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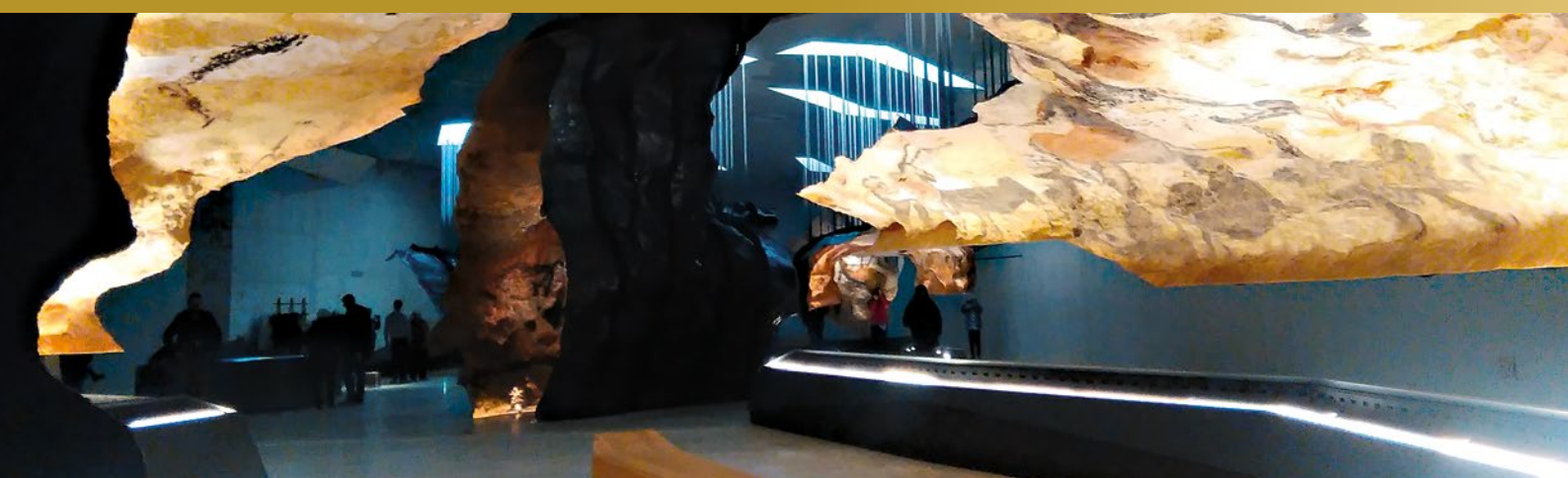
New experiences

Exciting adventures

Unique Dordogne



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DORDOGNE
PÉRIGORD
BEST OF FRANCE



GETTING TO THE DORDOGNE



BY TRAIN:

- TGV stations in Angoulême, Bordeaux and Libourne
- TER stations in Périgueux, Bergerac, Sarlat and elsewhere.



BY PLANE

- Périgueux -Paris with Twin Jet
- Bergerac : 15 international flights



BY CAR:

- Périgueux-Paris - 550km
- Périgueux-Lyon on the A89 - 400km
- Périgueux-Bordeaux on the A89 - 120km

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Facts and figures:

- **Region:** Nouvelle Aquitaine
- **Prefecture:** Périgueux
- **Sub-prefectures:** Bergerac, Sarlat, Nontron

Surface area:

9,060km², the third largest French département in terms of area.

556 kilometres of navigable rivers suitable for canoeing

Population:

429,000 inhabitants, and a density of 43 inhabitants/km²

Number of communes:

548 communes, of which 498 are rural

4 main valleys: Dordogne, Vézère, Isle and Dronne

Urban centres: Périgueux, Bergerac, Sarlat and Nontron

Urban population: 48%

Tourism sector:

- Around **3 million tourists a year**
- Approximately **18 million overnight stays**
- Around **6,200 direct or indirect jobs** all year round
- Awarded the "département fleuri" label in 2016

Tourism in numbers:

- 191** sites and monuments open to visitors
- 15** UNESCO World Heritage-listed prehistoric sites
- 9** prehistoric deposits
- 9** painted caves and shelters
- 6** troglodyte sites and villages
- 5** caves and chasms with crystallisations
- 49** castles
- 11** abbeys and priories
- 70** museums and eco-museums
- 32** parks and gardens
- 3** man-made lakes each with a total area over 20 hectares
- 9** treetop adventure trails
- 7** affiliated golf courses
- 33** registered equestrian centres
- 10** climbing sites
- 1** aquarium

Accommodation:

- 229** hotels, 162 of which are rated 1 to 5 star, with a total capacity of 9,828 beds
- 13** tourist residences, 9 of which are rated 3 or 4 star, with a total capacity of 5,375 beds
- 249** camping and caravanning sites, 191 of which are rated 1 to 5 star, with a total capacity of 58,886 visitors
- 17** holiday villages
- 4,660** houses for rent, **660** officially approved rental properties,
- 2,158** Bed & Breakfasts, some of which are members of the Charmance Gîtes de France and Clévacances networks



THE RICH DIVERSITY OF THE PÉRIGORD

Situated **in Nouvelle Aquitaine**, in south-west France, **to the east of Bordeaux**, at the gateway to Occitanie, the Dordogne offers visitors a host of sensations and emotions. A favourite destination with food-lovers, this is a fascinating area with plenty to see and do at any time of year.

Beautiful buildings such as castles, manor houses and **Romanesque churches are dotted around the countryside**, providing a magnet for anyone interested in culture and heritage. It's not by chance that Prehistoric Man chose to settle in the area 17,000 years ago. He left exceptional works of art to Humanity, such as the cave paintings in Lascaux and the **15 prehistoric sites** concentrated in the Vézère valley, which are now **listed UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

Our **10 listed villages**, our medieval bastides and our **three "Towns of Art and History"** make the Dordogne **one of the richest départements in France** in terms

of listed historical monuments.

Today, this extraordinary heritage is showcased thanks to new tours and experiences available to the public. **A visit to the new Centre International de l'Art Pariétal Montignac Lascaux** is the best example of this, with its concentration of technology and modern design combining to take visitors back on a journey to the origins of human history.

The area also offers numerous festivals and events dedicated to music, mime, film and food throughout the year.

Nature-lovers and outdoor activity enthusiasts are spoilt for choice in the Dordogne - choose from activities as diverse as canoeing, hiking and cycle touring to golf, climbing and fishing, as well as wakeboarding and pot-holing.

Bon voyage!



BERGERAC Dordogne Périgord **airport**



With its **15 scheduled flights**, Bergerac airport is the gateway to your holiday.

300,000 passengers used the airport **in 2016**, with services operated by 6 companies.

In 2017, these air links will continue as follows:

Ryanair: Brussels Charleroi, Liverpool, London Stansted, East Midlands and Bristol

Transavia: Amsterdam Schiphol

Jet2.com: Leeds Bradford

Flybe: Southampton, Exeter, Manchester, Edinburgh, Birmingham

British Airways: London City

IGavion: Nice

For information on flight times and days of operation, go to the airport's website:

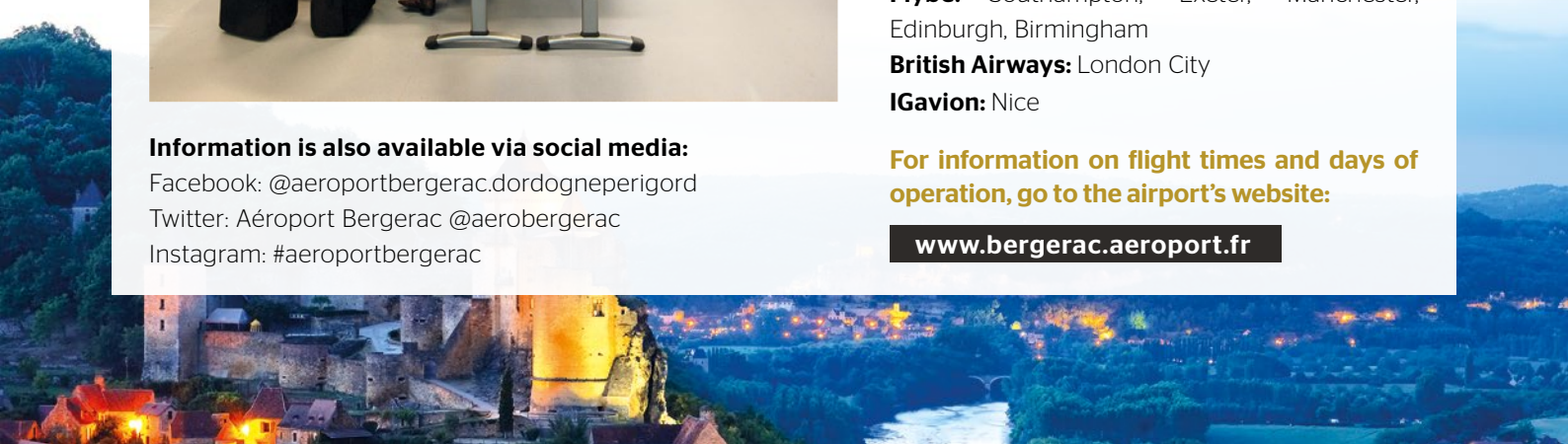
www.bergerac.aeroport.fr

Information is also available via social media:

Facebook: @aeroportbergerac.dordogneperigord

Twitter: Aéroport Bergerac @aerobergerac

Instagram: #aeroportbergerac

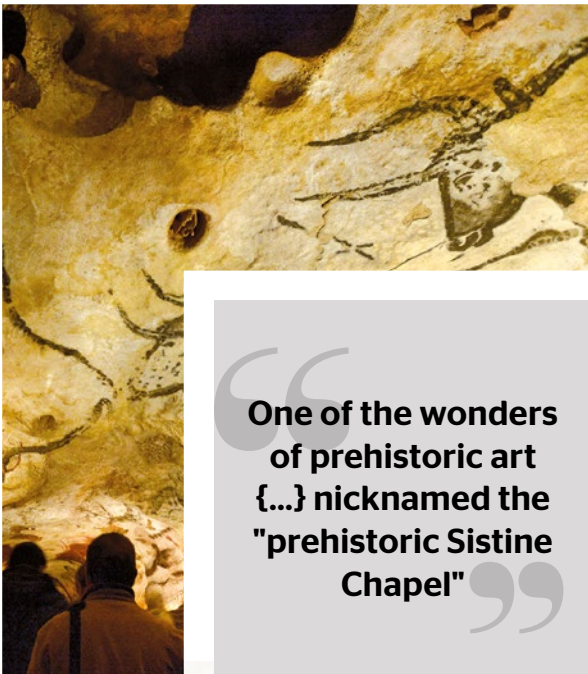
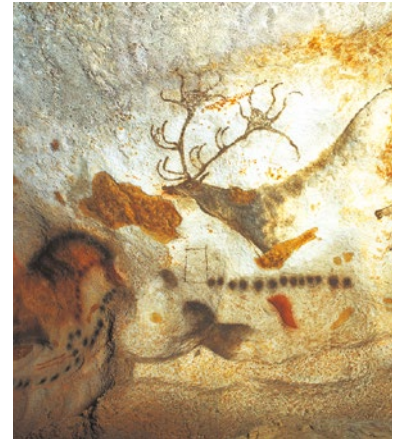


