Local heritage
Experiences
Sports & outdoor activities
Traditional skills
Food & drink
Families
Landscapes & people
Unique adventures
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 - 550km
- Périgueux-Lyon on the A89 - 400km
- Périgueux-Bordeaux on the A89 - 120km
THE RICH DIVERSITY OF THE PÉRIGORD

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

Beautiful buildings such as castles, manor houses and Romanesque churches are dotted around the countryside, providing a magnet for anyone interested in culture and heritage.

And it’s not by chance that Prehistoric Man chose to settle in the area: 17,000 years ago our prehistoric ancestors left exceptional works of art to Humanity, such as the cave paintings in Lascaux and the 15 prehistoric sites concentrated in the Vézère valley, which are now listed UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Our 10 listed villages, our medieval bastides and our three “Towns of Art and History” make the Dordogne one of the richest départements in France. After Paris, the area boasts the largest number of listed historical monuments in the country.

Today, visitors can enjoy exploring these monuments thanks to the many tours and events which help to bring them to life.

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

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

Bon voyage!

BERGERAC Dordogne Périgord airport

12 international flights operate to Bergerac airport, the gateway to your holiday in the Dordogne. 270,000 passengers used the airport in 2014 and five airlines operate flights here throughout the year.

Current destinations:
Twinjet: Paris Orly Ouest
Ryanair: London Stansted, Liverpool, Bristol, Nottingham, Brussels Charleroi
Flybe: Southampton, Birmingham, Exeter, Edinburgh, Manchester
Jet 2: Leeds Bradford

www.bergerac.aeroport.fr

NEW FOR 2016 / 3 new destinations

• London City with British Airways: From May 2016 until the end of the summer. Three to four flights a week, with one-way flights starting at 67€.
• Amsterdam Schipol with Transavia: Transavia will change its airport destination from Rotterdam to Amsterdam.
• Nice with Igavion: From 20 June 2015, Igavion will offer three new flights a week to Nice, with one-way flights starting at 59€.
Facts and figures:

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

**Surface area:**
- 9,060 km², the third largest French département in terms of area.
- 556 kilometres of navigable rivers suitable for canoeing

**Population:**
- 400,000 inhabitants, and a density of 43 inhabitants/km²

**Number of communes:**
- 557 communes, of which 498 are rural

**4 main valleys:** Dordogne, Vézère, Isle and Dronne

**Urban centres:** Périgueux, Bergerac, Sarlat and Nontron

**Urban population:** 48%

**Tourism sector:**
- Around 3 million tourists a year
- Over 19 million overnight stays
- Around 8,010 direct or indirect jobs all year round

Tourism in numbers:

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

Accommodation:

- 254 hotels, 158 of which are rated 1 to 5 star, with a total capacity of 8,060 beds
- 14 tourist residences, 10 of which are rated 3 or 4 star, with a total capacity of 4,322 beds
- 254 camping and caravanning sites, 190 of which are rated 1 to 5 star, with a total capacity of 58,203 visitors
- 18 holiday villages
- 4,506 houses for rent, 631 officially approved rental properties,
- 1,921 Bed & Breakfasts, some of which are members of the Charmance Gîtes de France and Clévacances networks
AN EXTRAORDINARY HISTORY

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

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

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

**Lascaux, one of humanity’s major archaeological discoveries**

According to UNESCO, “its discovery was of great importance for the history of prehistoric art. The hunting scenes show some 100 animal figures, which are remarkable for their detail, rich colours and lifelike quality.” One of the wonders of prehistoric art, the cave was decorated by the Magdalenian people during the first half of the 15th millennium. Comprising the Hall of Bulls, the Axial Gallery, the Passageway, the Nave, the Chamber of the Felines, the Apse and the Shaft, it is often nicknamed the “prehistoric Sistine Chapel”.

UNESCO considers that “there is no other prehistoric site in any other part of the world which equals the site in the quantity, quality and variety of the finds.”

“One of the wonders of prehistoric art (...) nicknamed the «prehistoric Sistine Chapel».
LASCAUX CONQUERS THE WORLD

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

**Lascaux III, the “international exhibition”, leaves Europe**

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

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

**Heading to Asia in 2016**

Having spent 2015 in Europe (Brussels, Paris and Geneva), the exhibition will visit Asia in 2016:
- **Gwangmyeong** (south of Seoul), South Korea, from 4 April to 4 September 2016
- **Tokyo**, Japan, from November 2016

**Who is this exhibition for?**

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

For more info on the exhibition: [www.lascaux-expo.fr/fr](http://www.lascaux-expo.fr/fr)
IN THE COPYIST ARTISTS’ STUDIO

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

The patented technique

The “voile de pierre” technique makes it possible to project natural materials on to walls to give them an extremely realistic texture and appearance. Using projections and photographs, the workshop’s painters reproduce the original cave as faithfully as possible. The margin of error is no more than a few centimetres. A scientific committee supervises the progression of the work in order to ensure that the copy closely resembles the original.

The unique expertise of the Périgord Facsimile Workshop

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

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

For more info: http://www.afsp-perigord.fr
THE CENTRE INTERNATIONAL D’ART PARIÉTAL MONTIGNAC-LASCAUX

The Centre International d’Art Pariétal Montignac-Lascaux will offer a full reproduction of Lascaux cave thanks to new virtual reality and image technology. The centre is certain to become a leading cultural site for prehistoric cave art, making it accessible to a broad spectrum of visitors.

A unique insight

The Centre International d’Art Pariétal de Montignac will comprise over 8,500m² of visitor space, including a unique facsimile of Lascaux Cave and four exhibition rooms retracing the history of the discovery of Lascaux, its place in world cave paintings and its relationship with contemporary art.

