TRAVELS 2016

VILLAGE LIFE® IN DORDOGNE

May 12–20, 2016
PREHISTORIC ART

Dordogne has the greatest concentration of prehistoric sites anywhere in the world. The region’s limestone caves and rocky overhangs provided our ancestors in the Ice Age not only with shelter, but also with a vast canvas for his extraordinary rock paintings. In the two most well-known caves, Lascaux and Rouffignac, both UNESCO World Heritage sites, extinct aurochs, wild stallions and antelopes, painted between approximately 25,000 and 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; Lascaux II, an exact and stunning replica, has been created to enable the public to view these fascinating cave paintings. In fact, it gives a truer representation of the exuberant colors that have faded in Lascaux itself.

The authentic Rouffignac Cave offers up-close views of the deft drawings of extinct animals covering the five-mile labyrinth of cavern walls, including the famous and impressive frieze of two bison about to engage each other in battle.

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

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See the General Information section.
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SPLENDORS OF BORDEAUX PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

TRADITIONAL 19TH-CENTURY GABARE, DORDOGNE RIVER

JOIN THIS SMALL GROUP OF ALUMNI TRAVELERS FOR A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE AUTHENTIC CHARACTER OF FRANCE’S HISTORIC VILLAGES IN THE PICTURESQUE SOUTHWESTERN DÉPARTEMENT OF DORDOGNE.

Immerse yourself in the rich local culture and rhythms of daily life in this charming region, and explore the history of early humans who painted their stories on its cave walls, the largest concentration of prehistoric art in the world.

Experience the heart of Dordogne, a hidden treasure where all of France’s provincial delights have been distilled into one of Europe’s most beautiful and intact medieval villages, Sarlat-la-Canéda. Our carefully designed itinerary and expert-guided excursions explore five impressive UNESCO World Heritage sites: the cliffside monastic village of Rocamadour, the archaeological sites of L’Abri du Cap-Blanc, Rouffignac Cave and Les-Eyzies-de-Tayac, and the prehistoric troglodyte village of La Madeleine. Visit the incredible Lascaux II to appreciate one of humankind’s earliest art creations in the form of cave paintings. Exclusively arranged, enriching presentations and the VILLAGE FORUM®, featuring local residents, provide personal perspectives on daily life in the villages of Dordogne.

Your “home” in the village will be the family-owned PLAZA MADELEINE HÔTEL, ideally located in medieval Sarlat-la-Canéda. This hôtel de charme features a provincial ambiance with modern accommodations and amenities. In addition to the included meals in the hotel, enjoy regional specialties during traditional three-course dinners in specially selected French bistro in Sarlat.
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MAY 12 AND 13
U.S./BORDEAUX, FRANCE/SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA
Depart the U.S., fly into Bordeaux, transfer to Sarlat-la-Canéda, and check into the Plaza Madeleine Hotel. (d)

SATURDAY, MAY 14
SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA
Sarlat, your charming “village home” is a highlight of the Périgord Noir, a lushly forested corner of the Aquitaine region, ideally located between the Dordogne and Vézère Rivers. It is a bon vivant’s dream, renowned for truffles, strawberries, walnuts, and duck.

Sarlat has one of the greatest concentrations of medieval, Renaissance and 17th-century façades in Europe. Step back in time as you meander through narrow cobblestone streets illuminated by gas lamps and lined with traditional Renaissance-style stone houses crowned with pepperpot chimneys. The 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. (e,r)

SUNDAY, MAY 15
ROCAMADOUR/SOULLAC
Rocamadour, a fortified 13th-century village and UNESCO World Heritage site, has one of the most dramatic settings of any village in the world, built on the face of a sheer 400-foot cliff.

