nights, full board from 290 € per person

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupes@tourismeperigord.com



From 41 € TTC

"Bastide, Grotto and Templars at Domme" (groups only)

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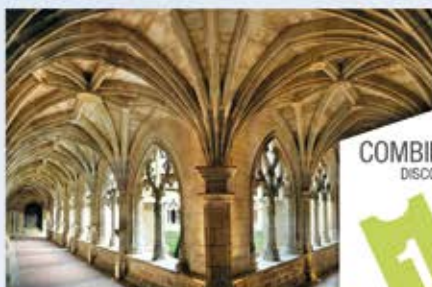
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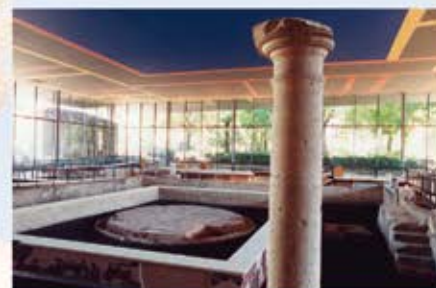


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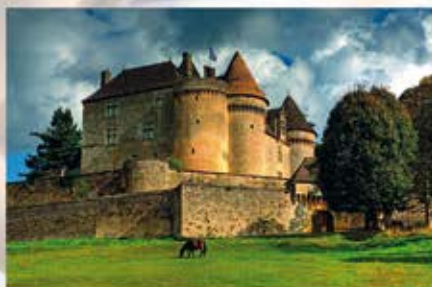
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The roof tops of Sarlat



In and around Sarlat



Puymartin

A legendary chateau

Perched high at the entrance to the Beune Valley, away from the beaten track, Puymartin Chateau looks back over long centuries of history, with, in pride of place, its legend... the legend of the White Lady, distant ancestor of Xavier de Montbron who never tires of showing people round his little kingdom.

The elegant silhouette, capped with its heavy stone shingles (lauzes), nowadays bears no resemblance to the stronghold constructed during the 13th century, the foundations of which remain to this day.

"The castle was a battle zone during the 16th century, a Catholic stronghold while Sarlat was held by the Protestants," emphasizes Xavier de Montbron, heir to the property. The pointed towers gradually emerge from the forest and as you approach this apparent mirage you suddenly find yourself looking up at Sleeping Beauty Castle. This "Beauty" could well be the celebrated White Lady who wakes from time to time to haunt the rooms and passages of her ancient abode. Therese de Saint-Clar was imprisoned for months and years in the North Tower by her jealous husband. She died there and her body was walled up. "This is a story coloured by legend but plausible during the time of the Wars of Religion." Some people have felt her presence during a chance visit, others come specially for that purpose. She has revealed herself in her hexagonal bedroom with its white walls, fireplace and single window. "We have not invented her for the tourists, her appearances existed previously. Her ghost has been witnessed by members of the family and my father encountered her once. Spiritualist-mediums and psychic researchers have come to experience her presence; groups settle in to study and film. As for me I would not like to meet the White Lady".



Leading
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Xavier de Montbron

Co-owner of Puymartin Chateau

A modern Lord of the Manor

The chateau has spent five centuries in the hands of the same family since the Hundred Years War under different family names according



This chateau is not at all impressive : from an aesthetic point of view with its two towers it has a fairy-tale atmosphere, even with its square keep rebuilt in the Neo-Gothic style. »

Xavier de Montbron

Photo captions from left to right :

- Puymartin chateau
- The monochrome paintings in the mythology room are classified by the historic monuments society

to the various marriages ; Saint-Clar, La Pleynie, Roffignac de Marzac, Carbonnier de Marzac and Cherade de Montbron. "History excites me. I am always trying to imagine life as it was here in the 18th century. My ancestor owned several chateaux at the time of the Revolution in 1789. As a result of the abolition of birthright, advantages were generally dispersed. However Puymartin stayed in the family and in good condition, thanks to the Marquis Marc Roffignac de Carbonnier de Marzac who, at the end of the 19th century, devoted a million francs in gold to its restoration, the equivalent nowadays of 3 million euros."

As guardian of this family heritage, Xavier de Montbron is a modern Lord of the Manor. "Previously, I worked in other places but I never stopped thinking about this place...this chateau. It kept calling me back. Puymartin is much more than the place where we live. It is a great responsibility made up of commitments and restrictions. It forms part of me, it is a heritage and a moral obligation and I am obliged to pass it on. My father prepared his succession and I must also give thought to the continuity." A rarity in the closed world of family-owned chateaux, Puymartin has been open to the public for the last 42 years. "We were among the first". Like a bolt from the blue, as it were, lightning struck the roof calling for extensive repairs from which came the idea of opening up the chateau, so much so that a large number of tourists came to the gates unbidden, wanting to discover the site. Xavier took charge of receiving visitors in 1992. One other person works throughout the year with him and History of Art students arrive as reinforcements during the summer. "We intend to change direction and offer freeflow tours."

The mythological chamber, classified as a Historic Monument, is a fragile marvel. Created between 1650 and 1671 these black and white paintings were fixed with tempera (a mixture of white of egg, charcoal and pigments) directly onto wood panels. This collection, depicted in subtle shades of grey, is the work of Philippe Lemaire who stayed here permanently for ten years, painting these eight works of which one is the Medusa being

decapitated by Athene and another is the Bacchus sacrifice.

In the ancestors' portrait gallery where also are to be found the family coats of arms, Xavier has a particular affection for the bust of Count Ravez, the great grand-father of his grand-mother, who was leader of the Chamber of Deputies under Louis XVIII, Peer of France and Member of the Royal Order of Knights. Further on in the Great Hall the 17th century Flemish tapestries compete with the beauty of the painted wood panels over the fireplace, with their somewhat cruel allegory depicting Venus and Chronos accompanied by this maxim. "With time love passes away."

