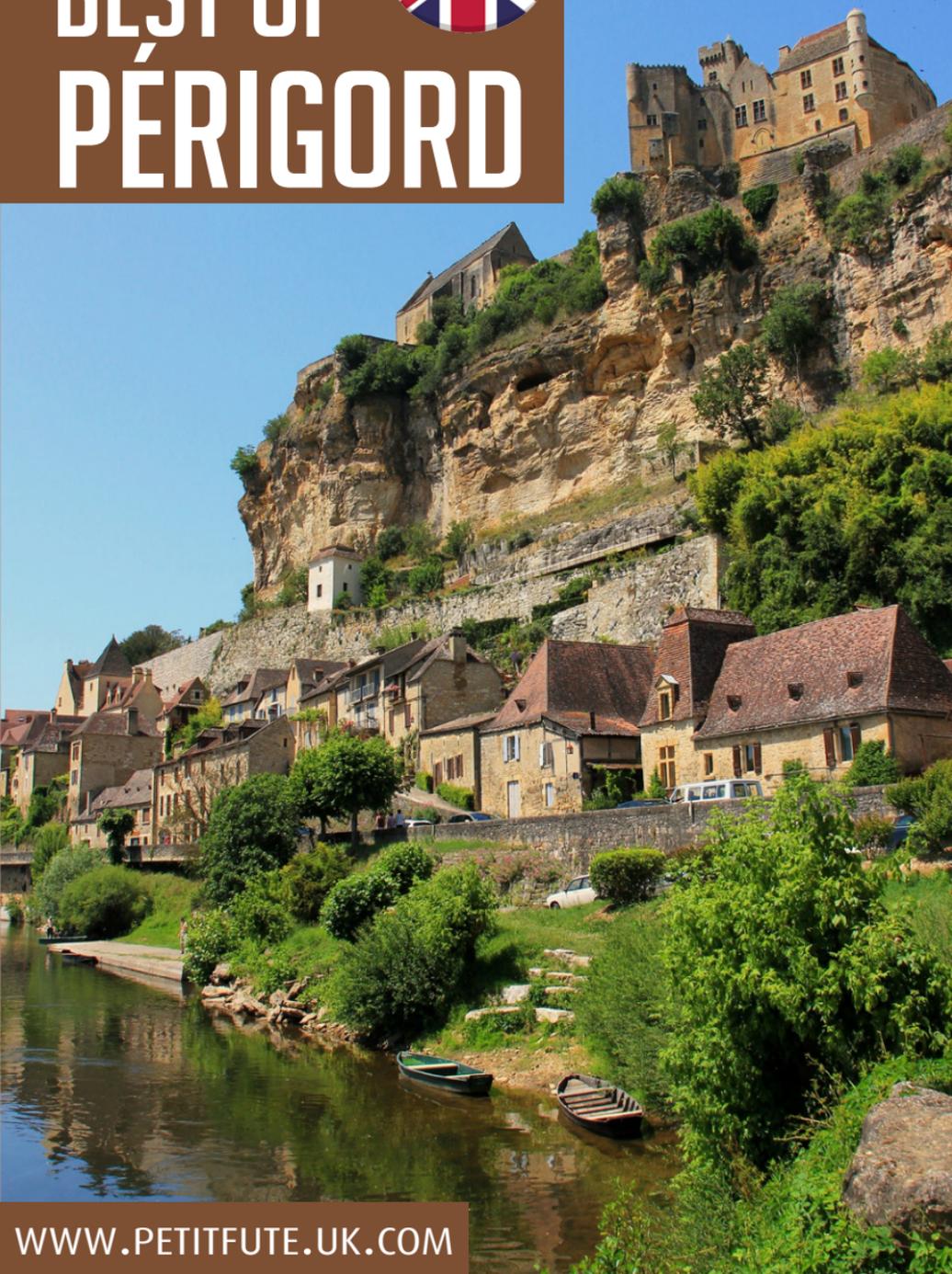




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WELCOME TO PÉRIGORD!

Made for English-speaking people looking for good tips and addresses in Périgord, Best of Périgord by Petit Futé is an essential how-to guide to find accommodation, restaurants, to organize your visits and outings and ensure you a pleasant stay in this beautiful land! Périgord is well known by those who enjoy gastronomy and historical sites. Here, you will find a rich heritage and countless attractions: castles, abbeys, churches, bastides, troglodytic sites, caves, chasms, gardens, museums, theme parks, etc. Périgord is divided into four touristic regions, a classification we respect in this guide. Périgord Blanc (white Périgord): around Périgueux and the Valley of Isle. Périgord Noir (black Périgord), where the colour unmistakably alludes to truffles found on this territory, concentrates the main prehistoric sites as well as remarkable castles. Périgord Pourpre (purple Périgord) includes the Bergeracois and its hillside vineyards where a golden wine is produced: Monbazillac. Don't forget to visit the country houses! Périgord Vert (green Périgord) includes municipalities located in the Périgord Limousin Regional Nature Park and Brantôme, the green Venice of Périgord. Périgord is a land of enchanting landscapes, charming small towns and wild nature that you can explore by walking, cycling or horse riding. It is also craftsmen, festivals, cultural and culinary events, markets where you can find local products such as foie gras, truffle, ceps, walnuts, strawberries, wines... Tasty! With this guidebook, Petit Futé has done everything possible to give you a selection of addresses gathering must-sees and hidden treasures for a successful stay and to enjoy the best this territory has to offer!

Welcome to Périgord!



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The old town of Sarlat.

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Dordogne



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Castle of Beynac.

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DISCOVERY





View over the Dordogne, near the Domme.



Canoeing along the Dordogne river.



Foie gras is a speciality of the Périgord.



View over the town of Castelnaud and its castle.

