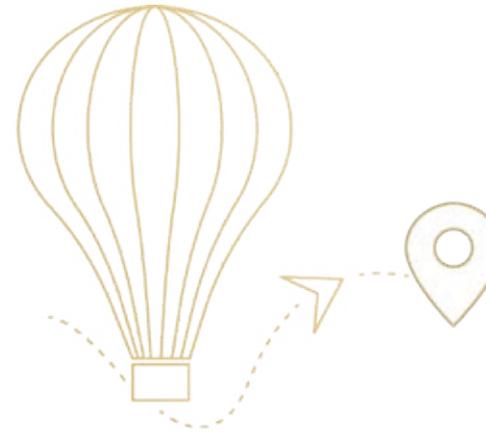


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WHAT'S NEW IN DORDOGNE IN 2026



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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 : Bristol, Bournemouth, Nottingham, 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/

The best of what France has to offer

A real treasure 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), exceptional gastronomy, terroirs and outdoor activities, it offers a complete tourist experience.

Thanks to its unspoilt landscapes, such as the Périgord-Limousin Regional Nature Park and the Vézère Valley, classified as one of France's "Grands Sites", and its temperate climate, this vast region meets today's demand for active holidays and eco-responsible tourism. We're seeing the development of soft mobility through cycle routes and greenways, and many accommodation establishments are redoubling their efforts to minimise their impact on the environment.

The Dordogne Périgord is much more than just a tourist destination: it's a journey to the Land of Emotions 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.

Dordogne Périgord bears witness to 400,000 years of history, from prehistory to the Middle Ages.



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France's 3rd largest département by area, the destination is located in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region, one and a half hours from Bordeaux and two and a half 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 Long-distance hiking routes.
- 2 Via ferratas.
- 32 parks and gardens, including 16 classified as "outstanding".



HERITAGE

- 15 prehistoric sites listed as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO
- 1 Prehistory Interpretation Centre
- 1 International Centre for Cave Art: Lascaux 4
- 3 "Art and History" towns
- 10 villages, classified as "France's most beautiful villages"
- 5 Villages with the "Small towns with character" label
- 1001 castles and manor houses
- 1 Experimental Centre for Artistic Crafts



OENOAGSTRONOMY

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



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JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH

- 17th and 18th January: **Truffle Festival in Sarlat** www.sarlat-tourisme.com
- From 30th January to 1st February: **"Truffles en Folie" (Truffles Gone Wild) in Sorges-et-Ligieux** www.tourisme-grandperigueux.fr
- From 7th February to 9th March: **"Février gourmand en Périgord Noir"** (Gourmet February in Périgord Noir) www.sarlat-tourisme.com
- 7th and 8th March: **Fest'Oie Sarlat (Sarlat Goose Festival)** www.sarlat-tourisme.com

APRIL - MAY - JUNE

- From 11th April to 3rd May: **6th edition of Châteaux en Fête.** www.chateauxenfete.com
- In April: **Transhumance day in the Vézère Valley**, organised by the Lo Randal freehold pastoral association. www.colysaintamand.fr/portfolio-items/association-fonciere-pastorale-libre/ (2026 is the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralism)
- In May: **36th edition of "Jazz Pourpre Périgord"** (Périgord Jazz Festival) - www.jazzpourpre.com
- From 18th to 22nd May: **"Val Natura en Périgord"** in Saint-Cyprien.
- From 5th to 7th June: **Prehistoric Rally**, organised by the Périgord Automobile Club www.facebook.com/AutomobileClubduPerigord
- 20th and 21st June: **Ultra rando Cyclo La Périgourdine ("Tour de la Dordogne" - cycling tour)** - www.laperigordine.fr

JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

- 11th July: **the 8th stage of the Tour de France passes through Dordogne Périgord** - Since 1952, the Tour has taken to the roads of Périgord 28 times.

- From 18th July to 3rd August: **74th Sarlat Theatre Games Festival** - www.festival-theatre-sarlat.com
- 1st and 2nd August: **30th Knife Festival in Nontron** <https://metiersdartperigord.fr/fete-couteau-salon-nontron/>
- 12th September: **Périgord Express** - www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088204811316
- 19th September: **Urban walking rally "La Pétracorienne" in Périgueux** - <https://perigueux.fr/perigueux-au-quotidien/animation/la-petrocorienne.html>

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

- Mid-October: **Salon des Metiers d'Art le NAMMA (craft fair) in Terrasson.** www.metiers-art.com/salon-des-metiers-d-art-NAMMA
- Mid-October: **37th edition of the Périgord Comics Festival, in Bassillac and Auberoche** - <http://bd-bassillac.com>
- 3rd weekend in October: **Vignobles en scènes (Wine tourism event)** - www.quai-cyrano.com/agenda/les-incontournables/vignobles-en-scene
- All Saints' Day holidays: **Bastides en Fête (Bastides in celebration)** - www.bastidesenfete.com
- End of October: **Salon Rue des métiers d'Art (craft exhibition) in Nontron** - <https://metiersdartperigord.fr/>
- From 3rd to 7th November: **35th Sarlat Film Festival.** <https://festivaldufilmdesarlat.com>
- Mid-November: **21st Festival du Livre Gourmand (Literary and food festival) in Périgueux.** <https://livregourmand.perigueux.fr/>
- From 1st December to 4th January: **The Périgord Noir Christmas Crib Route** - www.visites-en-perigord.com



ESSENTIAL SITES

to visit at least once

This year, the destination is inviting visitors to take a fresh look at a selection of emblematic sites, through immersive experiences, original itineraries, special moments and authentic exchanges

21 exclusive experiences that reinvent the tourist visit

Gone are the days of the "classics" tourist route! 21 sites grouped together in the "Club des Incontournables" are offering new formats. Their hook? They have opted for a different approach to discovering their site. On the menu: gastronomic rendezvous and sensory immersive experiences to offer unforgettable moments. At Château de Fayolle, visitors can become "Urbex"-style explorers, garden lovers can share a tête-à-tête with the owner of the Jardins du Manoir d'Eyrignac, or take part in a culinary workshop based around the 12th-century communal oven in the troglodytic village of La Madeleine.

