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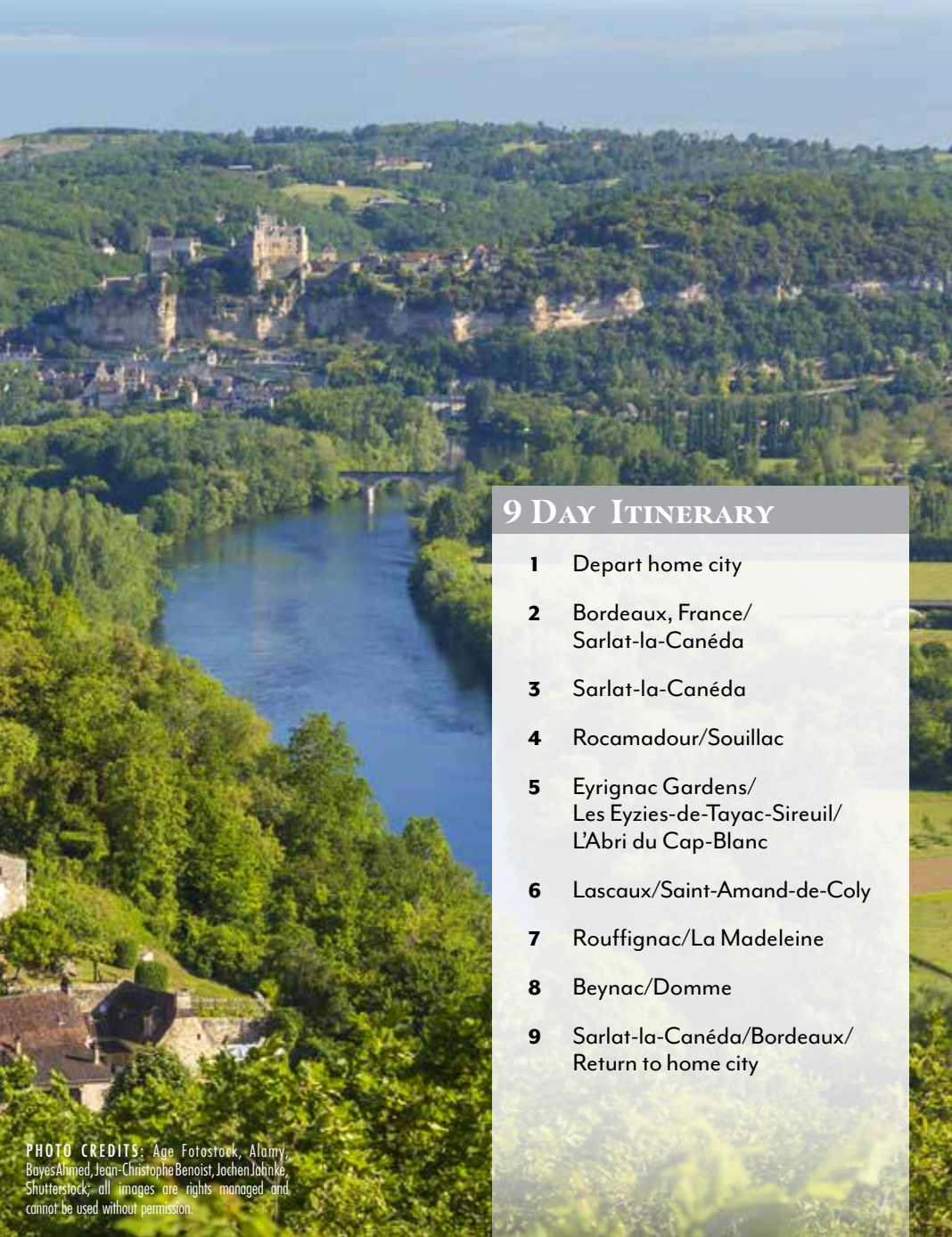
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Highlights include:

- ◆ View the acclaimed simulations of Lascaux’s prehistoric art cave at the International Center for Cave Art at Lascaux.
- ◆ Meet locals and learn about daily life in Sarlat-la-Canéda during the VILLAGE LIFE® forum.
- ◆ Embark on a private cruise along the Dordogne River, with lunch in the charming village of Beynac.
- ◆ Enjoy a local wine and cheese tasting at a Sarlat *épicerie* gourmet and specially arranged meals highlighting the distinctive flavors of the region.