THE MUSTS

The Castle of Beynac

This is the most spectacular Perigordian castle. Built on a cliff at 150 meters above the Dordogne on an impressive rocky peak, an ideal point to observe the whole valley, château de Beynac faces its lifelong enemy, Castelnaud. It is the headquarters of one of the four baronies of Périgord. With very thick walls, Beynac plays defense until the end. Its stern fortress look is enhanced by the golden patina of its walls with changing colours. The construction of the castle began in the 12th century but underwent changes until the 17th century. Its wall walk where the soldiers armed with pikes and spears waited for the attacker, its 13th century crenelated dungeon in the inner courtyard, the hoardings from where the soldiers threw stones and the arrowslits will make you want to attack the English and French fortresses in turn. The castle chapel has lauze roofing stones and a bell-gable lulled by embrasures, it makes you feel dizzy. Inside we find choice pieces: the guard room, the impressive vault of the 15th century Salle des Etats and its sculpted Renaissance fireplace, the 12th century oratory with walls decorated by 16th century frescoes, the narrow staircase leading to the dungeon. You will also enjoy the kitchen where scenes were shot for several films, among others *Joan of Arc* by Luc Besson, *The Visitors 2*, by Jean-Marie Poiré, and which served as scenery for *Ever after* by Andy Tennant. . . From the terrace of the castle, the view over the Dordogne valley and the hills crowned with castles is wonderful. A document is handed to you at the entrance along with a completely unique audioguide allowing you an auditory and visual immersion in the history of the exceptionally lively Beynac fortress. You can reach the castle by car, but the ideal way to get there is by crossing the alleys of Beynac where all of the houses have been renovated. Marielle Goitschel, former ski champion, has lived in one of these houses as did the writer Guy Lagorce.

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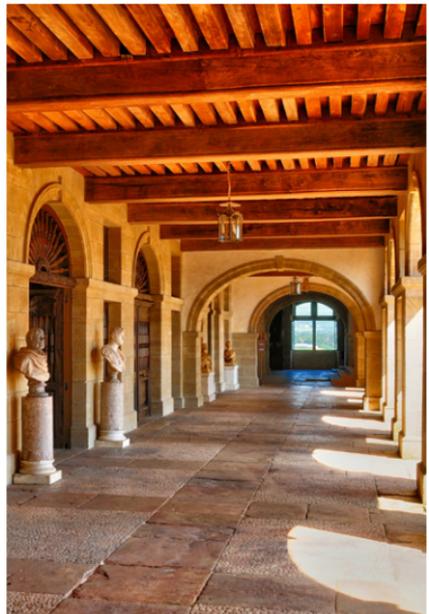
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Closed in January. Open every day from 10am to 7pm. Departures approximately every 30 minutes, guided tours from 10am to 12pm and from 2pm to 6.30pm. Free for children up to 5 years old. Adult: 8 €. Child (from 5 to 11 years old): 4 € (child from 12 to 16 years old: 6 €). Group (25 people): 7 € (free for the driver and the accompanying guide). Free visit with document given at the entrance. Holiday voucher. Guided tour (included in the price of the entrance ticket from April 1 to October 31. Departure every 30 minutes from 10am to 12pm and from 2pm to 6.30pm).



The Castle of Hautefort

Overlooking the village from its belvedere, the castle is classified as a historic monument, as are the two wonderful French and English gardens in which it is good to walk to the park. Hautefort, built on the site of a former Roman camp, has abandoned its medieval aspect (it was the stronghold of Bertran de Born) for a more classical style during the Renaissance, more precisely between 1630 and 1670, when Nicolas Rambourg – architect from Lorraine – undertook renovation work. The gardens benefited from upgrading work in 1853 by the Count of Choulout, a famous landscape gardener who designed more than 260 parks – including that of Le Vésinet – before writing his manifesto, *L'Introduction à l'art des jardins*, published in 1846. The gardens were restored by the Baron and Baroness de Bastard when the castle was bought in 1929. Once the complex had been renovated and opened for inspection, a fire destroyed the main building on the night of 30 to 31 August 1968. The baroness decided to start all over again and undertook major work to erase the tragedy. The site, run by a foundation, regularly receives improvements, most recently in the chapel. The apartments are decorated with splendid 17th and 18th century furniture. A temporary exhibition allows visitors to travel back in history and stories through film recordings that took place in its halls and alleys. Children are particularly welcome with an egg hunt at Easter and workshops throughout the year.



Interior of the castle of Hautefort.

■ CHÂTEAU DE HAUTEFORT

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Remarkable garden. Open all year round. Only weekends and public holidays from November 1st to 11th, from 2pm to 6pm. Low season: every day and public holidays from 10am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 6.30pm. High season: every day and public holidays from 9:30 am to 7 pm. September: 10 to 18h. March and October: from 2pm to 6.30pm. Free for children up to 7 years old. Adult: 10 €. Child (from 7 to 14 years old): 5,50 €. Group (20 people): 8 € (from 15 years old). And €4.50 for school children. The ticket office closes to the public 30 minutes before the closing of the castle.

The Castle of Milandes

The visit of this 15th and 19th century castle, with its neo-Gothic architecture, inlaid work and stained glass windows, is planned as a trip to the generous universe of Josephine Baker, who lived there with Jo Bouillon and their adopted children from all over the world who made up the Rainbow tribe. Angélique de Saint-Exupéry, the owner of the premises, is constantly improving the buildings, visits and entertainment. Through 14 fully furnished rooms, we enter the universe of the star, the revue nègre – we discover the famous banana belt and its costumes – on its last singing tour in Bobino, without forgetting its glorious journey as a Resistance fighter and human rights activist. An audio system combines music and history. A statue was inaugurated for the centenary of Josephine's birth in 2006. The individual price includes all the services of the site: the visit of the castle, the birds of prey show, the visit of the French gardens as well as the children's activities during the periods concerned (workshop around the falconry, feeding of exotic birds). In July and August, visit the aviary of the bourke parakeets, omnicoloured parakeets, kakariki, calopsittes and wavy parakeets. The Brasserie, located in an outbuilding of the castle, is reserved for visitors. The park was redeveloped in 2016 on the original route of Jules Vacherot: this restoration combines Renaissance, Art Nouveau and a touch of modernity. The complex is already labelled "Remarkable Garden", it is nice to stroll in the alleys after the visit. Work is underway on the chapel that the owner has successfully acquired.

