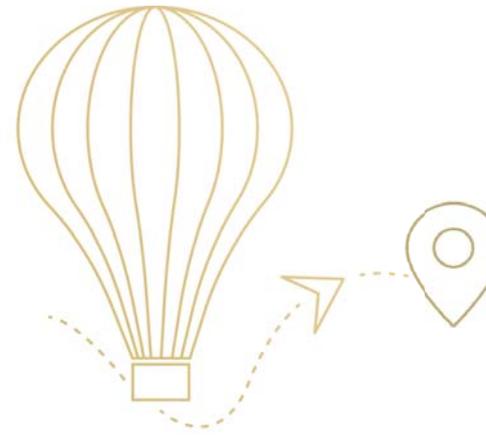


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WHAT'S NEW IN THE DORDOGNE

IN 2022



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SLOW TOURISM, RE-CONNECTING WITH NATURE | SAVOIR-FAIRE, CREATIVITY AND NEW TRENDS



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you create the storyline...



GETTING TO THE DORDOGNE ?



BY TRAIN

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

BY CAR



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



BY PLANE

Destination Bergerac

Ryanair : Brussels-Charleroi, Liverpool, London Stansted, London Southend, East Midlands, Bristol, Bournemouth.

Transavia : Rotterdam.

Jet2com : Leeds Bradford, Birmingham, Manchester.

British Airways : London City, Southampton

Visit the airport website :

www.bergerac.aeroport.fr

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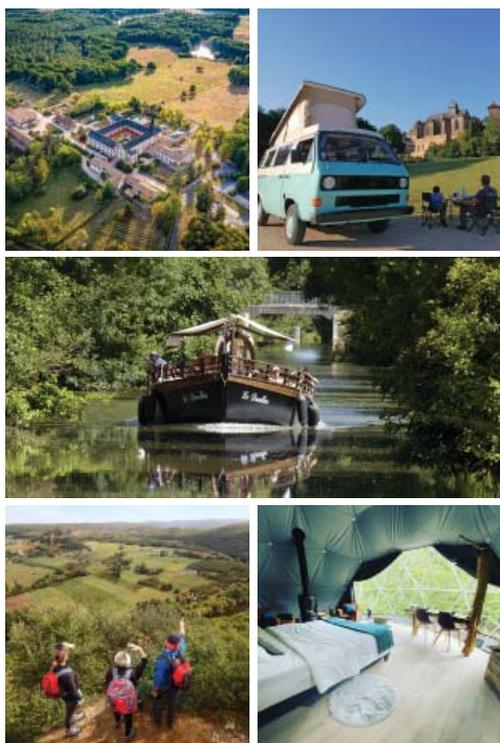
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CASTLES IN CELEBRATION

the flagship event of the Spring!

From 16 April to 1 May 2022, the Périgord's castles, palaces, country estates and manor houses will provide the setting for a host of exclusive experiences as part of the 2nd "Châteaux en Fête" festival.



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Over 80 castles to take centre stage for the festival's second edition!

This festival, which it is hoped will become a regular fixture on the Dordogne's calendar, was staged for the first time in 2021. Organised by the Dordogne Périgord Tourist Board with the support of the Dordogne département, this annual festival unique in France has expanded its horizons following its partnership with the Lot-et-Garonne Tourist Board and département.

The festive event for the spring break!

The owners of these historic buildings, unmissable or less known, are not lacking in original ideas: Animations around the history or their gardens, shows, workshops, tastings, concerts, games, fancy dress balls, exhibitions, film screenings, etc. will be the highlights of this year's festival.

Find the program on

www.chateauxenfete.com



FROM THE PÉRIGORD TO THE PANTHÉON

“In the footsteps of Josephine Baker”

In 1968, Josephine Baker sang “J’ai deux amours, mon pays et Paris”, to which we could add her “village” in the Périgord! Honoured by the French State, she is now commemorated in two places in France: the Panthéon in Paris (since 30 November 2021) and the Château des Milandes in Castelnaud la Chapelle.



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The sixth woman laid to rest in the Panthéon

This black artist, spy, Resistance hero, anti-racist militant, lead dancer in the Revue Nègre musical review, and the most famous owner of the Château des Milandes (between 1947 and 1968) entered the Panthéon in 2021 - the perfect homage to this extraordinary woman who made a lifelong commitment to France.