View of Dordogne River Valley from Domme



9 DAY ITINERARY

- 1 Depart home city
- 2 Bordeaux, France/
Sarlat-la-Canéda
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Return to home city



Sarlat-la-Canéda, one of France's most beautiful and well-preserved medieval towns



Dear Alumni and Friends of LSU:

Join a small group of travelers for a unique opportunity to experience provincial Dordogne, still referred to by locals as Périgord Noir. Here, castles tell the story of a different time alongside the region's extraordinary cave paintings more than 17,000 years old. Dordogne offers centuries-old rituals, epicurean traditions, and archaeological treasures that are preserved within a breathtaking landscape of hills, rivers, limestone gorges, and forests.

Our carefully curated itinerary explores five UNESCO World Heritage Sites—the ancient pilgrimage site of Rocamadour; the archaeological treasures of L'Abri du Cap-Blanc, Rouffignac, and Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil; and the prehistoric troglodyte village of La Madeleine. Visit the renowned International Centre for Cave Art at Lascaux to view dazzling simulations of one of humankind's earliest artistic creations, known as the "Sistine Chapel of Prehistory." Exclusively arranged presentations and the VILLAGE LIFE® forum provide a personal perspective on contemporary life in the villages of Dordogne.

Fall into the rhythms of everyday life in Sarlat-la-Canéda, one of Europe's most intact medieval villages. Spend seven nights at the PLAZA MADELEINE HÔTEL, a restored 19th-century townhouse. In addition to the included meals in the hotel, dine on regional specialties during traditional three-course dinners in authentic French bistros.

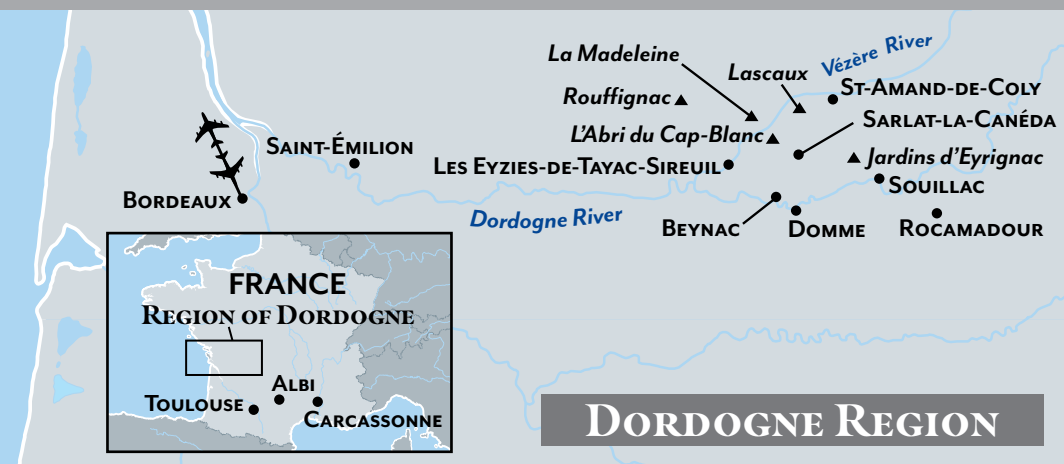
VILLAGE LIFE® Dordogne offers a quintessential sojourn through the timeless southwest region of France at an excellent value—and you unpack only once! Book now while space and early booking savings are still available.