■ CHÂTEAU DES MILANDES

Les Milandes

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(35 min) + free walk in the gardens). Holiday voucher. Catering (brasserie open from April 14th to October 15th).

Brantôme-en-Périgord

The one that a board chairman named Raymond Poincaré nicknamed the "Green Venice of Périgord" has never received kudos from this title. And yet it has nothing to envy of other communes in this department. You can do nothing but fall in love with its banks of the Dronne, its abbey, its totally unusual angled bridge and the exceptional sculpted cave, called "Grotte de Jugement Dernier". The many prehistoric and megalithic sites in the surrounding areas, its Celtic and Gallo-Roman memories, its "cluzeaux" and troglodytic dwellings bear witness to its antiquity. Its bell tower - in reality a "belfry" built on the rock -, would be "the oldest in France" with its basic "protocoupoles" and Carolingian capitals. The Benedictine abbey founded by Charlemagne bears the mark of the history of its destruction and reconstruction for more than twelve centuries. Reading the works of one of its abbots: "Brantôme" - the man of Catherine de Médicis - is essential to know the 16th century. Gateway to the Périgord-Limousin Regional Nature Park and the jewel of Val-de-Dronne, Brantôme welcomes those who love nature all year round, "Living well" and "Eating well". Romantic, relaxing, rich in history, leisure and sports activities, it brings a different touch to Périgord.

■ TOURIST OFFICE OF PÉRIGORD

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The National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies

This is THE museum of the world's capital of prehistory, the gateway to understand the visit of the shelters nearby in their context. With the acquisition of locally sourced items but also from other regions of France, Jean-Jacques Cleyet-Merle, the director of this magnificent museum and valuable employees have recreated the complete chronological order of Palaeolithic period, since the installation of the first hunter-gatherers in Aquitaine -400,000 years, until the end of the ice ages which is -10,000 years BCE.

The tool collections and works of prehistoric art unearthed in the area are always presented with the same chronological and geological interests. Flint knapping, but also many European Venuses are in the spotlight. The tour examines the lithic and bone industry, engraved and carved blocks – the first set of this kind in the world – the furniture art, burials, prehistoric fauna. The museum offers a parietal art furniture shop during the holidays, on reservation: children with the tools of our ancestors, are transformed into prehistoric artists.

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Lascaux II

After Lascaux 2, Lascaux 4 is the new facsimile of Grotte de Lascaux. It offers visitors an almost complete reconstruction of the part open to the public of the original cave. It was designed from a digital clone which allowed making hulls on which artists have projected the 3D images of the original cave. They then accurately reproduced them with the same pigments and the same gestures as men from prehistory to be as close as possible to the cave. It begins with the visit of the facsimile. A lift transfers us onto the roof of the half buried building, 9 metres high. In the dark, you gradually go down to the cavity and light appears gradually. You really feel coolness (13° to 16°) and humidity. There is even an overview of the hole through which discoverers passed in 1940. It's astonishing. You will discover Salle des Taureaux, Diverticule axial, Passage, the Apse and the Nave with all their wonderful paintings. At the end of the visit, several spaces allow you to go further in understanding the reconstruction techniques. Through light techniques, it's possible to discover drawings hidden in stone. You also take a parietal world trip through 3D projections. The establishment of this centre aims at protecting the hill where the original cave was. The site of Lascaux 2 remains open to special tours, group reception, etc.

■ CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE L'ART PARIÉTAL – LASCAUX 4 ★★★★★

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August 5th to August 23rd: 8am-9:30pm; August 24th to August 30th: 8:30am-8:30pm; August 31st to September 29th: 9am-19. September 30th to November 3rd: 9:30 am to 7 pm; November 4th to January 5th, 2020: 10 am to 6 pm. Free for children up to 5 years old. Adult: 20 €. Child (from 5 to 12 years old): 12,90 €. Group (20 people): 15 €. Ticket coupled with Le Thot out of high season: 24 € for adults, 15,60 € for children from 5 to 12 years old, free for -5 years old. Prehistoric pass 3 sites (Lascaux IV, Le Thot and Laugrie Basse): 29,90 € for adults, 19,50 € for children from 5 to 12 years old. Food service. Shop.

The Natural Regional Parc of Périgord-Limousin

The Parc Naturel Régional Périgord-Limousin straddles two regions, Aquitaine and Limousin, and two departments, Dordogne and Haute-Vienne. It has 4 touristic identities: Bocage Limousin, Massif des Feuillardiers, Plateaux Jumilhacois and Vallées de l'Isle and Vallées Périgourdines. A preserved country, built on a human scale and with a rich heritage, it has almost 50,000 inhabitants and 180,000 hectares. You can visit outstanding natural sites all year round. Many museums, churches and castles open to the public and themed itineraries such as the route Richard Cœur de Lion reveal a rich and sometimes turbulent history. In 2013, the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord-Limousin has been certified by the Sustainable Tourism European Charter.