AN EXTRAORDINARY HISTORY

With its 147 prehistoric sites dating back to the Palaeolithic period and 25 decorated caves, the Vézère valley or "valley of Prehistory" is of exceptional ethnographic, anthropological and aesthetic interest, with no fewer than 15 prehistoric sites in the valley on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

A glance back in history at one of the masterpieces of cave painting: **Lascaux cave**

- 1940:** Discovery of Lascaux cave in Montignac by four teenagers
- 1963:** Closure of the cave to the general public due to its deteriorating condition
- 1983:** Opening of Lascaux II, a facsimile of part of the cave
- 2012:** The Lascaux III touring exhibition is taken around the world
- 2016:** Opening of the Centre International d'Art Pariétal, Montignac-Lascaux, also known as LASCAUX IV



“One of the wonders of prehistoric art {...} nicknamed the "prehistoric Sistine Chapel”

Lascaux, one of humanity's major archaeological discoveries

According to UNESCO, "its discovery was of great importance for the history of prehistoric art. The hunting scenes show some 100 animal figures, which are remarkable for their detail, rich colours and lifelike quality." One of the wonders of prehistoric art, the cave was decorated by the Magdalenian people during the first half of the 15th millennium. Comprising the Hall of Bulls, the Axial Gallery, the Passageway, the Nave, the Chamber of the Felines, the Apse and the Shaft, it is often nicknamed the "prehistoric Sistine Chapel". UNESCO considers that "there is no other prehistoric site in any other part of the world which equals the site in the quantity, quality and variety of the finds."



LASCAUX CONQUERS THE WORLD

Ever since its discovery, Lascaux has attracted widespread interest around the world. In order to handle the growing number of tourists to the site, the Conseil Départemental de la Dordogne has decided to create a faithful reproduction of part of the cave (not visible at Lascaux 2). Facsimile techniques now make it possible to share this unique heritage with large numbers of visitors.



Lascaux III, the “international exhibition”

Covering a total area of 800m², this kit-form module, which can be assembled and dis-assembled, incorporates **new image-based technology** into a partial **facsimile** of the cave and its different themed areas, enabling visitors to stand in awe in front of the extraordinary paintings that they would see if they visited Lascaux in the Dordogne. The key here is to develop an understanding of why it is vital that **this emblematic place in the history of Humanity should be preserved**.

The idea is to offer visitors who may not have the chance to visit the Périgord a chance to **see life-size replicas and faithful reproductions of the original cave paintings** through the use of precise reproduction techniques and technologies. These wall paintings are part of an **interactive exhibition** which will visit some of the most important museums in the world.

In 2017, the exhibition will be heading to Japan:

- The National Museum of Nature and Science in Ueno Park, Tokyo, from 1 November to 19 February 2017
- The Tohoku History Museum, in Tohoku, from 28 March 2017 to 28 May 2017
- The Kyushu National Museum in Fukuoka, from 4 July to 3 September 2017

Who is this exhibition for?

This exhibition appeals to all visitors, with its combination of art and science and its focus on beauty, aesthetics and our historical origins.

For more info on the exhibition: www.lascaux-expo.fr/fr



BEHIND THE SCENES AT LASCAUX

Since early 2013, a team of artisans from the Périgord Facsimile Workshop have been working to reproduce 900m² of wall paintings in the extraordinary studio of the Centre International d'Art Pariétal in Montignac.



The unique expertise of the Périgord Facsimile Workshop

As a result of the restoration of Lascaux 2 and the creation of “travelling” facsimiles for the Lascaux international exhibition, the Centre International de l'Art Pariétal and frescoes from the Ekain cave in Spain, **the Périgord Facsimile Workshop (AFSP)** boasts **an expertise which is unrivalled across the globe.**

Based in Montignac in a workshop spanning almost 4,000m², AFSP specialises in the **mineral reproduction of prehistoric wall paintings** using a **patented technique known as “voile de pierre”** (literally “stone veil”). Its team consists largely of painters who trained in Fine Arts, but also includes resin sculptors, moulders, ornamental ironworkers and welders.

The patented technique

The “voile de pierre” technique makes it possible to project natural materials on to walls to give them an extremely realistic texture and appearance. Using projections and photographs, the workshop's painters reproduce the original cave as faithfully as possible. A scientific committee supervises the progression of the work in order to ensure that the copy closely resembles the original.

For more info: <http://www.afsp-perigord.fr/>



THE CENTRE INTERNATIONAL D'ART PARIÉTAL MONTIGNAC-LASCAUX

Where prehistory meets cutting-edge science, and the latest technology combines with modern design, taking visitors back on a journey to the origins of human history... The full reproduction of Lascaux cave **will be open to visitors from 15 December 2016.**



A unique insight:

The Centre International d'Art Pariétal de Montignac will comprise **over 8,500m² of visitor space**, including a unique facsimile of Lascaux Cave and **four rooms retracing the history of the discovery of Lascaux**, its place in world cave paintings and its relationship with contemporary art. The building, designed by the international architectural firm Snøhetta, will offer a **contemporary setting** in which to showcase and rediscover Lascaux down to the tiniest detail, using the most modern digital technology tools. The layout of the museum has been created by the UK design agency Casson Mann.



The new visitor experience at Lascaux comprises six different stages:

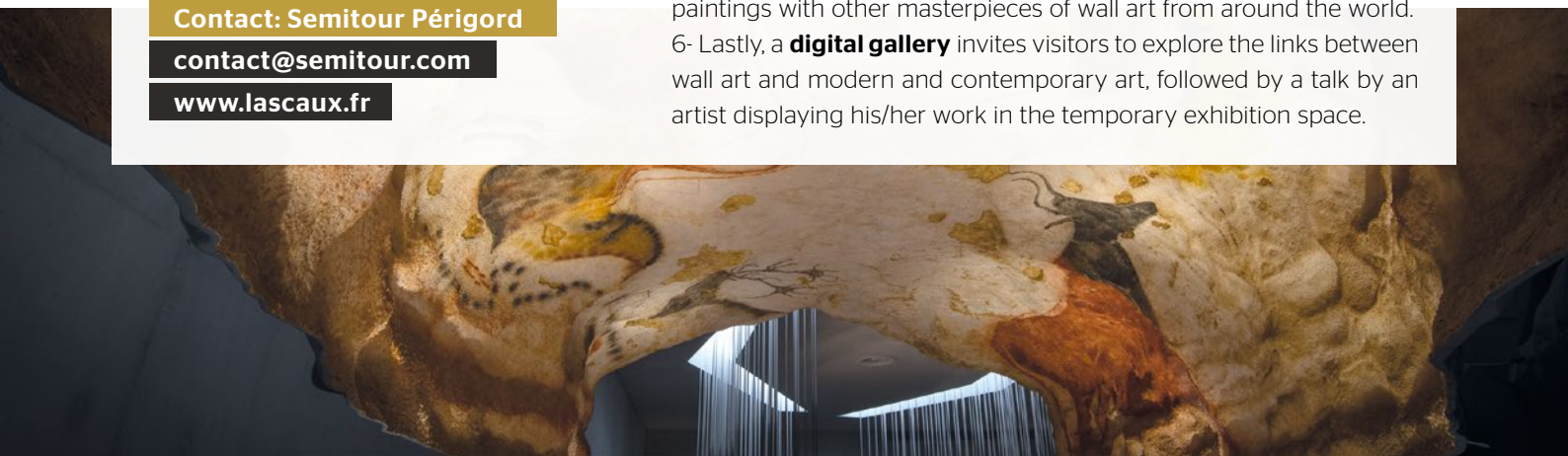
- 1- From the belvedere, **a huge slideshow and landscaped walkway** depicting different scenes takes visitors on a gradual journey back in time as they explore the underground world.
- 2- Visitors admire a **unique and complete facsimile** of the Lascaux cave.
- 3- In the wall art workshop the cave will disassemble in front of your very eyes, enabling you **to understand Lascaux and its secrets**.
- 4- **The wall art theatre** provides an insight into the work of prehistorians from the 19th century to the present day.
- 5- Relief is an integral part of the cave art here. Explore Lascaux in the finest possible detail thanks to the **3D cinema**, comparing its paintings with other masterpieces of wall art from around the world.
- 6- Lastly, a **digital gallery** invites visitors to explore the links between wall art and modern and contemporary art, followed by a talk by an artist displaying his/her work in the temporary exhibition space.



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contact@semitour.com

www.lascaux.fr



WHAT'S NEW ALONG THE "ROUTE DES CHÂTEAUX DU PÉRIGORD"

In the region of a thousand and one castles.
In 2017, to the delight of young and old alike, these castles come back to life...

• A UNIQUE GOURMET EXPERIENCE at the **Château de Montaigne**, in the Pays de Bergerac

Enjoy a unique gastronomic dinner prepared by a professional chef accompanied by 19th century-style service when you become the lord or lady of the manor for the evening!

Contact: Manon Grier - Tel: +33 (0)5 53 58 63 93 or +33 (0)6 28 01 01 05

www.chateau-montaigne.com



• A NEW CHATEAU - the **Château l'Evêque**, to the north of Périgueux

The former summer palace of the bishops of Périgueux until the Revolution, the castle was built between the 14th and 16th centuries. It features two polygonal towers decorated with fine sculptures, home to spiral staircases, and a corbelled turret housing an oratory. This elegant building is surrounded by an English-style park with a river and lake, which add to its romantic atmosphere. Its new owner decided to reawaken this sleeping beauty, previously closed to the public, by opening it to visitors.

