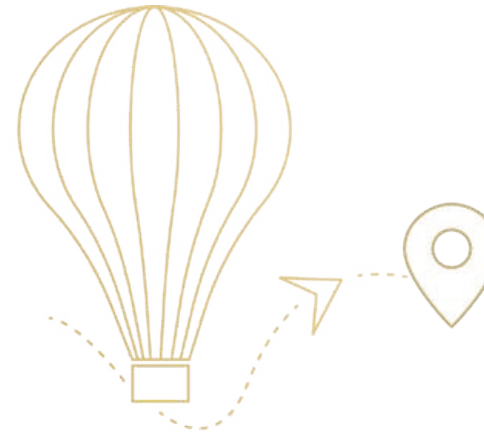


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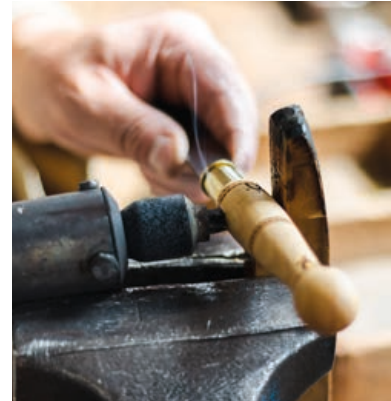
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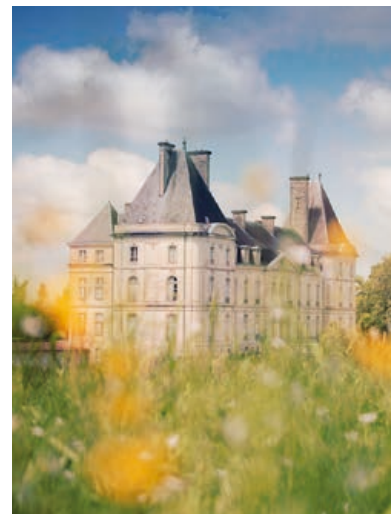


WHAT'S NEW IN DORDOGNE

IN 2025



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We provide the setting
you create the storyline...



GETTING TO 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 - 400 km
- Périgueux-Bordeaux on the A89 - 120 km



BY PLANE

Destination Bergerac

Ryanair : Bruxelles-Charleroi, Bristol, East Midlands, Bournemouth, Liverpool, Londres Stansted, Edimbourg.

Transavia : Rotterdam.

Jet2com : Leeds Bradford.

British Airways : London city, London Stansted.

Find more information on the Bergerac Airport website:

www.bergerac.aeroport.fr/en/

A real gem nestled in the heart of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region, the Dordogne Périgord destination owes its name to the river that flows through it (renowned for the quality and clarity of its waters, this river has been classified as a biosphere reserve by UNESCO). With its picturesque scenery, rich historical and prehistoric heritage (such as Lascaux), gastronomy and outdoor activities, it offers a complete tourist experience.

Thanks to its unspoilt landscapes, such as the Périgord-Limousin Regional Nature Park or the Vézère Valley, classified as one of the world's most beautiful landscapes, the Vézère Valley is an ideal place to explore.

With its status among the "Grands Sites de France" and its temperate climate, this vast region meets today's demand for active holidays and eco-responsible tourism. The development of "soft mobility" in the form of cycle routes and "greenways" is underway, and many accommodation sites are making efforts to minimise their impact on the environment.

The Dordogne Périgord is much more than just a tourist destination: it's an unforgettable journey that will awaken your senses, enrich your spirit and leave you with lasting memories. We look forward to sharing the hidden treasures of our region with you.



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The Dordogne Périgord destination
strives to become more inclusive





France's 3rd largest department by area, the destination is located in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region, 1.5 hours from Bordeaux and 2.5 hours from the Atlantic Ocean via the A89 motorway.

NATURE

- No. 1 destination for leisure canoeing.
- 1 river classified as a biosphere reserve: The Dordogne.
- 1 "Grand Site de France": the Vézère valley.
- 1 Regional Nature Park: PNR Périgord Limousin.
- 3 national and 8 regional cycle routes.
- 7 Major walking routes.
- 2 Via ferrata.
- 32 parks and gardens, including 16 which are classified as "outstanding".



HERITAGE

- 15 prehistoric sites listed as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO
- 1 Prehistory Interpretation Centre
- 1 Centre International d'Art Pariétal: Lascaux 4
- 3 "Art and History" towns
- 10 villages, listed as "Most Beautiful Villages in France"
- 5 Villages stamped "Small Cities of Character"
- 1001 castles and manor houses
- 1 Pôle Expérimental des Métiers d'Art



OENOAGSTRONOMY

- 7 AOCs in the Bergerac vineyard.
- 1 AOC Cognac, in the communes of Parcou-Chenaud, La Roche-Chalais and Saint-Aulaye-Puymangou.
- 1 Noix du Périgord PDO.
- 1 PGI for Périgord foie gras, Périgord strawberries and Périgord chicken.
- 1 red label for marron du Périgord.
- 14 controlled markets dedicated to Périgord black truffles.





JANUARY - FEBRUARY

- 18 and 19 January: **Truffle festival / Jean Rougié Trophy in Sarlat** - www.sarlat-tourisme.com
- From 24 to 26 January: **"Truffe en Folie" at Sorges-Ligueux**. www.tourisme-grandperigueux.fr

MARCH

- 1 and 2 March: **Sarlat Goose Festival**
- 22 March: **"40 years of History in the Present" at Château de Castelnaud** - Day of events focusing on weapons and know-how from the Middle Ages. A historic parade is also planned for the occasion - www.castelnaud.com
- From 29 March to 6 April: **Exhibition "A la crotz daus chamins / A la Croisée des Chemins" in Nontron**. Showcasing the 'Grande boucle du Parc, Vaque veire' itinerary by nine Métiers d'Art designers.