■ PARC NATUREL RÉGIONAL PÉRIGORD-LIMOUSIN

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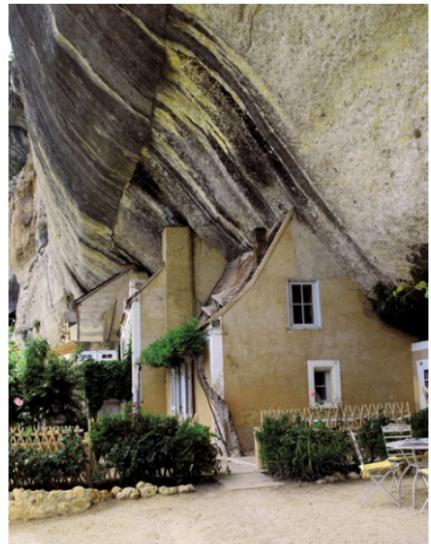
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The site of the national Prehistory museum.



Outside of the Vesunna museum.

Vesunna, the Gallo-Roman Museum of Périgueux

Vesunna, the ancient Périgueux, is the best known Gallo-Roman city in Aquitaine. Located in the very heart of the ancient city, on the remains of a vast residence occupied from the 1st to the 3rd century, this museum is unique in France through its concept, whose glass and steel architecture is designed by Jean Nouvel. It offers a view of the impressive Tower of Vesunna, a remnant of an ancient temple of the goddess Vesunna, which stands in the park. The museum is organised around two architectural spaces designed as mezzanines overlooking the remains of the *domus*, over a surface area of nearly 700 sqm on the ground. The two balconies present a complete exhibition on the ancient city and present sculptures, architectural blocks, funeral stelae. The *domus*, which bears witness to the extent of the city's remains, is the essential element of the site. Everything is organised around it, the heart of the house, the peristyle garden and the rooms. The whole is protected by a metal umbrella carried by 14 pillars at a height of 9 metres. The view of the archaeological site is spectacular, the discovery of the whole on the ground, from wooden footbridges, brings you as close as possible to the site to watch in situ painted plasters and wall frescoes, but also ceramics, jewellery, etc. through 50 display cabinets dedicated to everyday life. The *domus*, heated by hypocaust, was organised with kitchen, reception rooms and baths around a central garden. Objects of daily life testify to the wealth of the owners.

The museum has a document for the visually impaired and blind. Leaves highlight the city's monuments, remains, objects, etc. A text in large letters and in braille specifies the names of the images. The shop offers a short *Vesunna guide*, a visit guide, in an interactive version. It follows the meaning of the visit, which is done by theme, and integrates images from the *La domus et son décor* film. It provides access to some areas of the audioguide, activities and the film using QR codes. During school holidays, we visit the museum and solve the puzzles to open Mascellio's box

and free his soul. An investigation visit to be made with the family, with a mediator, in the museum's collections and on the site of the *domus* of Vesunna. Another activity: *Tempus Fugit*, an escape game in Vesunna. Everything goes on behind the scenes of the museum to investigate the disappearance of an exceptional archaeological discovery. Discover the clues, solve the puzzles and identify the culprit, on the run, before his plane takes off.

The temporary exhibition offered until January 2020 invites us to chase away our ideas received about the Petrocores, i. e. the local Gauls. It allows you to explore the offices of archaeologists who have been investigating the hills of Ecorneboeuf and Curade overlooking Périgueux for two centuries.

The indices reveal a refined society that is open to the world. By searching for the Gallic city prior to the ancient Vesunna, the exhibition appeals to visitors. The route is designed as an investigation in search of the Gallic capital of the Petrocores, through the history of the discoveries. An exploration area is specially dedicated to children from 4 years old. Activities and demonstrations are planned, to be found on the Vesunna website.

■ SITE-MUSÉE GALLO-ROMAIN VESUNNA

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Vesunna museums full price: 9 € and reduced price: 6 €. Group (10 people): 5 € (guided tour included or audioguide, reservation required on 05.53.53.53.00.92). Family rate: 12 € (regardless of the number of children under 18 years old). Tourism & Disability Label. Guided tour. Shop. Animations. Free mobile application on iOS and Android: *Périgueux Visite Patrimoine*.

The Gardens of Marqueyssac

The castle gardens celebrate their twentieth year of opening in 2017. It allow you to explore a rocky spur overlooking the Dordogne and its valley while offering a 180° view on Beynac, Fayrac, Castlenaud, Roque-Gageac and Domme. This park, long forgotten before being restored about ten years ago, offers a walk in the smell of trimmed box trees (150, 000), along 6 km of marked paths of explained botanical stages. The 22-hectare site is dotted with mazes, green rooms, chapels and dry-stone huts. This exceptional park, perched high on its promontory, is organized around two main paths, one straight and bordered by a low wall along the garden, the other made of winding paths where it is pleasant to let go until belvedere, which at 130 m peak offers a stunning panorama. The summer evenings are magical, with a forest of 2,000 candles which shine on the paths of the garden: non-romantic abstain! You can eat in the tea room or on the terrace. The thematic bookshop reference over 300 titles dedicated to nature and gardens, and the Périgord heritage.

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Open all year round. April, May, June and September from 10am to 7pm. February, March, October and until mid-November from 10am to 6pm. July and August from 9am to 8pm. From mid-November to the end of January from

2pm to 5pm. Last admission 1 hour before closing time. Candlelight evenings every Thursday evening from 7pm to midnight. Free for children up to 9 years old. Adult: €9.80. Child (from 10 to 17 years old): 4,90 €. Restaurant and tea room open from spring to early November. Partially accessible to people with reduced mobility. Guided tour (from April to September or by reservation). Food service.