Her Périgord home

Although never predestined to live in a castle in the Périgord, it was to the Château des Milandes that she welcomed her artist friends and her “rainbow tribe”. This historic setting, which has been awarded the official “Maison des Illustres” label, is home to a museum dedicated to her memory. The opening of the “dressing room” in 2022, which retraces her life in greater detail, will enhance the collections dedicated to this illustrious artist.

More information

www.milandes.com/en



EVENING EVENTS AT LASCAUX

exciting adventures and food experiences

Lascaux is an absolute must for visitors keen to learn about prehistory in the Dordogne. The CIAP Montignac Lascaux (or Lascaux 4) has created unique visits offering special insider access.



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“Prestige” visits and Cro Magnon-themed evenings

You will have to wait until the end of the day to explore the Centre International d’Art Pariétal (International Centre for Cave Art) in more detail, when you can explore the maze-like structure of this recreated cave embellished with paintings and engravings of animals in small groups as part of several insider-access guided tours.

Equipped with torches designed to re-create the “flickering light” effect of 20,000 years ago, and accompanied by a specialist guide, the “Prestige Visit” provides a “step-by-step” exploration of the cave. Meanwhile, the CIAP’s “Soirées Cro-Magnon” events combine the pleasures of the table with a learning experience, complementing the “Prestige Visit” with an on-site meal inspired by food typical of the Prehistoric period.