APRIL

- From 19 to 28 April: **2nd edition of the Dordonha Odyssey**. A traditional gabarre will sail down the River Dordogne from Vayrac (Lot) to Branne (Gironde). This event takes us back to the history of the "gabarres" and "gabarriers". www.odyssee-dordonha.fr
- From 19 April to 04 May: **5th edition of Châteaux en Fête**. www.chateauxenfete.com

- From 25 to 27 April: **Winstock festival #3 in Monestier**. www.winstockfestival.fr

MAY

- From 20 to 23 May: **"Val Natura en Périgord" in Montpon**.
- From 23 to 25 May: **Jazz pourpre in Bergerac**. Photo exhibition by Florent PACAUX, linked to the festival at the Centre Culturel Michel MANET in Bergerac - www.jazzpourpre.com

- 24 and 25 May : **Ultra rando Cyclo La Périgourdine (Tour de la Dordogne - Dordogne Cycling Tour)** - www.laperigordine.fr

JUNE

- 14 June : **"Brantomobile" festival in Brantôme-en-Périgord** Gathering of vintage vehicles and motorbikes: exhibition, parade through the village of Brantôme-en-Périgord. <https://brantomobile.fr>

JULY - AUGUST

- July to December: **Exhibition by Bernard Pras at the Pôle d'interprétation de la Préhistoire in Les Eyzies**. From the origins of man to the present day: a previously unseen monumental work in the Vézère valley - www.pole-prehistoire.com/fr
- From 29 to 31 August: **10th edition of Vintages Days in Périgueux** www.perigueuxvintagedays.com

OCTOBER

- Mid October: **Salon des Metiers d'Art le NAMMA à Terrasson**. www.metiers-art.com/salon-des-metiers-d-art-NAMMA
- 11 and 12 October: **Hike weekend "La Rondes des Villages en Pays de Fénelon"** - www.larondedesvillages.com/
- End of October: **Salon Rue des métiers d'Art à Nontron**. <https://metiersdartperigord.fr/>

NOVEMBER

- From 4 to 8 November: **34th édition of Festival du Film de Sarlat** - <https://festivaldufilmdesarlat.com>
- Mid-November: **20th edition of the Festival du Livre Gourmand in Périgueux** - <https://livregourmand.perigueux.fr/>



THESE CRAZY CASTLE ENTHUSIASTS

are saving the jewels of our heritage!

It may seem like a crazy bet...!
 Whether it's to make a childhood dream come true or thanks to an inheritance, a passion for heritage or to invest in old stones... they've embarked on the restoration of a historic Périgord monument!

A thunderbolt for Château de Fayolle in Tocane Saint Apre

That's how Grégory and Florence Mangeret felt about this former home of the Marquis de Fayolle, the tenth and last of this illustrious Périgord family. They have set about breathing new life into this eighteenth-century monument (modified in the nineteenth century), which houses a period theatre, sumptuous salons, numerous bedrooms and a chapel.
 From the 2025 season onwards, they will be keen to present this historic residence through dramatised tours, the Marquise Ball, candlelit concerts and a major immersive show.

Believe in your childhood dreams & live an exceptional adventure

When Nicolas de Laage de Meux discovered the ruins of Château de l'Herm in Rouffignac-Saint-Cernin-de-Reilhac, he decided to save it. He will become its owner in 2020. This flamboyant Gothic-style building (16th c.), a place of history and intrigue for the Jacquou le Croquant novel, was listed as a Historic Monument in 2022. Its restoration has been awarded a prize by the Bern Heritage Mission as a "2024 Emblematic Project for New Aquitaine". You can see how the project is progressing during the European Heritage Days and the "Châteaux en fête" festival. It is scheduled to open to the public in 2028.

D'autres amoureux du patrimoine local peuvent témoigner de leur chantier :

- Étienne Cluzel, the owner of Château le Paluel in Saint-Vincent de Paluel
- Rémi Starckmann, owner of Château de Salignac in Salignac-Eyvigues

More information

www.chateau-de-fayolle.com/

Château de l'Herm - Contact : Mr De Laage de Meux - Tél. 06 07 08 03 54





THE CASTLES OF PÉRIGORD, film and TV figures?

Famous for having hosted the filming of Ridley Scott's "Last Duel" and the romantic comedy "Ever After: A Cinderella Story", the destination is attracting more and more film-makers for its real-life settings. With their keeps, moats and drawbridges, the castles of the Périgord region play a starring role on the silver screen.

A funny casting for composition roles

The castles of Fénelon, Beynac, Hautefort, Jumilhac, etc., are particularly notable. They have become the "stars of Périgord" for historical films. Witnesses to the tormented past of the Dordogne, they have been the scene of many events. Thanks to the support provided by Ciné-Passion and its film shooting office, film-makers are more than happy to use this unspoilt architecture for their film and series projects.

Red carpet for Château de Biron

Between film shoots and art exhibitions, it has become a cultural mecca in the heart of the Périgord bastides. It is continuing to safeguard its heritage, with the acquisition of 2 reproductions of works of art from the XVIth century: The "Entombment of Christ" and the "Pietà of the Donors" will be returned to their rightful place in the château chapel. These will not be the originals, owned by the Met Museum in New York, but copies reproduced identically by the Ateliers des Fac-similés du Périgord in Montignac.