Sarlat-la-Canéda

The capital of Périgord Noir is located in the hollow of hills known as “pechs”. Sarlat-la-Canéda, a city of Art and history, was founded in the 9th century and was built around a Benedictine abbey. The city is very quickly enriched under the direct authority of the Holy See of Rome. The Hundred Year's War (1337-1453) and the plague had serious economic and demographic consequences. It was during the reconstruction in the 15th and 16th centuries that the city was adorned with superb mansions. Its commercial and craft activities are developing, and new ideas are emerging with Etienne de La Boétie. The city kept its spirit until the 18th century, and the decline began due to its geographical isolation. In the end, it will be a chance for the city. In 1962, André Malraux created the law on safeguarded sectors and Sarlat-la-Canéda was the first to benefit from it. For 25 years, restorations follow each other and revive the medieval city. Recent street repaving and gas lighting work has extended the operation. Today, Sarlat-la-Canéda is the first city in Europe by its number of buildings classified per square meter with over 11ha, 253 buildings, 18 classified monuments and 59 registered monuments. It is a true jewel, witness to medieval and Renaissance times. Sarlat-la-Canéda truly regains its breath and its splendour out of season, letting its narrow appear more discreetly, its inner courtyards, its mansions assimilating all periods (medieval foundations, Renaissance floors, classical roofs). Another specificity of Sarlat-la-Canéda, is the Lauzes roofs. These are the famous flat limestone stones, affixed on the roofs which represent a weight of 500 kg to 850 kg per square metre.



360° view from the highest point of the gardens: the Belvedere.

THE GOURMET DORDOGNE

Cooking classes

■ FERME LA MONDINE

La Mondine

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Open Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 7 pm. Guided tour only by appointment.

The La Mondine farm of the Veyssières family is specialized in fatty palmipeds. It produces ready-made meals, foie gras, confit, liver pâté, rillettes, chicken galantine, cassoulets, orange duck, stuffed neck and many other specialties that can be purchased on site.

■ LE RELAIS DES VIGIERS

Les Vigiers

MONESTIER

☎ +33 5 53 61 50 00

www.vigiers.fr

reception@vigiers.fr



Open all year round. 40 rooms. Double room from 125 € to 185 €. Buffet breakfast: 20 €. Fresco menus from 72 to 112 €, 45 € for lunch, closed on Wednesday, Monday lunchtime and Sunday evening. Seminars. Receptions and weddings. Free Internet connection. Free Wifi. Catering (menus for special diets on request). Satellite TV, Canal +. Hammam, hot tub, sauna.

Located one hour from Bordeaux and twenty minutes from Bergerac, near Saint-Emilion, Château des Vigiers is a unique and magical estate. Surrounded by a 27-hole golf course, a 6-hole course of initiation, oak forest and a vineyard, in total, it offers 87 4-star rooms in

the heart of a property of 150 hectares whose natural environment is exceptional. The castle of the 16th century locally nicknamed "Le Petit Versailles du Périgord" has 25 charming rooms and ceremonial halls. The Relais offers 40 rooms. It is inspired by tobacco dryers and sweetly smells oak and Landes pines while having a contemporary style. The beauty center is a place of fullness and voluptuousness. Theme stays are offered by the castle to its guests. Didier Casaguana, the chef, works for both restaurants: The gastronomic one, Les Fresques, a Michelin star, and the brasserie style one, Le Chai. This address combines luxury, well-being and nature.

■ FERME DE PLEINEFAGE

Paulin

SALIGNAC-EYVIGUES ☎ +33 5 53 28 81 88

www.pleinefage.com

pleinefage@wanadoo.fr

Internships in March, May, June, September and mid-October. Open from Monday to Wednesday. 2 days/2 nights course: 370 €/person or 640 € for a couple. And rental of cottages from 1295 € per week for 10.

From Monday to Wednesday, Thierry and Caroline Tribier organize fattening duck courses, which combine tourism and gastronomy. On the first day is reception and visit of the farm; how to cut the duck; how to salt confit, canned pâté and cous. On the next day, how to cook confits, pâtés and cous; evisceration, denervage, preparation of half-cooked foie gras and a tourist visit. On the third day: tasting and force-feeding demonstration. You can stay at the farm and leave with your production as a souvenir! And if you just want to relax, without training course, you can opt for a stay in one of the two cottages or in the chalet and enjoy the indoor swimming pool and the beautiful green environment.

■ L'AUBERGE DE LA TRUFFE

14, rue Jean-Chateaufrenaud

SORGES AND LIGUEUX IN PÉRIGORD

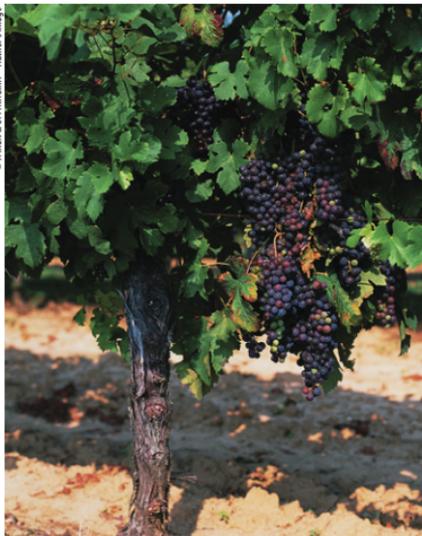
☎ +33 5 53 05 02 05

www.auberge-de-la-truffe.com

contact@auberge-de-la-truffe.com

Open from Friday to Sunday. Price per person in a double room: 385 €. For the one-week internship: 900 €.

The weekend stay is punctuated by unforgettable events. The one dedicated to truffles opens with a welcome aperitif and a gourmet dinner every Friday. Every Saturday, after visiting the Périgoux market, the walk continues to the Sorges truffle museum with a lunch at the hostel. The afternoon is studious: learning truffle recipes with the chef. Once again, tasting dinner. On Sundays, a little exercise with hiking in the truffle fields and searching for the rare pearl. Come on, one more lunch... and you'll have the week to eliminate! A similar formula exists for duck cooking over a weekend. And a 7-day training course allows you to discover a much of Pierre Corre's know-how, fish and pastry in addition.



FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Celebrations

■ FÊTE DU PAIN MENSIGNAC

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From July 13th to 14th 2019. Concerts by Frédéric François (Saturday, €20) and Mickael Jones (Sunday, €10).