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www.chateau-de-chateauleveque.com



• RETURN OF THE MAEGHT FOUNDATION EXHIBITION FOR THE SUMMER at the **Château de Biron** in the Pays des Bastides

This exhibition is an absolute must for contemporary art-lovers this summer, displaying the works of major 20th century artists amid the historic decor of the Château de Biron, a listed "site majeur d'Aquitaine". The sculptures, canvases, drawings and engraving which make up this superb loan from the Maeght Foundation in Saint-Paul-de-Vence will be displayed on two recently restored floors of the Maréchaux and Tour Henri IV building.

www.semitour.com



WHAT'S NEW ALONG THE "ROUTE DES CHÂTEAUX DU PÉRIGORD"



- **The Château de COMMARQUE, a building that is constantly changing!**

This castle, in the Beune valley near Sarlat, relates the history of Mankind from prehistory to the present day. Here, human presence is visible from prehistoric times (as witnessed by its cave with a superb engraving of a horse) up until the 16th century. The remains of troglodyte dwellings from the Middle Ages can also be visited. In 2017, it is also possible to visit the new restored rooms at the base of the keep. Previously in ruins, they have now been restored, enabling visitors to admire the parquet flooring, the ceiling, and sumptuous 15th century wood furniture.

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www.commarque.com



- **CINEMA TAKES CENTRE STAGE at the Château de Hautefort to the north of Terrasson:**

Discover movie decor and an authentic film set created at the Château de Hautefort. Learn how to become a film director or cameraman, and how to create lighting effects in the bedroom of Louis XIV! The "50 years of cinema in Hautefort" exhibition retraces the history of the most famous film events that have taken place at the castle to the great delight of movie buffs.

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www.chateau-hautefort.com



- **Underground chambers at the CHATEAU DE LOSSE!**

Located in Thonac, in the Vézère valley, this beautiful pleasure castle, with deep moats running alongside it, has a new attraction this year: from the spring onwards, visitors will be able to explore the previously unexplored chambers of the Eperon tower.

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www.chateaudelosse.com



FALLING UNDER THE SPELL OF OUR BEAUTIFUL VILLAGES

As they explore the Dordogne, visitors in search of old buildings and traditional villages will be in their element strolling through the typical narrow streets of our beautiful villages and bastide towns, also known as “new towns”.



More info on

<http://www.france-beautiful-villages.org/en>

10 “Most Beautiful Villages in France”

The Dordogne is home to the largest number of listed villages in France. Situated 20km from Sarlat, **Saint-Amand-de-Coly** nestles between two wooded valleys and is famous for its 12th century abbey. In the Périgord Vert, **Saint-Jean-de-Côle**'s history is linked with that of the Château de la Marthonie which dominates its main square, while the typical village of **Saint-Léon-sur-Vézère** between **Montignac** and **Les Eyzie** boasts no fewer than three castles. Other villages include **Limeuil** (overlooking the confluence of the Dordogne and Vézère), **Monpazier**, **La-Roque-Gageac**, **Belvès**, **Domme**, **Castelnaud-la-Chapelle** and **Beynac-et-Cazenac**.

Unique events and visits to villages full of character

- **The village of La Roque Gageac revealed in all its glory: “Les Énigmes d’Éliette” - a new period-inspired evening tour through the streets of the village.**

Having solved the riddles given to her by her grandmother, whom she has just lost, Éliette Peyrotou takes us on a tour through La Roque Gageac, highlighting some of its key events that reveal its origins and history through entertaining anecdotes that introduce links between local history and that of the country.

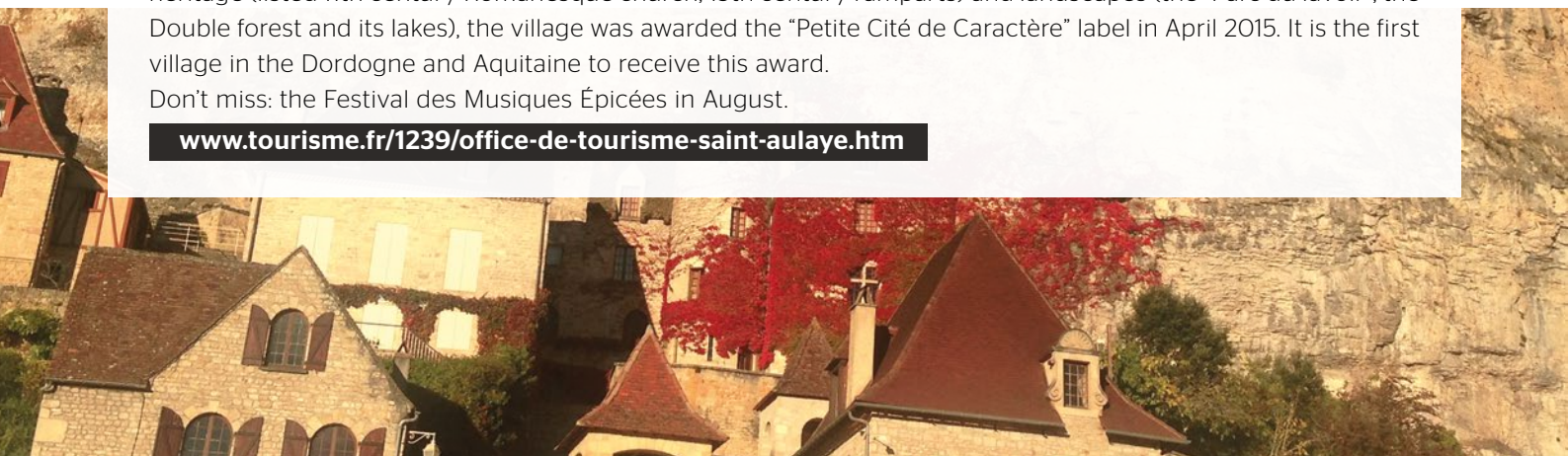
<http://www.sarlat-tourisme.com/les-enigmes-deliette-la-roque-gageac-revelee>

- **A hidden treasure along the banks of the Charente: the village of Saint Aulaye Puymangou**

This unusual bastide, founded in 1288, is perched on a hill overlooking the River Dronne. Thanks to its architectural heritage (listed 11th century Romanesque church, 15th century ramparts) and landscapes (the “Parc du lavoir”, the Double forest and its lakes), the village was awarded the “Petite Cité de Caractère” label in April 2015. It is the first village in the Dordogne and Aquitaine to receive this award.

Don't miss: the Festival des Musiques Épicées in August.

www.tourisme.fr/1239/office-de-tourisme-saint-aulaye.htm



PERIGUEUX, A FOOD CAPITAL WITH 2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY

Home to 39 listed buildings and historic monuments, the city of Périgueux boasts one of the largest conservation areas in France. Périgueux, an officially recognised "Town of Art and History", is home to a unique architectural ensemble. From the ancient Gallo-Roman city "Vesunna" to the medieval-Renaissance town and fine 18th and 19th century buildings, Périgueux offers no less than 2,000 years of history. Its Saint Front cathedral forms part of UNESCO's Way of St James World Heritage.

A unique tour showcasing local savoir-faire

Since 1963, La Nouvelle SOCRA, a company operating near Périgueux, has specialised in the restoration of architectural works of art as well as archaeological remains. Examples of its projects in France include the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles, the Garnier opera house and the quadrigas of the Grand Palais in Paris, the archangel of Mont Saint Michel etc... www.socra.fr

During the summer, its workshops are open to the public via tours organised by the tourist office (prior booking required).

Périgueux Tourist Office Tel: +33 (0)5 53 53 10 63

www.tourisme-perigueux.fr



Stay right in the heart of the town:

The 4-star Hôtel Mercure, in the centre of Périgueux. This hotel has been completely renovated in a Lascaux-inspired style.

7 Place Francheville, 24000 Périgueux

Tel: +33 (0)5 53 06 65 00



www.accordhotels.com

Somewhere to grab a snack at any time of day

The Véloc Café, which opened its doors in the autumn of 2016 opposite St Front cathedral in a listed "Monuments Historiques" building, is not your normal café! Here, Christophe Constantin rents out classic and electric bikes, as well offering tastings of local products (charcuterie, cheeses, beer and spirits) sourced from the best producers in the area. You can also browse books on Périgueux and its surrounding area, as well as help yourself to a variety of card and board games, including Scrabble and Monopoly. All in all, a very pleasant place to while away an hour or two!

Contact: Christophe Constantin - Un vélo pour tous

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www.facebook.com/www.unvelopourtous.fr



SARLAT, A MEDIEVAL PEARL

Medieval Sarlat, an officially recognised “town of art and history”, has managed to preserve intact its extensive architectural heritage, as a result of which the majority of its monuments are listed “Monuments Historiques”. When night falls, the town takes on an even more romantic atmosphere thanks to the combined lighting provided by gas lamps, candelabra and electric ground lighting.

A bird's eye view

Nestling in the heart of the bell tower of Sainte-Marie church, **a panoramic lift designed by the architect Jean Nouvel** offers visitors a unique 360° view of Sarlat. The glass walls of the lift enable visitors to admire its paved streets and lauze-tiled rooftops from on high. A unique experience.



www.sarlat-tourisme.com



A time-honoured architectural heritage: "lauze" roofs

The nature of the material used for the roofs of the old buildings in the medieval heart of Sarlat comes as something of a surprise. The “lauze” stone used, cut and placed with precision without the need for mortar, is incredibly heavy, weighing between 500-800kg per square metre. It is a time-honoured skill that the family of Thierry Chapouli, a master “lauzier” in Saint Geniès, has kept alive for three generations.

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www.chapoulie-lauze.com

Where to stay? “Les suites Sarladaises” apartments in Sarlat.

Charming apartments and a studio apartment in the heart of the medieval quarter.

Contact: Daniel Blagg - Tel: +33 (0)5 53 30 50 38 or +33 (0)6 86 33 53 42

<http://les-suites-sarladaises.fr>

Where to eat?

Epicerie Restaurant “l'Entrepôte” in Sarlat

A vintage industrial decor and seasonal regional cuisine including vegetarian options.

Tel: +33 (0)5 53 29 05 30 or +33 (0)6 08 43 13 90

www.lentrepote.com/restaurant



BERGERAC, THE TOWN OF CYRANO

Situated in the middle of renowned vineyards such as Monbazillac and Pécharmant, Bergerac is an officially recognized "town of art and history". Bergerac's history is closely linked to that of the River Dordogne. In its narrow pedestrianised streets, visitors will discover the decor and atmosphere of the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries, as well as the Romanesque St Jacques church which once welcomed pilgrims following the Way of St James to Santiago de Compostela.