The building, designed by the international architectural firm Snøhetta, will offer a contemporary setting in which to showcase and rediscover Lascaux down to the tiniest detail, using the most modern digital technology tools.

The Centre International d’Art Pariétal Montignac-Lascaux is certain to become an internationally renowned tourist and cultural reference point for the showcasing and popularisation of wall art through its representations of the Lascaux Cave paintings and engravings.

“CIAP is the major prehistoric site for travellers, tourists and enthusiasts - no other site anywhere in the world brings together as many artistic, scientific and digital experiences, or such legitimacy, in the world of cave painting.”

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Mystery and Entertainment in the Dordogne’s Castles

The Dordogne is a region of a thousand and one castles. In 2016, to the delight of young and old alike, these castles come back to life...

Evening events in our castles

• Come and enjoy a **unique visit** to the Château de Bourdeilles and see the castle in a new light. Make the most of the cool evening air to stroll in the gardens and learn all about the castle’s history and stories from the lives of its various owners over the centuries. 9pm every Friday in summer.  
  [www.semitour.com](http://www.semitour.com)

• **Château de Jumilhac le Grand**: this noble castle, built in the 12th century and extended and transformed over the centuries, is open to visitors **in the evening, with swashbuckling entertainment** offered on Tuesday evenings in the summer.  
  [www.jumilhac.net](http://www.jumilhac.net)

• **The Château de Biron**, one of Aquitaine’s major sites, **holds evening food markets** every Thursday evening at 6pm in summer. Here, in the delightful historic setting of the castle’s lower courtyard, visitors can shop for local produce, as well as taste a range of produce from the market stalls.  
  [www.semitour.com](http://www.semitour.com)

New for 2016

• **Plunge into the history of the Cathars in the Château de Castelnaud**, a fortress built in the 11th century! Held every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8.15pm and 10pm between 18/07 and 24/08, this itinerant show acted by two performers invites visitors to solve an investigation from the time of the Cathars.

• **Dress up as a knight or a lady of the castle!**  
  For children aged 3 to 12. A unique opportunity to dress up in a copy of 15th century armour or a typical dress of the 14th century.

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[www.castelnaud.com](http://www.castelnaud.com)
Périgord has long been renowned for its many underground treasures, such as caves, chasms and shelters, all of which have provided refuge and a place to live throughout the ages, as well as acting as veritable “art galleries” in their own right.

**The Maxange caves: the adventure of underground exploration**

In the summer of 2000, in a quarry in which he was extracting stone for building purposes in Le Buisson de Cadouin, Angel Caballero discovered an extraordinary underground galaxy. Three years later, following on from major work to adapt the site for visitors, the stunning concretions of the Maxange caves can now be admired by the general public.

Fifteen years after the discovery, and with the support of his wife Martine, Angel’s enthusiasm for the site has not dwindled. He has also passed on his passion to his sons, Olivier and Cyril, who are sharing this adventure with him. New sections of the galleries have been laid out, more and more of the underground area is explored every year and the work is ongoing. “We haven’t yet found the best of the site” insists the site’s founder. If the profusion, purity and delicacy of the eccentric concretions or the magical appearance of the aragonite clusters that can already be admired in the open galleries are anything to go by, the Maxange caves still have many fantastic discoveries in store for visitors.

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**Become a pot-holer for a day!**

The Grotte de Beaussac is a little-known natural cave situated at a depth of 8 metres, which can be visited in small groups of eight people during the summer months. Wearing a head torch and helmet, and often with their feet in the water, visitors follow a qualified speleologist through the cave on a 2hr tour. Here, they will discover an underground stream and tunnels of around seven to eight metres in height. This informative visit provides explanations on how limestone, caves and concretions are formed, as well as offering information on the fauna which lives underground. A unique adventure in Saint Martial de Valette organised by the Dordogne pot-holing association.

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http://perigord-dronne-belle.fr/fr/grotte-de-beaussac-PCUAQU024V500JGJ/
FALLING UNDER THE SPELL OF OUR BEAUTIFUL VILLAGES

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

10 “Most Beautiful Villages in France”

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

More info on
http://www.france-beautiful-villages.org/en

Unique events and visits to villages full of character

• Night-time walk “Les Murmures de Saint Avit Senieur”
Learn all about the village through its charming Sound and Light show which takes place throughout the summer.
www.bastides-dordogne-perigord.com

• St Léon sur Vézère: from late July to early autumn, classical music concerts are held in the village’s 12th century Romanesque church (a listed historic monument) as part of the Festival du Périgord Noir.
www.festivalmusiqueperigordnoir.com

• Belvès: perched above the village, this intimate, charming medieval castle open throughout the summer is home to 15th century wall paintings found during restoration work in 2010. A unique testament to the Renaissance in the Périgord, nine exceptionally well-preserved knights look down upon visitors from its walls.
www.chateaudebelves.fr
PERIGUEUX, A FOOD CAPITAL WITH 2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY

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

Steepled in tradition

Renowned for the traditional food markets which take place around St Front cathedral on Saturday and Wednesday mornings throughout the year and for its duck and goose markets held every winter.

Festive food evenings:
A large night market showcasing the region’s gastronomic specialities takes place in the heart of the historic town from 7pm onwards on Wednesday evenings in summer. Enjoy tastings of local produce and other events and activities.

Electric bike tour and truffle tasting

From 1 July to 30 September, Christophe Constantin guides visitors along the “voie verte” (green way) on a day’s tour of the town which includes a stop to taste the Périgord’s famous black truffles. Numbers limited to 6, by prior reservation.

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http://unvelopourtous.fr

New:
Stay right in the heart of the town: “Le Clos de Vésone”: a pretty duplex apartment housed in a 17th century building in the heart of the Gallo-Roman district of Vésone.