Life at the chateau

Puymartin becomes a star during many filmshoots that use the Perigord. Such was the case for the telefilm about the life of Richelieu "Blood and Purple". "We are in regular contact with the Dordogne Film Committee. Their Motor Rally stopped off here in June 2014." Xavier de Montbron indulges his passion for the theatre, he loves acting even if he no longer has scarcely any leisure time. The theatre gave him the idea of setting up an entertainment programme on Tuesday evenings in the summer with torch-light walks, interspersed with story-telling, legends, music and gourmet tasting. "Another way of rediscovering the chateau. One must live the place and renew one's curiosity". Such outings will attract the locals because this little treasure is hidden away and so much better known often by foreign tourists than by the people of the Sarlat area.

"In the future, we hope to add another dimension to the parkland to encourage people to stroll, as well as to see the interior of the chateau and an exhibition centre."

One can even spend a night in the chateau in one of the Bed and Breakfast suites.

Château de Puymartin - 24620 Marquay

Tel: + 33 5 53 59 29 97 – www.chateau-de-puymartin.com

Local Characters

Daniel L'Homond A Perigourdan Teller of Tales

« My accent allows me to jostle the French language a bit with the music of the troubadours. For a storyteller an accent certainly gives richness to a language. »



Daniel L'Homond

Storyteller

First of all there is his presence, the melodious voice, the compelling accent and his light blue eyes. Daniel l'Homond is good-natured but also he is a teller of tales: all sorts of tales that spring from his fertile imagination. His words travel beyond our frontiers and they become fixed in books* (but as he says, you must distinguish between the oral and the written word) on his CD's and float on the air waves of Radio France. But above all Daniel loves to see his words gushing forth on the stage regularly once every three years. "For many years I have noticed that this profession resembles that of a seeker or searcher. During my stage presentation, I think of myself as an image maker, working in sequences with flashbacks. There is a symbolism in story-telling, a myth that you can find, that you can reinvent." According to Daniel, to tell a good story is to combine words and breathing, get the plot started, round off the story and give the characters life all with very little means. "The challenge of the story-teller is to create an outline, a sketch." He likes to include one or two songs in his performances. "I have to create a link with my audience whether I am in Quebec or the Perigord." Daniel tries to follow a path which starting locally spreads world wide. "My roots serve as a jumping off point." In order to appreciate coming back to the Perigord, he spent his youth knocking about the world; on the road just like Kerouac. "I have begged in Sarlat, I have lived in Great Britain, in The States, in Siberia, in Japan. What gives me inspiration is human relationships influenced both by the physical and social context of their lives." The artist goes regularly on tour visiting one or other of the 200 storytelling festivals in France and he performs abroad sometimes in English some in Spanish with Occitan as a link. "Language is an essential raw material, its flesh and blood, its cadences and its poetry are each very different." With 6000 titles recorded, Daniel reckons that if a tale holds its own it is enough to dress it up a bit differently and it will remain alive everywhere and for always. "If a tale is well-constructed, the framework will support all kinds of decoration." The celebrated village of Saint-Paganoul strongly resembles his home village of Saint-Julien-de-Lampon within the Quercy department: from here Daniel allows his spirit to drift towards unknown horizons. "To imagine such a lot of different things one must cling to reality."

<http://lhomond conteur.free.fr/>

* some of Daniel L'Homond's publications : Sacré Quotidien (Fanlac), Le Bestiaire (Fanlac), Les lieux disent (Fédérop), Légendaire du Perigord (Fanlac), Last stage performance : Pampellogosse.

Tourist sites



The Le Breuil Huts Dry Stone Architecture

Half-way between Sarlat and Les Eyzies, the Le Breuil Huts can be reached by a little road winding through a forest in the Black Périgord. Their origins remain a mystery but we do however know that they served as rural dwellings for the Benedictine monks of Sarlat until the middle of the 15th century, then as artisan workshops in the 18th and 19th centuries. Since 1950 this piece of our heritage has been preserved within a family farm where the animals enjoy a free-range existence. This tiny village has been used as a film setting for numerous films such as "Sleeping Beauty", "Jacquou le Croquant" and even "Les Misérables".

These dry huts, roofed with heavy stone shingles, demonstrate by their method of construction and their shape a quite exceptional architectural unity. In addition dry stone construction techniques can be found in the stone shingle quarry next to Le Breuil Huts. The original shape was nothing more than a pile of hollow stones arranged to house tools and animals. The development of walls and wooden roof-structures led on to this magnificent manifestation of mineral matter!

Saint-André-d'Allas

Tel. +33 6 80 72 38 59 - www.cabanes-du-breuil.com

Gisson Manor House

Situated in the conservation area of the old town Gisson Manor House is one of the most remarkable buildings in Sarlat, composed of two buildings each in a distinctive architectural style and connected one to the other by a hexagonal staircase tower. The origins of this building date back to the 13th century. A bizarre cabinet of curiosities has been fitted out in the vaulted cellars.

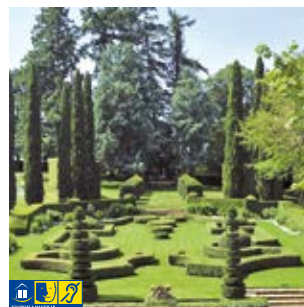
Sarlat - Tel. +33 5 53 28 70 55
www.manoirdegisson.com



Eyrignac Gardens

These quite exceptional gardens, twenty-two generations in the same family, were laid out in the 18th century, transformed in the 19th century into an English style park before rediscovering their original style in the 20th century. Today these gardens represent one of the finest examples of topiary art in France with their unique collection of more than 300 plant sculptures and their 50 000 yews, box and hornbeam trees.