More information

<https://cine-passion24.com>

<https://chateau-biron.fr>





WE'RE STILL GROWING in Bergerac

Following the opening of Dordonha, an Architecture and Heritage Interpretation Centre in the Petite Mission district of the town, which has been classified as a place of "Art and History", the town has set itself the task of raising visitors' awareness of the theatre. Not just anyone can be Cyrano de Bergerac!

Tis a peak.. Tis a cape! Forsooth, it's a cape? ... Tis a peninsula!

Edmond Rostand

Until now, no museum space has been devoted to the character of Cyrano. Since June 2024, a permanent scenography called the "Cyrano Experience" has joined the micro-folie and the space dedicated to wines at Quai Cyrano. This new connected and immersive space covering more than 300 m² on the second floor of the Quai Cyrano is based on the play "Cyrano de Bergerac". Thanks to the scenography and virtual actors, visitors can immerse themselves in the world of this musketeer and let themselves be transported by the theatrical adventure.

The set design follows the acts of Edmond Rostand's play

On this tour, you can learn more about the genesis of this masterpiece, the history of France through the Musketeers and the Cadets of Gascony, and the art of 'eating well' with Cyprien Ragueneau.

Cyrano de Bergerac is one of the most iconic characters in French literature. Created by Edmond Rostand, this fictional character has eclipsed the man from whom he drew his inspiration: Savinien from Cyrano de Bergerac.



More information

www.quai-cyrano.com





FOCUS ON the art of the Garden

Created to accompany and reward a restoration or extension project, these dedicated garden awards bring benefits in terms of attractiveness. In Dordogne Périgord, 2 "Remarkable Gardens" (out of 16 awarded the label) have benefited from their help to showcase the diversity of the world of gardens.



Les jardins de Sardy, winner of the "Jardin patrimoine d'Aquitaine" award 2024

The jury rewarded the boldness of the Sardy gardens project in Vélines. Ninon IMBS, the site's owner, has designed an ambitious project based around a new "sensory garden": a 250-metre perspective with a succession of gardens and ponds enlivened by fountains. This poetic walk will take you through a garden of scents, an Italian garden, an olive grove planted with pink crepe myrtles (emblematic shrubs of southwest France), and then on to an undergrowth along a large half-moon-shaped lake. Ninon IMBS adds a new dimension to her garden.

A look back at the gardens of Château de Losse, winner of the "Art of Gardening" award

For its third edition (in 2022), this award devised by the Fondation Signature - Institut de France, in partnership with the French Ministry of Culture, went to the gardens of Château de Losse, in Thonac. The jury had been seduced by this Eden recreated at the end of the XXth century, evoking that of the 17th century, notably with delicate green rooms. The prize money will have been used to embellish the site, including the restoration of the "bath of the nymphs", a set of pools located to the north of the château.

More information

<https://jardinsdesardy.com>

www.chateaudelosse.com/les-jardins





“VIP” EXPERIENCES

offered by “Les Incontournables” Dordogne signature's club sites

In 2025, the cultural programme will be enriched by exclusive experiences.

Among the festivals, dramatised tours and other initiatives that are taking root, some are reinvented every year. New projects are being launched at the heart of the member sites of Club Signature Dordogne “Les Incontournables”.

“La Roche enchantée”, night walk at La Roque-Saint Christophe

The troglodyte city and fort, occupied since prehistoric times, are draped in colour as night falls... This mapping showcases 16 tableaux of light over the 300m of the Grande Terrasse, the largest rock shelter in Europe. It's a poetic stroll through knights, fantastic animals and medieval lifting machines... a new and unique experience in Peyzac-le-Moustier! Plus points: The “Grande Terrasse” (April/May/June/September) can be hired for a Premium evening with tailor-made services, depending on the number of guests!

Behind the scenes at Castelnaud castle and Marqueyssac gardens

Two emblematic sites in the Dordogne valley are organising an exceptional day, orchestrated by the owner of the site, Mr Kléber ROSSILLON. This experience will give visitors privileged access to corners that are usually reserved for them. Visitors can explore the machicolations of the medieval fortress of Castelnaud in Castelnaud-la-Chapelle and admire the Allosaurus Kan in the Marqueyssac hanging gardens in Vézac.

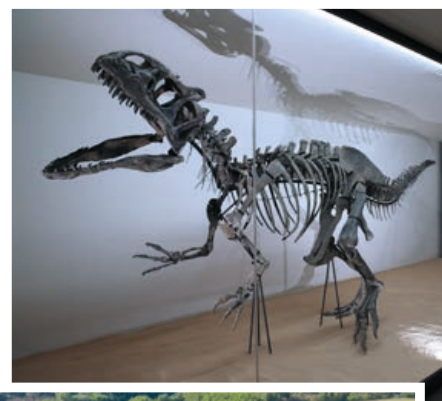
No fewer than 20 sites have signed up to this new “Must-See” project, initiated by the Dordogne CDT. They will be presenting their exclusive tours throughout 2025.

More information

www.roque-st-christophe.com/show-nocturne-la-roque-saint-christophe/

www.castelnaud.com

www.marqueyssac.com





EXHIBITIONS

to restore the richness of our prehistoric caves!