This small village has been attracting thousands of visitors for the past 30 years by putting bread on the table. It all started with the baker Alain Boisseau, who is still seen with his horse and caravan distributing homemade bread in the area. His son took over the business as well as the celebration, for which everyone is getting involved. Les Amis du Pain offers a wide range of activities and workshops on the theme of bread (and what goes with it). Wheat threshing, mill visits and pastry competitions are combined with the fair, free rides, inflatable structures, circus, etc. The concerts attract many people, we are in a public and good-natured meeting, where we turn the napkins with Patrick Sébastien. Fiesta, including fireworks for the National Day!

■ FÊTE DES COUTEAUX NONTRON

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From August 3rd to 4th 2019 (from 10am to 7pm). Admission: 5 € (2-day pass: 7 €). Free for children up to 16 years old.

There is a beautiful cutlery tradition in Nontron, and the village has been organizing a celebration for 24 years now to pay homage to this beautiful tool. More than 120 exhibitors are expected to attend. The meeting brings together cutlers, craftsmen, designers and retailers from all over the world. The big names in cutlery meet new talents, present unique pieces and small series without forgetting works created with designers. Workshops and demonstrations follow one another, a forge workshop is even offered to children.

■ LA MASCARADE DES SOUFFLETS NONTRON

1st weekend in April.

It is the great annual spring and popular festivity that takes place over a weekend in April. The Soufflaculs take the inhabitants of Nontron down the streets wearing nightgowns and white hats that run with gussets in their hands to thwart farts... First thesis. This tradition dates back to the Middle Ages. It is probably a satirical joke in which the people dressed in masks and disguises and thus broached the elders, priests and monks. The procession took place during the period before the Lenten fast. The bellows were intended to exorcise demons hiding under women's skirts.... Second thesis. This tradition would be a disrespectful parody of the exorcist zeal of the Fathers of the convent of Saint-Sauveur. To drive the evil spirit out of the corners where they suspected hiding, the "Good

Fathers", dressed in white and equipped with gussets, followed each other in procession, blowing energetically in all places likely to shelter demons. It's no surprise that foreigners come every year to discover the mystery of this Nontron tradition.

■ LA FÉLIBRÉE 13, rue Kléber PERIGUEUX

☎ +33 5 53 07 12 12

www.lobornat.org

From July 5th to 7th 2019. Admission: 3 €.

La Félibrée is a large Occitan festival (*Felibrejada* in Occitan) organized each year, on the first weekend of July, by Lo Bornat dau Perigord and a volunteer commune of the department, supported by the surrounding villages for its preparation. Last year, in Saint-Cyprien, 20,000 visitors rushed under the garlands of artificial flowers, which then remained there all summer long. The event often lasts 3 days with a highlight on Sundays. The "Queen of La Félibrée" opens the day with a few words in Occitan. The festival celebrates the beauty of this language and culture, with its traditional highlights imagined by the *félibriges*: the handing over of the keys to the city, the mass in Occitan, the taulada (up to 700 guests for this typical Périgord meal with its famous rind beans), the love court and its ode to the queen... But the younger generation is shaking up tradition a little bit and the traditional balls now find their place in the program, which leaves a beautiful place for parades in costumes, old crafts and traditional dances. In 2019, for its 100th edition, La Félibrée moved to Périgueux: a year of preparation in all the districts for a certainly unforgettable anniversary.

■ NUITS GOURMANDES PERIGUEUX

From mid-July to the end of August.

Every Wednesday evening in summer, from 7pm, Périgord residents and tourists flock to the city center, around the Places du Coderc and de la Clautre, to eat at stands or food-trucks offering gourmet products in the city center. There are of course local products, but also products from other regions or countries such as aligot, Basque, Mexican or Creole specialties... You can enjoy your meal and listen to musicians on a stage. The atmosphere is very friendly and the event has established itself in the landscape of local entertainment.

■ PARATGE 2, place Hoche PERIGUEUX

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<https://paratge.org>

l.coudenne@culturedordogne.fr

From April 12th to June 8th 2019 (many free appointments, and prices from 5 to 15 €).

14 municipalities participate in the 5th edition of Paratge – an Occitan term reputed to be untranslatable, which approaches tolerance and living together – which blossoms in spring to bring Occitan culture far from preconceived ideas. This event, which is developing throughout the department, combines the art of troubadours in an updated interpretation, combines electronic music with traditional dance, dance concerts, experiments and sung poetry, texts read... All audiences are invited to participate, especially the youngest ones, with shows in school time and Artistic and Cultural Education programmes (9 colleges, 17 elementary schools).

■ **PÉRI'MEUX
PÉRIGUEUX**
perigueux.fr

From 20th to 22nd September 2019. Free of charge. Food service.

Périgueux is back with the agricultural comices of the past in the city center and it is already a success in the space of two editions. A giant farm is set up from boulevard Montaigne to the alleys of Tourny and more than 250 animals are gathered, for children happiness, just after the start of the school year. There is no shortage of activities to discover the agriculture of yesterday and today: demonstration of old-fashioned threshing, farmers' markets and gourmet tables, concerts, agricultural competitions, demonstrations by farriers and equine dentists, sheep shearing, herding dogs, etc. The event takes place on the third weekend of September in odd-numbered years, alternating with the international gourmet book fair, which is held in November in even-numbered years.

■ **SALON INTERNATIONAL
DU LIVRE GOURMAND
PÉRIGUEUX**

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www.livre-gourmand.com

contact@clap-perigueux.com

End of November. From Friday to Sunday.