Lascaux 4 celebrates a decade of prehistoric excitement

International Centre for Cave Art (or Lascaux 4) in Montignac is about to celebrate its 10th birthday. An exceptional programme is planned for the occasion. It will punctuate the entire 2026 season. To mark this anniversary, a number of new highlights are being planned: a new exclusive tour of this reproduction, original exhibitions - including one devoted to architecture - and a brand new immersive show taking place in the Immersion room

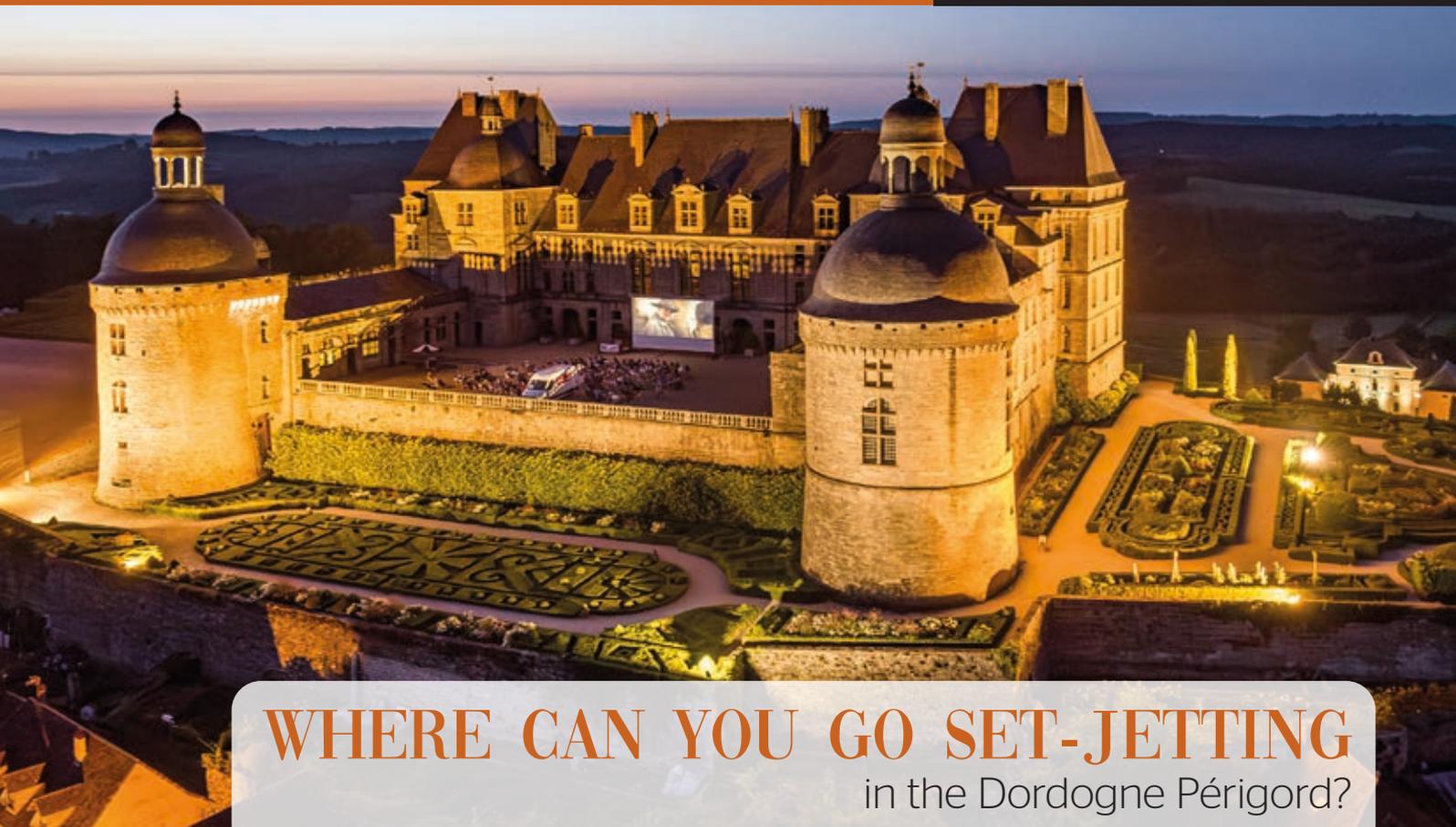
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www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr

<https://lascaux.fr/fr/lascaux-iv-fete-ses-10-ans>



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WHERE CAN YOU GO SET-JETTING in the Dordogne Périgord?

The preserved scenery (castles and villages) of the Dordogne Périgord region has long been a driving force in attracting visitors to the region. With 74 film shoots scheduled for 2024, the destination plays a central role in these cinematic adventures.

Ciné Passion, the film location office, takes a closer look at the places that are making films today



In the footsteps of King Arthur (Kaamelott 2 - part 1)

For his second opus, director Alexandre Astier chose to shoot scenes in iconic locations such as the Château de Jumilhac in Jumilhac-le-Grand (in the Périgord-Limousin Regional Nature Park), the Ruchalait forest and the Château de Commarque in Les Eyzies (in the heart of the Vézère Valley). These natural and historical settings have enabled them to recreate the unique atmosphere of the Kingdom of Logres, with its blend of mystery and medieval grandeur.

What if these historic sites were a source of inspiration for your next holiday?

Another cinematic location, another intriguing story

One of the "star castles of Périgord" is Hautefort in the Auvézère valley. For over 50 years, it has enjoyed a veritable love affair with the 7th Art. This classic 17th-century building has played host to a number of French and foreign film shoots ("Ever After", "The Death of Louis XIV", etc.). And, between takes, it has been updating these visits.

By 2026, the experience will be more immersive and multi-sensory. This new project uses a scenography based on period sounds, narrative voices, smells, lighting effects and holograms. This choice pays tribute to the venue's cinematic vocation.

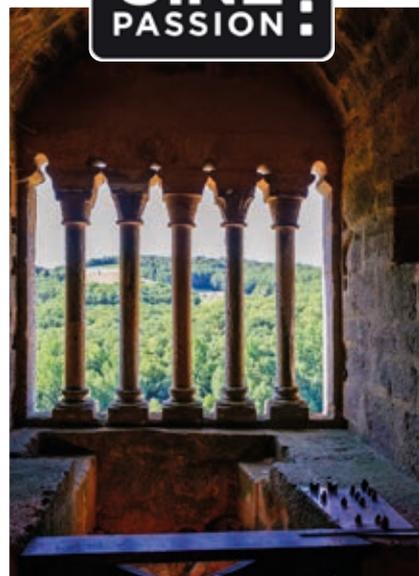
For more information

<http://chateaudejumilhac.com/fr/accueil>

<https://commarque.com>

<https://chateau-hautefort.com>

www.cine-passion24.com





PLACES THAT REMIND US of Claude Monet

In 2026, the French artistic programme will be marked by the centenary of the death of Claude Monet. At the mention of his name, anyone with a vague idea of what art is thinks of countryside landscapes and gardens. The Dordogne Périgord could have inspired this founder of French Impressionist painting.

The water lily pond at the Jardins d'Eau

If Claude Monet had known about Les Jardins d'Eau, he would no doubt have set up his easel in Carsac-Aillac. These "Remarkable Gardens" were created 25 years ago. Claude, Didier & Stevens BERNARD, self-taught Normans, created their Eden overlooking the river, guided by books and paintings by impressionists (such as Claude Monet). Today, lotuses and water lilies are surrounded by a profusion of exotic, tropical and rustic foliage.

Plus points: The aquatic labyrinth, an original creation, the only one of its kind in Europe.

In the footsteps of Claude Monet...

The destination was not one of Claude MONET's artistic journeys. Yet this "painter-gardener" came here on holiday. For three consecutive summers, he stayed at the "Château de Puymoger" in Javerlhac-et-la-Chapelle-Saint-Robert, to escape the rumours of his affair with a married woman, Alice Hoschedé.