A tour by Chinese lantern

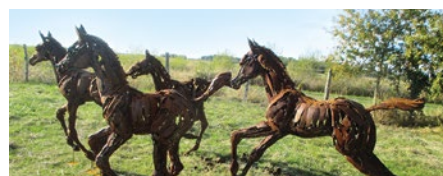
At 9pm every Monday evening in summer. Your guide is dressed in period costume and the tour will feature little playlets performed by a group of local actors. This merry band will be delighted to have their photo taken with you so you can preserve the memory of this wonderful evening.

Contact: Bergerac - Sud Dordogne Tourist Office - Tel: +33 (0)5 53 57 03 11

www.bergerac-tourisme.com

A unique art venue in the city of Cyrano

Located opposite the Récollets cloister, **the unique art gallery of Bénédicte Giniaux** showcases figurative and stylised art in the heart of the town's historic quarter. Passionate about the arts, Bénédicte has been organising cultural exhibitions and events for over twenty years. During the summer of 2017, head to the Château des Vigiers in Monestier to visit an outdoor exhibition of around twenty sculptures of animals and different characters created from corten steel by Christian Hirlay.



Contact: Bénédicte Giniaux

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www.galeriebenedicteginiaux.fr

➤ **Where to stay?** The refined, elegant and rare Domaine de la Valette rental properties in St Félix de Villadeix not far from Bergerac.

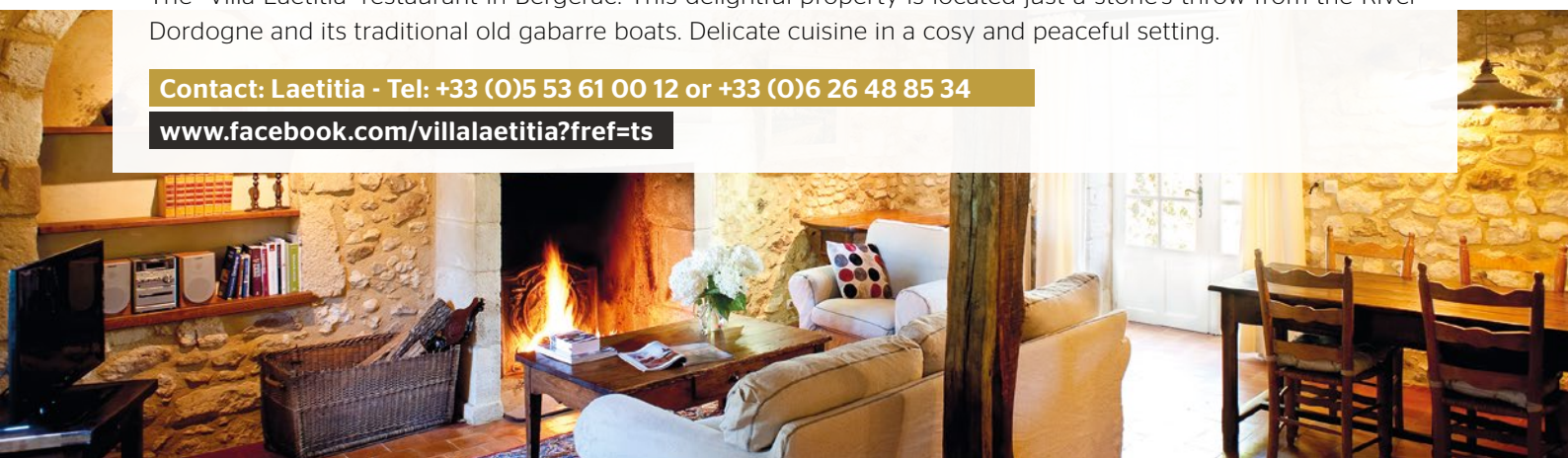
<http://www.lavaletteperigord.com/fr/>

➤ **Where to eat?**

The "Villa Laetitia" restaurant in Bergerac. This delightful property is located just a stone's throw from the River Dordogne and its traditional old gabarre boats. Delicate cuisine in a cosy and peaceful setting.

Contact: Laetitia - Tel: +33 (0)5 53 61 00 12 or +33 (0)6 26 48 85 34

www.facebook.com/villalaetitia?fref=ts



SPORTS EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IN 2017

The Tour de France in the Dordogne

The Tour de France caravan will stay in the region for 3 days from 9-12 July!

On 11 July, the **10th stage of the tour will leave Périgueux** along the D6089 towards Thenon.

The route will follow the **Vézère valley to Montignac-Lascaux**, Peyzac-le-Moustier (at the foot of La Roque-Saint-Christophe) and Les Eyzies de Tayac.

The peloton will then turn left, heading to **Sarlat**, then Vitrac, before following **the Dordogne valley** to reach the finish line in **Bergerac**.

On 12 July, **Eymet** will have the honour of hosting the stage's departure for the very first time, on a route that will take riders to the town of Pau, in the foothills of the Pyrenees.

Although the tour's cyclists won't have time to enjoy the relaxed pleasure of this **"stage full of local flavour"**, spectators will be able to admire the castles that stand proudly along the Dordogne.



Dates for your diary

- **March (19th):** Marathon des Forts du Périgord: Start: Excideuil

From the Château d'Excideuil to the Château de Hautefort for runners, from the Gorges de l'Auvézère to the Forges de Savignac for mountain bikers, and a 15km trail including a tunnel for walkers.

<http://marathondesforts.wix.com/perigord>

- **From 21 to 23 April:** 100 km de Belvès

Along a course through the Dordogne valley (half-marathon and a marathon) <http://clubathletiquebelvesois.fr/100kmbelves/index.html>

- **From 29 May to 2 June:** Val Natura is a hiking trail for seniors with a focus on nature and culture. This year it will take place around Brantôme. - www.val-natura.com

- **September (10th):** Dordogne Périgord marathon by canoe and kayak

- **October (1st weekend):** Vélosilex de Saint Léon sur Vézère (mountain biking & hiking) - <http://velosilex.com>

- **October:** La Ronde des Villages in Salignac Eyvigues - www.larondedesvillages.com

- **October (last Sunday of the month):** 27th Rand'Auvézère in Genis - <https://fr-fr.facebook.com/paysdauvezere>



THE NEW ISLE VALLEY CYCLING ROUTE



The “vélo-route” extends towards Bordeaux

From Périgueux (Trélissac) to the border with the Gironde (Le Pizou), the Véloroute Voie Verte now offers over 100km of trails for individual cyclists, roller-bladers and families to enjoy.

It is dotted with rest and play areas as well as impressive footbridges spanning the River Isle.

Along the route, visitors can admire superb landscapes, **unspoilt nature, historic sites** (castles, charterhouses, churches, abbeys, a cathedral etc), **in addition to sampling the best of Périgord's gastronomy.**

In the near future, the route will become part of the major trans-European trail, the Vélo-route Voie Verte “V90”, passing through the centre of France and extending via the Dordogne to the Aquitaine's Atlantic beaches.

Stopping-points and visits along the route:

- **The sturgeon fish farm**, at the HUSO estate in Neuvic-sur-l'Isle, which produces Neuvic caviar.

Jessica Caunac - Tel: +33 (0)6 51 38 67 51 or +33 (0)5 53 80 89 58

www.caviar-huso.com/fr

- **Moulin de la Veyssière in Neuvic-sur-L'Isle:**

At this 16th century water mill, which is still in operation today, the Elias family continues the time-honoured tradition of walnut and hazelnut oil production.

Christine Elias - Tel: +33 (0)6 32 96 17 89

www.moulindelaveyssiere.fr

Where to stay along the Vélo-Route?

- In Annesse-et-Beaulieu: the 4-star “Château de Lalande” hotel-restaurant

www.chateau-lalande-perigord.com/fr/index.

- In Saint-Astier: the 3-star “Le Pontet” campsite **www.camping-le-pontet.com**

or the “Les Rives de l'Isle” Bed & Breakfast **<http://lesrivesdelisle.fr>**

- In Saint-Front-de-Pradoux: the “Château la Thuilière” Bed & Breakfast **http://lathuiliere.net/index_en.php**



PERIGORD, A LAND OF EXPLORATION

Whether you're on foot, on horseback, or exploring by mountain bike or canoe, the Périgord has thousands of kilometres of trails and rivers awaiting discovery for lovers of the great outdoors, who can unveil the many secrets the Dordogne has to offer. And whether you're on a family holiday or planning on something a little more energetic, there's something here for everyone!

"In the footsteps of Lascaux Man"

A new 3-day/2-night hiking route in the Vézère valley will provide plenty of adventure for hikers who can journey back in time to learn about the history of humanity as they stride out along marked footpaths between Montignac and Les Eyzies de Tayac. Hotel accommodation along the route is provided.

Added bonus: a visit to the Centre International d'Art Pariétal in Montignac, the starting-point of the walk, where you can visit a complete replica of the Lascaux cave.



More info: Périgord Réservation

Tel: +33 (0)5 53 35 50 04

www.perigord-reservation.com



Contact: Jean Luc Defarge

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www.dordognecanoe.com

A paradise for family canoeing, whether you're 5 or 77!

The Dordogne is France's leading département for recreational canoeing, whatever your age.

With the only 4-seater family canoes on the market (the famous C4 canoes) available on the Dordogne, Vézère and Dronne rivers, visitors can explore the delightful valleys of the Périgord (the "Vallées de la Préhistoire" and the "Vallée des Châteaux") from spring all the way through to the autumn, making the Dordogne a perfect destination for recreational canoeing! **Over 5,400 boats** available for hire.



SPECIAL GARDEN EVENTS

You will find a whole host of different landscapes and atmospheres in the 32 parks and gardens that are open to visitors, including "classic" gardens such as the Jardins du Manoir d'Eyrignac in Salignac Eyvigues, the castle gardens at the Château d'Hautefort, the Italian-style gardens of Marqueyssac in Vézac, and more contemporary-style gardens such as the Jardins de l'Imaginaire in Terrasson. 14 of these gardens have been awarded the "Jardin Remarquable" label.



The Jardins de Marqueyssac celebrate their 20th anniversary

With their 150,000 hundred-year-old boxwoods all pruned by hand and 6km of delightful paths and walkways to be explored whatever the season, the Marqueyssac gardens offer a 360° perspective of the Dordogne valley and the most emblematic of its castles standing proudly above its banks. This extraordinary view has resulted in the Belvedere receiving the rare and coveted three stars in the Michelin Guide year after year.

A date for your diary: 21 March 2017

This event is supported by broadcaster and head gardener at Versailles, Alain Baraton. The day will include an open doors event with free entry for all visitors, plus a musical performance and the illumination of the Dordogne valley in the evening.