The show is held in even years, alternating with Péri'Meux (in September in odd years). Many books on French gastronomy (novels, comics, poetry, essays, beautiful books or practical books, in monographs or collective works) are presented by booksellers and many authors are available for signing sessions. Activities such as gourmet dictation, chef duels, tastings, poetry, express demonstrations, etc., but also conferences, shows, exhibitions take place in and around the Theater. The Saturday morning market is then very busy. The show created in 1988 was a step ahead, because the chefs were not yet the stars they had become. Today, it is taking a turn that is more rooted in awareness of good eating, short production chains, sustainable development and alternative modes of consumption.

■ **FÊTE DE LA TRUFFE ET ACADEMIE CULINAIRE
À SARLAT**
SARLAT-LA-CANEDA

☎ +33 5 53 31 53 45

www.sarlat-tourisme.com

Mid-January.

This festivity, initiated with the Académie Culinaire du Foie Gras et de la Truffe, hosts a large market offering fresh truffles and truffle products, as well as many activities: workshops to discover all the subtleties of truffles, tastings, savage demonstrations by dogs trained on a truffle truck set in front of the cathedral, initiation to oenology, presentation of the Trophée Jean Rougié that welcomes young talents in French cuisine. It is under the control of a prestigious jury of Meilleur Ouvrier de France... In a friendly atmosphere, a dozen Sarladais and starred chefs work in a kitchen specially equipped for the occasion in the room of the Ancien Evêché.

■ **JOURNÉES DU TERROIR
SARLAT-LA-CANEDA**

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www.sarlat-tourisme.com

Thursday and Friday of Ascension.

The long weekend of the Ascension is a blessing for the gourmants in Sarlat: on Thursdays and Fridays, local producers delight visitors around the narrow streets of the medieval city, and this at all the rays of gluttony, honey, wine, pork, strawberries or mushrooms, not to mention foie gras and caviar from Neuvic.

Traditional beers are not bad either. What about the cheese? ! Activities punctuate the tastings, you can observe a truffle digging or a duck cutting followed by the preparation of recipes, attend the walnut oil pressing, listen to conferences, visit a living farm located on rue Tourny and an organic center.

■ **FÊTE DE LA TRUFFE
SORGES-ET-LIGUEUX-EN-PÉRIGORD**

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www.sorges-perigord.com

Last weekend of January. Free of charge.

The black diamond is the star of this festival, tailor-made for him in Sorges: producers, cooks and gourmets meet there. Culinary demonstrations and recipes by top chefs are organized at the Louis Pradel gallery, with the invaluable chef of Auberge de la Truffe, Pierre Corre, at the helm. The competitions follow one another: food and wine pairings, better truffle omelette, and conferences on the art of truffle growing bring together specialists. On Sunday mornings, the truffle market, very controlled by the profession to maintain the quality at its best level, allows you to stock up, especially since fat producers are also part of the party: marriage of excellence. The activities accompany the walks, enthronement in the brotherhood to the sound of Escornabiau's Croquants. A friendly aperitif kicks off the truffle meal in the village hall... for which it is very prudent to book weeks in advance!

■ **FÊTE DE LA FRAISE ET DES FLEURS
VERGT**

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Third Sunday in May.

Vergt, a former English bastide and longtime strawberry capital, organizes every year in May, a beautiful celebration to celebrate this delicious red fruit. If the city has lost the pole position in quantity, it remains the guarantor of

the quality of the Mara des bois and other gariguettes, the famous varieties of Périgord. The party suffered the consequences of strict security measures (Vigipirate) and was not held in 2018. She "brings back her strawberry" by mobilizing her volunteers to make her huge pie to taste in the heart of a gourmet crowd, in the middle of the brotherhoods. It is better to book for the big meal under the capital, otherwise you can enjoy a tasting at a farmer's market, one activity to another during this tribute to the local fruit.

Exhibitions

■ EXPOSITION CANINE DE PÉRIGUEUX

Société canine de la Dordogne
21, rue des Fours-à-Chaux
CHAMPCEVINEL

☎ +33 5 53 35 31 46

www.societecanine24.fr
societecanine24@orange.fr

2nd weekend of March. 5 € for admission (3 € from 5 to 11 years old, free under 5 years old).

Every year, at the beginning of March, the Société Canine de Dordogne, faithfully presided over by Jean-Louis Brassat-Lapeyrière, organizes an international exhibition at the Parc des Expos du Périgord (Marsac). 2019 marks the centenary of this event that brings together hundreds of dogs of dozens of different breeds, and of course their proud owners. Fans flock to admire the presentations on the rings: certificate of fitness to the (national) standard and certificate of fitness for the international beauty championship are awarded. Children particularly like the animations that feature all these puppies, but you have to be reasonable during the sale of puppies listed on the LOF: an animal is not a toy!

■ RUE DES MÉTIERS D'ART NONTRON

☎ +33 5 53 60 74 18

<https://metiersdartperigord.fr>
contact@metiersdartperigord.fr

From October 25th to 27th 2019 (from 10am to 6pm). Admission: 2 € (raffle ticket included). Free for people under 16, job seekers and RSA beneficiaries.

For the 10th edition of its fair at Rue des Métiers d'Art, the Pôle Expérimental des Métiers d'Art de Nontron et du Périgord-Limousin will bring together a retrospective of the art professionals who have made the reputation of this high-end creative event. Visitors, who are also customers, will have a glimpse of the excellence and diversity of crafts through some 30 creators reflecting very diverse backgrounds, where innovation plays a prominent role in the latest collections. Demonstrations showcase their expertise through a route set up in the city center and around the Pole.

■ EXPOSITION CANINE NATIONALE SORGES-ET-LIGUEUX-EN-PÉRIGORD

www.cedia.fr/ftp/sorges.pdf
associationcanine24@orange.fr

First weekend in September, open from 9am to 6pm. Free of charge.

This exhibition, organised by the Société canine de Dordogne, is one of the most important in the South-West with dog sales and competitions. And confirmation session the day before, upon registration. In 2019, it's the hundred year: happy birthday!

Fairs - Shows

■ FOIRE DE LA SAINT-CLOUD BADEFOLS-D'ANS

Mid-September.