Contact: Laure DELIN - Tel: +33 (0)6 78 12 25 17  https://fr-fr.facebook.com/leclosdevesone
BERGERAC, the town of Cyrano

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

Where to stay

Enjoy a stay in one of four tastefully furnished suites in the charming “Le Clos d’Argenson” guesthouse in the town centre, with its secluded garden and swimming pool.

www.bergerac-tourisme.com

New:

Stay in the heart of the medieval town at “La Loge des Dames Blanches”, contemporary apartments occupying a house which dates from the 16th century.

www.lalogedesdamesblanches.com

A bird’s eye view of Sarlat

Nestling in the heart of the bell tower of Sainte-Marie church, a panoramic lift designed by the architect Jean Nouvel offers visitors a different view of Sarlat with its paved streets and lauze-tiled rooftops. This medieval town has managed to retain its superb honey-coloured stone buildings, many of which are listed historic monuments. The town’s night-time illuminations (a combination of gas lights, candelabra and ground-level electricity) give the town a very romantic feel.

www.sarlat-tourisme.com

These two officially recognised “Towns of Art and History” are committed to safeguarding their fine buildings and listed monuments and bringing them to life for visitors.
SPORT AND LEISURE – THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Everything is possible in the immense playground of the Périgord. Head off in complete freedom for a few days on foot or by canoe, or enjoy a run through the countryside by signing up for one of the many trail events organised in the region.

A choice of sporting activities in the Dordogne Valley

Three sporting activities can be combined on a day out exploring the Dordogne Valley. Thanks to this three-activity option offered by Périgord Aventure et Loisirs, you can combine a canoeing trip (15km), a walk (5km) and a bike ride (10km) along the section of the river between Vitrac and Beynac. This flexible itinerary can be organised in any order.

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http://www.perigordaventureloisirs.com/category/news

The Cro-Magnon footpath in the Vézère Valley

This walk offers real adventure - an invitation to explore the history of mankind. Between 5 and 7 days hiking along 90km of marked footpaths.

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http://rando.dordogne.fr/

Dates for your diary

• March (13th): Marathon des Forts du Périgord: Start: St Léon / Vézère; Finish: Le Bugue
http://marathondesforts.wix.com/perigord
• From 26 to 28 March: Easter in the Périgord: a cycle touring event through the Isle and Dronne valleys http://dordogne.ffct.org
• April: 100km de Belvès - http://clubathletiquebelvesois.fr/100kmbelves/index.html
• April to early November: Hiking festival - http://rando.cg24.fr/
• From 6 to 8 May: The first Ultra Trail event at Lalinde - www.ultratrailduperigord.com
• May/June: Val Nature - www.val-natura.com
• September: Dordogne Périgord canoeing-kayaking marathon
• October (1st weekend): Vélosilex de Saint Léon sur Vézère (mountain biking and hiking) - http://velosilex.com
• October: La Ronde des Villages in Salignac Eyvigues - www.larondedesvillages.com
• October (last Sunday of the month): 26th Rand’Auvézère in Genès - https://fr-fr.facebook.com/paysdauzezer
SAFE AND EFFORTLESS CYCLING

For some safe and easy cycling, why not follow one of our 3 “green ways” (voies vertes) including one through the Le Céou valley and the new Isle valley cycle route. For even easier cycling, you can always explore the region by electric bike.

A cycle route through the Isle valley

No fewer than 86km of cycle paths have been created between Pizou and Annesse-et-Beaulieu, linking sections of cycle routes and “green ways” along the banks of the Isle river. This route allows visitors to enjoy a whole host of activities along the way.

Fun, active and eco-friendly activities:
- Take a ride on a “Gyropode” (a type of Segway) from the leisure park at Neuvic sur l’Isle. This eco-friendly activity offers an experience which is halfway between skiing and riding a magic carpet - a truly unique form of transport!
  www.gyropole.fr
- Or embark on a sporting challenge combining a 3hr canoeing trip and 1hr 30min of mountain biking. A perfect way to discover the tranquillity of the Isle river and the bucolic charm of the villages of Neuvic sur l’Isle, St Léon and St Astier with their castles, locks and old bridges.
  http://canoeneuvic.com

“Vélo Paradiso” - the cycling event of summer 2016

Dates: 20 & 21 August 2016

This new cycling experience combines a hint of theatre with a dash of gastronomy. For two days, participants will be able to follow 3 waymarked routes through the heart of the Bergerac vineyards, leaving from the Château de Monbazillac. The idea is to take part on your old bike (dating from 1980 or earlier - the older the bike, the better!) and to dress up in a costume from the same period. The programme comprises three different challenges of varying lengths and difficulty, a number of tasting stops and plenty of entertainment.

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TAKE TO THE AIR AND WATER

The Dordogne boasts more than 5,000km of 1st and 2nd category waterways which will delight fishing enthusiasts with their abundance of fish and beautiful natural surroundings. And for those who prefer to skim the tree tops and admire our rivers from above, there’s nothing better than a hot-air balloon ride.

A relaxing fishing break

At Augignac, in the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord-Limousin, Pêche-Leurre-Evolution has been welcoming fishing enthusiasts to its dedicated fishing lakes since 2014. The Etangs des Merles, situated on a property covering 40 hectares and comprising several lakes, specialise in fly fishing.
Fishing available: fly fishing, either no-kill or lure with a guide in a boat.

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www.peche-sportive-dordogne.com

Exciting solo flights in a dirigible airship

Become part of a two-person team on this dirigible airship balloon, which allows you to share the same experience as the pilot, both in terms of a sense of freedom and in managing the airspace around you. Sit at the controls of the aerostat and feel as free as a bird on this unique and extraordinary flight.
A truly unforgettable 1hr trip floating above the Dordogne valley!