Salignac-Eyvignes
Tel. +33 5 53 28 99 71
www.eyrignac.com



Cadiot Gardens

Built upon two hectares (5.4 acres) of terraced land, the site consists of ten thematic gardens, each one featuring a different colour thanks to over 1,500 varieties of flowers: kitchen garden, orchard, cloisters, decorated with plants, a peony garden, a wild rose garden all combine to present a palette of magical atmospheres.

Carlux - Tel. +33 5 53 29 81 05
www.lesjardinsdecadiot.com



The Haute Terre Gardens

Perched approximately 300 metres up, these gardens offer an all-round view over the Dordogne Valley. Gently, step by step, the trail unfolds like a sculpture to a background of flowers and animal life, of geology and climate. This rare panorama, apt for land surveying reasons and of archaeological interest, develops into a four-season garden: the garden of the senses, the garden of silence, the garden of splashes of colour and the garden ideal for observing indigenous and global plants.

Saint-André-d'Allas - Tel. +33 6 84 39 57 36;
+33 6 86 92 25 99
<http://jardinsdehauteterre.free.fr>



Calviac Zoo Park

In a natural and authentic preservation area this non-profit-making organisation is dedicated to preserving threatened species. Passing through a 1 ½ kilometre trail dotted with waterfalls and surrounded by woods, twenty five rare species are quite approachable. Lemurs, wallabies and marmosets are a source of great joy to children.

Calviac en Périgord
Tel. +33 5 53 28 84 08
www.reserve-calviac.org



Sarlat, City of the Arts and History

The medieval city grew and developed around the great Benedictine Abbey of Carolingian origins. Thanks to the conservation and restoration legislation applied to the Conservation Areas, the buildings with their ancient façades, protected with heavy stone shingles (lauzes) have kept their authentic mood and appearance. The former parish church in southern style was restored by the architect Jean Nouvel and houses nowadays the covered market. Today the majority of the buildings are classified or listed as historic Monuments of which the famous La Boétie's House is one.

Sarlat - Tel. +33 5 53 31 45 45
www.sarlat-tourisme.com



Accommodation

Bed and Breakfast

Chez Michel

3 Gîtes de France bedrooms
(3 ears of corn symbols)

Michel FUMAT
Proissans

Reference : DP000515

This country house overlooking the valley of the Enea is the ideal departure point for visiting the many tourist sites in the Black Périgord as well as the Valley of the Dordogne. Internet connection available.

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Pouch

4 Gîtes de France bedrooms
(3 ears of corn symbols)

Francine and Serge BOURGEADE
Archignac

Reference : DP000528D

This bed and breakfast accommodation installed in a former Périgord farm is only 18 kms from Sarlat. This situation gives you a strategic centre for all your visits. A shaded garden and pool are available in summer.

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Hotels

Le Relais du Touron ***

18 bedrooms
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Tel. +33 5 53 28 16 70
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Sarlat

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Gites

"Le clos de Peyrebelle"

Cleavacances (3 key symbols) - 4 persons

M. MONNASSON
Tamnies

Reference : DP 955488

This fully restored barn, combining traditional taste and modern comfort, situated 12 kms from Sarlat, a medieval town, with its rare heritage, is set in a charming hamlet, on a remarkable site with breathtaking views over the surrounding countryside.

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Josephine

Reseau in Sarlat - 4 persons
Sarlat

Reference : DPJOSEPHINE

In the middle of Sarlat, set in a 17th century dwelling, the "Josephine" apartment (70 square metres for 4 people) pays homage to Josephine Baker with its elegant décor. Plaster cornices, high ceilings and crafted woodwork will appeal to your sense of beauty.

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Campsites

Domaine de Loisirs

Le Montant ****

Sarlat

4 kilometres from the centre of Sarlat we offer 130 spacious pitches, marked out and in the heart of the country. Here you may camp in tent, caravan or camping cars, in addition to gites, chalets or small houses with panoramic views. Water activity area with a covered and heated pool, a Jacuzzi and toboggan slides.

Tel. +33 5 53 59 18 50
www.camping-sarlat.com



Les Terrasses du Périgord ***

Proissans

Just two and a half kilometres from the centre of Sarlat our 60 marked out pitches are available for renting gites, chalets and mobile homes. Here you will find a calm and restful atmosphere over an area of six hectares, laid out in wide terraces with breathtaking views. All services available. Swimming and paddling pools, BMX track, rambling trail, rope bridge etc...

Tel. +33 5 53 59 02 25
www.terrasses-du-perigord.com





Coming events

Farmers' Markets

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Dates and further information on:

www.marches-producteurs.com/dordogne



Sarlat - Truffle market

From December to Mid-March

The "Black Diamond" finds its rightful place in Sarlat. This certified market offers truffles for sale freshly brushed, washed and wiped every Saturday morning.

Tel: +33 5 53 31 45 45

Sarlat - Christmas market

The last 3 weeks of December

Come and discover the Christmas village, second most important in Aquitaine, consisting of 47 chalets. A tavern and a games library awaits you to discover the magic of Christmas.

Tel: +33 5 53 31 45 45

Sarlat - Truffle fair and Culinary Academy

Mid-January

During a weekend the town is given over to the refined perfumes of foie gras and the subtle aromas of the truffle. Numerous epicurean events.

Tel: +33 5 53 31 45 45

www.ac-foiegras-truffe.com

Sarlat - Fest'Oie (goose festival)

Mid-March

Among over 200 geese in the heart of the town, Fest'Oie creates rows and rows of goose farmers, farm visits, cookery demonstrations, traditional games, workshops and events for kids. In the evening there is Bodég'oie and the traditional banquet "Goose for Everybody".