More information

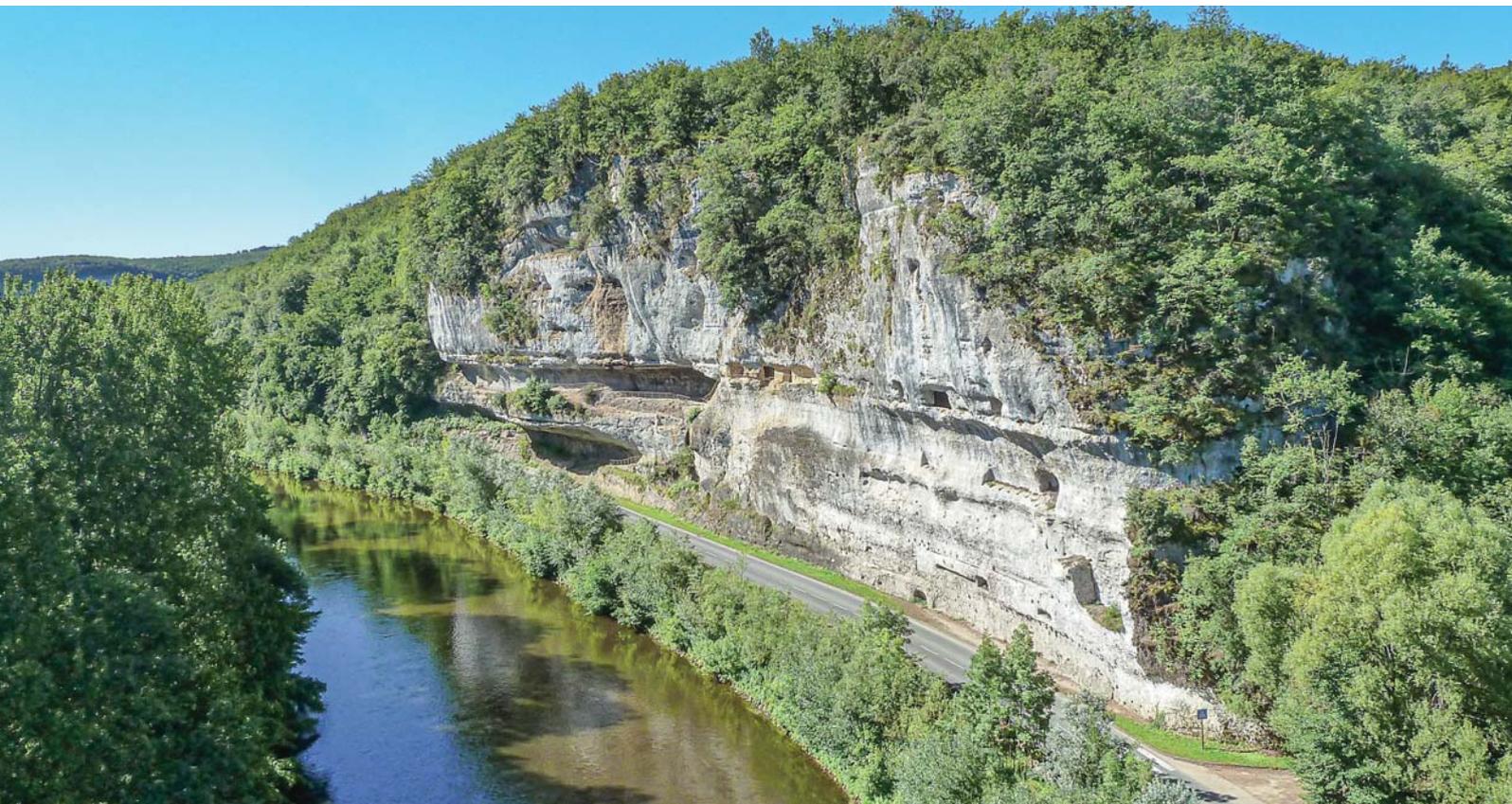
www.lascaux.fr/en



THE STUNNING RENAISSANCE

of the Fort du Roc de Tayac

In Les Eyzies-de-Tayac, this 25m-high troglodyte fort provides a superb panoramic view of the Vézère valley's cliffs and elevated lookout posts. Having been abandoned on several occasions during its history, it has now been brought back to life.



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A history without end

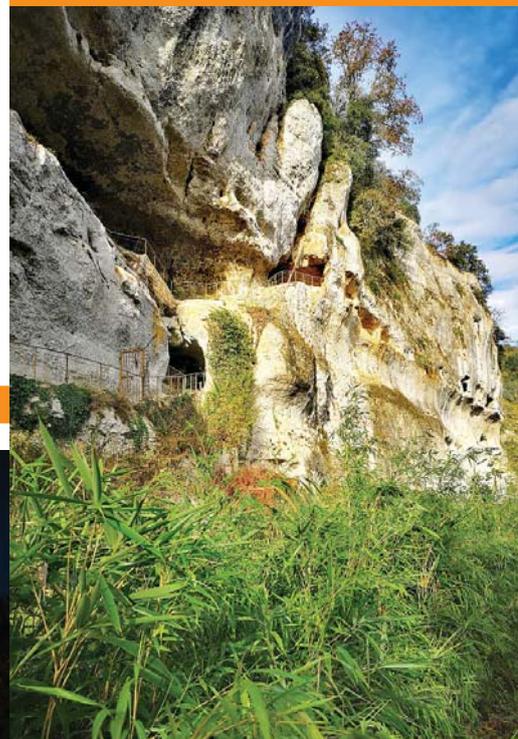
This prehistoric underground refuge has had several lives and perhaps enjoyed its greatest moment of glory during the "Belle Époque" when it was converted into a restaurant. Following successive periods of abandonment and a period of time as a potholing museum, a new chapter in its history presented itself thanks to the efforts of an enthusiastic local guide.

2021, a new era begins

The full secrets of the Fort du Roc de Tayac will be revealed thanks to a series of unique personalised tours (candlelit dinners, evening visits by candlelight etc) on which local guide Marie Calonne takes you on a journey through her world, while situating the fort within its historical context.

More information

www.facebook.com/fortdetayac



GIN-MANIA takes over the Périgord

Micro-distillers are flourishing in the Périgord!
Following on from the success of the "Erika Spirit" venture in Bergerac, this is the entrepreneurial story of the Gauthier siblings!



© Crédits photos : Emi Makarof - Distillerie de l'Ort

An eco-friendly gin...

These young spirit-producing artisans decided to set up their "Distillerie d'Ort" in their grandparents' former farm in Montignac. And true to their ecological convictions, they installed a solar-powered still made specifically for them by a local copperware manufacturer.

Local flavour!

