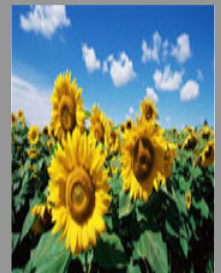
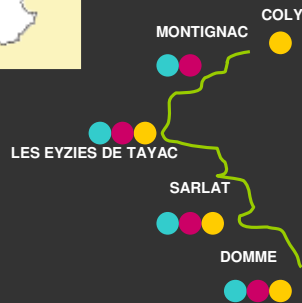




MAP OF FRANCE

DORDOGNE REGION



DORDOGNE 6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR

- ** Hotel le Couleuvrine in Sarlat
<http://www.la-couleuvrine.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://moulindelebeune.com>
- *** Hotel l'Esplanade in Domme
<http://esplanade-perigord.com>

CLASSIC + TOUR

- *** Hotel le Renoir in Sarlat
<http://www.hotel-renoir-sarlat.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 l'Esplanade in Domme
<http://esplanade-perigord.com>

DELUXE TOUR

- **** Hotel Clos la Boetie in Sarlat
<http://www.closlaboetie-sarlat.com>
- **** Manoir de Hauteigente in Coly
<http://www.manoir-hauteigente.com>
- *** Hotel les Glycines in les Eyzies de Tayac
<http://www.les-glycines-dordogne.com>
- *** Hotel l'Esplanade in Domme
<http://esplanade-perigord.com>

Classic+ itinerary described here; exact hotels depend on availability at time of booking

Prehistoric Paintings and Warring Chateaux

Day 1 : Arrival in Sarlat

We invite you to discover this medieval town, with its narrow streets, restored Gothic and Renaissance town houses, the Saint Sacerdos Cathedral and its famous open-air market (open Saturdays). This UNESCO Heritage site, the largest Medieval architectural grouping in Europe, is best explored by night, when the stone buildings with their "lauze" rooftops, and the cobblestoned streets and charming squares are lit up to eery beauty - you'll think you have been transported back in time!

Day 2 : To Montignac via Lascaux 16 km

Transfer to the small village of St Amand de Coly, with its lovely fortified Romanesque church. Walk via the Chateau de la Grande Filolie to the well-known prehistoric Lascaux cave. Recent research has placed the iconography of Lascaux at the beginning of the Magdalenian Age, that is, 17,000 years before today. You can visit the spectacular copy of the original, before continuing on to Montignac. Montignac is a lovely small town alongside the Vezere River. The river splits the town in two and on each side of its banks have sprung fountains, washing places, houses and half timbered buildings. On looking up, you will see the castle, former haunt of the Counts of Perigord, perched on its rocky spur and overlooking the town nestling below. Dinner included.

Day 3 : St-Leon-sur-Vezere to Les-Eyzies 14 km

Transfer by taxi to Saint Leon, which boasts of one of the most beautiful Romanesque churches in Perigord and two chateaux ! Walk through the Vezere Valley or along the heights of the village of Peyzac and La Roque Saint Christophe, an imposing cliff dominating the river whose caves were inhabited as a troglodyte fortress since the earliest traces of man! Continue through the villages of Moustier and Tursac, with its steepled church, before reaching Les Eyzies de Tayac, where you will pass the evening along the banks of yet another river, the Beune. Dinner included.

Day 4 : Allas les Mines to Domme 16 km

Transfer this morning to the village of Allas les Mines. Your walk today throws you back into the heart to the Hundred Year's War, along the winding banks of the Dordogne River, and the discovery of its chateau: Les Milandes, Fayrac, Castelnaud, ...before arriving in the fortified village of Domme. An excellent example of the Bastide villages (fortified villages) of Medieval France, Domme 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 from the terrace of your hotel. Dinner included.

Day 5 : Beynac to Domme 11 km

Transfer this morning back to Beynac. This cliff-side village houses an intimidating square and chateau overlooking the Dordogne. You head to the chateau, following the "Caminal del Penieraires", a paved, sloped street lined with beautiful, small old houses. Then down to the banks of the Dordogne and follow the river towards Castelnaud and its chateau, a rival to that of Beynac. Across the river to La Roque Gageac, a beautiful village built against the cliff, (officially rated as one of the "Prettiest Villages of France") and then again to climb up to La Bastide de Domme. The walk is shorter so you can enjoy visiting the various villages today.

Day 6 : Domme to Sarlat 12 km

From Domme, you will walk with a view of the village of Montfort and its fortified castle standing in a grandiose setting, highly-coveted for centuries. From the top of the Cingle de Montfort (a picturesque curl in the Dordogne River), you have a lovely view onto the Tursac Peninsula and the Montfort Chateau. From there on to your return through lush countryside, filled with walnut groves, vineyards, and truffle forests back to Sarlat for your final evening.

Day 7 : Departure - Bon Voyage!

