



Meyronne

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



DAY 01 ARRIVE IN MARTEL

Arrive at **Le Relais Sainte-Anne** in Martel, a picturesque town also known as 'la ville aux sept tours' or the town of seven towers. Dinner is included at all hotels this week.

DAY 02 MARTEL TO MEYRONNE

10KM/6.5MI/2.5HR

Before leaving Martel, enjoy its mediaeval streets, in particular the Palais de la Raymondie and the Place de la Halle. Enjoy 360° views of the Dordogne Valley from the summit of Mont Mercou, before arriving at the **Hôtel La Terrasse** for two nights.

DAY 03 AT MEYRONNE

You could walk to Rocher Sainte-Marie and the *Grottes de Lacave* or head to the town of Rocamadour, home to the shrine of the Black Madonna. Alternatively, travel by taxi to the Gouffre de Padirac, an enormous underground chasm.

DAY 04 MEYRONNE TO SOUILLAC

19KM/12MI/5HR

Follow the path along the Roc de Monges with spectacular panoramic views then take the GR6 through sleepy hamlets and lush farmland to rejoin the river at Château de la Treyne. Continue to the small town of Souillac and **La Vieille Auberge**, where you'll stay for two nights.

DAY 05 AT SOUILLAC

Wander around this delightful town or visit the Musée de l'Automate, which holds the largest collection of mechanical toys and dolls in France. Alternatively, walk to La Durantie for more stunning views along the Dordogne Valley.

DAY 06 SOUILLAC TO CARSAC

13KM/8MI/3.5HR OR 16KM/10MI/4HR

Take a transfer to Rouffillac then head along the Dordogne River into the heart of the Périgord Nord. You can also take a short detour to visit the Château de Fénelon en route to **La Villa Romaine** just outside Carsac, for two nights.

DAY 07 AT CARSAC

Walk along the disused railway line that is now a 'voie verte' into Sarlat and explore this mediaeval town, the capital of the Périgord Noir. Wander the warren of old lanes and charming courtyards with their Renaissance façades and richly ornamented buildings.

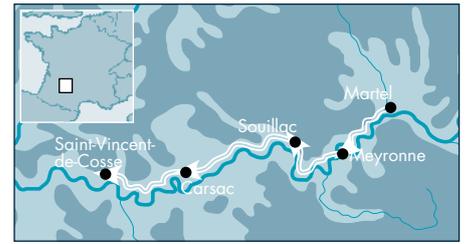
DAY 08 CARSAC TO SAINT-VINCENT-DE-COSSE

21KM/13.5MI/5HR

Pass stone *bories* (dry stone huts) and small country hamlets as you walk between the Château de Montfort, Vitrac port and La Roque-Gageac. Take a short but steep detour up to the Château de Beynac then continue to the **Château de Monrecour**.

DAY 09 LEAVE SAINT-VINCENT-DE-COSSE

WHERE YOU STAY

Le Relais Sainte-Anne
***Hôtel La Terrasse
***La Vieille Auberge
***La Villa Romaine
****Château de Monrecour
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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Unspoilt scenery, woodland valleys, well-marked tranquil riverside paths
- Pretty mediaeval villages, traditional Périgourdine markets, fairytale châteaux
- Wonderful river wildlife: coypu, heron, kites, kingfishers, buzzards and dragonflies
- La Roque Gageac, one of Les Plus Beaux Villages de France



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YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- 8 nights hotel-to-hotel accommodation in a mix of *** and **** hotels
- All breakfasts and evening meals
- Services of your local Representative
- Route directions and maps
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- Wine Collection Service (see page 106)

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

- Sole occupancy of a double room (including one night in a single room) - please enquire
- Room upgrades at selected hotels
- Extra nights in Saint-Vincent-De-Cosse or Sarlat
- City break add-ons in Toulouse



La Roque-Gageac

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



DAY 01 ARRIVE IN SOUILLAC

Arrive at **La Vieille Auberge**. Explore the town or take a dip in the pool before dinner (included).

DAY 02 SOUILLAC TO SARLAT

35KM/22MI

Head west to visit the fabulous Château de Fénelon with its fine collection of armour and objets d'art. Then on to the **Hôtel Meysset** in Sarlat where you stay for the next two nights. Dinner (included) is taken in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 03 AT SARLAT

Explore Sarlat's *Vieux Quartier* with its beautiful jumble of varying architectural styles. Alternatively, visit the bustling market on a Wednesday/Saturday or cycle to Domme or La Roque-Gageac. Tonight you enjoy dinner (included) in a local restaurant.