For conservation reasons, they cannot be opened to the public. In addition, 2 prehistoric caves in the Périgord allow prehistory enthusiasts to share their exceptional heritage through immersive exhibitions all year round.

The Grotte de Cussac has its own Interpretation Centre!

24 years after its discovery in 2000, this fragile jewel, listed as a Historic Monument, is now on show in a free exhibition at Le Buisson-de-Cadouin. Archives, never-before-seen testimonies, images... give an insight into this cave at its most beautiful: an engraved bestiary, female representations, abstract motifs, etc.

This exhibition features a focus on the challenges of scientific research, as well as two facsimiles produced by the Atelier des Fac-Similés du Périgord: the Discovery panel and one of the burials, Le Locus 2, reproduced to scale.

On the Lascaux 3 travelling exhibition, they say...

Although the destination has not yet been revealed, the date has been confirmed: 2026!

The Lascaux 3 exhibition, with its 8 rewritten and updated interactive modules, will be touring the world again. It will be equipped with a new panel dedicated to the emblematic bullring. This replica will be fully revealed by a scenographic projection and a spatialised soundscape. The year 2025 will be devoted to the manufacture of this wall by the Atelier des Facsimilés in Montignac

More information

www.lebuissondecadouin.fr/cip-de-la-grotte-de-cussac

www.lascaux-expo.fr





LIKE EATING OUT, but elsewhere!

Where can you experience culinary micro-tours in the land of gastronomy?
Here are 3 new ways to (re)discover the pleasures of taste
in an exotic setting. The idea is to share a memorable moment.

At the heart of a sturgeon farm in the Isle valley:

Caviar de Neuvic has opened a restaurant in its fish farm: Domaine Caviar de Neuvic. This exceptional new restaurant showcases Neuvic Caviar products in dishes prepared with passion and creativity by Chef Julien Haj. The menu changes with the seasons. It's a unique gastronomic experience.

On a farm in the Dordogne valley:

Co-Ri-Co is a contemporary project, in total harmony with nature, gastronomy and agriculture. Jérémy Peyrot has opened his restaurant in the heart of the family farm in Prats-de-Carlux. Modern cuisine is served here. Here, guests can sit down in the heart of the vegetable garden to discover its wood-fired cuisine.

In the middle of a Bergerac wine estate:

This summer, the château "Les Monderys", in Conne de la Barde, will be offering a lounge bar with terrace, and will be hosting a new concept devised by Marion Grenier: a chic country picnic. Around a table at ground level, decorated with natural flowers, she arranges cushions, chooses beautiful crockery... so that the guests can enjoy gourmet products in a magical setting. Marion from "Le Temps d'Un Pic Nic" continues her quest for exceptional places...

More information

<https://caviar-de-neuvic.com/parlons-caviar?p=7248-restaurant-le-domaine-caviar-de-neuvic>

www.co-ri-co.fr

<https://letempsdunpicnic.fr>





WHEN TABLE becomes destination

Conquering the taste buds!

2 former Michelin-starred chefs have followed the current trend: They have opened a guest house built around their gourmet restaurant. In this way, their cuisine is placed at the heart of the experience, rather than as an additional service.

"Le Domaine gastronomique Richard Lequet" in Atur

The gastronomic guest house at Val d'Atur has a chic, relaxed atmosphere. The cuisine concocted by Richard LEQUET, former Michelin-starred chef at L'Amphitryon in Limoges and a disciple of Alain Ducasse, is instinctive, inspired by the flavours of the seasons and the markets. With his partner, Cristina Paulo de Loureiro, he has taken over and renovated this mansion near Périgueux, to offer a unique gastronomic experience.

"La Brucelière" in Issigeac

In September 2023, Anthony and Marie Hardy decided to take up the challenge of continuing the Brucelière story by creating their own restaurant, based on traditional cuisine, and their guest house.

This former Michelin-starred chef from the "Le château de sable" restaurant in Porspoder worked for multi-starred chef Gordon Ramsay. Nowadays, his home cooking emphasises short supply chains. As for Marie, a former palace housekeeper, she manages the 5 bedrooms, which they have renovated themselves, all year round.

More information

www.richardlequet.fr

<https://labruceliere.fr>





GOURMET OR WINE TOURISM EXPERIENCES, a history of sharing!

The art of cooking is an integral part of the intangible cultural heritage of the Périgord. New initiatives linked to the gastronomy and wine of Bergerac have been launched to offer a multi-sensory approach to the region. From nature... to the plate!

The Sarlat Food Tour "Classic" or the "Gastro"?

Julien Planès, an enthusiast who brought the concept back from South America, offers two options for this new gourmet tour. This 5-hour itinerary through the heart of the medieval city will give you the chance to learn more about local specialities, while discovering the city's historic heritage. This gourmet experience includes a meal in a Périgord restaurant, sharing know-how and meeting local traders and producers.

Visit, taste and play at "Domaine de Perreau" in Saint Michel de Montaigne

On the Bergerac Wine Route, Gaëlle Reynou Gravier cultivates 28 hectares of vines in the Montravel appellation (certified organic wines). From June to September, it offers its wine tourism activities to invite visitors to come and meet it. Step inside Domaine de Perreau and you'll find a biodiversity discovery trail, a cellar tour, tastings in the beautiful cellar, summer evenings... and a new Escape Game on the farm!

