DORDOGNE PÉRIGORD
BEST OF FRANCE

Travel log and inspirations

Discover
some exceptional gardens

Lose yourself amongst the box trees at Marqueyssac with its 6 km of bucolic walks! Romance in a beautiful suspended labyrinth where many peacocks are sure to cross your path! A dinosaur skeleton can be seen in the Nature Pavilion.

Overlooking the valley of the Vézère, the Jardins de l'Imaginaire at Terrasson invite you to find your infant soul. Discover the different atmospheres of the garden and let yourself be carried away by the magic of this verdant setting ...

To enjoy an exceptional view of the Périgord landscapes, discover the panoramic gardens of Limeuil, offering a 360-degree view of the surrounding area and the medieval village of Limeuil. Next, head off to the gardens of Eyrignac with its 10 hectares of plant sculptures, soak it all up: a real breath of fresh air and greenery!

Do not miss the gardens of Losse Castle, labelled «Remarkable Garden», and, make a detour to the Botanical Park at Neuvic Castle to smell the thousand and one plant fragrances filling the atmosphere.

the gardens of Eyrignac

Jardins de l'Imaginaire

the gardens
of Marqueyssac

the panoramic gardens
of Limeuil

the Périgord truffle

Enjoy products from an exceptional region

To discover culinary heritage nothing beats a good walk through the Périgord markets! Stroll amongst the colourful stalls and be tempted by the strawberries, walnuts or truffle products: a real sensory treat! Emblem of the area, the Périgord truffle is even entitled to its own exclusive markets!

And why not visit a farm or a winery that organises tasting tours? The perfect opportunity to learn more about the products and indulge in tasting all the specialities! If you are preparing a dinner or a special occasion, do not hesitate to take home some of the exceptional treats such as locally produced caviar, wine or foie gras: the refined Périgord specialities!

Regularly, Gourmet fetes are organized, between a village festival and a market, awaken your taste buds! Entertainment, music and a great atmosphere are all on the programme of these happy festivities.

Foie gras

vineyard of Bergerac

Château de Castelnaud

Visit our 1001 castles

The Dordogne really is the land of 1001 castles! Among them, climb up to Beynac, a real medieval castle, and Castelnaud offering many workshops connected to different aspects of the Middle Ages. Introduce yourself to trebuchet shooting, even more precise than a catapult! Do not miss the two castle buildings of Bourdeilles.

With family or friends visit Bridoire fortress, the castle of games, the perfect place to have fun! Challenge yourself on the beam or play life-size snakes and ladders for a real moment of relaxation!

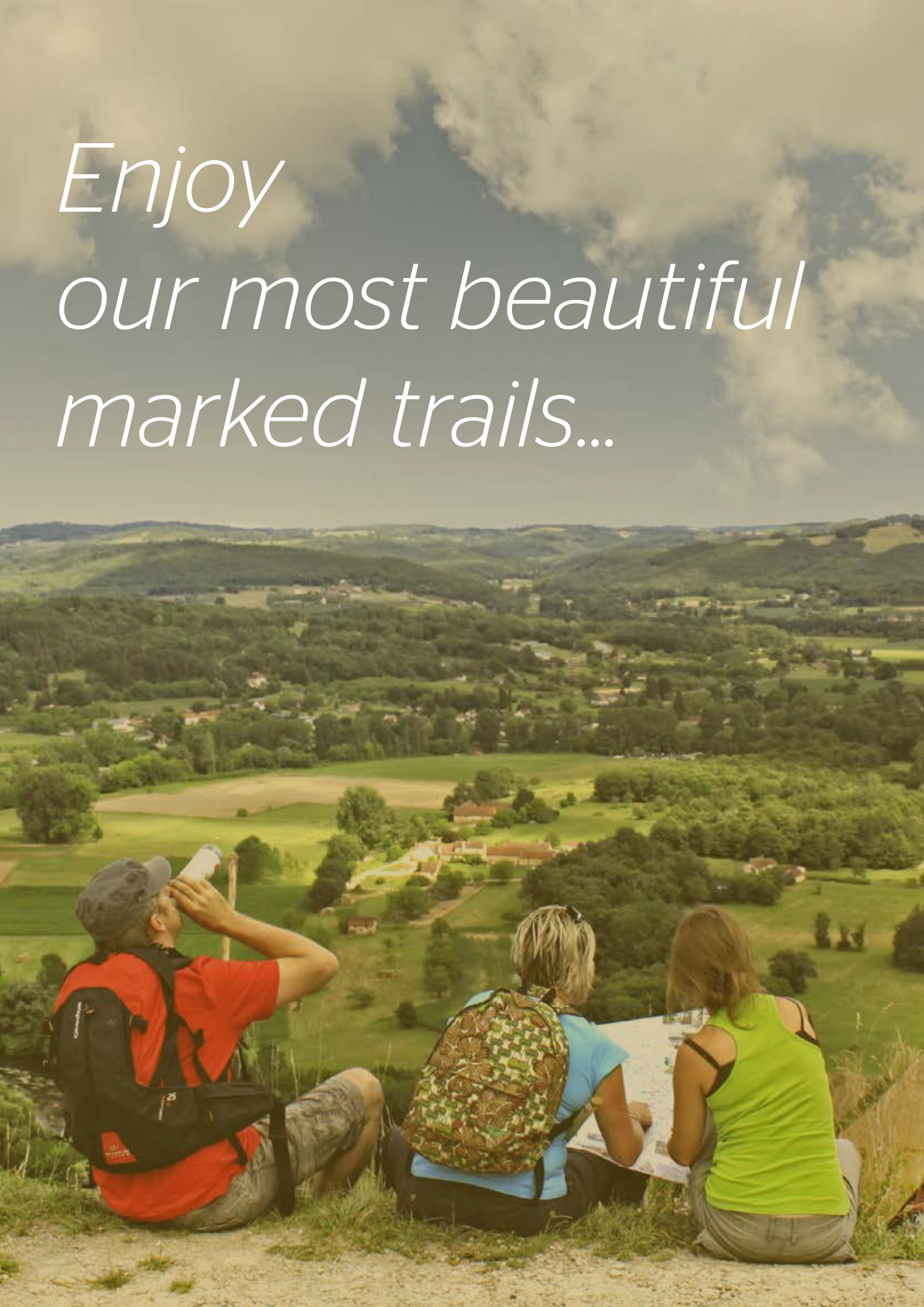
If your children are passionate about knights, organise a surprise birthday party in Biron castle, an unforgettable occasion! The castle also hosts all year round exhibitions of contemporary art. A radical change of atmosphere at the fortress of Jumilhac that will not leave you indifferent!