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THE DORDOGNE BASIN RECOGNISED BY UNESCO

From the smallest steep-sided streams to the largest rivers crossing broad valleys, the aquatic splendour of the region is one of the major features of its natural heritage. On 11 July 2012, the Dordogne basin was included in UNESCO’s list of world biosphere reserves.

The largest reserve in France, covering an area of 24,000km², it extends across 11 French départements and 5 regions.

From the volcanoes of the Auvergne to the Gironde estuary, the landscapes and nature of the Dordogne are bountiful, diverse and quite remarkable.

The Dordogne river and its tributaries have left their considerable mark on this region and its arable land, with many different activities benefiting from their existence.

Thanks to the efforts of everyone, this magnificent river basin has been able to preserve the subtle balance between economic development and the preservation of its ecosystems. It is these characteristics which had a positive impact on UNESCO’s decision.

http://www.biosphere-bassin-dordogne.fr/

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

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

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

Over 5,400 boats available for hire.

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www.dordognecanoe.com
SPECIAL GARDEN EVENTS

You will find a whole host of different landscapes and atmospheres in the 33 parks and gardens that are open to visitors, including “classic” gardens such as the Jardins du Manoir d’Eyrignac in Salignac-Eyvigues, the castle gardens at the Château d’Hautefort, the Italian-style gardens of Marqueyssac in Vézac, and more contemporary-style gardens such as the Jardins de l’Imaginaire in Terrasson. 14 of these gardens have been awarded the “Jardin Remarquable” label.

July/August

• Every Monday evening:
  “Happy picnic blanc” (Happy white picnics) in the gardens of the Manoir d’Eyrignac in Salignac-Eyvigues
  An open-air party with the new Happy DJ, a Happy cocktail bar and Happy firework displays throughout the evening. Dress code: “Happy blanc” (come dressed in white).
  http://happy.eyrignac.com

• Every Wednesday evening:
  Come and admire the Jardins d’Eau in Carsac Aillac
  Discover the fountains and water features lit up at night, and enjoy a show of Chinese shadows and mime.
  http://jardinsdeau.com/labyrinthe-aquatique-dordogne-perigord.html#

• Every Thursday evening:
  Marqueyssac by candlelight in Vézac
  2,000 candles are arranged around the gardens and over 150 lights line the Promenade des Falaises as far as the waterfalls. At dusk, the romantic atmosphere of Marqueyssac is highlighted by the play of light and shadow, which brings out the full beauty of the cliff face and vegetation.
  http://marqueyssac.com/
FUN AND EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

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

Become a gold digger…

• The Isle river is a well-known gold-bearing river in the Dordogne.
Situated near the Château de Jumilhac in an old wine storehouse, the Galerie de l’Or introduces visitors to this precious metal, from its extraction to its use in jewellery, coins, industry and gilding. Learn all about the different stages of gold production during the visit which provides information on legends, myths and the history of major civilisations.
Groups have the option of booking a tour with a former professional miner, who will share his knowledge and passion for this precious metal.

• Introduction to gold washing in July and August.
Gold panning and beginners’ courses alongside the Isle river three times a week in high season and throughout the year by prior reservation.

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FAMILY DORDOGNE

FAMILY FUN!

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

New:

**Become an explorer** and meet Cro-Magnon man!

Follow archaeologist Professor Netessur, who is passionate about the history of Cro-Magnon man, through a labyrinth dotted with mirrors and other surprises, where you’ll experience different atmospheres and sensations. In order to find your way, you’ll be given a pair of white gloves which will allow your hands to become your eyes. This fun and educational family attraction covers an area of over 1,000m² and opens in April 2016. A new adventure not to be missed!

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www.labyrinthe-prehistorique.com

500 games from around the world in the heart of the Périgord

**The Domaine de la Rhonie in Meyrals** is a country hotel and a traditional inn, where the young owners have had the inspired idea of offering their guests the opportunity to rediscover the joy of games. Whether you’re here on your own, as a couple or with a group of friends, there’s something for everyone, both young and old, with a wide choice of 500 different games available for guests. The games come from the Périgord region as well as from further field and are made of wood, material, stone and clay.

Games are led by a host, who is there to explain the game and ensure that guests make the most of this extraordinary experience.

www.domainedelarhonie.com/autour-des-jeux
GREAT HOLIDAY IDEAS
Some great ideas for exploring the Dordogne with all the family!

Make the most of your holiday with the free “Périgord Pass”

With the Périgord Pass, families can take advantage of special discounts available at around 40 sites and activities.
Free of charge and valid for one year, it is available via the Dordogne Tourist Board and local accommodation providers.

“Family Dordogne”
Ask for our new brochure!

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

http://www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr/fr/passperigord-197.htm

www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr
2016 Calendar

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

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

**MARCH**
- Festoie, Sarlat
  www.sarlat-tourisme.com

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

**JUNE**
- Festival du Verre Gourmet, Brantome
  http://www.festivalverregourmet.com

**JULY**
- Thiv‘oie, Thiviers
  http://maisondufoiegras.jimdo.com

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

**SEPTEMBER**
- Festival Grain d’Automne, in the Bergerac region
  www.graindautomne.com
- Journée du Goût et de la Gastronomie, Sarlat
  http://www.sarlat-tourisme.com/fetes-et-manifestations/journee-du-gout-et-de-la-gastronomie
- Fête de la Gastronomie at the Château de Neuvic in Neuvic sur l’Isle
  http://www.tourisme-isleperigord.com/fetes-et-manifestations/fete-de-la-gastronomie-1

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

Not forgetting our duck, goose and truffle markets in winter, and numerous local farmers’ markets and evening food markets in summer.
FOOD AMBASSADORS

In the Dordogne, many chefs use local products which are an important aspect of the region’s charm. Some perpetuate the traditions of cuisine “à l’ancienne”, while others opt for a more modern approach. Today, other food ambassadors highlight the incredible variety and quality of our local products.