At the invitation of the owner at the time, botanist Jean-Pierre Hoschedé (Alice's son) also visited this historic house several times to carry out research. Surrounded by parkland with trees over a hundred years old, Château de Puymoger has become a guest house where calm and serenity reign.



For more information

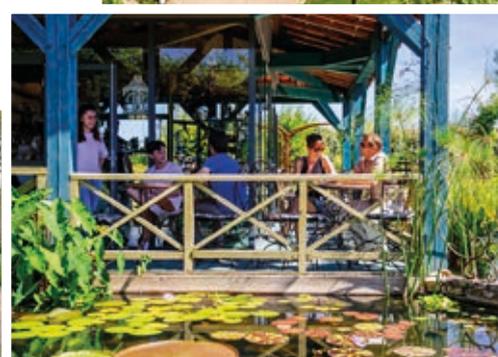
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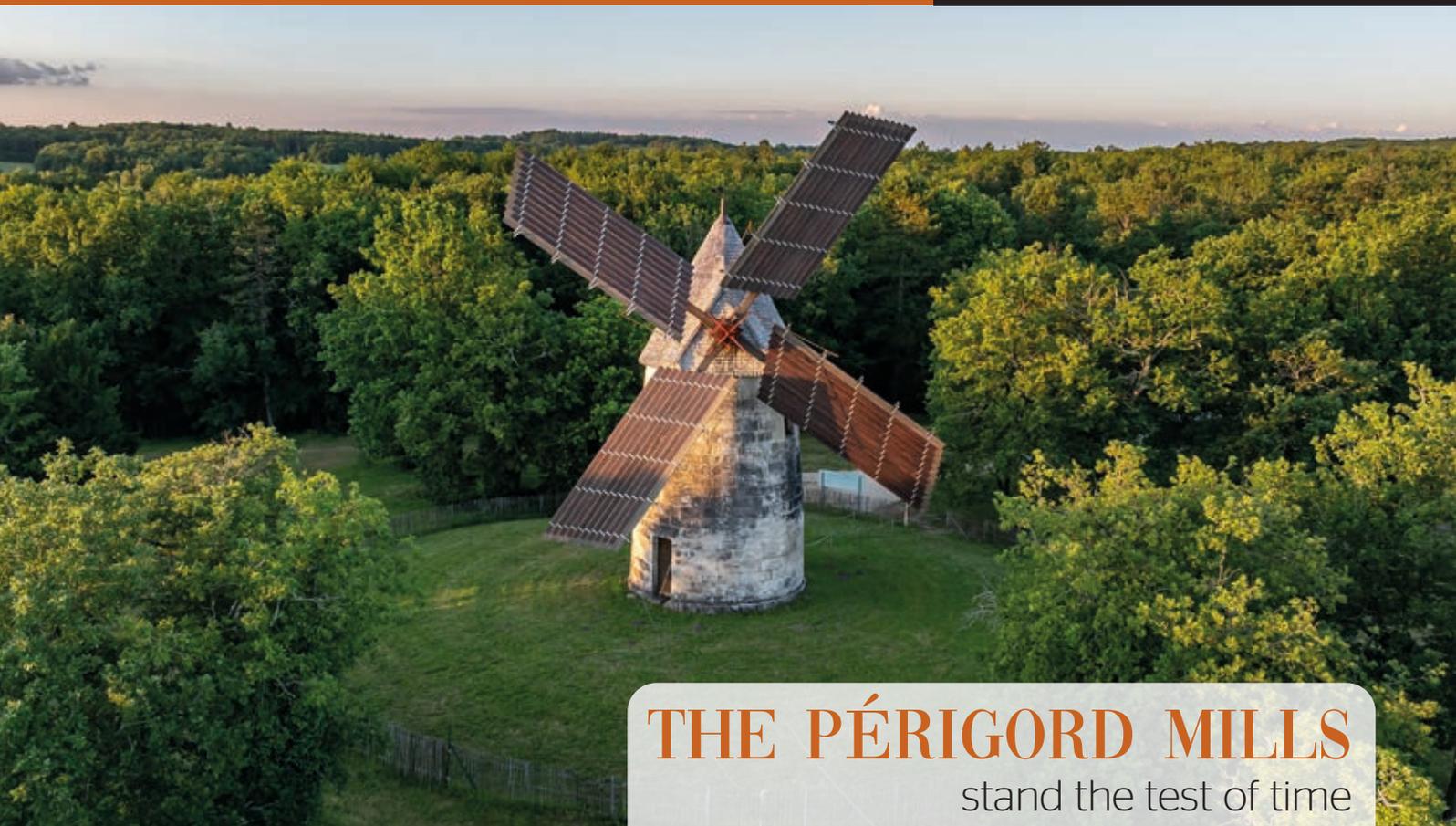
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THE PÉRIGORD MILLS

stand the test of time

Whether wind or water-powered, mills bear witness to our industrial past. Once essential to the work of farmers, this heritage (especially hydraulic in Dordogne Périgord) lends an indisputable charm to the Périgord countryside. While there were once 2,800 mills in operation, there are only around thirty left today!



2 weekends to discover the heritage of yesteryear

The Périgord Association of Friends of the Mills (APAM) is organising the “Moulins en Fête” (Mills in celebration) event, which will take place in two stages: in May, as part of the European “Mill May”, and at the end of June. It's a unique opportunity to discover this little-known heritage, which is the Dordogne's third greatest treasure after its castles and churches. Beyond the festivities, this event is a reminder of the importance of preserving these jewels. Many of these mills have been saved from ruin by private owners who invest time and energy in restoring them.

The miller at the Salles mill never sleeps!