DAY 04 SARLAT TO LES EYZIES

30KM/19MI OR 45KM/28.5MI

Head through the Périgord Nord to see traditional Périgourdine houses in Meyrals, or visit Beynac and its fortified castle. Then on past the Roc de Cazelle troglodyte cave village to Les Eyzies. You stay at the **Hôtel Les Glycines** for the next two nights, with dinner included.

DAY 05 AT LES EYZIES

Steep limestone cliffs surround the village, honeycombed with shelters and caves. Explore locally, go canoeing or head out through the magnificent Vézère Gorges and back via the Abri du Cap Blanc, where you'll find the only remaining frieze of prehistoric sculptures in the world.

DAY 06 LES EYZIES TO AURIAC-DU-PÉRIGORD

31KM/19.5MI OR 37KM/23.5MI

Freewheel down to the Vézère River and on to visit La Roque St-Christophe, then it's on to the village of St Léon with its charming C12 church. Leave the river valley behind to reach **Le Moulin de Mitou** where you spend the next two nights (dinner included).

DAY 07 AT AURIAC-DU-PÉRIGORD

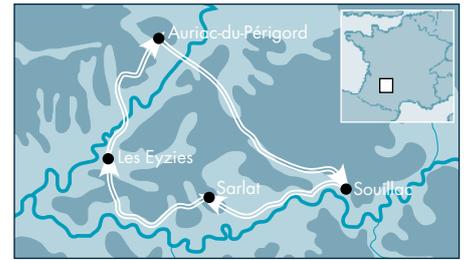
Head out to the pretty, mediaeval town of Montignac. Wander up to the ruined château, before heading off to the nearby Lascaux II caves with their amazing collection of prehistoric paintings.

DAY 08 AURIAC-DU-PÉRIGORD TO SOUILLAC

47KM/29MI OR 56KM/35MI

Discover the tiny farming village of St-Amand-de-Coly, then head out to Salignac. From here, we recommend a short detour to the Manoir d'Eyrignac, whose gardens are rated the best in France, before continuing to **La Vieille Auberge** for your final gastronomic meal (included).

DAY 09 LEAVE SOUILLAC



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Dramatic river valleys, mediaeval towns, fairytale châteaux, UNESCO Les Eyzies
- Prehistoric sites including the impressive Lascaux II caves
- Varied riverside cycling following the banks of the Vézère, Dordogne, Beune and Borreze rivers



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YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- 8 nights hotel-to-hotel accommodation in a mix of *** and **** hotels
- All breakfasts and gastronomic evening meals
- Services of your local Representative
- High quality bikes
- GPS route directions and maps
- RideWithGPS navigation app
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- Wine Collection Service (see page 106)

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

- Electric bikes available
- Sole occupancy of a double room - please enquire
- Room upgrades at selected hotels
- Extra nights in Souillac or Sarlat
- City break add-ons in Toulouse

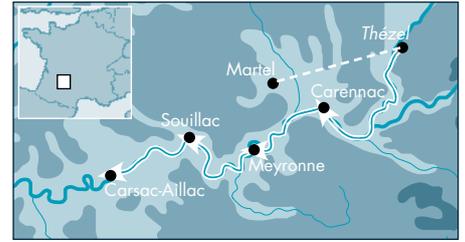
WHERE YOU STAY

La Vieille Auberge
***Hôtel Meysset
***Hôtel Les Glycines
****Le Moulin du Mitou

CANOEING ON THE DORDOGNE



Château de Beynac



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- One of France's most celebrated rivers: wide, peaceful, calm, flat
- Excellent for families, easy for beginners
- Friendly hotels, all with pools; superb cuisine
- Excellent views: picturesque perched villages and troglodyte cave dwellings

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY

DAY 01 ARRIVE IN MARTEL

Le Relais Sainte-Anne is set in 7,000m² of private gardens in the mediaeval town of Martel. Evening meals are included at every hotel this week.

DAY 02 MARTEL TO CARENNAC

13KM/8MI/3-4HR

After the briefing and canoeing lesson in the hamlet of Thézel, it's an easy paddle down to Carennac, one of the Dordogne's most picturesque villages, with a mediaeval priory and C16 castle. You'll stay at the **Hostellerie Fénelon** for two nights.

