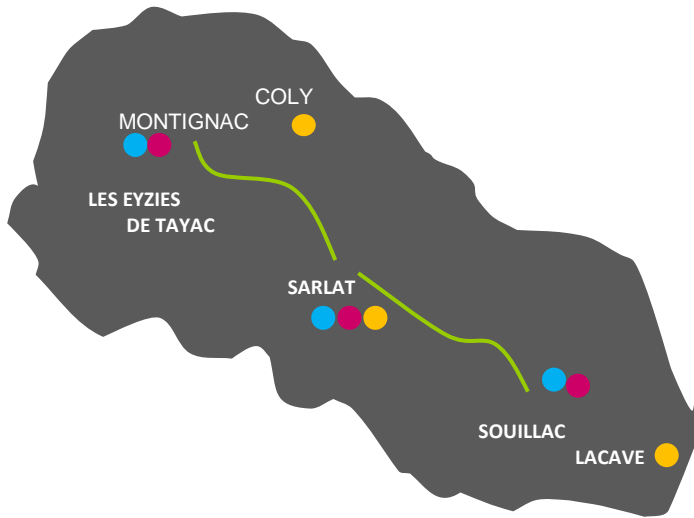


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4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS  
Medieval picturesque villages



# EXPLORE AT YOUR OWN PACE

## 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 655!), 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. Your dinner this evening is included.

## Day 2 : Souillac to Sarlat 41 Km / 25 Mi

Your first day's ride is beautiful, following the bends and curves of the Dordogne. In the morning, you have a climb away from the river to go to the impressive and beautiful Chateau of Fenelon. As with so many of the region's castles, the site was attacked, damaged, and rebuilt a multitude of times over the centuries. You finish your day following an easiergoing bike path through lush greenery all the way into the medieval town of Sarlat. This incredible UNESCO heritage site, the largest Medieval ensemble in Europe, is best explored in the evening, when the beautiful "lauze" stone roofs and tiny cobblestoned streets are lit up beautifully by the municipality. Dinner on your own this evening, with a multitude of choices.





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**Day 3 : "The Prettiest Villages of France" 38 to 47 Km / 24 to 29 Mi**

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) like La Roque Gageac, built flat against the cliffside overlooking the Dordogne, and with original troglodyte dwellings. You'll see medieval castles lining the river that warred across from each other... Take a short detour to Beynac, with its imposing castle built by the Barons of Beynac. Climb up to the war museum at Chateau Castelnaud. You may well decide to lunch in Domme. 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! Return to Sarlat for a second night. Dinner included tonight.

**Day 4 : Sarlat to Montignac and Lascaux 44 Km / 27 Mi**

Your route today takes you northwards from Sarlat through 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 in the truly picturesque villages. Your final stretch follows the banks of the winding Vezere River, before arriving in Montignac, a pretty town in its own, but made famous today as it is the home of the renowned prehistoric cave painting site of Lascaux. You'll be able to visit the newly opened Lascaux IV reproduction, just on the outskirts of Montignac, before deciding where you'd like to dine, of the town's many options. (\*please note the Deluxe tour stays in nearby Coly, passing Montignac en route)

**Day 5 : Departure - Bon Voyage!**

After a final breakfast, say goodbye to Dordogne until next time. We transfer you to Brive-la-Gaillarde or Souillac train station for your further travels. Bon Voyage!

**What's included in your package**

- 4 nights' accommodation of the comfort level of your choice CLASSIC, CLASSIC + or DELUXE
- All breakfasts, 2 dinners (drinks not included with dinners)
- Fully equipped hybrid bike
- Orientation with our Trip Manager
- Detailed maps and step-by-step route notes
- Regional information and advice
- Luggage transfers hotel to hotel
- Transfer from Souillac train station to first hotel
- Transfer to train station in Souillac or Brive-la-Gaillarde at the end of the trip
- Emergency phone call support 7 days a week