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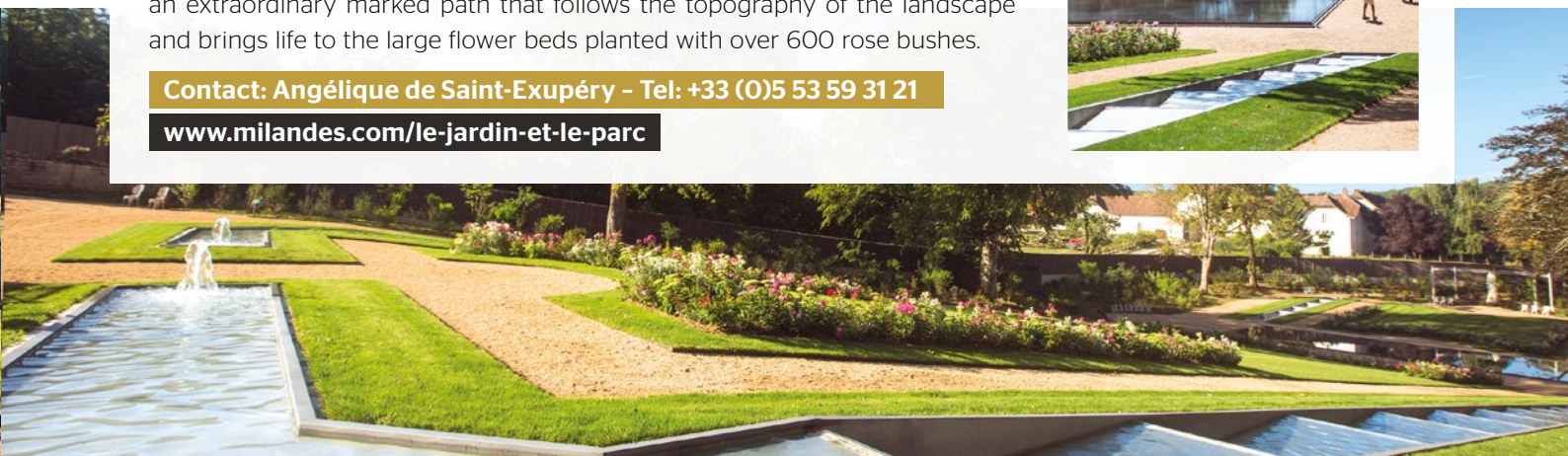
www.marqueyssac.com

The French-style garden and parkland at the Château des Milandes in the Dordogne valley

"The imprint of Jules Vacherot". Angélique de Saint-Exupéry, the current owner, has completely redesigned the castle's parkland, which covers almost five hectares, re-awakening its beautiful perspectives after decades of inactivity. As part of the work carried out, the garden, which is a listed Monument Historique, is further embellished by the presence of water. Not to be missed: an extraordinary marked path that follows the topography of the landscape and brings life to the large flower beds planted with over 600 rose bushes.

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www.milandes.com/le-jardin-et-le-parc



FAMILY FUN

What parent wouldn't want to see their children's eyes light up with excitement? With this in mind, here are a few new activities and experiences for all the family, offering plenty of opportunities to relax and have fun together.



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www.jardinsdeau.com

Stroking fish – your children will be in their element!

The water gardens at Carsac near Sarlat **now boast a new 28m³ pool**, which contains around twenty Koi carp, a beautiful species of fish which is quite happy to be stroked by children.

After visiting the gardens, children are given a free cup of food so they can feed the fish – who are more than happy to be fed!

Lose yourself in a wild, **natural labyrinth** in a forgotten valley!

In Ribagnac near Bergerac, a labyrinth consisting of natural and mysterious features (troglodytic shelters, a river, springs, fords, romantic ruins etc) has been created **in the grounds of the Château de Bridoire**. Covering a distance of 3km, the labyrinth is full of surprises offering tests and puzzles in a magical ambience. Visitors are advised to wear good walking shoes.



www.chateaubridoire.com/blank-5



A tranquil moment in **the panoramic gardens at Limeuil**

At the top of the village of Limeuil, one of the "Most Beautiful Villages of France", these panoramic gardens overlooking the confluence of the Dordogne & Vézère rivers are home to **several life-size games** which will delight young and old visitors alike. Come and play chess or draughts with huge pieces on a giant board, in a delightfully peaceful setting.

<http://jardins-panoramiques-limeuil.com/de-nouveaux-jeux-au-jardin>



FAMILY FUN

When your children ask the question "How does it work?" it's not always easy to provide the answer! So, what could be better than signing up for a workshop for all the family, combining your afternoon with a few hours of learning something new?

Cookery workshops for budding chefs in Azerat, near Terrasson

Teaching children to cook means introducing them to the basics of eating well. These workshops aim to teach children about the benefits of a balanced diet through the use of simple, enjoyable recipes and by combining play, tasting and learning with health and nutrition. Classes are available for budding gourmets aged from 5 to 11, who will be able to take their mouth-watering culinary creations home to their families. Workshops take place throughout the year from 2.30-4.30pm on Wednesdays or 10am-noon on Saturdays (prior reservation required).



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<http://www.chemin-des-sens.fr/>

Free



"Périgord Pass" 2017

With the Périgord Pass, families can take advantage of **special discounts** available at **around 40 sites and activities**. Free of charge and valid for one year, passes are available via the Dordogne Tourist Board and local accommodation providers. This year, the pass can also be downloaded from the tourist board's website. **Valid for one year.**

"Family Dordogne" Ask for our new brochure!

This practical guide is aimed at parents and grandparents with children aged from 3 to 12 who are looking for fun holiday activities for all the family. The brochure lists around 100 ideas which are suitable for children, including visits and activities on land, in the air, in the water and underground. All of the sites and activities listed share a common attribute - they are designed with children's enjoyment in mind and ensure that their young visitors not only enjoy themselves but also learn something new and interact with the world around them, including their parents.

www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr



GOURMET EVENTS

Our food festivals and events offer the perfect opportunity to celebrate our gastronomic expertise and heritage.

2017 Calendar

› JANUARY

- Truffle festival and Académie Culinaire, Sarlat
www.sarlat-tourisme.com
- Truffle, truffle-growing and duck and goose festival, Sorges
www.ecomusee-truffe-sorges.com

› FEBRUARY

- Walnut festival, Sarlat
www.sarlat-tourisme.com



› MARCH

- Festoie, Sarlat
www.sarlat-tourisme.com



› MAY

- Strawberry and flower festival, Vergt
www.fraiseduperigord.com
- Les Journées du Terroir, Sarlat
www.sarlat-tourisme.com/les-journees-du-terroir

› AUGUST

- "L'assiette de Cyrano", Bergerac
www.ville-bergerac.com
- Périgord walnut festival, Nailhac
www.ot-hautefort.com

› SEPTEMBER

- Journée du Goût et de la Gastronomie, Sarlat
<http://www.sarlat-tourisme.com/fetes-et-manifestations/journee-du-gout-et-de-la-gastronomie>
- Fête de la Gastronomie at the Château de Neuvic in Neuvic sur l'Isle
<http://www.tourisme-isleperigord.com/fetes-et-manifestations/fete-de-la-gastronomie-1>

› OCTOBER

- Cep mushroom and milk-fed veal festival, Saint-Saud-la-Caussière
www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr
- Chestnut and mushroom festival, Villefranche-du-Périgord
www.tourisme.perigord-fr.com

› Not forgetting our duck, goose and truffle markets in winter, and numerous local farmers' markets and evening food markets in summer.



FOOD AMBASSADORS

Many chefs use local products which are an important aspect of the region's charm. Some perpetuate the traditions of cuisine "à l'ancienne", while others opt for a more modern approach.

Today, other food ambassadors highlight the incredible variety and quality of our local products.



"Les Saveurs du Palais" by **Danièle Mazet-Delpeuch**

Originally from the Périgord, this **self-taught chef and cook at the Elysée Palace** for French President François Mitterrand from 1988 to 1990 has an incredible destiny. Her atypical life provided the inspiration for the 2012 film Haute Cuisine or "Les Saveurs du Palais", directed by Christian Vincent and starring Catherine Frot. Author of the book **"Carnets de cuisine du Périgord à l'Elysée"**, and a new work entitled **"Ma cuisine de l'Elysée à l'Antartique"** (My Cooking from the Elysée Palace to Antarctica), published by Bayard, this female chef who takes inspiration from the culinary pleasure of others is both generous of spirit and lively in character. A skilled exponent of rustic-style cuisine, Danielle Mazet-Delpeuch still lives in the Dordogne, from where she continues to pass on the culinary savoir-faire of past generations.

Martin Walker, the portrait of a food-loving author

Author of several novels and **the police detective series "Bruno"**, the Scottish journalist Martin Walker divides his time between Washington and the Dordogne, where he owns a house in the country. The main hero in his food-inspired detective novels set in the Dordogne is Commissaire Bruno, a municipal policeman with somewhat unconventional methods. In real life, Bruno is no other than Pierre Simonet, the municipal chief of police in the village of Le Bugue, in the Vézère valley. The success of his novels has attracted new visitors to the Dordogne hoping to meet and follow in the steps of their police hero!



For the latest news on Bruno, visit www.brunochiefofpolice.com



NEW RESTAURANTS

Every year, the Dordogne sees new restaurants open their doors, adding to its ever-increasing range of gastronomic options.

NEW: Restaurant recommendations Le Bistrot de Malfourat in Monbazillac

Enjoy family cooking, a **friendly atmosphere** and **stunning views of the Monbazillac vineyards** at this restaurant. In the newly decorated dining room, admire a rare historic musical instrument – **the recently restored “limonaire” organ**. “Limonaire” is the name of a family who made fairground organs and automatic instruments from 1840 onwards. Their name was renowned for the quality of their instruments, the most popular of which became known as the “limonaire” organ (a fairground organ) which over the years became used to describe all large mechanical organs.



+ 33 (0)5 53 58 04 11

Facebook: @bistrotdealfourat

Our recommendations for Fermes Auberges in the Vézère valley

• Restaurant “Le Bareil” in La Chapelle Aubareil

Here, Cathy Sardan delights locals with her authentic cuisine inspired by her grandmother's recipes. Friendly local atmosphere.

Tel: + 33 (0)5 53 50 74 28

www.madeinbareil.com

• “L'évidence” B&B in La Chapelle Aubareil

Opened in the summer of 2016 by a young couple from the Périgord. Alexandre Hiaut is at the helm in the kitchen, creating meals from local farm produce, while Marion offers visitors a warm welcome in the dining room which is warmed by an open fireplace.