DAY 03 AT CARENNAC

Explore Carennac today, a fairytale village with a jumble of cottages and C16 turreted manor houses. Alternatively, take a taxi to visit the Gouffre de Padirac with its amazing caverns and galleries.

DAY 04 CARENNAC TO MEYRONNE

20KM/12.5MI/5-6HR

Pass below massive cliffs and impressive riverside châteaux before arriving at your C11 château hotel, the **Hôtel La Terrasse** where you spend the next two nights.

DAY 05 AT MEYRONNE

Relax at the hotel pool, or visit the south of the river, by the Rocher Sainte-Marie and the Grotte de Lacave. Rocamadour, a short taxi ride away, is one of France's most venerated religious sites.

DAY 06 MEYRONNE TO SOUILLAC

17KM/11MI/4-5HR

Look out for Belcastel and the impressive Château de la Treyne on today's easy paddle. You'll stay at **La Vieille Auberge** for two nights.

DAY 07 AT SOUILLAC

Explore Souillac, with good shops, a weekly market and a beautiful abbey church with Romanesque carvings. Visit the Musée de l'Automate, the largest collection of mechanical toys and dolls in France.

DAY 08 SOUILLAC TO CARSAC-AILLAC

20KM/12.5MI/4-5HR

Canoe to Groléjac via St-Julien, through the heart of peaceful and prosperous Périgord countryside. We take you to your hotel, **La Villa Romaine**, in Carsac-Aillac.

DAY 09 LEAVE CARSAC-AILLAC

WHERE YOU STAY

Le Relais Sainte-Anne
***Hostellerie Fénelon
**Hôtel La Terrasse
***La Vieille Auberge
***La Villa Romaine

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YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- 8 nights hotel-to-hotel accommodation in a mix of **, *** and **** hotels
- All breakfasts and evening meals
- Services of your local Representative
- Canadian canoes or sit-on-top kayaks
- Buoyancy aid and helmet
- Transfers to/from the river at Martel/Carsac
- Luggage transfers between hotels

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

- Option to hire bikes for 'stay put' days
- Sole occupancy of a double room - please enquire
- Room upgrades at selected hotels
- Extra nights in Martel
- City break add-ons in Toulouse



Beynac village

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



DAY 01 ARRIVE IN MARTEL

Arrive at **Le Relais Sainte-Anne**, if you have time you can explore Martel's mediaeval streets.

DAY 02 MARTEL TO MEYRONNE WALK 10KM/6.5MI/2.5HR OR CYCLE 15KM/9.5MI

Walkers enjoy wonderful 360° views from the summit of Mont Mercou, along with views over the Dordogne Valley, whilst cyclists pass the lovely village of Gluges, on the banks of the Dordogne River. You stay at the **Hôtel La Terrasse** for the next two nights.

DAY 03 AT MEYRONNE

Walk to Rocher Sainte-Marie and the Grottes de Lacave, or, cycle to Rocamadour, home to the shrine of the Black Madonna. Alternatively, head to the Gouffre de Padirac and descend into an underground cave system.

DAY 04 MEYRONNE TO SOUILLAC CANOE 17KM/11MI/4-5HR

After a canoe lesson paddle below stunning cliffs and the Châteaux de Belcastel and Château de la Treyne. You spend the next two nights at **La Vieille Auberge** in bustling Souillac.

DAY 05 AT SOUILLAC

Wander around the town and visit the Musée de l'Automate. Alternatively, walk to La Durantie for stunning views or cycle to the Château de Fénelon, a C12 and C13 Cathar stronghold.

DAY 06 SOUILLAC TO SAINT-VINCENT-DE-COSSE CANOE 20KM/12.5MI/4-5HR

Paddle gently down to Groléjac through the heart of peaceful Périgord countryside. We pick you up and take you to the tranquil **Château de Monrecour**, where you stay for the next two nights.

DAY 07 AT SAINT-VINCENT-DE-COSSE

Stroll to Beynac and climb the steep footpath lined with C15-C17 stone houses up to the spectacular C13 hilltop château. Alternatively, visit the Jardins de Marqueyssac and the Château de Castelnaud.

DAY 08 SAINT-VINCENT-DE-COSSE TO SARLAT WALK 19KM/12MI/5HR OR CYCLE 32KM/20MI

Today go on foot or by bike through pretty villages and shaded woods to mediaeval Sarlat. Explore the narrow streets, ancient courtyards, Renaissance façades and richly ornamented buildings. Your last night is spent at the **Hôtel Meysset**.