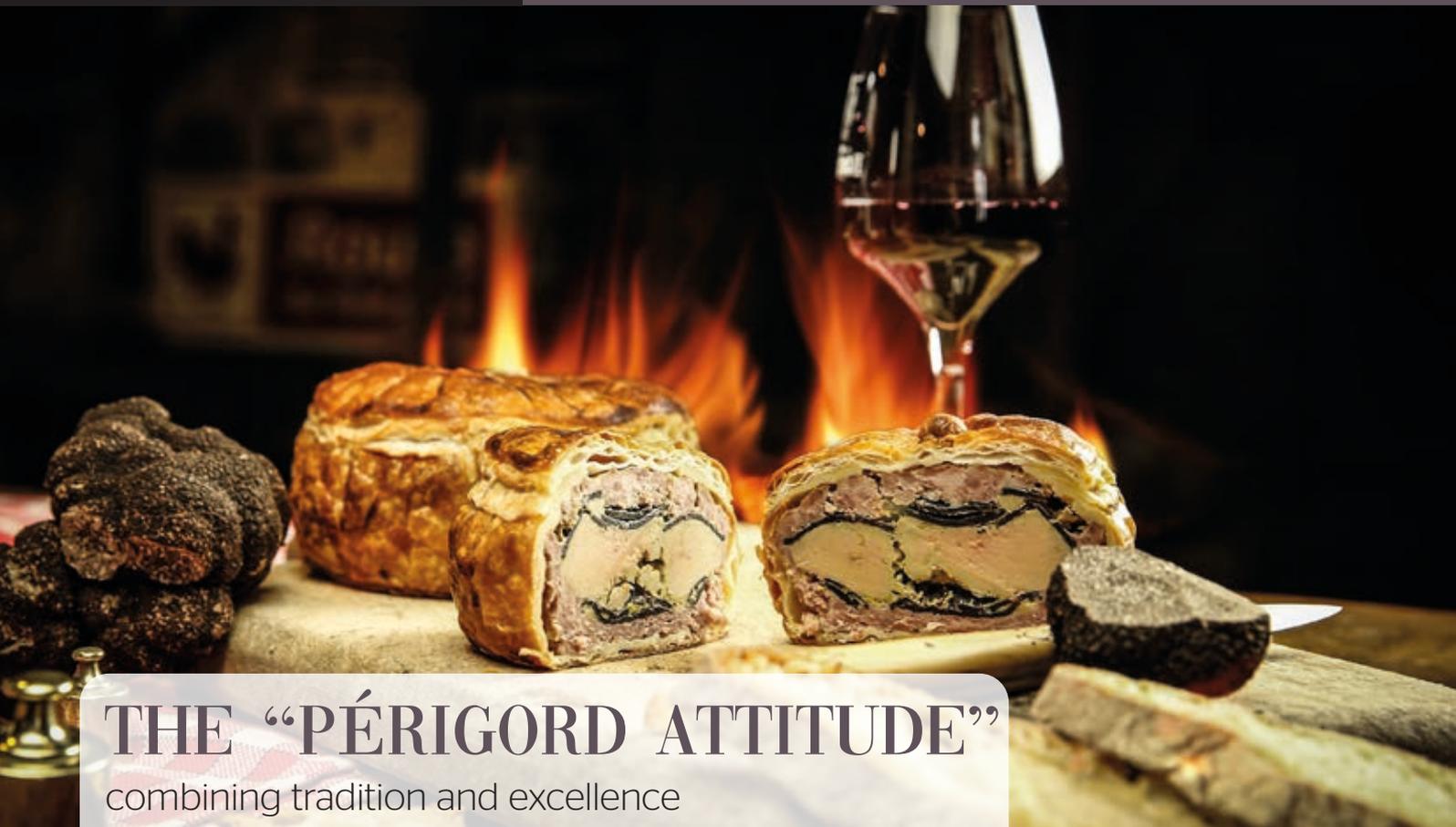
Sylvie Berardi and the association “Friends of the Salles Mill” are working to restore the Salles watermill. To preserve this rural heritage dating back to the 19th century, their actions include renovation work approved by the Fondation du Patrimoine and a host of cultural activities to bring the site to life during the summer season (concerts, courses, yoga classes, exhibitions, etc.). As well as planning to relaunch the production of walnut flour and oil, this collective also wants to make the site a model of clean, sustainable energy thanks to a future hydroelectric project.

For more information

<https://moulins-en-perigord.fr/moulins-en-fete-edition-2025>

<https://moulinesalles.fr>





THE “PÉRIGORD ATTITUDE”

combining tradition and excellence

More than a concept, the Périgord attitude is a way of life. The ambassadors of the “Club des Iconiques” have understood this! They’re riding the current food trend of immersive meals and storytelling to promote local produce. How to reinvent the gastronomic escapade and elevate it to an art form.

Gastronomic experiences and the “Club des Iconiques” go hand in hand

A new collective was formed at the end of 2025, bringing together 18 members with a shared commitment: to fly the flag for Périgord gastronomy in 2026. Périgord black truffles, foie gras and Bergerac wines are just some of the culinary delights on offer, in five exceptional establishments (4- and 5-star hotel-restaurants).

The aim of this initiative, guided by the highest standards, the art of handicraft and human values, is to create sensations that awaken the taste buds. Guests will be immersed in the art of Périgord living. Here, we cultivate the subtle art of good eating and the simple pleasure of traditional local cuisine.

2026: 16th Palmes d’or du Périgord awards

Created by the Association Foie Gras du Périgord, this “Foie Gras” competition has been twinned for the last five years with “Truffles en Folie” (Truffles Gone Wild), scheduled this year for 31st January in Sorges-et-Ligueux.

The competition features 30 to 40 farmhouse and artisanal foies gras. Whether whole duck or goose, with or without truffles, the foies gras are assessed blind by an eclectic panel of judges. This event showcases the expertise associated with the Foie gras du Périgord PGI. The winners receive trophies in the shape of golden palms, a nod to the Cannes Film Festival.



For more information

www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr

www.foiegras-perigord.com





IN THE HEART OF PÉRIGORD

the black truffle cultivates an air of mystery

Around 1,500 truffle-growers in Périgord (members of the FDTP) pass on the delicate art of truffle-growing. Combining ancestral know-how and an innovative educational approach, you can meet the men and women who carry on this tradition. How do you tame this legendary mushroom, from truffle field to plate?

Meeting with a truffle-growing gardener

Following in the footsteps of Dr Louis Pradel, author of the legendary Manuel de Trufficulture (1914) - still regarded as the bible for truffle-growers - Jean Garcia has decided to offer tours of his self-contained truffle-fields, which have a "high educational value". His project for a "productive aesthetic garden" is intended to be educational: Each visit becomes an immersion in the world of the Périgord black truffle, guided by an enthusiast who reveals the secrets of biodiversity and his respectful approach to the land.

His exceptional approach is shared with Michelin-starred chefs. "Truffières Louis Pradel", in Sorges-et-Ligieux, is a member of the Collège Culinaire de France and the Club Prosper Montagné.

Learn about and/or cook Périgord black truffles

Harvesting: the best period is between December and February.

Markets: 8 local groups are the guardians of this black gold in Dordogne Périgord. The Périgord black truffle season opens the way to some exceptional moments. This subterranean mushroom can be discovered by exploring the truffle fields (1 hour 30 guided tour with truffle hunting), taking part in cookery workshops (3 suggestions for stays in guest houses), or simply visiting a dedicated market, such as the one in Sainte-Alvère or Sorges-et-Ligieux.

For more information

www.truffepradel.com

www.fermedespetitesoreilles.fr/week-ends-truffles

www.truffiere-des-merigots.com

<https://leshautsdesaintvincent.com>





WINE TOURISM in the Bergerac vineyards

The wine tourism experience is no longer limited to tasting: With the opening of the Maison Weissman By Thierry Marx, and the intimate discoveries of the "Dordogne Vineyard Tours", the dialogue between cuisine and terroir continues. The destination combines a wine tourism offer that elevates the art of entertaining to the level of a memorable experience.

"Maison Wessman": a wine and food experience

In addition to its estate visits and tastings, the Verdots vineyard in Conne-de-Labarde has created a real lively hub... and now a restaurant: La Maison Wessman. This new address is distinguished by an exceptional collaboration between Thierry Marx, an emblematic and committed chef, and a local chef.

At the helm of this gourmet bistro, chef Antoine Beyris, trained by Thierry Marx and Ricardo Silva, heads up a brigade of around ten people. His background and in-depth knowledge of the region make him the ideal person to carry on the culinary identity of La Maison Wessman.