Nearby, visit the quaint town of Souillac and its 12th-century Church of Sainte-Marie, a treasury of Romanesque statuary and carvings depicting biblical and legendary scenes. (b,l)

MONDAY, MAY 16
JARDINS D’EYRIGNAC/LES EYZIES-DE-TAYAC/L’ABRI DU CAP BLANC
Designated a national monument by the French government, Eyrignac Manor has been the continuous family residence of 22 generations for more than 500 years. On this 17th-century estate, located just outside of Sarlat, view what many consider the finest jardins (gardens) in all of France.

Originally of an 18th-century Italian design, the landscape was converted a century later to an English-style, sculpted, coniferous garden and has been immaculately maintained and enhanced throughout the years.

Les Eyzies is France’s capital of prehistoric humanity, where unprecedented numbers of fossils of Cro-Magnon man have been discovered. Approximately 35,000 years old, these fossils are some of the earliest known evidence of modern humans in Europe. The National Museum of Prehistory, housed in a 13th-century castle, gives context to the area’s cave paintings, fossils and early tools.

During this evening’s exclusive VILLAGE FORUM®, Dordognais (local residents) will discuss contemporary life in Dordogne. (b,l)

TUESDAY, MAY 17
LASCAUX II/ST-AMAND-DE-COLY
This morning, attend a private, specially arranged presentation by a local expert on preserving medieval architecture in Sarlat. Then, sample regional cheese and wine in a specialty épicerie gourmet.

Enjoy an afternoon excursion to see the prehistoric cave friezes in Lascaux II, exact replicas of those estimated to have been painted 17,300 years ago. Visit petit St-Amand-de-Coly, one of the most picturesque villages in Dordogne, its cobblestone lanes dominated
by a fortified 13th‑century abbey church. Traces of the Hundred Years' War remain in the ramparts and towers of the fortress‑like church and the nearby remnants of its abbey. Enjoy dinner in a restaurant in Sarlat. (b,d)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
ROUffIGNAC/ LA MADELEInE

The morning is at leisure to peruse Sarlat's twice‑weekly market. This afternoon, visit the authentic Rouffignac Cave, which offers up‑close views of prehistoric drawings of mammoths, bison, horses, ibex and even rhinoceroses, rarely seen in cave friezes. Carved beneath a cliff overlooking the Vézère River, the prehistoric troglodyte village and UNESCO World Heritage site of La Madeleine offers unique insight into the Magdalenian culture, which prevailed in southern Europe from 15,000 to 9000 B.C. This settlement of approximately 20 dwellings once accommodated 100 residents at a time.

After dinner in a restaurant in Sarlat, enjoy a traditional 19th‑century French folk music and dance performance. (b,d)

THURSDAY, MAY 19
CHâTEAU DE bEynAC/ DOMME

Perched above the Dordogne River and commanding a medieval village of golden stone houses tucked into the steep hillside is the fortified Château (castle) de Beynac, a masterpiece of medieval military engineering. Traverse the castle’s elaborate series of surrounding stone walls, parapet walks, watchtowers and passageways to an impressive interior decorated with a magnificent 17th‑century staircase and delicate 15th‑century frescoes, including one of the Last Supper and a Pietà. Enjoy a private cruise on the tranquil Dordogne River aboard a traditional 19th‑century gabare, followed by a lunch of Périgord specialties in a restaurant overlooking the river.

Among the “most beautiful villages” of France, Domme is an authentic medieval bastide, or fortified village, where entrance today is still gained through its original military ramparts. The beauty of the architecture of Domme is surpassed only by its exceptional views overlooking the Dordogne River. Dinner is in the hotel tonight. (b,l,d)

FRIDAY, MAY 20
SARlAt-LA-CAnÉdA/ bORDEAUX/U.S.

Transfer to the Bordeaux airport for your return flight to the U.S. (b)

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• Prehistoric cave excursions guided by expert Christine Desdemaines‑Hugon
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• Specially arranged Village Forum® with local residents who will discuss contemporary daily life in provincial France’s Dordogne département
• Use of a state‑of‑the‑art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions
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