Danielle Mazet-Delpeuch and “Haute Cuisine”

The story of this self-taught chef from the Périgord and cook at the Elysée Palace for French President François Mitterrand from 1988 to 1990 is truly incredible. Her atypical life provided the inspiration for the 2012 film Haute Cuisine or “Les Saveurs du Palais”, directed by Christian Vincent and starring Catherine Frot. Author of the book “Carnets de cuisine du Périgord à l’Elysée”, which was republished by Bayard in 2012, this female chef who takes inspiration from the culinary pleasure of others is both generous of spirit and lively in character.

A skilled exponent of rustic-style cuisine, Danielle Mazet-Delpeuch still lives in the Dordogne, from where she continues to pass on the savoir-faire of past generations across the globe. In perpetuating the tradition of French cooks who have not had Michelin stars or other accolades bestowed upon them, she has contributed in her own way to UNESCO’s recognition of «the French gastronomic meal» as one of the world’s intangible cultural treasures.

Martin Walker, the portrait of a food-loving author

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

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

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

Spotlight on... the Restaurant L’Imaginaire in Terrasson

On the edge of the Vézère valley, executive chef François Adamski has chosen to inject new life into this promising new venture. Recipient of both the Meilleur Ouvrier de France and Bocuse d’Or awards, the former chef of Le Gabriel in Bordeaux has chosen a young rising star, Julien Dayre, former chef at LaTruffe Noire in Brive, to lead his kitchen team.

His challenge is an ambitious one: to put this Michelin-starred restaurant, housed in a splendid 17th century residence, back on track. With a new team in the kitchen, experienced front-of-house staff and a newly refurbished dining room (refined and highly contemporary furnishings beneath a magnificent 17C vaulted stone ceiling), everything is in place in the restaurant to retain its coveted Michelin star! The challenge has been set!

www.l-imaginaire.fr

Breaking news...

• “La Tour des Vents” in Monbazillac
The “La Tour des Vents” has a new chef, Damien Fagette, who will be working as second in command alongside Marie Rougié.

www.tourdesvents.com

• Hôtel-Restaurant Les Glycines in Les Eyzies de Tayac
Mathieu Laffont-Cerny, ex-second in command to Gilles Goujon (MOF and chef at the 3 Michelin-starred in Fontjoncouse), is now at the helm of the hotel’s two restaurants “Côté Bistro” and the more gourmet-style “1862”.

www.les-glycines-dordogne.com/fr

• La Table du Relais in Siorac-en-Périgord
Eric Jung, former chef at Les Glycines has embarked upon a venture to recreate a new culinary identity through 2 menus (bistro and gourmet) at the restaurant of the contemporary “Le Relais du Périgord Noir”, a hotel occupying a typical Périgord-style property.

www.latabledurelais.info
NEW VENTURES

“Les Paniers Toqués” cookery kits
Developed in the heart of the Périgord, the “Panier Toqués” project is the end result of a collaboration between the chef of the “Maison Dupéliac” restaurant near Sarlat and local producers and artisans.

What is included in the kits?
1/ Fresh ingredients supplied by local artisans (butchers, charcutiers, fishmongers etc) and producers, all of whom have signed up to a charter ensuring the quality and provenance of their products.
2/ Dry ingredients, such as spices.
3/ Additional accessories (cocktail sticks, wooden containers etc) which showcase the recipes
4/ The recipe itself, created by different chefs, with step-by-step instructions and no technical jargon
5/ A reusable and environmentally friendly kraft paper bag designed by the team at 16&12 Design et Curiosite.

These “paniers toqués” are on sale at participating local producers

In 2015 this new sales concept received top prize in the “Commercial Innovation” category at the regional Novus Aquitaine awards, a competition showcasing regional artisanal innovation.

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http://www.mathilde-traiteur-gourmand.com
http://www.kisskissbankbank.com/fr/projects/panier-toque-le-kit-a-cuisiner-de-votre-artisan

Beer “Made in Perigord”

• A new brewery producing organic craft beers: the Lapépie brewery in Sadillac
Established in the heart of Bergerac’s vineyards by two dynamic and enthusiastic artisans, Gilles and Etienne de Conti, this brewery sells light, dark and golden beers produced using organic ingredients.

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• 2 “Fourquets d’Or” for BAM!
TATOU “orange” (out of 80 light beers) and OLD MAN WINTER (out of 55 dark beers) were each awarded a “Fourquet d’Or” in the Pro category at the national brewing competition in Saint-Nicolas-de-Port on 25 April 2015. Set up in Marsac by Denis Porcher and Ophélia Camandone, two keen brewers trained in Quebec, BAM is the latest in a line of Périgord breweries, producing a range of beers with subtle, original flavours which evolves with the seasons.

www.bam-brasserie.fr
MOUTHWATERING LOCAL PRODUCE

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

Périgord walnuts

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

www.noixduperigord.com

The Périgord strawberry – a protected fruit

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

www.fraiseduperigord.com

New: A strawberry-flavoured aperitif!