An exhilarating eco wine tour with "Dordogne Vineyard Tours"

In Bergerac, Susan and Vincent Hanley organise personalised wine tours, limited to a maximum of 6 participants, aboard a 100% electric mini-bus. At the wheel, Vincent - a qualified and passionate guide - orchestrates these tailor-made days, where each stage becomes a meeting point.

With tastings in the cellars, lunches in the vineyards and anecdotes, the experience is authentic and exclusive. With the "Vignobles & Découvertes" label, Dordogne Vineyard Tours appeals to both curious novices and discerning palates, adopting an eco-responsible approach.



For more information

<https://maisonwessman-wines.com>

www.dordognevineyardtours.com





THE YOUNG CULINARY GUARD

makes its mark

Emerging talents are breathing new life into the local gastronomic scene. These young chefs, discreet but determined, prove that Périgord gastronomy is not stuck in its ways. It is reinventing itself, driven by a generation that dares to combine audacity with respect for the terroir.

New energy in the kitchen of “La Table de Jean”

The arrival of Thomas Lavoine marks a turning point for La Table de Jean, owned by Marie-José and Patrick Hamelin. A creative young chef, trained in top establishments and passionate about produce, he is the embodiment of a generation that is shaking things up while respecting the local culinary heritage. His local cuisine, rooted in the seasons, is always given a contemporary twist. This chef likes to work with farm produce and vegetables from the Hautegegent kitchen garden, to create elegant, uncluttered dishes, storytelling through craft.

Antoine Mousnier, the culinary signature of Hôtel OstÛria

In Marsac-sur-l'Isle, the brand-new 4-star Hôtel OstÛria (BW Signature Collection) has given itself a strong gastronomic identity with the arrival of Antoine Mousnier, a talented young chef at the head of the Tõvera restaurant. Trained in fine establishments, he reinvents the terroir without betraying it. His culinary focus? This is instinctive cooking that draws on the roots of the Périgord region to bring out the best in them, playing on textures, jus courts (reduction sauces) and precise seasonings. At Tõvera, every dish tells a local story, with known producers, a respect for seasonality and a revisited heritage.

For more information

www.latabledejean24.com

<https://ostoria.fr/restaurant-tovera/>





SLOW ZERO-CARBON adventures

Dordogne Périgord reimagines carbon-neutral travel. Between historic railways and river paths, initiatives are transforming tourist mobility into a cultural experience. All aboard for a slow form of tourism that reconciles heritage and ecological transition.

A process on the right track

What if the train was no longer just a means of transport, but the very hero of the adventure? This is the bold challenge of the “Échappées Ferroviaires”, a “soft mobility” initiative run by the Greater Périgueux Tourist Office, in partnership with the Lascaux-Dordogne Vallée Vézère Tourist Office and SNCF Voyageurs (TER Nouvelle-Aquitaine).

Aboard a TER train converted into a discovery lounge, an on-board guide reveals the secrets of the railway lines that have shaped the destination, linking Périgueux to Les Eyzies. 3 options - morning, afternoon or full day - will be available throughout the summer.

Ecomobility in the Isle Valley: Train & bike, the ideal combo

Departing from Périgueux station (TER Nouvelle-Aquitaine), cycle tourists pedal the 130km Isle cycle route along the river to Montpon-Ménéstérol, the département's 1st “Hiking and cycling” station. On the programme: heritage locks, old boatmen's inns and mills, etc. This logistics-free route brings back to life the little-known river history of this ancient navigable artery.

Cycling enthusiasts can take part in the “Cyclonomades”, branching off at Mussidan towards the Voie de Vézelay. The V56 is the official route of the cycling version of the Way of St James, which runs for miles to Estérençuby (Basque Country).



For more information

www.tourisme-grandperigueux.fr/blog/echappées-ferroviaires/

www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr





“NOMADIC” STAGES

on touring routes

Touring is a promise of discovery at the pace of our footsteps or pedal strokes. This gradual immersion in the heart of the Périgord countryside is possible by staying in comfortable accommodation, designed to give you a feel for nature and slow your pace.

On the road to Amadour, in the Dordogne valley

In Molières, the Domaine des Sens Bas is a secluded address for travellers in search of authenticity and reconnection. This building combines rural charm with discreet elegance, offering a timeless moment. Its guest rooms, furnished in the spirit of a contemporary country house, feature natural materials, soothing shapes and openness to the outdoors.



On the Harrison Barker Trail, in the Dronne Valley

In Saint-Antoine-de-Cumond, Les Chantours guest house is the ideal base from which to travel to Aubeterre-sur-Dronne and explore the land of the English travel writer. But what really sets this restored former farmhouse apart is the 15-hectare private nature reserve that surrounds the property: an unspoilt setting where meadows, undergrowth and wetlands provide a haven for exceptional biodiversity.

On the Flow Vélo, from Sarlat to Île d'Aix (Charente-Maritime)

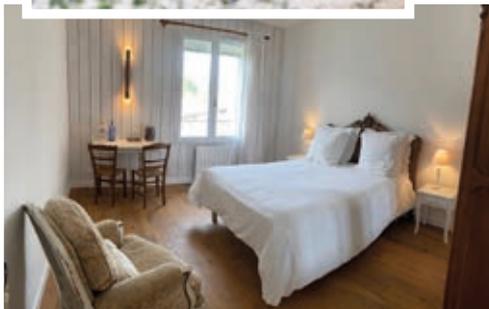
Hautefort, a small “Cité de caractère”, is home to Les Cyclamens, a guest house classified as “Accueil Vélo” (Cyclist friendly label). This new establishment combines the charm of a 19th-century manor house with the comfort of accommodation designed for touring cyclists. Much more than a simple stopover, its guests enjoy a warm atmosphere, an intimate garden and breakfasts featuring local produce.