Tel: +33 5 53 31 45 45

Salignac-Eyvignes - Orchid Day

Beginning May

Within the surroundings of the Manoir d'Eygnac Gardens, this event is especially for rare plant lovers and aficionados of nature,

Sarlat Local Produce Days Ascension Weekend

On the Thursday and Friday of Ascension the very centre of the town of Sarlat is taken over by local farmers occupied with the task of helping you to discover (or rediscover) the authentic, traditional and rich gastronomic treasures of the black Perigord. Food tastings and events such as carving the goose, walnut oil pressing, jam making, and many other culinary skills are "on the menu" during these two days. There is a much appreciated children's corner too. After all the farm animals have arrived in town, one can be sure to see over 200 cows, pigs and piglets, horses, sheep, goats, rabbits and farmyard fowls.

Tel: +33 5 53 31 45 45

who will find presentations, workshops and lectures for all ages.

www.lesjournéesdesorchidees.com

Tel: +33 5 53 28 81 93

Activity summer around Fenelon

July-August

Low cost adventure for you to discover: rock climbing, archery, horse riding, tree climbing and themed rambles. Programmes available at the Tourist Office.

Tel: +33 5 53 28 81 93

Sarlat

Theatre Games Festival

July and August

The oldest festival after Avignon offers varied programmes of open air productions in the centre of the historic town of Sarlat.

www.festival-theatre-sarlat.com

Tel: +33 5 53 31 10 83

Salignac-Eyvignes

Ancient Crafts Fairs

The last Monday of July and the first two of August

At the foot of Salignac Chateau, one of the finest ancient and traditional festivals of the Dordogne is held every year with an annual change of events.

www.vieux-metiers.case-salignac.fr

Tel: +33 5 53 28 81 93

Salignac-Eyvignes and surroundings

La Ronde des Villages (Village tours)

October

This gathering of ramblers and foodies invites you to discover on foot, the Fenelon Territory and its gastronomy.

www.larondedesvillages.com

Tel : +33 5 53 28 81 93

Sarlat

Festival du Film

Mid-november

Well-known personalities of the cinema come every year to present their films during this major festival in the French cinema world.

www.festivaldufilmde-sarlat.com

Tel: +33 5 53 31 04 39 or +33 5 53 29 18 13

Reserve the Perigord



From 190 € TTC

A short trip to the Black Perigord

This short stay of two or three nights is just the job for discovering the tourist sites in the Black Perigord. The wide choice of hotels will allow you, within your budget of course, to enjoy the hospitality and the fine perigord cuisine.

3 days / 2 nights from 190 € per person

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupees@tourismeperigord.com



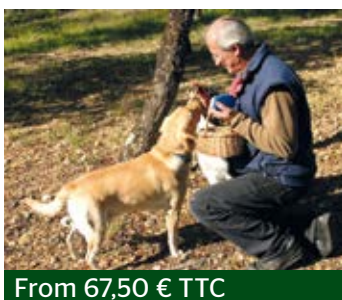
From 561 € TTC

Discovering Chateaux and Prehistory

Travelling around this circuit in the Black Perigord, you will discover the magical sites of the Dordogne Valley, famous for its chateaux and castles and the Vézère Valley with its secrets and its greenery where the most beautiful chasms and ornate caves are hidden away, witness to mankind's traces from 35 000 years ago.

5 days / 4 nights from 561 € per person in hotel.**

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupees@tourismeperigord.com



From 67,50 € TTC

Sarlat and the Black Perigord Truffles (groups only)

Guided visit of the medieval city of Sarlat. Market (Wednesday and Saturday only). Leave for an afternoon all about the Truffle. Before your very eyes, right in the middle of the kitchen, we will prepare a truffle mix (truffled butter bread, fine shavings of truffle with sea salt from Guerande) that you will delight in tasting. Afterwards a visit to the truffle fields to search for and gather authentic truffles.

1 day from 67,50 € per person (based on 25 persons)

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupees@tourismeperigord.com



From 29 € TTC

Treasure Hunt in the heart of the Medieval City of Sarlat: "Murder at the Abbey" (groups only).

Keep tracking through the lanes, the courtyards of Renaissance residences, the cathedral quarter then meet the key characters of the city of Sarlat, look for the valuable clues and find the secret of the Priest Stapone. Take up the challenges; show your mettle on the butts with the archers, recreate Sarlat's emblem with a master sculptor, attempt to master the techniques of both the Master builders and the Master surveyors.

Half day from 29 € per person (based on 50 persons)

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupees@tourismeperigord.com

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www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr
www.dordognecanoe.com



The vineyard



Vineyards and bastides

around

Bergerac



One man, one place, one masterpiece

To cross the threshold of Montaigne's library-in-a-tower, to look round his study, to look up at his famous phrases carved on the beams, is to open the door to all his works and come closer to his inspired mind. Who better, therefore, than Anne-Marie Cocula, Montaigne 'specialist' to enlighten our visit?