Take part in an "ASSEMBLY" workshop at the "Domaine de Grange Neuve" in Pomport

How does it work? Everyone assembles their own red wine cuvée and leaves with their creation in a bottle with a personalised label! From November to June, this 3-hour experience always concludes with a tasting of the estate's organic wines and grape juices. In 2025, the estate is also launching a new 360-degree immersive tour of the profession of winegrower.



More information

www.sarlatfoodtour.com

<https://domainedeperreau.com/oenotourisme-vignoble-bio-bergerac-montravel>

www.grangeneuve.fr





THE RETURN of the "ginguettes"

Part of our cultural heritage, these cabarets-restaurants and popular balls of the "Belle Époque" almost disappeared... and the art of living that goes with it! These days, it's not just the guinguettes on the banks of the Marne that are having fun - the ones in the Dordogne valley are too!

Today's "Guinguette" style

A bucolic setting, a relaxed atmosphere and high standards in terms of product quality

After 20 years at the helm of the gourmet restaurant "Château des Merles", chef Bas Holten has opened his own restaurant in Creysse, overlooking the River Dordogne. Thanks to Lissy Holten's finds of old crockery, the décor brims with authenticity.

Committed to responsible cooking, Bas Holten works closely with local producers. He sometimes surprises his guests with catfish, a little-known fish, offering daring culinary creations that respect nature.

La Guinguette "Chez Georgette"

Rural setting, authentic atmosphere and emphasis on local produce

On the outskirts of Sarlat, Florian Veyret has transformed the family estate, set in the middle of sunflower fields, into a real place to live. Here, in a pastoral setting, everyone can enjoy unique facilities such as the wooden games created by his grandfather and the petanque courts.

The restaurant, named after his great-grandmother, also stands out for its cuisine, which focuses on fresh, local produce such as trout, local charcuterie and regional cheeses. It's a must for anyone looking for simplicity.

More information

www.restaurant-daujourd'hui.fr

<https://chezgeorgette.com/la-guinguette>





MICRO-ADVENTURES,
immersion in the great outdoors!

You don't need to travel to the other side of the world to experience unforgettable moments.
In 2025, the Dordogne valley can be explored at the speed of an electric scooter.
And the nature of the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord Limousin can be admired at the pace of sled dogs.

Electric scooter ride in the Dordogne valley

With Trott'in Périgord, you can now set off from the Saint Vincent de Cosse leisure centre to discover the local Périgord heritage, on one of Sur-Ron's latest-generation 100% electric all-terrain scooters.

After a brief introduction to this new activity in the walnut groves, Frédéric BOUTRY leaves you free to set off on an excursion. An app-based route map is provided so you can set off to conquer the medieval castles of the Dordogne Valley.

Mushing with "Moment Nordique", in the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord-Limousin

At Soudat, Julien Lafargue, a qualified musher driver of sled dogs, provides a true experience along with his sled dogs in the form of a walk or a 'cani-kart' experience. For his outings, he uses a go-kart for 2-4 people, rather than the emblematic sleigh, pulled by a pack of Husky dogs (with the runners replaced by wheels).

For those who enjoy lively walks, Julien organises 'dog-walks' for small groups. This "single dog" activity allows you to move effortlessly along the trails, pulled by your four-legged companion of the moment using a belt and a line.

More information

www.trott-in-perigord.com

www.momentnordique.com



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IN SEARCH of the "Slow-life"

Here are the new eco-responsible accommodations that are becoming the key to an all-round holiday experience: You can relax here, discover the local culture and soak up the soothing atmosphere of the Périgord Vert.



Luxury and relaxation at the Domaine du Bandiat

This project to create 6 luxury forest suites in the woods and a restaurant at Abjat-sur-Bandiat is the result of a meeting between a Parisian hotelier, a tourism professional and a chef from the Périgord region. In the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord Limousin, this former campsite has become a top-of-the-range, eco-responsible estate on a human scale, with eco-designed cabins named after grandmothers, around the "BANDIAT" restaurant, which serves creative cuisine based on local produce. To extend the on-site experience, the owners have planned to open a wellness section with a SPA, yoga courses, health trails and forest baths.

Home Chic dans les Prés, an eco-lodge for sleep tourism

In the Auvézère gorges, Jessica and Jean-Marc's "Petit étang" eco-lodge is the first of 6 serenity refuges created to recharge your batteries. Set in a 12-hectare private estate with three ponds, this confidential address with 360° views of nature is integrated into its surroundings. It offers a high level of comfort and sustainable practices, thanks to the use of natural materials and eco-responsible management. Guests can extend their exclusive experience with optional services, such as a massage, a yoga session, a home chef...

More information

www.domainedubandiat.com/

<https://homechicdanslespres.com>





AS THE WATER flows...

The Dordogne, Vézère, Auvézère, Dronne and Isle rivers form part of the hydrographic network that makes up the basin classified by UNESCO as the "Dordogne Basin Biosphere Reserve". Each has its own unique wildlife, flora, and landscape. They offer a breath of fresh air and unique 'nature' activities.

The Duellas gabarre sails the Isle once again

Although the traditional flat-bottomed boats are symbols of the emblematic figures of the Dordogne River, there was a boating activity on the Isle River, between Périgueux and Libourne, especially during the first half of the 19th century. In Saint Martial d'Artenset, there's one that's still holding out! After a few repairs, the Moulin de Duellas gabarre resumed sailing. Thanks to the Association "Du Côté du Duellas", it offers a tranquil walk in the heart of unspoilt nature, passing over a manual lock (unique in Périgord!)