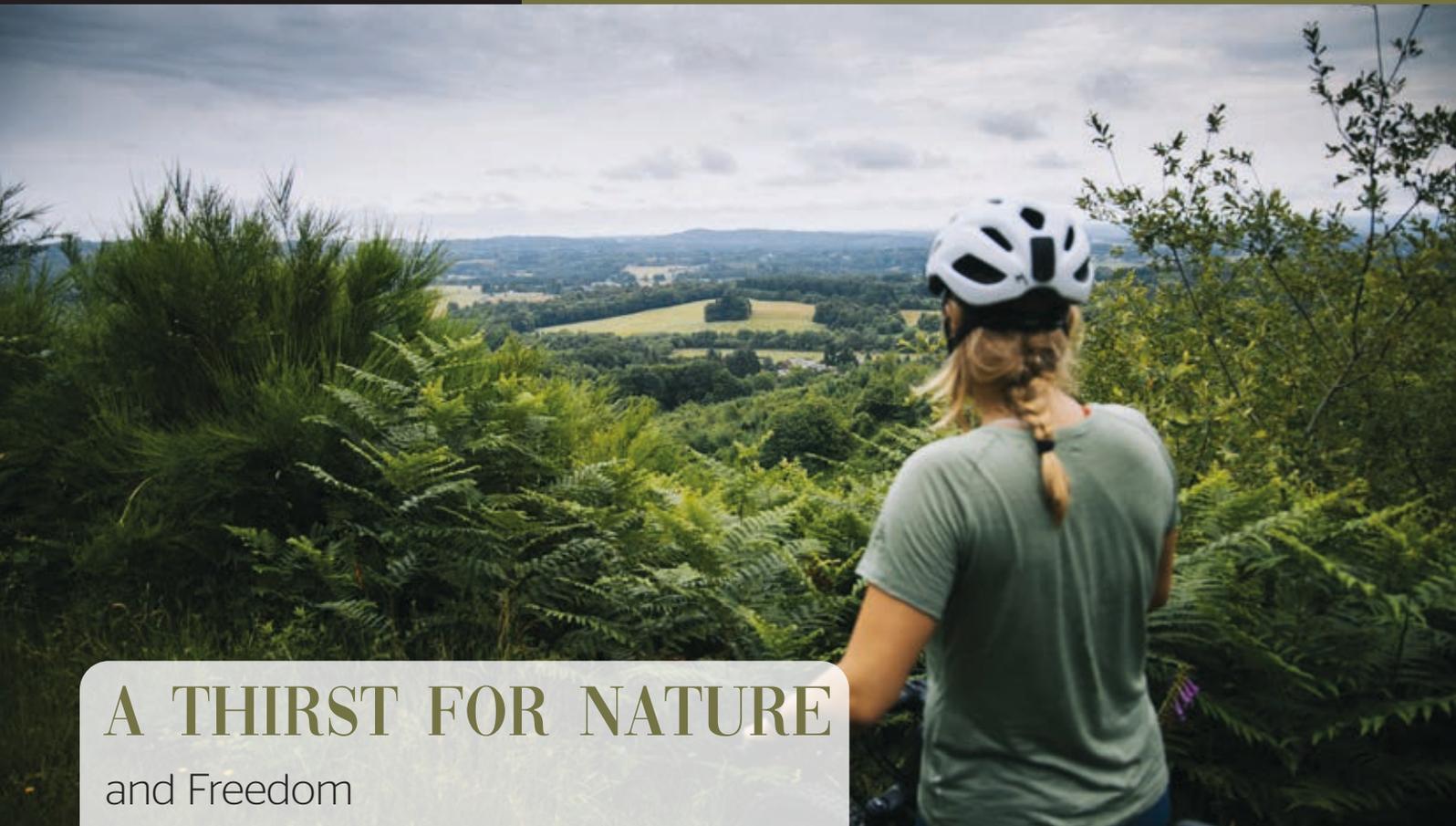
For more information

<https://domainedesensbas.com>

<https://perigord-inattendu.fr/meuble-chambre-hote/les-chantours>

<https://lescyclamens.e-monsite.com/>





A THIRST FOR NATURE and Freedom

The varied landscapes of the Dordogne Périgord are ideal for outdoor activities in the heart of unspoilt nature. On foot, by bike, by canoe, on horseback or in a converted van... here are the latest ideas to make your holidays all about a "slow adventure"

The Double forest, a new playground for Bikepacking

A vast forested plateau, silent ponds, sandy tracks and quiet back roads... La Double is an adventure playground for gravel and mountain bikers in search of freedom. Three major circuits make up this new cycle route of over 200km:

- *The Harrison Barker Circuit (192 km)* - A major itinerary inspired by the journey of a 19th-century English journalist who came to explore what he considered to be "one of the wildest and most desolate areas in France".
- *The Isle & Double Circuit (111 km)* - Alternating between forest tracks and quiet roads, perfect for a sporting day out.
- *The Dronne & Double Circuit (86 km)* - A more technical route combining beautiful gravel sections, a wild atmosphere and uninterrupted views over the Dronne valley.

Dorie, the local ecotourism app that reveals the spirit of the trails

Developed as part of the Maison Numérique de la Biodiversité (a pioneering initiative in France), this free application makes excursions original and dynamic, while respecting the environment. This travel companion offers new routes to explore. Between Lalinde and Saint-Avit-Senieur, the Avitus trail has been designed as a way to discover the legends and landscapes of the Dordogne valley on foot or mountain bike.

The "In the tire tracks of Lawrence of Arabia" itinerary follows the adventure of Thomas Edward Lawrence (later known as Lawrence of Arabia), through Dorie's account of his 1908 cycling trip across Périgord.



For more information

www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr

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





FOCUS ON
event-based sports tourism

Hosting the 8th stage of the Tour de France on 11th July 2026 will raise the profile of Dordogne Périgord as a world-class destination. Today's trend is to combine the pleasure of sport with tourism.

The organisers of sporting events in the Périgord region are well aware of this!

La Dordogne intégrale: 130 km on Europe's most beautiful river

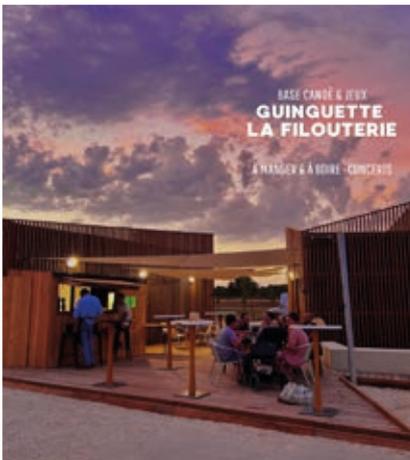
Every May, the river Dordogne is transformed for a weekend into a theatre of sporting exploits for a large number of kayakers. The route starts in Argentat (at the gateway to the Massif Central) and finishes in Castelnau-La-Chapelle.

More than just a sporting challenge, La Dordogne Intégrale is a sensory experience. It's an event where amateurs and experienced athletes share the same fascination for long-distance, right in the heart of landscapes classified as Biosphere Reserves by UNESCO. Its meticulous logistics and unique atmosphere make it an unmissable event.

The FeelOut Challenge, a sports challenge combining a sport raid, an "aperitif triathlon" and a concert

After an initial small-scale test in 2025, Pablo Cluzaud is launching the first "real" edition of an event that is as sporting as it is offbeat: the FeelOut Challenge. On 16th May 2026, participants will set off in pairs from La Filouterie open-air dance hall on a multi-sport raid (mountain biking, canoeing, trail running) before switching to an irresistible "aperitif triathlon" (combining boules, mölkky and shuffleboard).

On the banks of the Isle, between Coulaures and Mayac, this event boasts a friendly, accessible atmosphere, where helping each other takes precedence over performance. Only 60 duos will be able to take part in this sport & pleasure break, which will include meals, entertainment and an evening concert.



For more information

www.facebook.com/dordogneintegrale

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OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY PLACES

to recharge your batteries and stay inspired

Some places compete in imagination to offer more than just a cocoon to sleep in. These hybrid places (where people live, create and share) offer a unique and inspiring hospitality experience. The Dordogne Périgord region is not to be outdone, so let's take a closer look at the creative process...