Tel: + 33 (0)6 79 92 52 92



A unique address in the caves at Les Eyzies de Tayac

• Restaurant “L'augerie Basse”

Opened in 1947, this family restaurant has been run for three generations in a picturesque cave setting near the Grotte du Grand Roc and Laugerie Basse shelter. Traditional cuisine and a friendly atmosphere. www.laugerie-basse.com



MOUTHWATERING LOCAL PRODUCE

Our region is renowned for its gastronomy and emblematic products such as black Périgord truffles, duck and goose foie gras, Périgord strawberries and walnuts, Périgord sweet chestnuts, goat's cheese, and the wines of Bergerac.



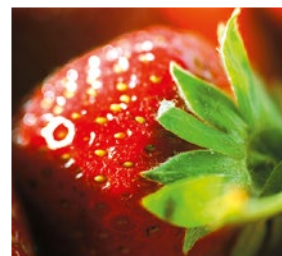
www.noixduperigord.com

Périgord walnuts

Périgord's most famous nut celebrated the 10th anniversary of its **Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée status** in 2012. Four varieties fly the flag for the department (the Corne, Marbot, Grandjean and Franquette) and in **total 7,000 tonnes** are harvested in the designated Périgord **walnut production** area. **A tourist route has also been created**, enabling visitors to discover the secrets of this honey-coloured nut and the ways in which it is used. The tour includes a visit to the **eco-museum in Castelnau-la-Chapelle**, as well as several walnut oil mills. A map is available on the Périgord walnut website.

The Périgord strawberry – a protected fruit

From April to October, the region's varied strawberries bring delight to food-lovers. In the Dordogne, **the second biggest producer** of this delicious fruit in France, the main varieties grown are the Gariguette, Elsanta, Cigaline, Seascape, Mara des Bois, Cirafine and Darselect. Périgord's strawberries are the only ones in Europe to benefit from **protected geographic status, in an area home to around 200 different producers.**



www.fraiseduperigord.com



“Red Label” status for sweet chestnuts from south-west France

Sweet chestnuts from the Périgord were awarded “Red Label” status for their high-quality flavour and appearance on 1 October 2015. This label provides consumers with information on the quality of produce from south-west France. Only the best chestnuts (larger than 31mm) from the Bouche de Bétizac, Marigoule and Bournette varieties can be awarded “Red Label” status.

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www.marronduperigord.fr



GOURMET DELICACIES

The Dordogne is of course renowned for its black truffles and foie gras, but it also produces sturgeon, which is bred for another gourmet delicacy – caviar.



<http://www.truffe-perigord-noir.com/>
www.ecomusee-truffe-sorges.com



www.foiegras-perigord.com

Truffles and foie gras: the stars of our local gastronomy

Much more than a mere mushroom, **the Périgord black truffle** can be seen in the markets of the Dordogne from December to February each year, in particular those in Sorges, Saint-Alvère and Périgueux. The best way to learn about the “tuber melanosporum” is by visiting the **Maison de la Truffe, in Sorges**, which houses interactive displays on this famous mushroom.

Périgord foie gras is often served at celebrations and its name can make many a mouth water! Produced from both ducks and geese it is highly prized by aficionados. In the Dordogne, **over 60 producers, farmers, artisans and canners** control the quality and provenance of their product via the **“Canard à foie gras du Périgord” IGP quality control label**. The “Discover the Foie Gras of the Périgord” map also enables visitors to meet producers of this local speciality. The **Maison du Foie Gras, in Thiviers**, boasts 450m² of displays highlighting the history of foie gras as well as that of ducks and geese.

CAVIAR: Gourmet visits to the Domaine du Caviar in Neuvic

Situated in Neuvic on the banks of the River Isle, this estate follows the rhythm of the natural seasons and life of the sturgeon and produces without fail an excellent quality caviar inspired by nature. Here, the estate manager takes visitors to the sturgeon pools and gives information on the life and history of this fish, which spends at least seven years of its life in these waters before providing any eggs. Various options are available, including a visit to the estate. Discovery, Initiation and Masterclass visits, or a cookery class in the château itself – the choice is yours!



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visite@caviardeneuvic.com - www.caviar-de-neuvic.com

THE PAYS DE BERGERAC AWARDED THE “VIGNOBLES & DÉCOUVERTES” LABEL

The aim of this label is to promote wine- and vine-themed tourism. Awarded for 3 years, it rewards the commitment made by a selection of 40 partners in the Bergerac wine industry, around 20 of whom are wine producers delighted to welcome visitors to share their passion for Bergerac wines.

www.vignoblesetdecouvertes-bergerac.fr



Bergerac wine

- **5 types:** red, rosé, dry white, sweet, dessert
- **93 villages, 12,000 hectares, 900 wineries**
- **7 appellations:** Bergerac, Côtes de Bergerac, Monbazillac, Pécharmant, Montravel, Saussignac, Rosette



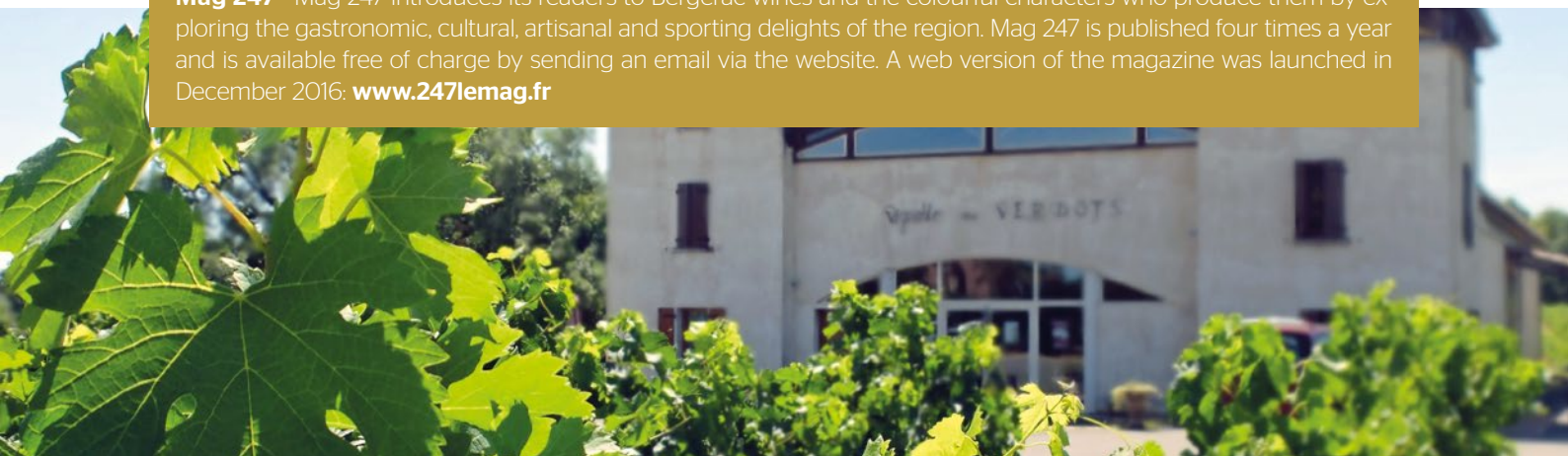
www.vins-bergerac.fr

Suggestion: Immerse yourself in the ambiance of the vineyards as soon as you get on the plane, by reading “Raison et Sentiments”, the 24th book in the “Le Sang de la Vigne” series (“Blood of the Vine”, now also available in English) by Jean-Pierre Alaux and Noël Balen, much of which is set in the Montravel region.

Itinerary: a day exploring the Bergerac “Route des Vins”

- 10am – **Start at the Maison des Vins de Bergerac**, where you can pick up your indispensable map of the Wine Route, as well as a whole host of advice and information.
- 11am – **Vignoble des Verdots:** Artisan wine-producer David introduces you to his spectacular wine storehouse which has been carved right out of the rock. You'll also enjoy a delicious picnic of local produce.
- 3pm – **Château du Haut-Pezaud:** Have you got children? After a short siesta head to Monbazillac where Christine will meet you and take you on a family treasure hunt.
- 4pm – **Château Ladesvignes:** For an afternoon snack, make your way to Pompont for a tasting of local wines and cheeses. Before you leave, enjoy a few quiet moments of reflection under the old cedar tree to admire the extensive views of the Dordogne valley.
- 6pm – **Château de Tiregand:** Take the A Train for one of the legendary Jazz en Chai concerts in Pécharmant and treat yourself to some of the gourmet delights at the food market.
- 10pm – **Château Feely:** Enjoy a well-deserved restful night at Caroline's château in Saussignac. In the morning, enjoy an idyllic breakfast on the terrace of her Eco Wine Lodge which won a gold award in the Best of Wine Tourism awards in 2016.

Mag 247 - Mag 247 introduces its readers to Bergerac wines and the colourful characters who produce them by exploring the gastronomic, cultural, artisanal and sporting delights of the region. Mag 247 is published four times a year and is available free of charge by sending an email via the website. A web version of the magazine was launched in December 2016: www.247lemag.fr



THE “ARTS AND CRAFTS ROUTE”

Individual route notes provide information on artisans who have signed up to a quality charter which guarantees visitors a warm and friendly welcome and an introduction to their craft. More than 80 studios are part of this scheme which aims to offer visitors an authentic insight into the crafts of the region.

An organisation which encourages **arts and crafts**

Since 1999, the Pôle Expérimental des Métiers d'Arts, housed in the castle in Nontron town centre, has been **raising awareness of different traditional skills** with visitors and professional artists alike. It also coordinates the Rue des Métiers d'Art, an **arts and crafts exhibition** which is held annually in Nontron in November.



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www.metiersdartperigord.fr



Contact - Tel: + 33 (0)6 27 07 52 00

www.laurentnay.com

“Prêt-à-Voyager” - All ready to travel with Laurent Nay’s hand-made luggage

It was in 2007, in Castel in the heart of the Dordogne valley, that Laurent Nay began **making hand-made luggage** for the vintage car market. A **trusted craftsman and designer**, now famous with collectors across the globe, he pays particular attention to the leather which covers his **trunks and suitcases**, as well as to the metal accessories (made from brass, chromium-plated, nickel-plated or brass-plated steel) which finish off his luggage so perfectly. Whether they are original designs (Prêt-à-Voyager), personalised items or exact copies of old suitcases (Mesure), Laurent Nay’s hand-made luggage brings an exceptional sophistication to **the world of vintage car enthusiasts** and those who adore these beautiful machines.