Slow combo in the Vézère Valley

From Le Bugue, the "Canoë du Bournat" canoe base offers an ideal combination of low-carbon escape, on this still-wild river, and which is one of the great canoeing classics. The walks combine different types of transport for an experience as close to nature as possible, both autonomous and supervised: depending on your preferences, you can walk and canoe, trail bike and paddle, or electric bike and canoe.

Regenerative" tourism in Brantôme-en-Périgord

Damien MAREAU, owner of "Brantôme canoe", will create a "clean river" water ride open to all and free. This activity will take place at the beginning of the season and again at the end.

More information

www.moulin-duellas.fr

www.canoe-perigord.com/en/

www.brantomecanoe.com



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BIKE TOURING IN PÉRIGORD

trends in 2025

The Dordogne Périgord is a fantastic option for those who like to get around on 2 wheels. As well as tranquillity and nature, it offers total immersion in the varied landscapes and local culture. New outdoor adventures are in store again this year!



One wheel in the Massif Central and the handlebars in the Aquitaine Basin

The 'Loop à vélo des enfants du Pays' (Children's Cycling Loop) is a cycling tourism route through the Occitan countryside. There are no signposts, but a step-by-step route and a track can be downloaded from the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord Limousin website. You'll need to spend between 3 and 6 days cycling as a family to discover this unspoilt region, through the valleys of the Périgord, the Limousin bocage and the chestnut forests.

Plus points: It is connected to public transport (train and bus) and greenways.

Crossing the Vallée de l'Homme by bike

Listed as a "Grand Site de France", this valley is famous for its major prehistoric sites, its landscapes of agricultural plots and its steep cliffs. Cyclists can now explore it by following one of the 2 routes available: The green route (23km) between Les Eyziez and Saint-Chamassy; this safe, flat route runs alongside the River Vézère, passing through the villages of Le Bugue and Limeuil.

And the Véloroute (37km) between Les Eyziez and Coly, which is more hilly and passes along secondary roads, is a route for more experienced sports enthusiasts.

More information

www.pnr-perigord-limousin.fr/decouvrir-le-parc/randonnees-velos-et-balades/boucle-des-enfants

www.lascaux-dordogne.com/a-voir-a-faire/randonnees/voie-verte-de-la-vallee-vezere





INVITATION TO SHARE

time regained

Where to chill out away from the crowds? Two 'nugget' addresses have just opened their doors to offer a rejuvenating break in the Pays des Bastides. They combine the typical Périgord way of life with charm, peace and relaxation in the heart of nature...

Rent a guest house at **Domaine la Jolie Vie**

In Cadouin, Karine and David Jaulin have renovated and transformed an old tobacco farmhouse into a haven of peace, conviviality and elegance, an invitation to reconnect with nature. Their four apartments, arranged around a central square, offer shared living spaces. Every detail, from the meticulous decor to the on-site welcome, contributes to a unique experience. Guests can even purchase decorative items to add to their memories! Concerned about the environment, the owners are aiming to obtain a refuge label for the Ligue de Protection des Oiseaux (League for the Protection of Birds) or for wildlife.

La Maison Lou Viradis, Home sweet home

Having fallen in love with the architecture of the Périgord region, Laurent & Aurélie Mazurek left everything (in the Yonne) to come and live in Saint-Agne. Here, they have brought a farmhouse dating back to 1795 back to life, to realise their dream of creating a bed and breakfast. To make the dovecote in which it is housed more enchanting, they have done everything themselves, from renovation work to decoration. It features the warm and welcoming world of Aurélie, who currently has 40,000 followers on Instagram. Tastefully decorated, this historic venue welcomes guests in search of authenticity and serenity. Other projects will follow, such as a gîte in the estate's former pigsty.



More information

www.lajolievie.fr/fr

www.instagram.com/louviradis





NEW HOTEL OWNER

new atmospheres

Like every year, there are rumours of new hotel acquisitions and conversions in the Dordogne Périgord region. Here are the latest developments

4* hotel "Le Château de Maraval" in Cénac-et-Saint-Julien

With its 8 comfortable rooms and 2 suites, outdoor pool and SPA area, this former luxury guest house has been transformed into a small 4* hotel. This historic 15th century residence, with its contemporary interior, reinvents the charming hotel business south of the bastide town of Domme. Its small number of rooms, custom-decorated by local craftsmen, creates an intimate and elegant atmosphere. Equipped with a bar, the hotel also offers small-scale catering with quality local produce.

Bonus: on-site massage and concierge service.

Hotel "Le Relais du Soleil d'Or", a renaissance

Closed since 2022, the hotel-restaurant "le Relais du Soleil d'or" has been renovated to become "le Relais de Montignac", in the heart of the village of Montignac. Bought by Patrice Garnier, this 30-key establishment has redesigned its rooms to a 3* category. The latter have been renovated to give them a contemporary design.

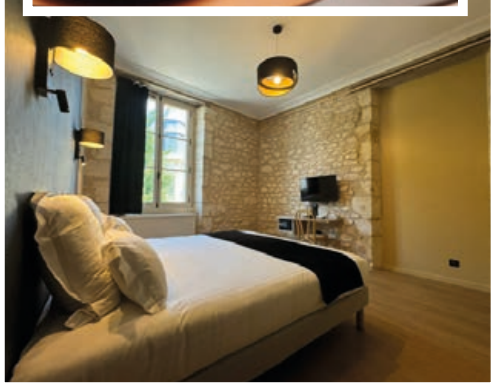
Although transformed, the "Relais de Montignac" has retained its restaurant, which offers a finely revisited seasonal and local cuisine.