The Domaine de Cazenac, a cultural incubator

In Coux-et-Bigaroque, this castle (14th and 16th centuries) is writing a new chapter in its history. Bought back in 2020, it has undergone an ambitious metamorphosis to become a unique venue where artistic creation and gastronomy converge, as well as private events.

This new refuge, with its breathtaking views over the Dordogne valley, offers workshops and courses in a range of disciplines: music, painting, engraving, writing and photography. A culinary academy is also on offer, with a visit to the site's walnut grove and truffle field on the programme. The Domaine de Cazenac is following its own singular path, that of a living castle that brings together centuries of history and cultural activities.

Hors-série or sleeping "in" an art gallery

Following the Dordogne river, in Peyrillac and Millac, Florence and Nathalie, an artist-photographer duo with an interest in contemporary art, have transformed a 19th-century building into a hybrid place, combining a charming guest house (with SPA) and a contemporary art gallery.

Here, old stone meets clean lines. Their two guest rooms each tell a story inspired by their passion. At the heart of the building is their art gallery. This is what makes it a rare place where rural authenticity meets creative effervescence.



For more information

<https://domainedecazenac.fr>

www.horsserieperigord.com





UNUSUAL ACCOMMODATION

in the heart of nature

Beyond the concepts, the magic of these lodges lies in their harmony with nature. Followers of the slow life will find these rejuvenating refuges a way of getting away from the everyday and slowing down for the duration of a stay.



Sleeping in a Zome on the banks of the great Saint-Estèphe lake

Sébastien GASSOU chose these geometrically-shaped wooden structures (created by assembling diamond shapes in a double spiral) to create his immersive cocoons just a stone's throw from one of the destination's largest lakes, listed as a "Sensitive Natural Area". 100% made in Périgord, this Zome in the heart of the Cabanes du Roc park offers minimalist comfort. No frills - just nature, silence, the stars... and the feeling of retreating far from the world. This confidential place invites you to get away from it all, combining alternative architecture and slow tourism.

"Get out there", a houseboat that reinvents "premium nature" accommodation

Drawing on his experience as a minimalist traveller, Nicolas has designed an eco-friendly accommodation with a powerful escapist appeal: a floating lodge set in the heart of a private lake in Parcoul-Chenaud. No neighbours, no background noise, just the sound of water. Accessible only by motorboat, this self-contained 30m² lodge for 2 people combines contemporary architecture with integrated landscaping. Its panoramic terrace extends the experience of floating to the rhythm of the wind and water... Here, luxury is nature. This concept is designed for those looking to reconnect with what's essential.

For more information

www.les-cabanes-du-roc.com/hebergement-insolite/zome-dordogne

https://www.instagram.com/get_out_there_fr/

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SPOTLIGHT ON

3 great places in the Périgord region

Behind the doors of these private establishments lies much more than the story of old stones: a change of life, a daring gamble, a return to their roots... An intimate look at three spots where the soul of the place resonates with that of its owners.

Maison Nathis at Saint-Sulpice de Roumagnac, the elegance of a 17th-century Carthusian monastery

Completely renovated with great care, Maison Nathis has preserved the authenticity and charm of this 1720 chartreuse. There are 2 spacious suites in the main building and two gites in the outbuildings. Here and there you'll find a number of vintage items that add to the warm atmosphere.

The Maison Cistus in Vitrac, authentically Périgord

Fully restored and converted into 2 charming guest rooms and a luxurious self-catering cottage, this secret address has been designed as a protected, intimate place to relax. This haven of peace is located in the heart of a small private hamlet, just a few minutes from Sarlat.

La Maison Lou Piade in Sarlat, makers of memories

Situated 15 minutes from the medieval town of Sarlat, this eco-renovated former farmhouse (1852) offers 3 bedrooms and 2 suites elegantly decorated in a chic, sober style. The owner favours a warm welcome. She describes herself as a slightly utopian epicurean who offers a locavore table d'hôtes.



For more information

www.maisonnathis.com

www.maisoncistus.com

<https://maisonloupiade.fr>





Rather than offering interactive experiences, the artisans have chosen to continue to offer visits with discussions to demonstrate the quality of their products. Authentic, they leave a lasting impression on the mind. Doesn't the charm of tourism lie in the power of encounters?

The Pastels Girault® workshop goes behind the scenes

The oldest brand of dry pastels is still in business in France... in Montignac. Karine and Stéphane Loiseau, craftspeople with the "Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant" (Living Heritage Company) label, are now offering one-hour tours of their workshop, where they hand-make over 500 pastels in unique shades. On the programme: the history of the brand, its awards and the different stages in the manufacture of these renowned pastels. A deep dive into exceptional French craftsmanship. These manufacturers of products for the fine arts also welcome renowned professional pastelists to their Boutique-Galerie d'Art.

The Biscothèque, a new place to visit in the Chanteracoise biscuit and rusk factory

Created at the end of the 18th century to enable bakers to preserve their bread, rusk has become a staple of French breakfasts. In Saint-Germain-du-Salembre, La Chanteracoise continues this tradition as France's last remaining traditional biscuit and rusk factory. Faithful to its original recipe from the 1960s, this committed company makes its rusks exclusively from 100% French wheat. Its values, know-how and the history of its twice-baked bread explained during a visit to a new immersive space, the Biscothèque in Saint-Léon-sur-l'Isle. It includes a range of archive documents, advertising posters and objects from the period.

For more information

www.pastelsgirault.com

www.la-chanteracoise.fr/visites





COSMETIC TREATMENTS “MADE IN PÉRIGORD”

for Patriotik Beauty

What if beauty was rooted in the secrets of a terroir? After linden-based cosmetics (TIL – Beauty brand), other products have been developed. They favour exceptional ingredients and promote local producers. The Dordogne Périgord region is at the heart of the brand.

TRUFFLE, anti-ageing that’s as good on the plate as it is on the skin!

Born out of a life change, Truffe is the fledgling vegan skincare brand dreamed up by Bianca and Christopher Bate, a British couple based in Coubjours. The underground mushrooms, grown in their own truffle farm, are sent to the south of England where a chemist friend - based in a small independent laboratory - creates these products for a new anti-ageing routine.

Distributed exclusively online and in two outlets (France and the United Kingdom), TRUFFE is a natural cosmetics product of resolutely upmarket origin, taking the Périgord black truffle out of the kitchen and into the world of beauty.

When Périgord walnuts are the star ingredient in cosmetics

In Sarlat, Mylène Audit has launched “Là Cosmétique d’ici”, a committed brand. Its natural, eco-friendly skincare products are made from organic PDO walnuts from the Périgord region. Since its creation, the company has maintained its resolutely local approach. Mylène favours local sourcing and collaborations with local producers to guarantee authentic cosmetics.

As for Muriel Ollivier-Özbir, she has resurrected a forgotten tradition from Périgord heritage: walnut oil soap (which was already being produced in the 19th century!). In her workshop-boutique, housed in a former tithe barn in Liorac-sur-Louyre, she creates natural cosmetics that combine ancestral know-how and contemporary standards.