Sincerely,

Tracy Jones
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The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



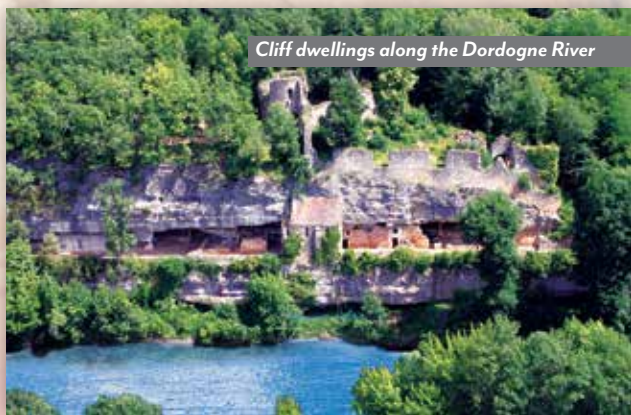
Step Into Prehistoric Times



You will find the greatest concentration of prehistoric art sites anywhere in the world in the enchanting *département* of Dordogne. Limestone caves and rocky overhangs provided Ice Age humans with not only shelter, but also a vast canvas for extraordinary paintings. In Lascaux and Rouffignac—the two most well-known caves and both UNESCO World Heritage Sites—extinct aurochs, wild stallion, and antelopes that were painted over 17,000 years ago still prance, preen, and gallop before your eyes. The original Lascaux cave has been closed to the public since 1963 for preservation purposes; however, the incredible replica in the International Centre for Cave Art at Lascaux allows you to experience these iconic cave paintings interactively, providing a realistic, stimulating representation of the exuberant colors that have faded in the original cave.

Rouffignac offers up-close views of over 250 deft prehistoric drawings and paintings that cover a gallery of cavernous walls and ceilings, including the famous friezes of two bison ready to engage each other in battle and 10 mammoths in procession—one of the largest cave paintings ever discovered.

Near the village of Les Eyzies, visit the original Cro-Magnon rock shelter and UNESCO World Heritage Site of L'Abri de Cap-Blanc, showcasing the rare, life-size frieze of horses and bison sculpted in limestone. An expert-guided tour of the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies helps put this vast network of prehistoric art into context.



Cliff dwellings along the Dordogne River



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1

Bordeaux, France/ Sarlat-la-Canéda

Day 2

Arrive in Bordeaux and transfer to Sarlat-la-Canéda. Check into the PLAZA MADELINE HÔTEL.

Sarlat-la-Canéda

Day 3

Your charming “village home” is in the pre-French Revolution capital of Périgord Noir, that is a bon vivant’s dream. Stroll through cobblestone streets illuminated by gas lamps and lined with Renaissance-style stone houses. The cultural heart of Sarlat is the Place de la Liberté, where every Wednesday and Saturday one of France’s most storied markets is held, a tradition dating from the Middle Ages.

Rocamadour/Souillac

Day 4

The UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rocamadour has one of the most dramatic settings of any village in the world. During the Middle Ages, pilgrims flocked here from across Europe to perform penance by ascending the 216 steps of Le Grand Escalier on their knees—seeking miracles from the sacred 12th-century statue of the Black Virgin and Child at the crypt of Saint Amadour. Embedded in the cliff above the doorway to the Chapelle de Notre Dame is

a sword said to be that of the heroic knight Roland. Nearby, visit the quaint town of Souillac and its 12th-century Abbaye Sainte-Marie.

Eyrignac Gardens/Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil/ L’Abri du Cap-Blanc

Day 5

The Eyrignac Manor has been the continuous family residence of 22 generations spanning over 500 years. On this 17th-century estate located just outside of Sarlat, view what many

the Lascaux cave, a repository of the most stunning works of prehistoric art and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See a perfect reproduction in the International Center for Cave Art at Lascaux. Continue to the petite village of Saint-Amand-de-Coly, officially designated as one of the “most beautiful villages” in France and dominated by the 13th-century abbey church, and then sample regional cheese and wine in a specialty épicerie in Sarlat.



Authentic, flat-bottomed wooden gabare

consider the finest gardens in France. Enjoy a guided tour of the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies and see L’Abri du Cap-Blanc’s UNESCO-designated prehistoric cave friezes. In Sarlat this evening, meet *dordognais* in the VILLAGE LIFE® forum.

Lascaux/ Saint-Amand-de-Coly

Day 6

In 1940, a quartet of schoolboys stumbled onto

Rouffignac/ La Madeleine

Day 7

Start your day at Sarlat’s market, a twice-weekly medieval tradition in the heart of the village, and attend a presentation in the hotel by a local expert on preserving the village’s medieval architecture.