Leading
local
authority

Anne-Marie Cocula

Academic, history professor,
Montaigne specialist,
vice-chairman of the Aquitaine
Regional Council

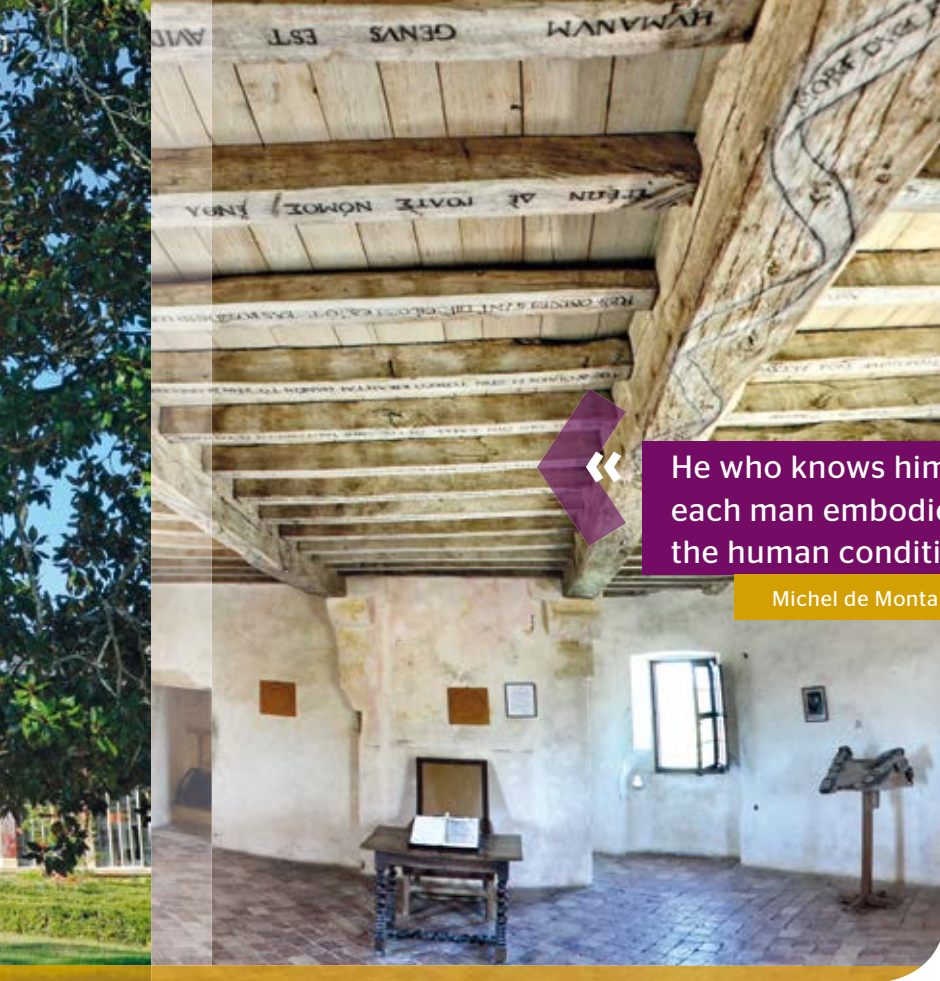
Anne-Marie Cocula discovered Montaigne's work at the start of her career at Armentieres whilst she was teaching French to fifth form students (tenth grade US). "I glossed over certain texts, on which I would spend more time nowadays; notably the text on friendship." Her second contact with Michel Eyquem de Montaigne came as a result of her study of history and heritage whilst completing her Ph.D. thesis which she devoted to the Dordogne Valley: twelve years of work, several publications and plus teaching at the University of Bordeaux III (which was to become Bordeaux-Montaigne).

"Montaigne's great grandfather was a prosperous businessman and at the end of the 15th century he had purchased the Montaigne domaine with its fortified Manor House which then became the writer's home. His ancestors, himself included, were vassals to the archbishops of Bordeaux. On his father's death in 1568, Montaigne, as the eldest, inherited the property and became, in his turn, Lord of the Manor."

The original edifice, located at Saint-Michel de Montaigne, was almost entirely burnt down by fire in 1885 : only the watch tower remained which Montaigne had converted into his study and library.

"He had wished to have a chapel on the ground floor, very unusual at the time, his bedroom on the first floor and above, his library with his thousand literary works, a considerable number at that period. Above all, he possessed ancient works, by Italian Renaissance writers and history books. At his death the library ceased to exist, the volumes being given away by his wife to a convent. There are still some to be found in the possession of Montesquieu". During the Wars of Religion the dwelling was neither fortified nor guarded: Montaigne was convinced there was less of a risk if it was left open.

"Moreover it seems that one of his neighbours even rode into the dining-room on horseback."



He who knows himself, knows all others, for each man embodies the complete essence of the human condition. >>

Michel de Montaigne (1533-1592), Essays, Volume III, chapter 2.

Photo captions from left to right :

- The Montaigne library tower
- Dictums and phrases carved into the ceiling beams

* Montaigne, les années politiques, Editions Confluences, 2011.

Montaigne aux champs, éditions Sud-Ouest, 2011.

Montaigne, maire de Bordeaux, L'Horizon

Chimérique, 1992.

To be published in 2016 : Montaigne, his final days, his years in Paris, Fanlac.

Finding the limelight

Montaigne was completely steeped in the philosophy of his time, he alternated periods of work with reading and writing. "He did not have, as we have, the taste for the exact quotation: he called to mind an author without recourse to notes." The spirit rather than the letter. "That is how one was able to absorb knowledge at that time: he digested knowledge, was inspired by it and then translated it into thought."

Our historian enjoys the ephemeral use of the sentences on the library ceiling beams: Montaigne had them reproduced in Latin or Greek and, when they no longer pleased him, he had them removed to be replaced by others. If Anne-Marie had to choose one, which one would she prefer? "Epeco, in greek: I stay, which corresponds to a play in Real Tennis: whatever the circumstances, pain or suffering... I will remain."