THE TRADITIONAL ART OF ENTERTAINING

The art of laying a table involves arranging the glasses in order of size from left to right, making sure that the knife is always placed on the right with the sharp edge of the blade turned towards the plate, and, of course, placing the bread and the serviette to the left of the plate.



A knife-making tradition

In the north of the Dordogne, there is a strong tradition of making knives which is kept alive by many craftsmen working in the sector. Their **traditional know-how dates back to 1653** when a forge and workshop were opened by the first knife-maker in the region. The Nontron knife is considered to be the ancestor of all French knives.

Coutellerie Nontronnaise

An official "Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant" (Living Heritage Business), Coutellerie Nontronnaise in Nontron is the only company in France to produce **traditional Nontron knives**, available in classic and contemporary models alike (using designers such as Odile Decq, Olivier Gagnere and Stefania di Petrillo). The Nontron knife can be recognised by its steel blade, its brass safety catch and its honey-coloured, pyrographed boxwood handle. The Coutellerie Nontronnaise factory is open daily and can be visited free of charge. **Discover the various stages of making a traditional Nontron knife**, including the forging of the blade, the polishing, turning and fabrication of the handle, and the assembly of the various components.



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www.coutellerie-nontronnaise.com



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www.couteau-leperigord.com

Coutellerie du Périgord

For the past 15 years François Devige, a blacksmith's grandson, has achieved his childhood dream of working with two elements which have always fascinated him, namely steel and wood. A cabinet-maker by training, this enthusiast of old trades uses his expertise and inventiveness to make knives with innovative mechanisms which are stamped with the Périgord name. The full **collection of these "Le Périgord" knives** is displayed in three specialist shops in Brantôme en Périgord, Nontron and Sarlat.



FROM FASHION DESIGNERS TO ARTISANS, OUR LOCAL COMPANIES HAVE REAL TALENT!

Internationally renowned for her elegant creations of the 1930s, Jenny Sacerdote, a fashion designer originally from the Périgord (1868 - 1962), revolutionised fashion with her famous little grey suit. Today, a new wave of fashion designers and luxury companies have chosen to base themselves in the Dordogne.

AYRENS - a producer of high-quality umbrellas

A pioneer **in haute couture in the early 1960s**, AYRENS now focuses all its energy on the **design and manufacture of fashionable umbrellas** with a solid feel and elegant finish. A recognised "Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant" (Living Heritage company) since 2009, the company has been in the Périgord for more than 150 years and is based in Saint-Pardoux-La-Rivière in the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord-Limousin, 20km north of Brantôme.



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www.ayrens.com/fr



A paradise for ballet shoes - **the Repetto factory**

Repetto has been making high-quality luxury goods and dance accessories since 1947 and produces its famous ballet shoes in Saint-Médard-d'Excideuil in the Périgord Vert. **The Repetto factory shop** sells surplus and end-of-line goods, as well as seconds, offering real bargains with reductions of up to 50% on some articles. Most of the discounted goods are **dance and ballet shoes**, although other items are also reduced occasionally. The shop also stocks **legendary models** such as Zizi and BB shoes and other leather goods.

Address: Martinet, 24160 Saint-Médard-d'Excideuil - Tel: +33 (0)5 53 55 37 37

www.repetto.fr

Chamberlan invents a luxury shoe for women with a "**made in Dordogne**" label

In Nontron, **two young entrepreneurs**, Sophie Engster & Franck Le Franc, have founded **Chamberlan**, a company which **specialises in making luxury shoes for women**. In 2016, an initial line of five models was created by young designer Louis Cardin (the great-nephew of the famous couturier). Combining a **tradition of excellence with innovation**, the company adjusts its models to fit its customers' feet, just as master craftsmen did in bygone days, thanks to a **unique app** which is available via the Internet.



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www.chamberlan.com



NEW PLACES TO DISCOVER

These unique places showcase traditional expertise and exhibit the work of local artists and artisans.



“LE JARDIN By Jan & Michèle” in Monpazier

Designer Michèle Jarry des Loges has made **jewellery and luxury accessories** for famous couturiers such as Christian Lacroix, Louis Féraud and Nina Ricci for many years. Her collections have been exhibited on the catwalk, worn by models such as Karen Mulder, Linda Evangelista and Carla Bruni. After years spent in Paris, Michèle has returned to her native region of the Dordogne, where she creates highly personal pieces, all of which are either one-off creations or part of a limited collection. She also makes personalised bespoke creations for her clients. In addition to making jewellery, she also designs **mirrors** and **fresco-style** decor for homes. Jan and Michèle welcome visitors to their beautiful new premises right **in the centre of the bastide of Monpazier**. Here you can browse in the gallery-cum-boutique, enjoy a snack in the **colourful café-salon** or **soak up the artistic ambience** in the **charming garden**.

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“Pastels Girault” gallery and boutique in Montignac Lascaux

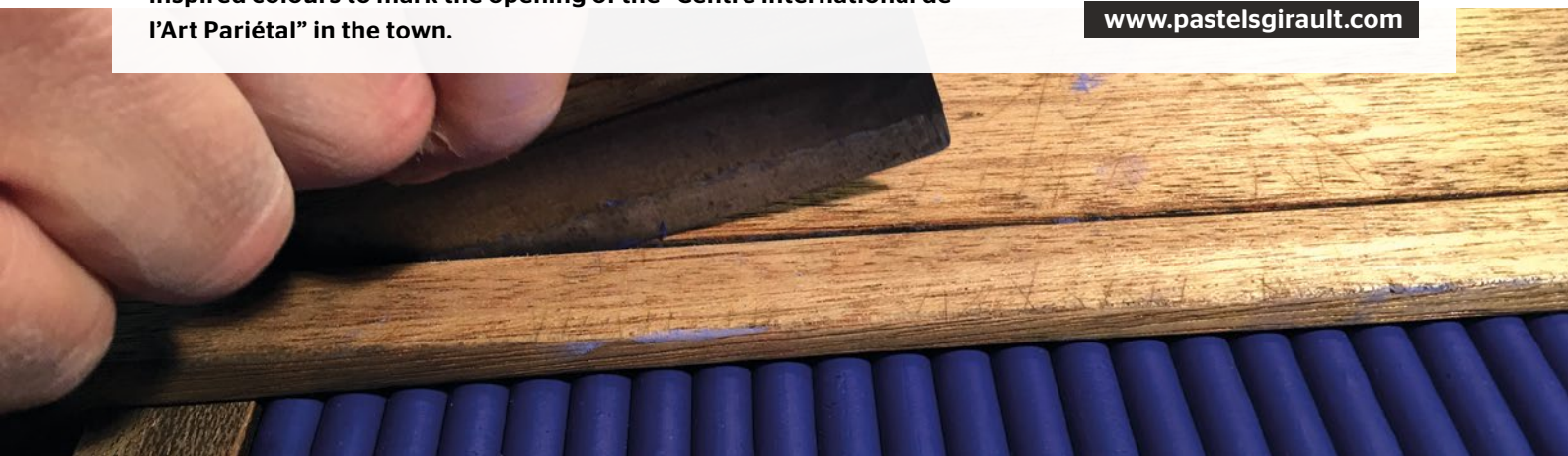
Founded in 1780, Pastels Girault specialises in making dry **pastel sticks** for **painting, using techniques** which are unusual, complex and handed down over the generations (which include weighing, highly technical grinding and extrusion). The company's production workshops have been based near Lascaux in the Dordogne since 1998. This business is currently run by the eighth generation of the same family, who were awarded the **“Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant” label in 2013**. Museums in France and abroad use this range of pastels to restore their works of art. The new gallery-cum-boutique in Montignac is decorated with works of art painted with pastel; boxes of pastels are also on sale to the general public here. **The company has created a box of pastels in Lascaux-inspired colours to mark the opening of the “Centre international de l'Art Pariétal” in the town.**



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TOWARDS LOCAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

At the end of 2015, the Vézère valley became a member of the "Grands Sites de France" network in an aim to protect and recognise the valley's extraordinary natural heritage, with its landscape of cliffs rising above the River Vézère. Fifteen of its prehistoric caves and deposits are also listed UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

The Vézère valley, a member of the **GRANDS SITES DE FRANCE** network

From Terrasson to Limeuil, the valley is home to an **extraordinary archaeological heritage** which is renowned around the world. Inhabited by man for millennia, it is home to numerous traces of prehistoric habitation (caves, troglodyte dwellings etc) as well as many buildings that add to the valley's attractiveness (castles, churches etc) and historical interest. The main aim of the valley's Grand Site status is "to give prehistory its own landscape". Its goal is to showcase the **superb landscape** of its underground prehistoric heritage by highlighting its cliffs, considered the valley's emblematic **natural monuments**. Other key objectives include **restoring and maintaining the quality of the landscape**, preserving and highlighting the valley's architectural and environmental heritage, improving facilities and visits for the public, and **encouraging socio-economic development in the local area** (agriculture and tourism), while at the same time respecting the needs and wishes of its inhabitants.



<http://www.grandsitedefrance.com/>



"Green Globe" certification for the village of Le Bournat

This **theme park** in Le Bugue-sur-Vézère takes visitors on an **authentic journey back to the 19th century**. In 2016 it was awarded one of the most coveted international certifications in travel and **sustainable tourism**. The aim of this label is to support and reward tourism professionals who have incorporated social and environmental management systems into their activities. Laurent Delbos, director of the village of Le Bournat has been a prime exponent of this through work to restore the natural environment on the edge of the theme park. As a result of this, the former marshland has been transformed into an area that can be explored by boat, enabling visitors to observe the **local wildlife**.

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2017: INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOR DEVELOPMENT (AS DECREED BY UNESCO)

Since 2013, the year in which it signed up to the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism, the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord Limousin has been committed to an eco-responsible policy.

The "Valeurs Parc Naturel Régional Périgord- Limousin" label



To date, **23 tourism accommodation providers** within the Parc Naturel Régional fly the flag for this quality label. These include **8 educational farms** whose aim is to inform tourists on the specific aspects of local agriculture. Here, visitors are welcomed by a farmer who explains his/her job and encourages them to explore the farm via a series of games and fun workshops (discovery tours, foraging workshops etc).

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A glamping holiday in a "fisherman's hut"

The latest venture at the "**Parenthèse Imaginaire**" campsite in Milhac de Nontron is an **eco-cabin** without water and electricity but equipped with solar-powered lamps and jerrycans of water. Located **alongside a fishing lake**, this cabin for two completes the choice of "glamping" cabins at this 3-star campsite specialising in "chic and fun nature" holidays, which has been awarded the "Valeurs Parc Naturel Régional Périgord-Limousin" label.