A fairy-tale castle to enchant you with the world of princesses and cavaliers!

Made famous by Josephine Baker, the elegant Milandes lends itself to romance and walks through the pleasant gardens surrounding it! Eyes wide open to enjoy the falconry shows organised regularly on the estate...

Lovers of good wines? Direction Monbazillac castle, nestled in the heart of the vineyards of the same name, enjoy a tasting of the estate wines during the castle visit.

To finish the castles tour, visit Hautefort, the jewel of the Périgord which has been used for many film shoots and each year houses a cinema exhibition and a reconstruction of a film set!


Enjoy
our most beautiful
marked trails...

Hiking, riding, cycling

Exceed your limits by taking advantage of thousands of kilometres of marked trails! From the simple family walk to the more advanced circuits, many hiking trails are available in the Dordogne: on foot, on horseback or by bike, it's up to you!

Enjoy rural charm on the greenways in Sarlat and Périgueux ideal for bike rides or on foot! Take your time and pause to admire the wonderful landscapes, near Sarlat there is a magnificent view of a viaduct!

Every year, discover the programme «Randonnée en fête» which offers guided hikes all over the department! At night, set out to discover the villages of Périgord and there are even gourmet hikes ... something for everyone!

No risk of getting lost when you set out on the trails of Périgord with a map available at the tourist offices.

Lascaux - International Centre of Parietal Art

Font de Gaume

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Walk in the footsteps of our ancestors

Leap back in time to discover the rich prehistoric past of the region. You will certainly want to visit the International Centre of Parietal Art, with its reproduction of the famous Lascaux cave! Marvel at the cave paintings that have travelled around the world ...

The Dordogne has not only Lascaux: more than twenty ornate caves welcome you to discover the art of our ancestors. To continue your journey in time, go to the National Museum of Prehistory and the prehistoric sites of the Vézère Valley, 15 of which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites! Introduce yourself to prehistoric skills during workshops to become an expert in flint cutting or cave painting!

Take to the water on board a barge or canoe

A region of rivers and streams, the Dordogne is the ideal place to enjoy all water activities! For sporting trips along the river, think canoeing: you can practice on five rivers (Dordogne, Vézère, Isle, Dronne and Auvézère), enough choice for everyone to enjoy!

Are you familiar with the barges? These traditional flat-bottomed boats offer you typical cruises to discover the castles and the Perigord landscape from the river. An original and poetic way to discover the wonders of the region, flowing with the current.

Canoe in Brantôme

Meet the local Arts craftsmen

Nontron knife-making factory

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Because the Dordogne is a living region, go out and meet the craftsmen who contribute to make it famous!

Every year the Route des Métiers d'Art is organised, a true concentration of Périgord tradition bringing together more than 80 artisans and artists! Feel free to knock on the door of one of them and discover his craft and learn traditional techniques.

Learn more about these fine crafts at the Nontron Experimental Arts Center, which fully participates in the cultural life of the region.
Workshops, conferences and exhibitions are organized throughout the year to make you aware of the world of crafts and design...

Enjoy unspoiled nature

To disconnect from the urban bustle, the Dordogne is the perfect place to relax in the heart of nature! Follow the many hiking trails of the region, and stop at the Regional Natural Park of Périgord-Limousin, which has an exceptional fauna and flora!

Among the most remarkable natural sites lie the two green and lush valleys of the Dordogne and the Vézère rivers where you can visit the small villages as well as retracing our origins, thanks to the many prehistoric sites present in the Dordogne...