In the book which she co-wrote with Alain Legros, "Montaigne aux champs" Anne-Marie Cocula shared her sentiments as she discovered the area where Montaigne lived. "We tried to understand how a country gentleman, despite the exercise of his function at Bordeaux, could lead the daily life as Lord of the Manor and writer. How did he gain access to works of literature, to communicate and keep himself informed? We put together all the evidence to show that he was a well-educated man, curious about and up to date with the happenings of his time. That is the reason why the great and the good asked for his advice. To my mind even if he was well-known, he regretted not having been advisor to a ruler as the humanists wished: a sort of eminence grise." Reading his work reveals how modern Montaigne is. "He is the first literary figure to have begun the revolution of accentuating his personality by bringing it centre stage, so to speak, even with a certain sense of self-disparagement. By speaking of himself he spoke of others, Montaigne spent his adult life during a period of civil war. He never knew a lasting peace and his apparant, nonchalance concealed great suffering." Montaigne also suffered physically. He wrote about it in his travelling diaries which were never destined for publication.

In the steps of the author

What has Montaigne's way of thinking about history and humanity brought to Anne-Marie Cocula? "During one's most difficult moments it is important to return to him and recharge one's emotional batteries. He possesses an attitude to life which rises above drama and tragedy. It was a lesson to be learned during these troubled times of the Wars of Religion which are, after all, not too far distant from our present day world."

What if Montaigne lived today?

"He was able to withdraw from events to cut himself off and think, which our modern means of communication allows us to do less and less. However, thanks to such means he would have probably gone to America. He was a great traveller, but only when he was older: he thought that one ought to have learned much before travelling. He had a global attitude to Europe long before his time. He wanted to understand others but not to judge them. In his time the word tolerance was an anachronism, it was more a question of a kind of brotherhood." Anne-Marie Cocula considers that she will never finish with her seminal author. "I am still learning about Montaigne. There exists a continuing network of connections: kinship, an interweaving of family relations, the various elements of his life. By pulling on one thread I was able to find out how he came into contact with La Boétie." This Montaigne specialist is interested in the Dordogne Departmental Project to build up a reference site about the man and his work as a preparation to a visit to his residence together with an exhibition of books and pictures. "Why not a writer's and artist's residence where one would want to work on and study the author ? One must become imbued with his writings, read them aloud in modern French."

Château de Montaigne - 24230 St Michel de Montaigne

Tél. : +33 5 53 58 63 93 - www.chateau-montaigne.com



Local Characters

« At first, I was a loner then, little by little, I opened up as I did more and more trading up to the point where I decided to welcome tourists. »

Alain Sergenton Developing a vineyard

Born into the family property which together with his wife, he has developed to a 70- hectare domain, Alain Sergenton is quietly passing the succession onto the next generation. "We have been wine growers since the 17th century!" Having learnt classical guitar and formed a light music group he changed his tune in 1987 and took over the vineyard bought by his father after the Second World War. As an independent wine grower, Alain is anxious to master all aspects, from planting the young vines up to bottling and marketing.

"From 1998 onwards my two daughters and the two sons-in-law have joined us so that we are settled in all over the village where we can offer gîte holiday rentals." Wine production and tourism together form a business on a human scale. "For the last 20 years we have taken part, every year, in almost 80 wine fairs throughout France. Our clients like to get to know the wine grower, that is why we thought of receiving them on the spot: without realising it we have created wine tourism! I would very much like to create food and wine holidays around Bergerac with heritage discovery visits."

While waiting for this to come about, the Bergerac wine producing region has recently been awarded the "Discover Our Vineyards" label, the first such area in the Aquitaine to be thus honoured. As a member of the national independent wine growers committee, a member of the tourism Grand Prix Jury, he maintains that this is a good way to promote the region.

"All the local producers became involved in trying to get this label awarded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Tourism: the Tourist Office, the Bergerac and Duras Interprofessional Wine Association, local viticulturists. As far as I am concerned, this is the future for the Bergerac area; an additional value added to tourism, the sales of wine...a very strong image." Already very experienced in welcoming groups, the Sergenton family is offering individual short breaks for visitors. "Open days and grape picking days, centred around wine tasting in a convivial atmosphere."

In addition to holding exhibitions and presenting jazz concerts, he created, four years ago, a discovery trail which winds its way across this undulating terrain, its 3 kilometres way-marked to help discover the history of the property, the family, the heritage, the wild life and the flowers and plants. "We work a rational and a biodynamic agriculture here limiting to the maximum all pollution."



Alain Sergenton

**Wine grower,
Domaine du Haut Montlong,
Pomport**

Domaine du Haut Montlong - 24240 Pomport

Tel. +33 5 53 58 81 60 - www.haut-montlong.com

Tourist sites

The Bastideum Architecture and Monpazier Heritage Information Centre

In 1284, Edward I, King of England and Duke of Aquitaine, founded a small new town on the borders of their territory, on the heights above the Dropt Valley. Seven centuries later Monpazier is unanimously considered as the model bastide recognized by Viollet-le-Duc and Le Corbusier thanks to its rectangular ground plan inherited from the Middle Ages. The Bastideum now invites you to take part in an exciting visit. Come and discover the history and the story of Monpazier, the modern way, interactively and amusingly! Begin the trail at the former Recollets Convent where archives, interviews, 3D reconstructions and a virtual flight over the Bastide are offered. Back to the streets now, armed with your smartphone or your digital tablet discovering as you go the exceptional buildings enhanced with explanations and supplementary information. Finally there is a quiz! The narrow alley firebreaks, the Cornières Square with its arcades and covered market, these and other masterpieces of architecture and town planning will no longer hold their secrets. The younger public is also catered for with learning workshops.