Loïs creates his concoctions using grain alcohol, spring water, and organically grown aromatic plants, while Nolwenn is in charge of the garden around the farm and for managing orders. The result of this family alchemy is the organically certified "Gin De Nos Jardins" with its fresh, herbaceous-flavoured taste and, coming soon, a 100% local Pastis!

More information

<https://distillieriedelort.com/>



A NEW BATCH OF YOUNG CHEFS

watch this space!

Thirty or so young chefs have brought a breath of fresh air to the world of traditional cuisine: Let's take a closer look at the cuisine of Raphaël Mollica and Adrien Soro.



© Crédits photos : Kathia Saul - Domaine de la Meynardie - Le Dix

Restaurant Le Dix in Saint Alvère

In 2021, chef **Raphaël Mollica** was recognised by Gault et Millau in their 109 food guide, which showcases new up-and-coming talents in French cuisine. Dix was the only restaurant in the Dordogne to feature on the list of best new chefs and restaurants in France. This discreetly charming family-style eatery is located in the heart of a village famous for its official truffle market during the winter months.

Restaurant de la Meynardie in Paulin

In February 2020, chef **Adrien Soro** was awarded a Michelin star just one year after opening his restaurant - a dazzling success for this young chef who developed his talents alongside Joël Robuchon and who worked as executive chef at the Moulin du Roc in Champagnac de Bélair at the age of just 22.

Today, in his restaurant in Paulin, he offers a completely new concept during the winter based around traditional dishes and recipes cooked on an open fireplace (cantou), ensuring that his coveted star continues to shine brightly here!

More information

<https://www.dixdordogne.com/>

www.domainedelameynardie.com



A NEW IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE at the Château de Monbazillac

Nestled in the heart of Bergerac's vineyards and overlooking the swathe of vineyards from its hilltop setting, this 16C historic monument has been given a new lease of life in 2022 thanks to new experiences and tours for visitors.



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A strong “wine tourism” focus!

Sold no fewer than six times since the 16C, the château has been owned by the Cave de Monbazillac since 1960. Its new visitor experience showcases the wines and those who help produce them in the Monbazillac appellation. The château's restored rooms provide an opportunity to get to know the Bacalan family who enabled the property to survive the French Revolution with little impact.

A fun, interactive experience

In contrast to traditional guided tours, the château has created a new visitor experience, as part of which you can explore the cellars of the castle to solve family riddles and even rediscover a long-lost recipe for grape juice!

More information

<https://chateau-monbazillac.com>



DISCOVERING the secret Dordogne

Among the 21 natural sites which are part of the Natura 2000 network, the Dordogne boasts two tranquil havens full of cultural, historical and environmental interest which will delight lovers of nature and biodiversity.



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A setting protected from mass tourism.

The **Forêt de la Double** provides a natural refuge for birds, stags and protected species such as the European pond turtle. The forest is also home to small creatures known as "Poi'z" - geocaching characters that can be found on the new **Terra Aventura** trail which lies between the village and abbey of Echourgnac (where one of the oldest cheeses in the Périgord is made and matured).

Vendoire peat bog, soon to be designated the Dordogne's first Regional Nature Reserve.

Much more than a wetland, this important and unique ecosystem is managed as a biological reserve. Special events are organised here from May to September (including themed days, waymarked trails with information boards, etc) which highlight the different aspects of the site, with a particular emphasis on its entomological features.

More information

www.tourisme-isleperigord.com/la-foret-de-la-double

Maison des Tourbières

www.perigordriberacois.fr/nature



NOMADIC TRIPS

by campervan

With your route notes in hand, enjoy a "nomadic holiday" in a campervan or converted van, as you follow the prettiest and most picturesque routes through the Dordogne. The perfect way to experience a cultural mini-adventure!



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A van of your own!

"Car vintage" in Nojals and Clottes, and "Camp'n Roule" near Monpazier both offer retro-style campervans for hire which will delight fans of the traditional Volkswagen van from the 1970s and 80s - the perfect way to explore the uncrowded roads of the southern Périgord. Meanwhile, SEAVAN at Bergerac airport offers a range of Volkswagen California campervans, all of which have been converted to the highest specifications.

Follow our most beautiful itineraries!

Route notes recently published by the Dordogne Périgord Tourist Board provide insights into our most beautiful itineraries, ensuring that our visitors can enjoy these very special holidays to the full.