In line with the new trend for fruit-flavoured wines, a new 100% Dordogne aperitif, La Pie Rose, came onto the market in June 2015. The drink is a delicious combination of Côte de Bergerac wine and strawberries grown in the Périgord. Producers: Alban Courtois, Laurent Fabry and Thomas Lechevallier.

www.facebook.com/MyPieRose
GOURMET DELICACIES

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

Truffles and foie gras: the stars of our local gastronomy

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

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

Neuvic caviar

Three production sites in the Dordogne are dedicated to sturgeon breeding and caviar production: the Estudor fish farm in Montpon, Aquadem in Les Eyzies de Tayac and the Domaine Huso in Neuvic sur l’Isle. The latter produces high-quality caviar while minimising the impact on the environment. It is possible to visit this farm seven days a week (prior booking required and for groups with a minimum of 10 participants). The visit includes a 1hr15min tour of its facilities, plus a caviar tasting.
THE PAYS DE BERGERAC AWARDED THE “VIGNOBLES & DÉCOUVERTES” LABEL

A first in Aquitaine!

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

www.vignoblesetdecouvertes-bergerac.fr

Bergerac wine – a high-quality product

With a wine-making tradition dating back 2,000 years, Bergerac’s vineyards have an incredible diversity, including reds, dry whites, rosés, sparkling and sweet wines. Extending on both banks of the Dordogne river, the wine region encompasses 93 villages and over 12,000 hectares of vines producing 13 Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC) wines: Bergerac (Bergerac Sec, Bergerac Rosé, Bergerac Rouge, Côtes de Bergerac Blanc, Côtes de Bergerac Rouge), Monbazillac, Montravel (Montravel, Côtes de Montravel, Haut-Montravel, Montravel Rouge), Pécharmant, Rosette and Saussignac.

www.vins-bergerac.fr

Wine tourism news

• Luxury gîtes and farmers’ markets at the Château Panisseau in Thénac

On this estate surrounded by 66 hectares of vineyards, the outbuildings of the magnificent 12th century château have been completely renovated to create luxury gîtes sleeping 6 to 8 guests. In 2016, the Château de Panisseau will also host evening farmers’ markets on the second and last Wednesdays in July and August.

www.chateaudepanisseau.com

• “L’Aurore des Vins”, a new specialist wine tourism tour operator.

Our selection: a driving tour around the vineyards of Bergerac

“Your car + route notes + you = a relaxed experience offering maximum freedom”

Enjoy the region’s history heritage, fine gastronomy and idyllic landscapes as you explore Bergerac’s the appellation contrôlée vineyards (Monbazillac, Pécharmant etc). As well as selecting the region’s best wines, we have also chosen the best restaurants to give your tastebuds a real treat!

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www.lauroredesvins.com
THE “ARTS AND CRAFTS ROUTE”

A whole host of traditional skills are represented in the Dordogne, including pottery, wood carving, glasswork, ironwork, basketwork and leatherwork.

An organisation which encourages arts and crafts

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

Léa Pack – wood in all its guises

Designer cabinet-maker Léa Pack established her workshop in Montazeau in 2013, where her artistic designs are focused on top-of-the-range modern furniture. Each of her pieces is conceived, designed and created with a constant sense of originality, technical perfection and visual harmony resulting in unique objects and expertise which have earned her the title of Maître Artisan d’Art in 2015 (awarded by the Chamber of Trades and Crafts) and first prize in the “Artisan d’Art” awards (by Rotary International district 1690) in 2014.

Rout’arts

The Chamber of Trades and Crafts has produced an arts and crafts guide for visitors. These route notes list individual artisans who have signed up to a charter that guarantees visitors a warm and friendly welcome and a demonstration of their skills.
The Dordogne offers visitors a range of high-tech, modern touring options, with new and exciting possibilities coming to light almost daily. Audio-guides are increasingly popular, while tours in sign language and 3D are becoming more common in our historic monuments.

Le Thot, a site dedicated to new technologies

Two new animals have been added to the “Mirror of Time”: the cave hyena and the saiga antelope. These two extinct animals complete the list of those already part of this augmented reality animation (mammoth, woolly rhinoceros etc), enabling visitors to interact and observe the behaviour of prehistoric animals. On the same site, a room dedicated to climatology during prehistory has also been created in which a 3D animation split into 6 key stages explains the climatic fluctuations from the appearance of Hominidae to the Lascaux period.

The “OhAhCheck app! Patrimoine 2.0

Developed by the company GMT Edition, this new smartphone app available for IOS and Android devices enables you to discover the historical heritage and monuments of Périgueux and Sarlat with a single click. With Oh Ah Check, all you need to do is take a photo of a building and wait a moment for information on it to appear on your screen. This interactive app also allows users to interact with each other and exchange information and impressions on sites worth visiting in the region.

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www.semitour.com/site-touristique/le-thot-espace-cro-magnon

https://ohahcheck.com
TOURISM FOR DISABLED VISITORS

The “Tourisme et Handicap” label has been created to provide disabled visitors, whatever their disability, with access to a full range of tourism services in the Dordogne.

A few facts and figures

This label has been awarded to 100 tourism services operated by 81 tourism providers: 2 caves, 9 museums, 1 cavern, 1 garden, 1 castle, 3 fishing sites, 9 prehistoric sites, 2 troglodyte sites, 1 outdoor leisure centre, 3 boutiques offering direct sales (wineries/duck and goose farmers), 1 city tour and 9 tourist offices. 48 accommodation providers and 10 restaurants have also been awarded the label. A detailed list of sites can be seen on the Dordogne Tourist Board website.

www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr ("Tourisme et Handicap" label)

An underground cave accessible to everyone

In addition to its “cathedral of crystal”, the Gouffre de Proumeyssac boasts extensive grounds which visitors can explore at leisure and for free, offering an educational but fun insight into life below ground. Dedicated play areas enable the whole family to learn about the world of geology, go back in time and enjoy their first experience of caving. The first underground cave in France to receive the all-disability “Tourisme et Handicap” label, the Gouffre de Proumeyssac has a team which has proved that through combined efforts and astute investment it is possible to offer an almost complete visit for all disabled visitors from France and abroad. A partial visit is also available for those with mobility disabilities with access available as far as the esplanade with its overall view overlooking the cave. From this high viewpoint, the guided tour continues via an audio-guide.