DAY 09 LEAVE SARLAT



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Three activities in one: two days canoeing with a choice of walking or cycling for the remaining days
- Impressive châteaux, troglodyte cave dwellings, Grottes de Lacave and Gouffre de Padirac
- Dramatic river valleys and mediaeval villages



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YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- 8 nights hotel-to-hotel accommodation in *** hotels
- All breakfasts and evening meals
- Services of your local Representative
- Walking route directions and maps
- High quality bikes
- GPS route directions and maps (for cycling)
- RideWithGPS navigation app (for cycling)
- Choice of Canadian canoe or sit-on-top kayak
- Buoyancy aid and helmet (for canoeing)
- Wine Collection Service (see page 106)

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

- Sole occupancy of a double room - please enquire
- Room upgrades at selected hotels
- Extra nights in Martel, Meyronne, Saint-Vincent-de-Cosse or Sarlat
- City break add-ons in Toulouse

WHERE YOU STAY

Le Relais Sainte-Anne
***Hôtel La Terrasse
***La Vieille Auberge
***Château de Monrecour
***Hôtel Meysset



Rocamadour



YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY

DAY 01 ARRIVE IN SARLAT

Arrive at the charming *** **Hotel Meysset**, with heated swimming pool, sun terrace, 1.3 hectares of parkland, bar and restaurant. Explore the nearby town of Sarlat, which has the highest concentration of mediaeval, Renaissance and C17 façades of any town in France. Below is our suggested itinerary for the week but as you have a hire car at your disposal, you're free to pick and choose when and where you walk or cycle each day.

DAY 02 LES EYZIES AND THE 'GORGE D'ENFER'

WALK 9KM/6MI/3HR

Les Eyzies is known as France's capital of Prehistory for good reason. This lovely gentle stroll enables you to combine a walk with exploring the village and visiting any number of the dozen or so prehistoric and troglodyte settlements and museums in the area.

DAY 03 EYRIGNAC LOOP

CYCLE 27KM/17MI

Head out to the east of Sarlat towards Sainte Nathalène before continuing up to the delightful manor house and French gardens at Eyrygnac, some of the best in France.

DAY 04 LASCAUX AND MONTIGNAC

WALK 9KM/6MI/3HR

A great day out and an itinerary combining a visit to world-famous Lascaux (allow a couple of hours) with a walk into the hills above Montignac for a good view over the Vézère Valley and the village. You pass the prehistoric site and museum of Regourdou along the way.

DAY 05 GREENWAY LOOP TO CARSAC-AILLAC AND CARLUX

CYCLE 35KM/22MI

Head down from Sarlat to Carsac-Aillac and the Dordogne River beyond. Cycle along the Greenway (Voie Verte) to Rouffillac and continue on to Carlux. Pedal down through orchards, agricultural land and hamlets to the valley floor and Sainte Nathalène, then back to Sarlat.

DAY 06 BEYNAC LOOP

WALK 8KM/5MI/2.5HR

Rather than simply driving straight to the Château de Beynac, this easy walk follows back lanes and trails on a short loop through the countryside to the north of the village. It offers great and varied views and then takes you right to the front door of the château on a 'secret' path.

DAY 07 ROCAMADOUR, THE ALZOU & OUYSSSE WALK 11KM/7MI/3.5HR OR 14KM/9MI/4.5HR

Set off from the château via the iconic viewpoint over Rocamadour and descend along the main street to the Moulin de Roquefrâche. Stroll along the Alzou Valley to the impressive resurgence of the River Ouyssse at the Gouffre de Cabouy, a very picturesque riverside picnic spot.

DAY 08 LEAVE SARLAT



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Stay just outside mediaeval Sarlat in a peaceful *** hotel with 1.3ha of parkland
- Amazing Dordogne landscape, fairytale chateaux, troglodyte caves
- Traditional local market (Saturdays)
- Walking and cycling on well-marked tranquil riverside paths and greenways



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YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- 7 nights single-centre accommodation in a *** hotel
- All breakfasts and evening meals
- Services of your local Representative
- Europcar Group B air-conditioned hire car
- Walking route directions and maps
- High quality bikes
- GPS route directions and maps (for cycling)
- RideWithGPS navigation app (for cycling)
- Wine Collection Service (see page 106)

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

- Sole occupancy of a double room - please enquire
- Room upgrades available
- Extra nights in Sarlat
- City break add-ons in Toulouse

WHERE YOU STAY



*** Hôtel Meysset