Enjoy these moments in unspoiled nature to admire the many panoramas of the region such as the belvedere of Marqueyssac, the Cingle of Trémolat (meander) or the Côte de Jor.

the Cingle of Trémolat

Regional Natural Park of Périgord-Limousin

The Dordogne valley

The Vendoire peat fields

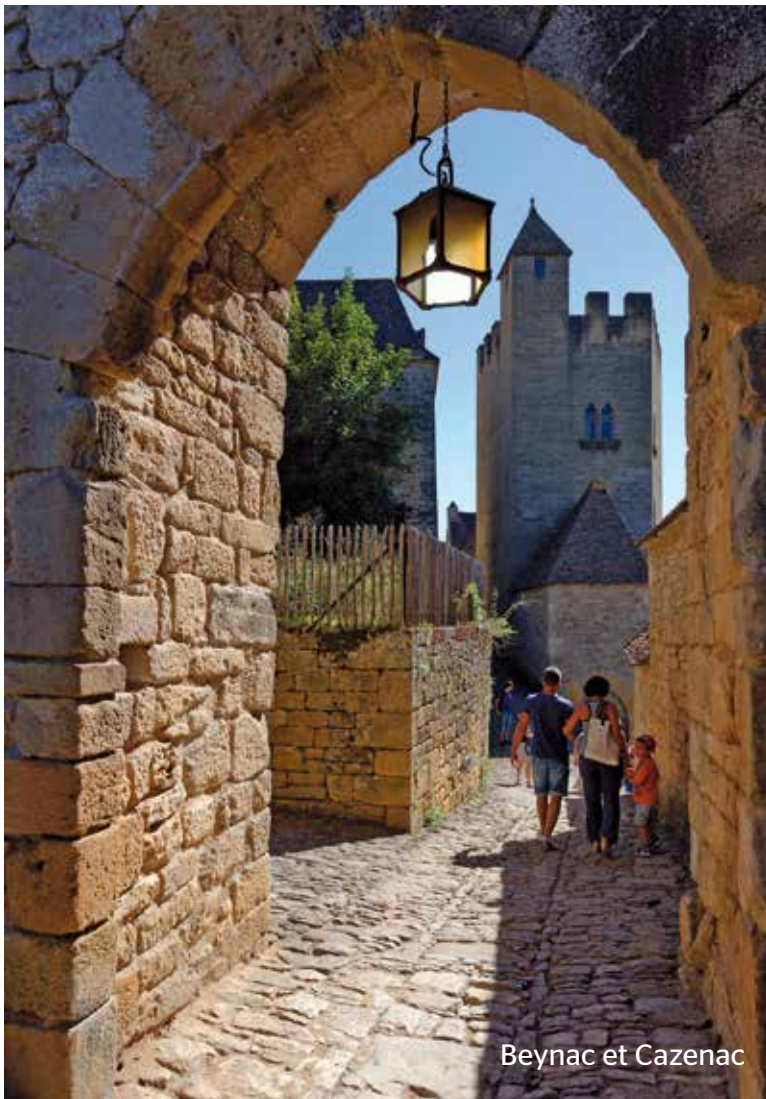
La Roque Gageac

Stroll through our towns and villages

Whilst nature is omnipresent in the Dordogne, cities are real places of living heritage. With a dozen of the most beautiful villages in France and three cities of Art and History (Sarlat, Bergerac and Périgueux), you are spoiled for choice for halts in Perigord villages! Walk along the narrow streets of the bastide towns of Beaumont du Périgord or Eymet and do not miss the arcade-lined square of Villefranche-du-Périgord! The most beautiful example of a bastide is Monpazier, labeled «The most beautiful villages of France», a town that has hardly changed since it was founded in the 13th century!
In the middle of bucolic landscapes is Brantôme, nicknamed the Venice of Périgord, amble along its central canal, to the rhythm of the water.

La Roque Gageac

Sarlat



Beynac et Cazenac

Fest'in Ribérac

Entertainment!

Many festivals are organised throughout the year in the Dordogne! If you are a music lover, you will be spoilt for choice between the Summer Festival in Bergerac also offering a programme of dance and theatre, the Périgord Noir Festival with its focus on classical music and jazz or even the festival «Fest In»! Find out all about your favorite festival.
As for audiovisual arts, the Sarlat Film Festival is held every November for the pleasure of lovers cinema! For performing arts devotees, there is the «Jeux du Theatre» in Sarlat, as well as to the International Festival of Mime in Périgueux (MIMOS)! The ideal opportunity to introduce even the youngest member of the family to the joys of body language activities!
Fine gourmets will also find have fun at the many events dedicated to Perigord gastronomy! Sarlat is a popular destination for gourmet gatherings: Truffle Festival, Nut Festival but also local produce days, so much to choose from you will not know which way to go!
Staying with local products, visit the Chestnut and Mushroom (cep) festival in Villefranche du Périgord or the veal and cep celebrations at Saint-Saud Lacoussière.

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