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IN TOUCH WITH NATURE

PARC NATUREL RÉGIONAL PÉRIGORD LIMOUSIN: ECO-FRIENDLY INITIATIVES

The Parc Naturel Régional Périgord Limousin is fully committed to sustainable and environmentally friendly practices. In November 2013, the park was officially accepted as a signatory to the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism.

New hope for the “freshwater pearl mussel” in the park’s rivers

The aim of the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord Limousin is to preserve the historic and natural sights of the southern Limousin and northern Dordogne. In an attempt to preserve the freshwater pearl mussel which is threatened with extinction, an extensive European programme, Life, has been introduced to the Natura 2000 zone in the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord-Limousin.

In 2016, pearl mussels will be cultivated at a new fish farm occupying the former school in Firbeix, after which they will be introduced into the Dronne, one of the last rivers in Europe with a large population.

http://www.life-haute-dronne.eu/preservation-de-la-moule-perliere

The “VALEURS PARC NATUREL REGIONAL” label

9 educational farms offer visitors information on local farming practices. Visitors are welcomed by the farmer, who explains his/her job and provides information via a series of games or fun workshops (discovery trails, workshops involving the harvesting of crops etc). The farmers involved include breeders of bison and donkeys and a farmer who grows old varieties of vegetables.

These farms, members of the “Fermes Pédagogiques en Dordogne Périgord” association, have all been awarded the “VALEURS PARC NATUREL REGIONAL” label, which shows that they are located within the park and highlights the quality of the services they offer. Since 2015, this new label has also been awarded to 13 tourism accommodation providers, with others to be added to the list.

WELL-BEING CAMPING BREAKS WITH YOUR “TRIBE”

Nowadays, finding downtime to relax and enjoy some well-earned pampering with your friends or family is becoming ever more important, whether it’s on a holiday or a weekend break. So why not organise a reunion, a birthday, anniversary or wedding (or even a business meeting) in the heart of nature in one of the Dordogne’s 254 campsites.

Find lots of great ideas and organise your relaxing break on your smartphone or tablet via the Dordogne’s new camping website.

www.campingsdordogneperigord.com

“Parenthèses Imaginaires” campsite

Whether you’re a family or group of friends hoping to get away from it all or looking for a venue in which to organise a wedding, the “Parenthèses Imaginaires” campsite offers its guests a new, chic and fun concept combining nature, art, comfort and surprise – ingredients that can only enhance your stay even more. Located in Milhac de Nontron, in a natural, densely wooded location with swimming and fishing lakes in the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord Limousin, the campsite offers a choice of well-appointed accommodation (a lakeside chalet with a private over-water pontoon as well as a glamping cabin) with amusing and artistically inspired names. A bonus for those looking to organise a reunion or celebration is the function room, able to accommodate up to 100 seated guests, with a beautiful lakeside terrace.

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http://parentheses-imaginaires.com

Our favourite addresses!

• La Cabane – the floating tent at the Camping de l’Etang de Bazange in Monfaucon: floating on the water, the Flo’Tente is perfect for lazing around, unwinding by the water or fishing – and is only accessible by boat!

www.camping-bazange-dordogne.com

• 4 cabins on stilts with an appearance inspired by traditional fishing huts with an African feel will be available at the “Le Domaine de Soleil Plage” campsite from 2016, with panoramic views of the aqua park and the cliffs overlooking the Dordogne river.

www.soleilplage.fr
UNIQUE PLACES TO STAY

A night in the woods!

Situated halfway between Périgueux and Thiviers, this environmentally focused site is a haven of peace and quiet. Here, Julien Fournier and Cyril Mignaud’s eco-friendly approach is evident in the accommodation on offer: 2 cabins perched in the trees, 2 yurts and 1 prospector’s tent in 3 hectares of woodland around the village of Lempzours. Open all year round, these comfortable accommodation options are all equipped with a wood-burning stove but do not have electricity or running water. However, a shower block with four small bathrooms with an Italian-style shower is available for guests. Breakfast is also an option here.

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http://www.o-bois-dormant.voyage

Presbytère d’Urval: a B&B and art gallery

In the heart of the medieval village of Urval, in the Dordogne valley, the “Presbytère d’Urval” is an 18th century property offering three comfortable B&B rooms in which contemporary furnishings and works of art contrast with the traditional architecture. However, what you won’t find here are flatscreen TVs, a swimming pool (you’ll have to make do with the banks of the Dordogne river!) or an excess of technology (although WiFi is available).

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**CHARMING ACCOMMODATION**

**A luxury property in Couze, the town of “paper”**

Located on a hill with an unbeatable view of the Dordogne valley, the luxurious Château Mont d’Onel offers three superb B&B rooms for guests. Recently renovated by its American-Scottish owners, this 13th century château with its own grounds boasts a wide range of top-notch facilities including a heated swimming pool, tennis court and pétanque area.

This unique property is a haven of peace and quiet close to the charming village of Couze-et-Saint-Front, which be reached on foot.