More information

www.car-vintage.fr

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Camp'n-Roule/100057687690222/>

<https://sea-van.com/index.php/nos-agences/8-nos-agences/24-seavan-agence-de-bergerac.html>

<https://www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr/sinspirer/itineraires-road-trips>



TRAIN AND BIKE

the perfect combination for an eco-friendly exploration of the Isle valley

Rediscover the joy of travelling by train and bike by heading to Neuvic-sur-l'Isle, the departure point for exploring this fascinating valley which was once busy with river traffic.



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Reduce your carbon footprint!

With your TER train ticket in your pocket, get off at Neuvic-sur-l'Isle railway station, the starting point for a safe and enjoyable family cycle ride along the Isle river (45km). Trains may have replaced boats as a means of transport, but this just makes it all the easier to access the "voie verte" cycle path which runs all the way to Montpon-Menesterol.

Take the train home

Having explored the valley by bike, crossing footbridges and discovering locks, boatsmen's inns and mills built to make it easier for boats to pass, catch the train from Montpon back to your starting point - a much quicker journey than it would have been by boat!

More information

<https://rando.dordogne.fr>

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FOLLOW HARRISON BARKER

a 19C outdoor influencer!

In the 19C, an English traveller explored the valleys of the Périgord on foot and by canoe. He wanted to take his time to get to know the landscapes, heritage and, especially, the inhabitants of the Dordogne. Visitors can now follow his "Chronicle of the Wayside and the Waterside" ("Par les chemins de terre et d'eau") journey through the Dronne and Dordogne valleys.



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One of our first ambassadors

Back in England, Harrison Barker recounted his experiences in a book entitled "Two Summers in Guyenne", in which he takes readers on a journey to a Périgord of fishermen, wolves and inns serving delicious food, where flocks of geese would wander freely in the streets.

More than a century after his travels

Three itineraries (on foot or by canoe) offer visitors the chance to follow in his footsteps and compare the experiences of this 19C traveller with their own.

- Dordogne valley : 80km
- Dronne valley : 90km
- Forêt de la Double : 130km

Detailed "topoguides" and more information

<https://rando.dordogne.fr>



SLOWING DOWN in the Vézère valley

Part of the "Grands Sites de France" network, the Vézère valley is a paradise for lovers of slow tourism, with its unspoilt natural landscapes where new projects and initiatives have recently been developed.



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Dorie

Dorie, the free new app to help you explore the valley at a slower pace:

Developed for smartphones, this app offers themed routes which can be followed either on foot or by bike. Fun, interactive and informative, the content is regularly updated with new routes dotted all around the *département*. Each stage of the walk is described by an audio-guide: this might be a description of the landscape, a story told by a historian or a quiz on local wildlife. One of the routes, "In the footsteps of the men who discovered Lascaux" in Montignac, was created to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the discovery of Lascaux cave.

KOZI DÔME in Ladornac, new unique accommodation in the heart of nature

For anyone keen to spend a night under canvas, these four comfortable, fully equipped geodesic domes (40m²) are the perfect choice. Thanks to their location amid natural landscapes, the lack of light pollution allows you to enjoy stargazing at its best, while the birdsong and sounds of nature all around enhance the calm, tranquil atmosphere of the setting.

More information

<https://dorie.dordogne.fr/>

www.kozidome.fr



MAISON BIRDS

a new concept store

Natacha Birds has opened her new concept store at 4, rue Taillefer in Périgueux. In this 240m² café-boutique she showcases her new creative work as part of an artists' workshop, which includes tattooing and ceramics.



© Crédits photos : Maison Birds - Yorix - Natacha Birds

Art, coffee and good company!

Natacha Birds is an artist and influencer with over 350,000 subscribers on social media and a particular interest in painting, pottery, photography and even textile tufting, which she works on with her husband. It is with him that she created this incredibly vibrant project.

As you enter the boutique, you immediately feel that you are in a relaxing setting exuding a sense of comfort, warmth and inspiration as you sip a coffee or a chai latte. Discover this veritable sanctuary with its innate connection with art, perhaps joining one of the classes (sculpture, ceramics etc) run at the workshop every month.

“DIY” enthusiasts, take note!

