



## EXPLORE FRANCE AT YOUR OWN PACE

### Day 1: Arrival in Montignac

We'll transfer you from the Brive-la-Gaillarde or Souillac train station to your first hotel in 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. Our Trip Manager will go over your trip package with you, and then leave you to explore before your first dinner, included this evening.

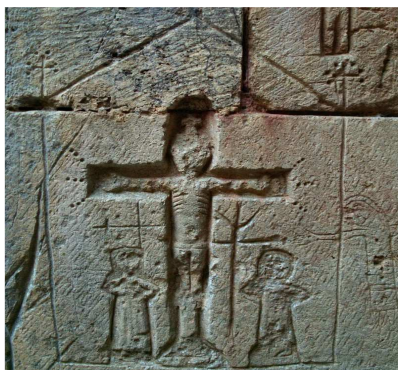
### Day 2: St Amand de Coly to Montignac via Lascaux 13 Km / 8 Miles

Transfer to the small village of St Amand de Coly, with its lovely fortified Romanesque Abbey. Walk via the pretty Chateau de la Grande Filolie and through quaint hamlets, forest and past streams en your route. Right near the end you pass the site of the renowned prehistoric Lascaux cave with its collection of cave paintings. 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, Lascaux IV which has recently been completed, before continuing on to Montignac for a second evening

### Day 3: Les Cabanes de Breuil to Sarlat 14 Km / 8.7 Miles

We transfer you to the unique and picturesque site of les Cabanes de Breuil where you walk starts today. These traditional stone huts are remarkable and the site has one of the best collections of them. After a visit, a pretty walk through rolling countryside, through rich forest and valleys takes you past the Chateau de Puy Martin, with its crenelated towers and of course its ghost, the White Lady, who wanders its hallways. The route ends in Sarlat. We invite you to discover this medieval town, with its narrow streets, restored Gothic and Renaissance town houses, the Saint Sacros Cathedral and its famous open-air market (Saturday mornings). 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 eerie beauty - you'll think you have been transported back in time!



**Day 4: Les Milandes to Domme** 13 Km / 8 Miles

Transfer this morning to the village of Milandes, in front of the castle of Josephine Baker with its grand gardens and falconry. Your walk today throws you back into the heart of the Hundred Year's War, along the winding banks of the Dordogne River, and the discovery of its chateau: Milandes, Fayrac, Castelnaud (with its medieval war museum),... before arriving in the fortified village of Domme. A particularly beautiful 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.

**Day 5: Beynac to Domme** 12 Km / 7.5 Miles

Transfer this morning to Beynac-et-Cazenac. This pretty cliff-side village houses an intimidating square and impressive chateau overlooking the Dordogne. Your path this morning follows the banks of the Dordogne and allows a strategic view of several castles: Beynac itself, Fayrac and Castelnaud across the river, and Marqueyssac. Cross the river delta to La Roque Gageac, a beautiful village built flat against the cliff, (officially rated as one of the "Prettiest Villages of France"). Beautiful hike from above the village through forest and tiny hamlets, before descending to cross the river one final time and to climb up back to La Bastide of Domme. The walk is slightly shorter so you can enjoy exploring the various villages today.

**Day 6: Lacave to Rocamadour** 15 Km / 9.3 Miles

We transfer you this morning to the small town of Lacave, where you will start your beautiful final walk of the trip. You walk in the heart of the Causses de Quercy national park, never far from the banks of the Ouyse River. Discover the typical watermills that dot the region, before making your approach at the end of the day to the vertiginous site of Rocamadour. As well as the old stone houses and towers which seem to tumble one upon the other, you'll enjoy exploring the many historic and religious monuments of this extraordinary pilgrim destination, perched on the side of the cliff.

**Day 7: Departure**

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

**What's included in your Dordogne Walking Tour**

- 6 nights' accommodation of the comfort level of your choice: CLASSIC, CLASSIC + or DELUXE
- Hotel taxes
- All breakfasts, 3 dinners (drinks not included with dinners)
- Orientation with our Trip Manager
- Detailed maps and step-by-step route instructions
- Regional information and advice
- Uploadable GPS file of the route to use with a free APP on your smartphone (can be used offline – no internet needed)
- Luggage transfers hotel to hotel and to start of walks
- Transfer from Souillac or Brive train station to first hotel
- Transfer to train station in Souillac at the end of the trip
- Phone call support 7 days a week