Bonus: a swimming pool in the heart of the village.

More information

<https://chateaudemaraval.com/>

www.relaisdemontignac.com





SLEEPING IN A CASTLE, a french lifestyle

Many of us dream of spending at least one night in one of these historic buildings! Known for its 1001 castles, this destination is home to a host of timelessly elegant residences that invite you to experience château life... in the 21st century.

Château de Monsac, a journey through 6 centuries of history

This 15th century historic monument located in Monsac, near Périgord's famous bastides has stood the test of time. Frédéric and Fabienne Delibie have turned it into a plush guest house with 4 spacious suites, each with its own swimming pool and sauna, where simplicity and disconnection reign supreme. There's no television here... just the internet! Plus: luggage storage and an evening wine bar featuring local produce.

Château Le Repos, comfort at the heart of the Bergerac vineyards

In Rouffignac-de-Sigoulès, "Château Le Repos" is an old mansion restored as a guest house with 4 magnificent air-conditioned bedrooms. Hugo and Estelle Norris have given this building a new lease of life, like the furniture they find, with a modern touch. This family château, which can be privately rented just for you, is synonymous with relaxation, whether around the swimming pool or amongst the citrus trees in the Orangery.

Château La Carrière, an estate steeped in multicultural heritage

This 19th century building has been shaped by its various owners, helping to enrich the place, blending elegance and exoticism.. With its 8 spacious rooms, La Château La Carrière welcomes mini-groups in an enchanting setting. This estate offers access to a seminar room, swimming pool, bar, cinema room, sports room, jacuzzi, etc. for anyone looking for an unforgettable stay.



More information

www.chateaudemonsac.com

www.facebook.com/chateaulerepos

www.chateaulacarriere.com





THEY'RE BANKING ON THE CONTEMPORARY OR PREMIUM spa cabin

Design and clean lines aren't just for city buildings! In the Dordogne-Périgord region, a number of projects are being developed that are giving rise to original landscapes. They've given a new lease of life to the traditional tree house.

The Domaine du Pech éternel, an unusual interlude

A few minutes from Sarlat, in a forest of oaks and pines, Jessica and Guillaume Joly have designed a unique holiday village, combining contemporary design with relaxation. As well as master bedrooms with terraces, guests can personalise their experience by choosing between two types of unconventional accommodation: cabins or lodges with private spas. Situated at the highest point in the commune, the Pech Eternel estate offers breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding area. Plus: a reception/seminar room, a terrace under a Berber tent with a bistro area and a swimming pool for socialising.

Domaine de la Tour des Vents, an intimate address

Perched on the gently sloping hillsides of the Monbazillac appellation vineyards, Domaine de la Tour des Vents invites you to experience a refined immersion in gastronomy and the art of living. Just a stone's throw from the Michelin-starred restaurant "La Tour des Vents", three room-lodges with Jacuzzis on the terrace blend harmoniously into the Tuscan landscape. These wooden chalets offer a serene retreat, combining natural beauty with understated sophistication. For a more traditional experience, 'Le Clos' embodies the luxury of a villa where four guest rooms with jacuzzi exude comfort and warmth in an intimate atmosphere.

More information

<https://lepecheternel.fr>

<https://domainedelatourdesvents.com>





THE NONTRON KNIFE

found on the best tables

Founded in 1928, this traditional company still employs around twenty cutlery makers to produce one of the oldest regional knives in France. Awarded the "Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant" (Living Heritage Company) label, it is committed to preserving cutlery-making expertise of Nontron, while offering the services of internationally renowned designers.

The "Creation" range from Nontronnaise Cutlery

The Manufacture has opened its doors to talented designers such as Christian Ghion, Olivier Gagnère, Eric Raffy, the design duo C+B Lefebvre, Stefania Di Petrillo and Odile Decq to reinterpret "France's oldest folding knife". Their imaginations have gone into the production of Nontron folding knives and table knives - exceptional objects, each with its own story. The original Nontron knife has a pyrographed boxwood handle that has been air-dried for at least four years before being worked.

Found on the best tables, here and abroad!

Périgord cutlery is showcased in local restaurants such as "Moulin du Roc", "Bandiat", "Les fresques", "O plaisir des sens" and "Le Vieux Logis". The quality of the materials and the care taken in the manufacture of these top-of-the-range products also appeal to Michelin-starred chefs. Partnerships with Gilles Goujou from "l'Auberge du Vieux Puits", Yannick Alleno from "la table de Pavie", the restaurant "les Trois gros"... have enabled us to create knives in their image.

This production method, which preserves the values of an age-old tradition, has also won over cordon-bleu chefs from other countries, notably Switzerland and the UK. Recently, 3 models of Nontron knives were specially selected for Argentinian chef Mauro Colagrecó's restaurant in London: the "Raffles London at The OWO".



More information

<https://coutellerie-nontronnaise.com/en/>



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WE LOVE ANGUS in duck country!

As a red meat lover, you will know that not all beef is the same!
 Coutancie beef is produced in the Périgord Vert region (since 1989), the Rolls Royce of cattle.
 And more recently, Angus beef, one of the most sought-after breeds by restaurateurs, after Kobe and Wagyu.