Bastideum / 8 rue Galmot - 24540 Monpazier
Tel. +33 5 53 57 12 12 - www.bastideum.fr

Biron Castle

As the seat of one of the four baronies of the Perigord, (Bordeilles, Beynac, Biron, Mareuil) this fortress has undergone many architectural changes during its time. The highlight of the visit is without question the 18th century vaulted kitchens, an impressive twenty-two meters long. Many films have been shot here using the castle as scenic background.

Biron - Tel. +33 5 53 63 13 39
www.semitour.com



Monbazillac Chateau

Perched high on a hill overlooking the Dordogne Valley, the chateau of Monbazillac is a not-to-be missed, port-of-call on the Dordogne Wine Trail. This 16th century building shows a unique and original style of architecture, a blend of medieval defence systems with its sentry walk and moats together with the Renaissance style with its mullioned windows. The vaulted cellars house a wine and vine museum.

Monbazillac - Tel. +33 5 53 63 65 00
www.chateau-monbazillac.com



Bergerac: along the Caudeau Canal

The urban growth of Bergerac during the Middle Ages necessitated the digging of a canal over 3000 meters long to supply the town, ensure its defense, feed its mills and satisfy both domestic and craft needs. In the 19th century the canal allowed the town to connect up to the new and modern electrical services. From the Rue des Fontaines to the remains of the Moulin de Piles an information and explanatory trail leads you to the discovery of eight centuries of hydraulic history.

Office de Tourisme de Bergerac
Tel. +33 5 53 57 03 11
www.bergerac-tourisme.com



Issigeac

Originally a Gallo-Roman town, Issigeac is situated 15 km to the south of Bergerac Airport. The village, still retaining its Medieval habits, consists of numerous corbelled half-timbered houses in its winding streets which contrast sharply with the geometric formality of the bastides. The heart of this circular village is a conservation area. Several classified heritage buildings are to be found here, the Saint Felicien church being the most impressive. The Sunday Market is very well known and is not to be missed.

Issigeac - Tel. +33 5 53 58 79 62
www.issigeac.fr



The Maxange Caves

Discovered by chance in 2000 these 60 million year-old caves harbour crystallisations whose rarity is indebted to their eccentric forms and shapes enhanced by a sound and light show.

Le Buisson-de-Cadoux
Tel. +33 5 53 23 42 80
www.maxange.com



Rabaska canoe trips

The Rabaska is a boat of Amero-Indian origins and stable enough to take up to 15 persons. Your river guide Jean-Claude will show you numerous animal species living along the banks of the Dordogne (kingfisher, grey heron, egret, swan). Take ship at the Port Sainte Foy quayside for various trips from 5 to 25 kilometres.

Port-Sainte-Foy
Tel. +33 5 53 24 76 28 or +33 6 81 38 44 21
www.canoe-rabaska.com



Accommodation

Bed and Breakfast

L'Ostal de Pombonne

3 CityBreak Comfort bedrooms
Anne and Christophe COUSSEAU
Bergerac

Reference : DP000502D

This authentic 17th century Perigord house is a charming haven of tranquillity just 2 minutes from the centre of Bergerac. You will adore the superb landscape gardens and the swimming pool. Every bedroom is at ground-floor level and has its own individual entrance.

Tel. +33 5 53 35 50 01
www.gite-booking.com



Le Coteau de Belpech

5 Clevacances bedrooms
(4 key symbols)

Alain LE COZ
Beaumont-du-Perigord

Reference : DP000472D

A 12th century fully restored chapel, set in the middle of grounds extending to 4 hectares (10 acres), with marvellous views over the Bastide of Beaumont du Perigord. Health Centre with spa, sauna and massage.

Tel. +33 5 53 35 50 01
www.gite-booking.com



Hotels

Château des Vigiers ****

87 bedrooms

Monestier

Set in a 150-hectare estate the château offers 3 types of accommodation: a coaching inn in the heart of the golf course, former stables converted into family suites and the luxurious bedrooms of the château, typical of the 16th century. The Les Fresques Restaurant, recently awarded a Michelin star or the Brasserie provide a variety of cuisine.

Tel. +33 5 53 61 50 00
www.vigiers.com



Hôtel-restaurant Edward 1st***

12 bedrooms

Monpazier

Situated on the ramparts of Monpazier, this hotel is surrounded by a wealth of history and full-blown natural surroundings. This 19th century stately home, both elegant and comfortable, is harmoniously furnished with great taste. There is a swimming pool in the garden.

Tel. +33 5 53 22 44 00
www.hoteledward1er.com



Gites

Les Bouygues

Gites de France
(4 ears of corn symbols) - 7 persons

Jean-Marie CONCHOU
Marsalès

Reference : DP323003

This large detached house, a 110 square metres in area, has its own swimming pool. The house is situated just 800 metres from the Monpazier Bastide, set in a 3 ha property. Monpazier is considered as "The Model Bastide" and is the jewel in the crown of the perigord bastides. The owner also possesses 2 thoroughbred arab horses.

Tel. +33 5 53 35 50 00
www.gite-booking.com



Moulin Latour

Maisons et Villas en Perigord ****
7 persons

Elizabeth WINTERHALTER
Sainte-Alvère

Reference : DP031972

This magnificent 19th century watermill, 120 square metres in area is set amongst green surroundings. You will be positively encouraged to relax and to discover the countryside. Just on the borders of the Purple Perigord and the Black Perigord, its privileged situation puts you in the centre for many varied tourist visits.

Tel. +33 5 53 35 50 00
www.gite-booking.com



Campsites

Las Patrasses **

Vergt-de-Biron

Among 12 hectares of woodland and meadows you will find a relaxing and calm atmosphere. 50 sites, featuring unusual accommodation, luxurious family tents, refurbished chalets in trendy colours, cottages and tents with patios. Water activity area and thematic evenings.

