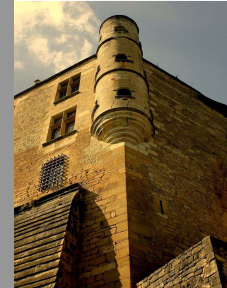
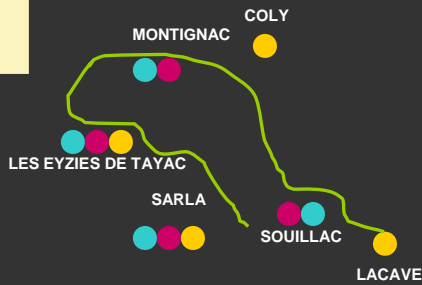




MAP OF FRANCE

DORDOGNE REGION



CLASSIC TOUR

*** Hotel La Vieille Auberge in Souillac

<http://www.la-vieille-auberge.com>

*** Hotel Relais du Soleil d'Or in Montignac

<http://www.le-soleil-dor.com>

*** Hotel Moulin de la Beune in les Eyzies de Tayac

<http://moulindebeune.com>

** Hotel Le Couleuvrine in Sarlat

<http://www.la-couleuvrine.com>

CLASSIC + TOUR

*** Hotel Pavillon Saint Martin in Souillac

<http://www.hotel-saint-martin-souillac.com>

*** Hotel La Roseraie in Montignac

<http://www.laroseraie-hotel.com>

*** Hotel Le Passeur in les Eyzies de Tayac

<http://www.hostellerie-du-passeur.com>

*** Hotel le Renoir in Sarlat

<http://www.hotel-renoir-sarlat.com>

DELUXE TOUR

**** Hotel Chateau de la Treyne in Lacave

<http://www.chateaudelatreyne.com>

**** Manoir de Hautegente in Coly

<http://www.manoir-hautegente.com>

**** Hotel Les Glycines in les Eyzies de Tayac

<http://www.les-glycines-dordogne.com>

**** Hotel Clos la Boetie in Sarlat

<http://www.closlaboetie-sarlat.com>

DORDOGNE - 6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS

Day 1 : Arrival in Souillac

Welcome to the Dordogne! We will meet at the train station and transfer to your first hotel, where we will provide you with your bike, maps, routes notes, etc... You'll have time to explore the ancient streets of Souillac (the town dates back to the foundation of a Benedictine Monastery in the year 65!), with its cobblestones, boutiques, and 11th century Saint Mary's Abbey. Wander down to the banks of the Dordogne, which you will be following over the next few days. Night and dinner included in Souillac.

Day 2 : Souillac to Montignac 40 Km

Nice scenery, in the middle of the Dordogne's rich countryside, where truffles and cep mushrooms, walnut orchards, and grapes grow, and where you shouldn't be surprised to see goose and duck farms, for the famous foie gras. The destination is Montignac, set upon the first of the two rivers you will see this trip: the smaller and picturesque Vezere. Many of the older houses have flowered balconies overlooking the river flowing below. But though Montignac is pretty, it is more renowned for being the site of the world famous Lascaux caves, with their extraordinary prehistoric paintings. The original site has been closed, to protect this treasure, but the life-sized reproduction, at Lascaux II is more than worth the visit! Night in Montignac, with many restaurants to choose from.

Day 3 : Montignac to Les-Eyzies-de-Tayac 30 Km

The Vézère River Valley, where it seems nothing has changed since the prehistoric times the region is famous for, like the world famous Lascaux caves. Your ride continues to the prehistoric capital, Les-Eyzies-de-Tayac with the National Prehistory Museum, and the Font de Gaume polychromatic cave paintings. In order to protect the site, access into the caves is limited to only 100 visitors a day, so be aware that you should book ahead if you would like to visit this unique site! Night and dinner in Les Eyzies.

Day 4 : Les-Eyzies-de-Tayac to Sarlat 36 Km

Your route today takes you through lush green countryside between the Vezere and Dordogne river valleys. Your goal is Sarlat, one of the best preserved medieval vestiges of Europe and a UNESCO Heritage site. You'll want to take the time to wander the 15th and 16th century streets (all pedestrian now) and courtyards, surrounded by golden-stoned houses with the typical "lauze" (flat stone) rooftops. It is a treat to be in this town in the evening, when the medieval buildings are lit up beautifully. Dinner on your own this evening, with many options.

Day 5 : The Prettiest Villages of France 35 or 45 Km

The loop ride for the day is one of the most picturesque, passing through some of the "prettiest villages of France" (this is an official national rating!) and castles lining the river that warred across from each other... You will discover typical village such as Beynac, with its imposing castle built by the Barons of Beynac. You may well decide to lunch in Dommme. This village, an excellent example of the Bastide villages (fortified villages) of Medieval France, was built in the 13th century by Philip the Bold; there are still examples of medieval graffiti by the templar knights, and a spectacular panorama to the valley below! Pass also through La Roque Gageac, with its narrow houses flat against the cliffside overlooking the Dordogne, built around original troglodyte dwellings, before returning to Sarlat for a second night. Dinner on your own this evening in Sarlat

Day 6 : Sarlat back to Souillac 35 Km

Nice scenery again for your final day's ride, as you ride following the bends and curves of the Dordogne. En route you will spot the Chateaux of Fenelon. The castle is particularly stunning, clinging to the side of a hill. As with so many of the region's castles, the site was attacked, damaged, and rebuilt a multitude of times over the centuries. The end of the day finds you back in Souillac, for your final evening. Dinner included

Day 7 : Departure - Bon Voyage!

After a final breakfast we will transfer you to the Souillac train station for your further travels.

Classic+ itinerary described here.

Exact hotels depend on availability at time of booking