Visit Rouffignac, “Cave of a Hundred Mammoths,” known for its extraordinary Great Ceiling decorated with beautifully rendered



Domme



Sarlat Market

friezes of woolly rhinoceros and mammoth engravings at an enormous scale. Enjoy a private, 19th-century French folk music and dance performance after a three-course dinner in La Madeleine.

Beynac/Domme

Day 8

Traverse an elaborate series of stone walls, parapet walks, watchtowers, and passageways

at the fortified Château de Beynac. Cruise the Dordogne River aboard a private 19th-century *gabare*, followed by lunch in a local restaurant.

Continue to visit Domme, an authentic medieval fortified village. Enter through its original ramparts and see graffiti etched by the Knights Templar on the inner village walls.

Sarlat-la-Canéda/ Bordeaux/Return to Home City

Day 9

Continue on to the Albi and Toulouse Post-Program Option or transfer to Bordeaux for your return flight.



Rocamadour

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PLAZA MADELINE HÔTEL

Enjoy the traditional pace of VILLAGE LIFE® during your stay in the family-owned PLAZA MADELINE HÔTEL – located just beyond the ancient walls of Sarlat-la-Canéda’s medieval quarter, a short walk from the village center. A grand 19th-century townhouse, this historical *hôtel de charme* marries traditional features with French *esprit contemporain*.

Each of the 39 stylish, air-conditioned guest rooms have been renovated or upgraded and feature two twin beds or one queen bed, private bathroom, individual climate control, satellite television, phone, Wi-Fi access, safe, minibar, and hair dryer.

The hotel dining room, where continental breakfast is served daily—featuring freshly baked breads, pastries, and charcuterie—is reserved for the exclusive use of hotel guests. There is a brasserie pub with lounge and private terrace, a *petit* lounge with computer facilities and internet access, a heated outdoor swimming pool, solarium, and spa with a Jacuzzi and sauna. The dedicated hotel staff is pleased to provide attentive service.



LAND RATES

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through Jan 15., 2023**

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Jan. 15, 2023**

Includes Accommodations

\$3,595

\$4,195

Singles are available upon request for an additional \$1,000 from Early Booking Savings price.

The Pre-Program and Post-Program Options are available at an additional cost. Details will be provided during the reservation process.



Château de Beynac



PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Bordeaux and Saint-Émilion

September 5 to 8, 2023

Start your trip with two nights in the Bordeaux region, long distinguished as the wine capital of the world. Visit a château in the nearby Médoc region to taste *grand cru classé* wines. Tucked away in the heart of the rolling countryside and endless vineyards, visit the charming village of Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for growing the merlot grape and for its medieval Église Monolithe, one of the largest underground churches in Europe. Accommodations are in the deluxe HÔTEL DE SÈZE in the heart of Bordeaux.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$895

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,395



POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Albi and Toulouse

September 15 to 19, 2023

Conclude your tour with a four-night extension featuring Albi, Carcassonne, Toulouse, and three UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Sample Gaillac wines in a lovely château; explore cherished cathedrals and old-world villages, equal parts storied and spectacular; enjoy the bucolic scenery of the French countryside; and admire the largest collection of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec works. Walk the gothic streets of Coedes sur Ciel and tour UNESCO-inscribed Carcassonne. Spend two nights each in the HOTEL MERCURE ALBI BASTIDES and the GRAND HÔTEL DE L'OPÉRA in Toulouse.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,545

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Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

RESERVATION FORM

Please send Reservation Form to:

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- ☐ Double (two twin beds).
- ☐ Double (one queen bed).
- ☐ Single accommodations.
- ☐ Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Bordeaux and Saint Émilion Pre-Program Option
September 5 to 8, 2023**

- ☐ Double \$895 per person.
- ☐ Single \$1,395 per person.
- ☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

**Albi and Toulouse Post-Program Option
September 15 to 19, 2023**

- ☐ Double \$1,545 per person.
- ☐ Single \$1,895 per person.
- ☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

- ☐ I/We want you to book my/our air from:

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