A huge crush on these cows

Passionate farmers Nicolas Blondel and Zélie Mourlhou have created the "Prairies de Laloubarie" in Eyvirat, near Brantôme-en-Périgord. This agroforestry farm project, with Angus cows fed exclusively on grass, began in 2022. Aberdeen Angus have been chosen for their hardiness, adaptability, docility and the marbling of their meat. This herd of 30 cows is reared outdoors, grazing all year round in 60 hectares of meadows and woodland.

These young farmers sell quality beef (castrated males aged at least 30 months) directly from the source. And to help people find out more about their profession and this breed of cattle from Scotland, they are opening the doors of their farm and offering an immersive tour of the herd. This is an opportunity to learn how to read and interpret the behaviour and language of cattle, and also to discover their working and training methods.

Others already followed in their footsteps...

Matthieu and Audrey, Angora goat farmers at "La Ferme des 4 Vents" in Peyrillac-et-Millac, have also chosen to introduce lowline cattle to their farm from 2019. They were the first in France to opt for these little black hornless cows from Australia. Like their ancestor, the Aberdeen Angus of Anglo-Saxon origin, these atypical cows are renowned for their excellent meat, hardiness and precocity.

More information

<https://les-prairies-de-laloubarie.fr>
www.france-lowline.fr/les-lowlines





GET IMMERSED

with the craftsmen

The Dordogne Périgord Tourist Offices are creating events and tours in their area to meet the craftsmen. Just like "La route des Métiers d'Art de Dordogne", these are real opportunities to discover local know-how.

In the studio as artists

Since 2005, Pascal Escoyez has been opening the doors of his "Studio Sphère" in Mauzens-et- Miremont. Usually reserved for artists, this iconic venue is now open to the public. It is now possible to discover the secrets of recording, mixing and post-production during exclusive visits, on request, as part of the "Savoir-faire au rendez-vous" offered by the Lascaux Dordogne - Vallée Vézère Tourist Office. A unique immersion in the creative world of music, in the heart of the Vézère Valley.

A combo of cycling and craft discoveries in Unexpected Périgord

For those motivated to cycle 88km through the Verteillac countryside! This new concept devised by the "Périgord inattendu" tourist offices promotes both local know-how and cycling in the Dronne valley. The cycling itinerary, of between 25 and 36km per day, can be adapted according to the cyclists' desires. This 3-day cycle tour highlights the art of living in the Périgord region, taking in the countryside and gastronomy of a truffle-grower, a walnut-oil producer, a goat-herder, a basket-maker, etc.

More information

<https://sphere-studio.com/>

www.perigordriberacois.fr/au-fil-de-vos-envies



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A HISTORY OF WINE, a history of heritage

Wine has stood the test of time like an immortal elixir, carrying with it the flavours of past centuries and family secrets. In the vineyards of Bergerac, a new generation of winegrowers has come to tell their story and pass on the best of their production.



Château Panisseau makes its mark in Thénac

Two young winegrowers, Claire Janoueix (daughter of Jean-Philippe Janoueix, owner-grower in Gironde) and Audouin d'Aboville (relative of the famous yachtsman Gérard d'Aboville), took over the management of this historic winegrowing operation in 2022, including a 12th-century château reworked.

With the support of oenologist Julien Belle, they are creating wines that combine modernity with the ancient know-how of dry white wine production, in the land of sweet wine. Today, their work goes beyond wine production. These young owners are committed to preserving the château, a unique heritage site in the Périgord, and bringing it to life through wine tourism activities and the creation of gîtes.

Domaine Albert de Conti is the fruit of a family tradition

On the oldest vines planted by their grandfather Albert in 1966, in Saint Julien d'Eymet, Guillaume and Paul, with the help of their friend Yann, created the Albert de Conti estate in 2021. This young winery is committed to innovation while respecting the wine-making traditions of the Bergerac appellation. With 45 hectares of certified organic vines, they make red, rosé and dry white wines, and even a natural sparkling wine. Their tasting cellar is open for visits and, of course, tastings.

Their produce is showcased at the gastronomic restaurants 'La Tour des Vents' in Monbazillac and 'Le Centenaire' in Les Eyzies.

More information

<https://chateaudepanisseau.com>

www.domainealbertdeconti.com/fr





THE DORDOGNE PÉRIGORD DESTINATION

strives to become more inclusive

More and more cultural sites are offering adapted access and guided tours for people with disabilities.

Accommodation, restaurants and leisure facilities are also introducing accessibility measures.

Focus on the "Tourism & Disability" label.

John and Eugénie Bost House in La Force, a place of meaning

This museum in the heart of the Dordogne valley tells the extraordinary human story of John Bost, a 19th-century clergyman who created an institution to serve the sick and disabled. Both historical and artistic, it presents creations made by the residents of the John BOST Foundation. Its immersive museum trail allows visitors to discover the history of the Foundation from the 19th century to the present day. Of course, it is particularly suitable for people with disabilities, with features such as enlarged print, magnifying glasses and tactile devices, but also thanks to the availability of the person hosting the event.

Each year a temporary exhibition is offered.

Outdoor activities for all

Thanks to the creation of a fitness trail in the municipal forest of Saint Felix-de-Villadeix, which has been awarded the "Tourism and Disability" label, sporting activities can now be practised free from discrimination. This innovative and inclusive project is called "Petra alta". It includes two fitness circuits of 450m and 850m. These courses are equipped with 19 facilities, some of which are specially designed for people with disabilities. The signposts are translated into Braille, and there are rest benches along the routes.

This unique initiative in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region allows adults and children, able-bodied and disabled, to take part in the same activity, in the heart of nature!



More information

<https://maisonbost.com>

www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr



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