



COLOURS OF FRANCE DORDOGNE WALK

4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS
SHORT & SWEET



Day 1 : Arrival in Montignac

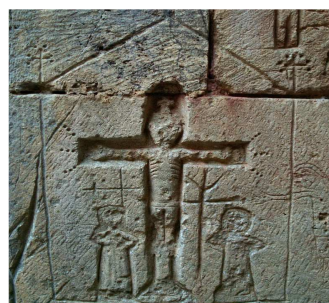
We'll transfer you from the Brive-la-Gaillarde or Souillac train station to your first hotel in Montignac. Montignac is a lovely small town alongside the Vezere River. The river splits the town in two and on each side of its banks have sprung fountains, washing places, houses and half-timbered buildings. 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. (*please note, the Deluxe itinerary stays in Manoir d'Hautegente in nearby Coly)

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

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 just been completed, before continuing on to Montignac for a second evening.

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

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!





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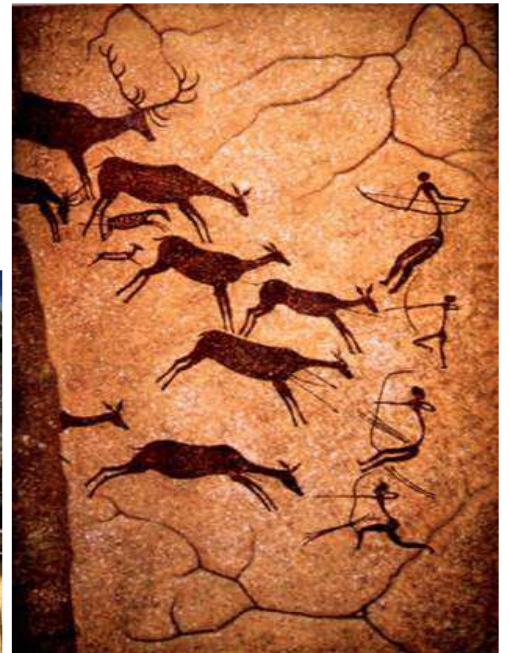
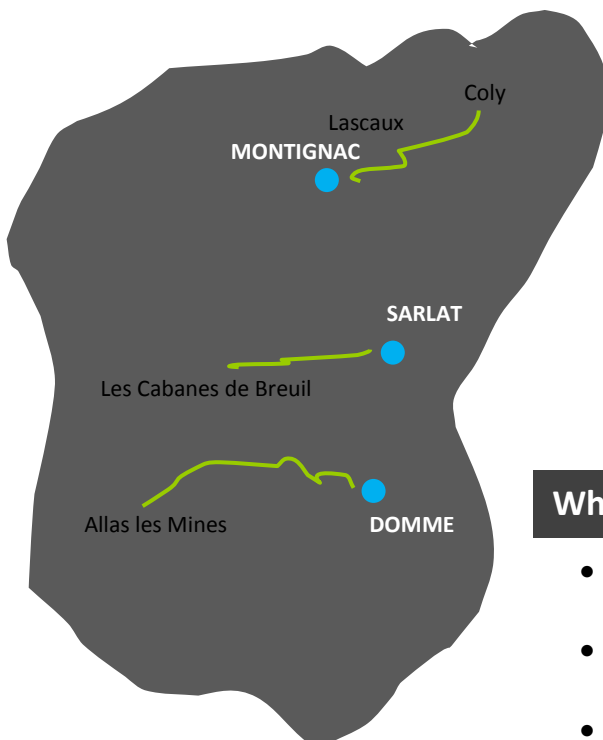
Day 4 : Beynac to Domme 13 Km / 8 Mi

Transfer this morning to Beynac-et-Cazenac. This pretty cliff-side village houses an 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 Castelnau (which you can visit), 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 to climb up to the fortified village of Domme. A particularly beautiful example of the Bastide villages (fortified villages), 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 : Departure - Bon Voyage!

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

EXPLORE DORDOGNE AT YOUR OWN PACE



What's included in your Package

- 4 nights' accommodation of the comfort level of your choice CLASSIC, CLASSIC + or DELUXE. Hotel taxes
- All breakfasts and 2 dinners (drinks not included with the dinners)
- Orientation with our Trip Manager at the start of the trip
- Luggage transfers from hotel to hotel
- Transfer to first hotel from Souillac or Brive train station
- Transfer to Souillac or Sarlat train station at the end of the trip
- Transfers for the walks
- Detailed maps and step-by-step route notes
- Regional information and advice
- Emergency phone assistance 7 days a week