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**New high-quality accommodation options**

- **Gîte Les Mémis, a 4-ear-of-corn Gîte de France property**
  Located close to Bourdeilles, this old property has been transformed into a comfortable property able to sleep 17 guests. Perfect for a family or group of friends, and with an impressive 350m² of living space, this gîte is the perfect base from which to explore the Dronne valley (Brantôme etc). [www.lesmemis.fr](http://www.lesmemis.fr)

- **“La Maison Anglaise”, a 3-key Clévacances rental property**
  These two spacious apartments decorated in contemporary style occupy the first floor of a late-19th century house in the heart of the bastide of Monpazier. This elegant property also boasts an outdoor swimming pool and terrace. [www.lamaisonanglaise.fr](http://www.lamaisonanglaise.fr)
NEW MEDIA TOOLS

A visual approach

A new 2min30 promotional video on the Pays de Bergerac, with its vineyards and bastides, can be viewed on the Vimeo channel on the Dordogne Tourist Board website. [www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr](http://www.dordogne-perigord-tourisme.fr)

Creation of a FLICKR account for the press [www.flickr.com/gp/132207658@N05/8z5U1R](http://www.flickr.com/gp/132207658@N05/8z5U1R)

New publications

- **Creation of a cycle-touring map**
  This practical guide features 20 circular routes varying in length between 15 and 80km, 4 itineraries on dedicated cycle trails and green ways, plus a touring circuit lasting several days following in the footsteps of the young Lawrence of Arabia through the Périgord. The publication is easy to read and offers different levels of difficulty, enabling cyclists to choose their perfect route.
  
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- **Dordogne-Perigord outdoor activities guide**
  In this guide you’ll find everything you need on the outdoor activities on offer in the Dordogne, including venues and services providers and activities suitable for everyone, whether you’re looking for a sporting break or a more contemplative holiday. New for 2016: a page dedicated to sites and activities which have been awarded the Tourisme et Handicap label.
  

The world of social media

Creation of an Instagram account: #dordogneperigordtourisme

Instagram is currently the world’s most popular social network for photo sharing. Number of photos posted to date: 51
> FEBRUARY
• “La Chevêche” festival, Nontron
An event for naturalists in the Périgord-Limousin-Angoumois. This festival offers films on nature, events and workshops for children, lectures, nature excursions and exhibitions.
www.lacheveche.fr/festival

> MARCH
• “Jazz en chai”, around Bergerac
Jazz concerts organised in the wine cellars of the Bergerac region.
http://jazzenchais.com

> APRIL TO JUNE
• “Le printemps des Bastides”, around Bergerac
A host of cultural and artistic events organised in the bastides around Bergerac.
www.pays-des-bastides.com

> MAY
• Festival Jazz Pourpre, Bergerac
The greatest names from the jazz world head to Bergerac for this 4-day festival.
www.jazzpourpre.com
• Festival de la Vallée, Saint-Astier
Concerts, aperitif events, shows etc. Events take place in fifteen local villages.
www.lavallee.info
• 17th European Camping Car Festival, Périgueux
www.camping-car.com/fecc

> JUNE
• Journées Britanniques, Brantome
A Franco-British cultural event for all the family.

> JUNE AND JULY
• La Félibrée, Saint-Aulaye
A major celebration of Occitan culture and traditions.
• “Itinéraire baroque en Périgord Vert”
A festival dedicated to Baroque music and Romanesque architecture.
www.itinerairebaroque.com

> JULY
• “Les chemins de l’Imaginaire”, Terrasson
Street performances as eclectic as they are spellbinding along the banks of the Vézère.
www.ot-terrasson.com
• “Festival des Guitares Vertes” in the Pays de Jumilhac
A guitar festival featuring a combination of concerts and other events.
www.festival-jumilhac.fr
• “Le Grand Souk”, Ribérac
With its mix of pop, rock, traditional French song and electronic music, the festival attracts leading French and international performers.
www.legrandsouk.com
• Festival de Danses et Musiques du Monde, Montignac
For one week the village beats to the rhythm of world music with performers from around ten countries.
www.festivaldemontignac.assoo.org
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY - AUGUST

- **Festival des Jeux du Théâtre, Sarlat**  
  This theatre festival is one of the most famous in France.  
  [www.festival-theatre-sarlat.com](http://www.festival-theatre-sarlat.com)

- **“L’été musical en Bergerac”**  
  An eclectic programme of events at some of the region’s most famous historic sites.  
  [http://festivalbergerac.blogspot.fr](http://festivalbergerac.blogspot.fr)

### AUGUST

- **Festival International des Arts du Mime et du Geste (Mimos), Périgueux**  
  For one week, street theatre and mime take over the town.  
  [www.mimos.fr](http://www.mimos.fr)

- **“Itinérance Médiévale en Vallée du Dropt”, in the Bergerac region**  
  Relive the Middle Ages in all their glory!  
  [www.medieval.dropt.org](http://www.medieval.dropt.org)

### AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

- **Festival des Grands Interprètes, Sinfonia en Périgord, near Périgueux**  
  This major national festival plays host to leading performers of Baroque and classical music.  
  [www.sinfonia-en-perigord.com](http://www.sinfonia-en-perigord.com)

### AUGUST – OCTOBER

- **Festival de Musique du Périgord Noir, Montignac**  
  The Aquitaine’s largest festival, featuring over 20 classical music concerts.  
  [www.festivalduperigordnoir.fr](http://www.festivalduperigordnoir.fr)

- **Les Estivales du Frau, Saint-Jean-de-Côle**  
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### NOVEMBER

- **Sarlat Film Festival**  
  A major event in the world of French cinema, this festival is renowned for its relaxed, friendly atmosphere.  
  [www.ville-sarlat.fr/festival](http://www.ville-sarlat.fr/festival)

- **International Cookbook Fair, Périgueux**  
  A biannual event which gives professional cooks and the general public alike a chance to purchase all the latest cookery books. Meet famous chefs and food writers as well as professionals from the food industry.  
  [www.livre-gourmand.fr](http://www.livre-gourmand.fr)

- **“Rue des métiers d’Art” in Nontron**  
  This fair brings together the best artisans in a delightful setting and is THE show for rural arts and crafts!  
  [www.metiersdartperigord.fr](http://www.metiersdartperigord.fr)

### New concert venue in Périgueux:

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