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<http://parentheses-imaginaires.com/locations/plus/cabane-du-pecheur>

Gourmet holiday ideas: The delights of the Périgord

A 3-day/2-night holiday with a focus on the black Périgord truffle!

On this short break, search for Périgord truffles in their natural environment and discover the region's traditional markets. The chef will be delighted to introduce you to truffle- and foie gras-based recipes before offering an opportunity to taste these dishes upon which the culinary reputation of the Périgord has been made. **From €346/person.**

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LATEST NEWS: TOURISM FOR DISABLED VISITORS

The "Tourisme et Handicap" label continues to evolve with its aim to enable all visitors, whatever their disability, to enjoy the different sites and activities that the Dordogne has to offer.

A few facts and figures

This label has been awarded to 114 tourism services operated by **85 tourism providers**: 3 caves, 10 museums, 1 cavern, 2 gardens, 1 castle, 3 fishing sites, 7 prehistoric sites, 1 equestrian centre, 2 troglodyte sites, 3 outdoor leisure centres, 4 boutiques offering direct sales (wineries/duck and goose farmers), 1 city tour and 9 tourist offices. 57 accommodation providers and 10 restaurants have also been awarded the label. A detailed list of sites can be seen on the Dordogne Tourist Board website.

www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr "Tourisme et Handicap" heading



More info: www.semitour.com

Focus on the Cloître de Cadouin

Located in the village of Cadouin, in the heart of the Dordogne valley, this **monument forms part of UNESCO's** Way of St James World Heritage Site. Founded in 1115, Cadouin is a **Cistercian abbey**, the eleventh to become part of the order, and where monastic activity came to an end in 1790. The cloister, rebuilt at the end of the 15th century, is an **architectural jewel and a masterpiece of Flamboyant Gothic art** which bears witness to the abbey's rediscovered power. Facilities introduced at the site as part of its commitment to the "Tourisme & Handicap label" have led to improvements in visitor comfort.

These include:

- A magnetic loop at the ticket desk at the entrance. A written document for those with hearing difficulties
- A linear layout to help those with mental disabilities
- Ground floor exhibition layout for those with motor impairment



CHIC CAMPING HOLIDAYS IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Nowadays, finding downtime to relax and enjoy some well-earned pampering with your friends or family is becoming ever more important, whether it's on a holiday or a weekend break. So why not organise a reunion, a birthday, anniversary or wedding (or even a business meeting) in the heart of nature in one of the Dordogne's **249 campsites**. Find lots of great ideas and organise your relaxing break on your smartphone or tablet via the Dordogne's new camping website.

www.campingsdordogneperigord.com



A holiday away from it all and full of authentic experiences at the
“La Grange du Bost” farm in Montagnier

Adrian and Fiona Ashford, members of the international “Un lit au Pré” (A Bed in the Meadow) network welcome families to their **20-hectare working farm**, with accommodation available in four glamping tents, each sleeping six guests. With superb views of the surrounding countryside as a backdrop, **experience the day-to-day life of your farming hosts and their organic farm**, on which they produce eggs, apple juice, honey and walnuts, as well as a number of local gastronomic specialities.



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CHARMING PROPERTIES IN THE VEZERE VALLEY



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“Villa Lascaux”, a design-inspired country property

Located in La Chapelle Aubareil, near Montignac, this **contemporary bioclimatic property** offers a choice of **five spacious “chambre d’hôte”** accommodation options, each south-facing and tastefully decorated. Heated via **solar energy**, this Bed & Breakfast property with an outdoor jacuzzi is timber-framed and boasts a Canadian well, a glass staircase and a **green roof** which provides natural insulation. Added bonuses at this new property include the **trendy decor** and **large bay windows with superb views of the Beune valley**.

“Le Bel Estiu”, a fine example of successful renovation

In Saint-Geniès, this new **“maison d’hôtes”** offers three double rooms in an old farm with its typical Périgord decor of ochre-coloured stone and a lauze stone roof. **“Le Bel Estiu” features** traditional floor tiles, restored mangers, oak flooring, and reclaimed wood. Within its stone walls the history of this 18C farm is clearly evident, enhanced over a number of years by additional creature comforts, a relaxed ambience and a **charming and refined decor**. Soft lighting, warm colours, luxurious beds with linen bedding, high-quality materials and areas in which to read and relax all combine to create a setting perfect for **taking it easy and looking after yourself**.

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www.belestiu.com



CHARMING PROPERTIES



“Les Hauts de Saint Vincent”, a charming B&B in the Dordogne valley

Fabrice and Stéphanie are delighted to welcome you to this **former manor house**, the origins of which date back to the 17th century, and which boasts **unbeatable views of the Dordogne valley** and its castles. After 30 years spent living in Paris, it was in Saint Vincent de Cosse, **in the heart of this valley teeming with castles**, that they decided to change their lifestyle, creating this “chambre d’hôte” property with five rooms and a swimming pool. All the rooms have been awarded the Clévacances label thanks to the high quality of their facilities.

Added bonuses: “table d’hôte” dinners and cookery classes focusing on local products. A fun and relaxed atmosphere guaranteed!



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<http://leshautsdesaintvincent.com>



The renaissance of a Classical-style property in Terrasson

Georges and his wife were passionate about renovating the “Château de Gaubert” and its outbuildings. Situated on the left bank of the River Vézère, the castle enjoys a **beautiful view of the surrounding countryside**. The property was built between the 15th and 17th centuries on the foundations of an earlier manor house. Today, the main building is home to **3 large double rooms upstairs, each with a completely different ambience**. **Added bonus:** open all year; the excellent recommendations from the owners to help you explore the region. “Table d’hôte” dining is also available here.

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Great ideas: a road trip with Charly

Who or what is Charly? Charly is a 4x4 vehicle that will help you explore the Dordogne on **off-the-beaten track road trips** starting in Rouffignac. Its owner, Christine, offers three different routes with a driver-guide.

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www.lesvireesdecharly.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

› FEBRUARY

• “La Chevêche” festival, Nontron

An event for naturalists in the Périgord-Limousin-Angoumois. This festival offers films on nature, events and workshops for children, lectures, nature excursions and exhibitions.

www.lacheveche.fr/festival

› MARCH

• “Jazz en chai”, around Bergerac

Jazz concerts organised in the wine cellars of the Bergerac region.

<http://jazzenchais.com>



› APRIL TO JUNE

• “Le printemps des Bastides”, around Bergerac

A host of cultural and artistic events organised in the bastides around Bergerac.

www.pays-des-bastides.com



› MAY

• Festival Jazz Pourpre, Bergerac

The greatest names from the jazz world head to Bergerac for this 4-day festival.

www.jazzpourpre.com

• Festival de la Vallée, Saint-Astier

Concerts, aperitif events, shows etc. Events take place in fifteen local villages.

www.lavallee.info

• 18th European Camping Car Festival, Périgueux

www.camping-car.com/fecc



› MAY

• Paratge (Occitan festival), Nontron

www.culturedordogne.fr

› JUNE

• Les journées Britanniques, Brantome

This festival offers a taste of Britain in France for all the family.

› JUNE AND JULY

• La Félibrée, Saint-Astier

A major celebration of Occitan culture and traditions.

• “Itinéraire baroque en Périgord Vert”

A festival dedicated to Baroque music and Romanesque architecture.

www.itinerairebaroque.com

› JULY

• “Les chemins de l’Imaginaire”, Terrasson

Street performances as eclectic as they are spellbinding along the banks of the Vézère.

www.ot-terrasson.com

• “Festival des Guitares Vertes” in the Pays de Jumilhac

A guitar festival featuring a combination of concerts and other events.

www.festival-jumilhac.fr

• “Le Grand Souk”, Ribérac

With its mix of pop, rock, traditional French song and electronic music, the festival attracts leading French and international performers.

www.legrandsouk.com

• Festival de Danses et Musiques du Monde, Montignac

For one week the village beats to the rhythm of world music with performers from around ten countries.

www.festivaldemontignac.assoo.org



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



› JULY - AUGUST

• Festival des Jeux du Théâtre, Sarlat

This theatre festival is one of the most famous in France.

www.festival-theatre-sarlat.com

• "L'été musical en Bergerac"

An eclectic programme of events at some of the region's most famous historic sites.

<http://festivalbergerac.blogspot.fr>

› AOÛT

• Jazz Nuits, Auriac du Périgord

www.jazz-nuit-festivale-auriac.fr

• Hoop Festival, Excideuil

An eclectic programme with something for everyone

www.hoopfestival.fr/hoop-festival

› AUGUST

• Festival International des Arts du Mime et du Geste (Mimos), Périgueux

For one week, street theatre and mime take over the town.

www.mimos.fr

• "Itinérance Médiévale en Vallée du Dropt", in the Bergerac region

Relive the Middle Ages in all their glory!

www.medieval.dropt.org

• Flamenco Festival, Bergerac

The town adopts Spanish rhythms at this 3-day event attracting leading names from the flamenco world.

www.chicadelsol.org

• Festival des Musiques de la Nouvelle Orléans en Périgord, MNOP

Blues music performed by artists from across the Atlantic brings life to a dozen villages around the Dordogne.

www.mnop-festival.com



› AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

• Festival des Grands Interprètes, Sinfonia en Périgord, near Périgueux

This major national festival plays host to leading performers of Baroque and classical music.

www.sinfonia-en-perigord.com



› AUGUST - OCTOBER

• Festival de Musique du Périgord Noir, Montignac

The Aquitaine's largest festival, featuring over 20 classical music concerts.

www.festivalduperigordnoir.fr

› NOVEMBER

• Sarlat Film Festival

A major event in the world of French cinema, this festival is renowned for its relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

www.ville-sarlat.fr/festival

• International Cookbook Fair, Périgueux

A biannual event which gives professional cooks and the general public alike a chance to purchase all the latest cookery books. Meet

famous chefs and food writers as well as professionals from the food industry.

www.livre-gourmand.fr

• "Rue des métiers d'Art" in Nontron

This fair brings together the best artisans in a delightful setting and is THE show for rural arts and crafts!

www.metiersdartperigord.fr

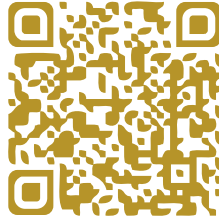
New concert venue in Périgueux:

In the heart of the old town, 10 to 12 major jazz concerts will be held in one of the CAP Cinéma's screening rooms in 2016.

More info at www.allthatjazz.fr

For a full listing of cultural events and concerts, visit:

www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr



www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr
www.enjoydordogne.co.uk

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