More information

<https://maisonbirds.com>

www.natacha-birds.fr



ALTO DUO DESIGN

a young wine-inspired brand

Fans of eco-friendly design would be wise to take note of this new name!

The duo of Paloma and Mayeul Morand-Monteil create furniture made from wood from their family's own wine estate, as well as fabric accessories and household linens with a resolutely modern design yet with a strong sense of tradition and durability.



© Crédits photos : Mayeul Morand Monteil

“Useful yet beautiful”

Children of a Bergerac wine producer, they create pieces of interior furniture made from French wood. For their prototypes, they use different species from the “Château Terre Vieille” wine estate in Saint-Sauveur de Bergerac, which is part of the Pécharmant appellation. Their tables, benches and lamps are made in a workshop in the Périgord.

The “Château Terre Vieille”, a showcase for creativity

The siblings’ taste for creativity was borne from the renovation of this wine-producing château during their childhood. Today, the estate, which has been awarded the official “Vignoble et Découverte” label, has also become a shop window for their own work and the family workshop where they develop the prototypes for their collections. “Telling stories through their creations” is the mantra behind their inspiration.

More information

<https://altoduo.com>



THE FAMILY HISTORY OF THE TIL BRAND

100% natural and eco-friendly cosmetics

In 2017, the idea of creating their own holistic brand of sensorial products and rituals from the linden trees on the family estate where they grew up in the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord Limousin began to develop in the minds of three sisters.



© Crédits photos : Sylvie Polette - TiL - Alexandre Onimus

A family story from the outset

TiL, is first and foremost the story of Odile, Sylvie and Dominique, the owners of the Château de la Meynardie, the family home since the 17C, in Sainte-Marie de Frugie. Here, they grew up beneath the canopy of hundreds of linden trees planted in the grounds of the estate and which were an integral part of their childhood memories in the Périgord. These trees with their myriad therapeutic properties provided them with the inspiration to create their own holistic brand of sensorial products and rituals from the blossom harvested here. Through their line of beauty products, they share with their customers the extraordinary soothing qualities of the entire linden tree: its flowers, branches, leaves and buds. It is also a well-known fact that linden is a perfect natural antidote for stress!

A slow cosmetics brand

In March 2021, this line of eco-friendly beauty products received an Award d'Or (gold award) for its "In & Out" treatment products.

The estate's Château and Orangerie are both available for hire on an exclusive basis.

More information

sur la marque

<https://til-time.com/le-domaine-de-til>

sur le château de la Meynardie

<https://chateaudelameynardie.com>



ARTISAN BOUTIQUES

with a distinctly retro feel

The town of Terrasson-Lavilledieu has switched its focus to showcasing the savoir-faire of the Périgord by encouraging artists and artisans to establish their businesses in the centre of town.



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The renaissance of a historic district

As a result, its medieval district has been transformed by attracting artists and artisans renowned for their expertise to the town's historic quarter on a long-term basis. As you wander through its squares and maze of narrow pedestrianised streets, you'll discover talented creative spirits in 18 small boutiques with a distinctly retro feel, ranging from glassblowers and ceramicists to furniture upholsterers and cutlery-makers.

Local & hand-made

A walking route has been created to ensure that you don't miss any of these charming boutiques with their 19C shop fronts. The artists and artisans chosen all work on-site and the doors of their workshops are open so that they can share their passion for their respective crafts with you via demonstrations and courses.

Chabatz d'entrar - come on in!

More information

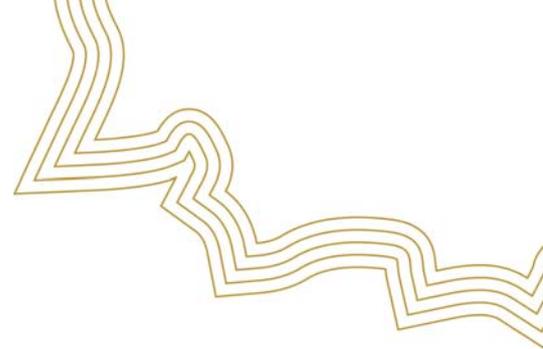
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www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr/experiences/decouvrir-terrasson-lavilledieu/



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