For more information

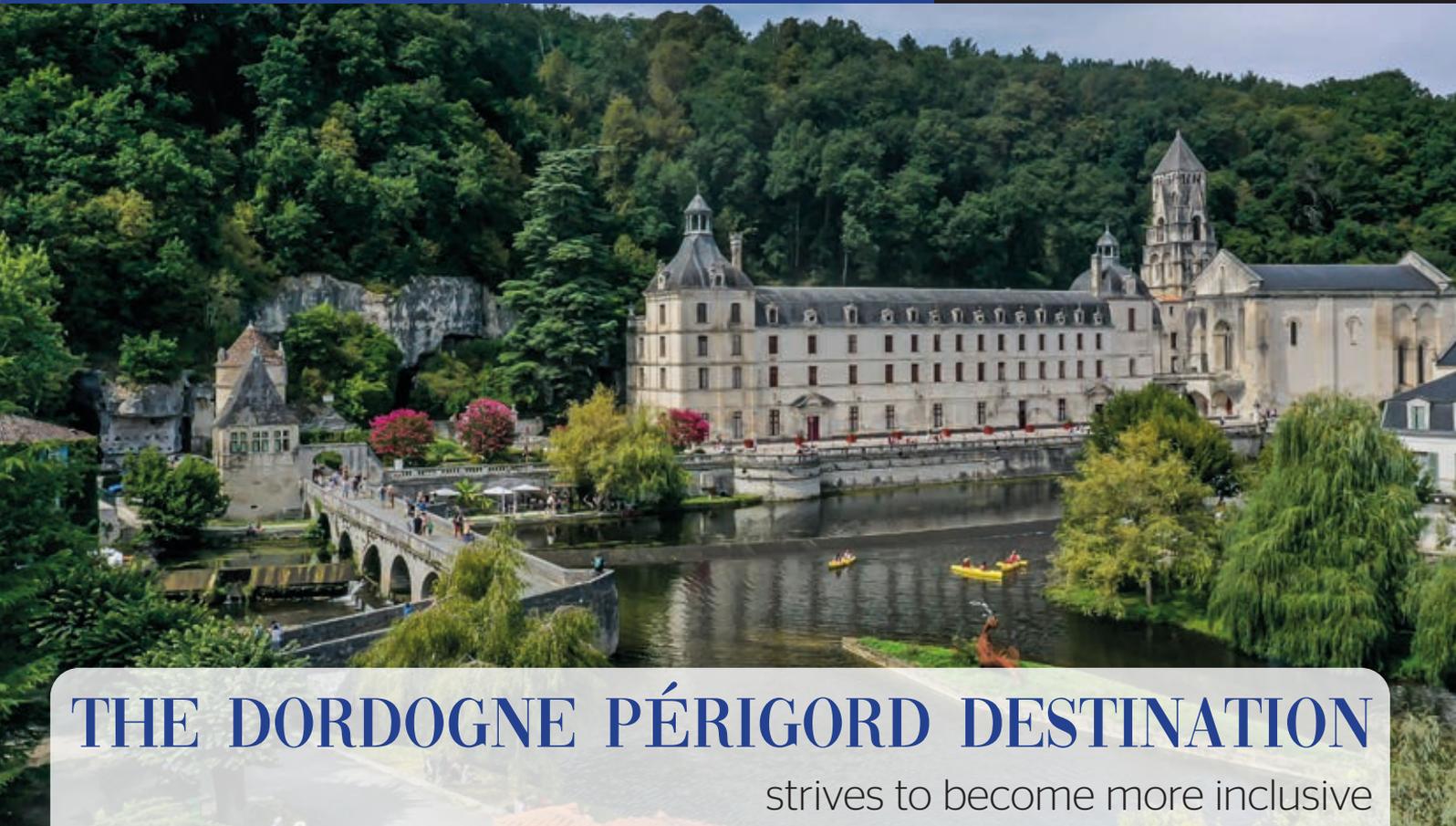
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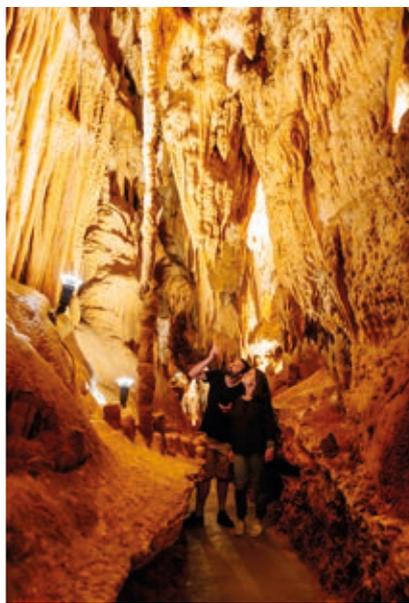
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THE DORDOGNE PÉRIGORD DESTINATION

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 new products.



The 360° digital visit

Several tourist sites in the Périgord region have opted for this virtual tour, designed specifically for people with reduced mobility. The Château de Castelnaud, the gardens at Marqueyssac, La Roque Saint Christophe, the caves at Roc de Cazelle and the bell tower at Brantôme-en-Périgord are all examples of this commitment to meeting the needs of a diverse public.

Thanks to a virtual reality headset, people with reduced mobility can now visit these hard-to-reach places from the comfort of their armchair. The images filmed using special equipment guarantee a visit "as if you were there", perfectly capturing the reality on the ground.

Renewal of the Tourisme & Handicap label in 2025

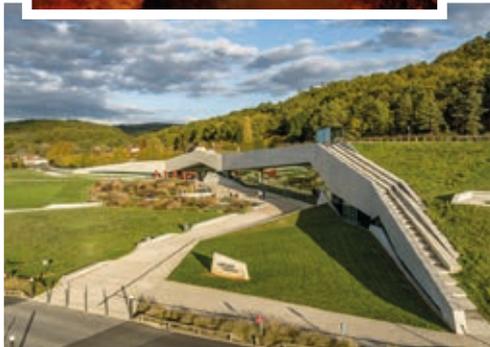
- La grotte de Villars - Historic Monument - Accessible to the hearing, mentally and visually impaired, this cave has a dual attraction: remarkable mineral deposits and authentic prehistoric drawings.
- The International Centre for Cave Art (Lascaux 4) has adapted its tours for people with motor, hearing, mental and visual disabilities.

For more information

www.visites-en-perigord.com

<https://perigord-dronne-belle.fr>

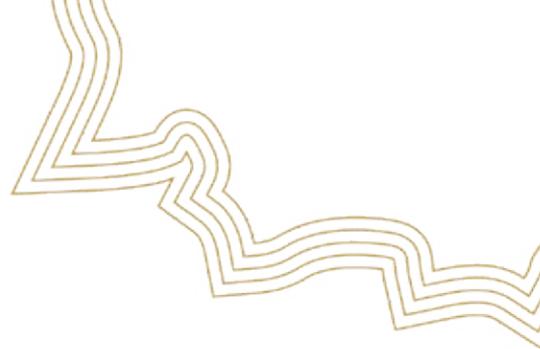
www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr



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