Tel. +33 5 53 63 05 87
www.camping-laspatrasses.com



Le Moulin de Surier ****

Beaumont-du-Périgord

Family camping in a cheery and personal atmosphere, 41 pitches with neither tent nor caravan but with pleasant and comfortable chalets and mobile homes, offering space and a friendly atmosphere. In this place you will benefit from the tranquillity of a natural area extending over 8 hectares with springs, lakes and an ancient water mill.

Tel. +33 5 53 24 91 98
www.lemoulindesurier.com





Coming events

Saint-Avit Senieur Les Murmures de Saint-Avit The Saint-Avit Whispers July and August

The village of Saint-Avit Senieur and its Abbey are classified as Historic Monuments and registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In 2014 the village centre and the archeological remains were restored to create around the Abbey a real sense of the richness of the site. Throughout the summer we offer a nocturnal trail, rich in poetry and romance thanks to the illumination of the village and the Abbey, enhanced by sound and detailed video projections. This is a journey back through time where the stones will whisper their history to you. The light display is orchestrated by the will to create a magical atmosphere by playing with contrast, relief and shadows.

Tel: +33 5 53 22 39 12

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Bergerac area

The springtime of the Bastides

From April to end June

In about 19 villages and hamlets around Bergerac cultural and artistic events arise from the particular identity of each village, its history and also its links with other cultures.

www.printempsdesbastides.com

Bergerac

The Purple Perigord Jazz Festival

May

Jazz and Blues

www.jazzpourpre.com

Bergerac and surroundings

"Just listen to this" Festival

July, August and September

Jazz, new music, sound and visual productions.

<http://manege-music.fr>

Tel: +33 6 32 76 62 66

Issigeac

Basket and Wickerwork Fair

Mid-july

Several dozen wickerworkers come from all over France to meet here

Tel: +33 5 53 58 79 62

Bastide Country

Medieval Journey through the Dropt Valley

End of July and August

Total immersion in the Middle Ages by its music, its theatre, its costumes, its know-how, its speech and movement, taking place among the old stones where history has remained alive.

www.medieval.dropt.org

Bergerac Country

Summer music festival in Bergerac

End July and August

www.festivalbergerac.com

Tel: +33 5 53 74 30 94

Bergerac

Purple Flamenco Festival

Beginning August

3 days non stop Flamenco and Seville Culture

<http://flamencopourpre.canalblog.com>

Tel: +33 5 53 74 66 60

Greater Bergerac

Festival Grain d'Automne

September October

Varied cultural choices: music, theatre, exhibitions, lectures...

www.graindautomne.com

Villefranche-du-Perigord

Chestnut and Cèpe (wild mushroom) festival

October

Sale of grilled chestnuts and fresh apple juice, fungus exhibition, farmers' market, regional products, designers and artists, procession of brotherhoods, ball, gastronomic meal, themed, rambles, chestnut cake competition... chestnut spitting !

www.tourisme.perigord-fr.com

Tel: +33 5 53 29 98 37



Reserve the Perigord



From 33 € TTC

Discovering Chateaux, Castles and Bastides (groups only)

Come and discover the majestic Biron Castle, cradle of an illustrious and aristocratic perigord family who contributed to the making of the turbulent history of the province during the Medieval and Renaissance periods... After lunch come and visit one of the finest bastides of the South West... Monpazier. The centre for architectural and heritage interpretation called The Bastideum will tell you as no other can, about the history of this little "New Town" founded in 1284. Follow the trail of your discovery through this village so full of character (classified among the "most beautiful villages in France") thanks to a multimedia guide.

1 day from 33 € per person (based on 25 persons)

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupes@tourismeperigord.com



From 535 € TTC

Rambling Trail: bastides, prehistory and chateaux

This tour was thought up by fans of secret paths with lots of caves, chateaux and architectural surprises. Throughout 20 km per day, various areas of the countryside, rich in their heritage will be revealed with no worries about main supplies, night stops, dinner or luggage transfer. Everything will be taken care of.

7 days / 6 nights from 535 € per person

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupes@tourismeperigord.com



From 84 € TTC

Freewheeling vineyard visits around Bergerac

You organise your own timetable according to your particular wishes. During a weekend you can visit a vineyard, Monbazillac for example, or somewhere in Bergerac or take a boat trip on the Dordogne in a former river barge (gabare). In this way you can experience the extraordinary diversity of Bergerac wine. The flavours and savours, the types and colours of the thirteen guaranteed wines are but a glassful away!

2 days / 1 night from 84 € per person

Information/reservation: Tel: +33 5 53 35 50 33 – e-mail: groupes@tourismeperigord.com



From 55 € TTC

Seminar at Chateau Vigiers (groups only)

In a conservation area deep in the heart of Aquitaine, the Chateau Vigiers is the ideal place for working, relaxing and experiencing the art of living: 79 bedrooms, 6 meeting rooms illuminated by daylight, a Michelin approved epicurean restaurant and a brasserie restaurant are at your disposal. We offer you tailor-made and coordinating facilities for your function.

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All-in-residential seminar rate from 199 € per person

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 Monbazillac Rosette
 Pécharmant Montravel Côtes de Bergerac
 Saussignac

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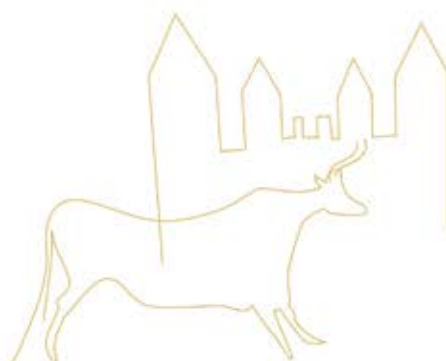
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