The traditional Saint-Cloud fair is held in Badefols-d'Ans in September and brings together a large number of livestock breeders. This fair is well known in the region for its competition of calves milk-fed by their mother, the winning calves are then traded for a better price than the others. Around this livestock market, many activities are offered to visitors, such as a garage sale, a mussel and chips, and a firework evening.

■ MARCHÉ AUX POTIERS LIMEUIL

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www.potiers-en-perigord.fr
potiersperigord@yahoo.fr

From July 20th to 21st 2019.

The Marché aux Potiers de Limeuil is organized by the association Potiers en Périgord. About 50 potters exhibit works by the waterfront over a whole weekend: traditional or more contemporary pottery, pottery in common use or unique pieces of art, the diversity is great. There are demonstrations of turning, wood-burning oven construction and children are invited to model objects. Each year, a competition is held to create unique pieces where visitors can vote.

■ FOIRE EXPOSITION DE PÉRIGUEUX Chemin de Saltgourde MARSAC-SUR-L'ISLE

☎ +33 5 53 03 31 61

www.foire-exposition-perigueux.fr

From September 7th to 15th 2019 (open from 10am to 8pm, 3 nights until 11pm on Saturday 7, Friday 13 and Saturday 14 September). Admission: 6 €. Half price from Monday to Thursday: 3 € for everyone. Child: 3 €. Free for children under 5 years old. Food service.

The Foire Exposition de Périgueux marks the beginning of the new economic year: the whole Périgord is back at the Parc des Expositions du Périgord, in Marsac-sur-l'Isle for a tour of the stands, as it remains a business meeting with around 300 exhibitors, and events, because the general public and particularly young people are expected (nearly 60,000 visitors). The fifteen or so rides are free of charge once you have paid for the entrance fee to the fair. For lovers of Périgord, an Occitan village covers 1,000 m² (old trades, crafts, gastronomy). Musical entertainment circulates every day in the alleys and a gourmet village is set up under the central pavilion. Three evenings are scheduled on Fridays and Saturdays, and a promotion is offered on weekdays: half price for everyone from Monday to Thursday. The revenues from the car park go to the local associations that manage it.

■ **FOIRE DE LA LATIÈRE**
Place du Champ-de-Foire
SAINT AULAYE-PUYMANGOU

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staulaye.mairie@gmail.com

Every year on April 30th and May 1st.

This is no small feat: since December 2018, this legendary fair has been included in the inventory of French intangible cultural heritage. This was decided by the Ministry of Culture, based on a file submitted several years ago by the town hall. In Saint-Aulaye, in the heart of the Pays de la Double, takes place every year on May 1st and the day before, the Foire de la Latière, which was once a bandits' gathering place! More than 200 exhibitors from all over France offer regional specialties in addition to an agricultural fair (animals and more broadly nature and leisure, horticulture and garden center). Nearly 10,000 visitors criss-cross the aisles, sometimes with their feet in the mud, sometimes under a spring sun. Activities follow one another, from the dog festival to the pilgrimage to the "miraculous" Saint-Eutrope fountain, preceded by a mass. This atypical fair, organized in the heart of 8 hectares of forest, is also a mecca for gastronomy, there is even a fair in the open countryside.

■ **FOIRE AUX VINS DE SIGOULES**
SIGOULÈS

www.vigneronsdesigoules.com
contact@vigneronsdesigoules.fr

Mid-July.

Since more than 40 years la foire aux vins de Sigoulès was held the third weekend of July. The winemakers of Bergerac, Monbazillac, Saussignac, Pécharmant, expose the best of their products and 8 000 to 10 000 come to visit and taste the flavour products of Périgord. There are musical entertainment, shows, cabaret, eating on the square, crafts, etc.it's duty free for the weekend, fairground entertainment for kids.

■ **FOIRE AUX DINDONS**
VARAIGNES

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Every November 11th.

The Foire aux Dindons would have its origin under Henry IV and still going on today! On that day, from 9 am, the most beautiful turkeys parade through the village to the castle square accompanied by their guardians in traditional clothes of the Confrérie du Dindon de Varaignes. During the day, gurgling contest (the turkey's famous cry), then some unhappy animals will be cooked, especially in the castle courtyard, for the final grand banquet where they also sell *bourru* (new wine), cider and chestnuts. Thousands of "fans" go on pilgrimage to the village to celebrate this "thanksgiving" of Périgord!

■ **MARCHÉ DES TISSERANDS**
DE VARAIGNES
Château communal
VARAIGNES

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www.filsetmetiers.com
filsetmetiers@yahoo.fr

Pentecost weekend.

This market of professionals allows you to discover the techniques related to textiles: weaving (linen, hemp, wool, mohair, cotton, rag...), felting, knitting, dyeing, hat making, through exhibitions, but also workshops and demonstrations. This edition has chosen the theme "Cocon" to crystallize curiosity during these three days around animations, workshops, artistic exhibition of contemporary textile works, festive evening... This is the theme of the contemporary textile exhibition held at the Château de Varaignes until 30 September, which will extend the enchantment.

■ **MARKETS AND EVENTS IN VERGT**

► **Markets:** on Sunday mornings, under the hall (from May to November strawberry market and from November to March fat market) and night market in July and August on Tuesday.

► **Strawberry and flower festival** in mid-May.

► **Fair:** agricultural show in September.

► **The pumpkin fair**

The pumpkin fair of Saint-Mayme de Péreyrol takes place in mid-October. It attracts producers who come to offer beautiful pumpkins (ideal for Halloween celebrations or to make a good soup), nuts, chestnuts, local products (bakers, butchers, cheese makers, etc.) and crafts. Moreover, on that day, the village's bread oven is back in use to help people discover or rediscover the taste of traditional bread. For more information, call ☎ +33 5 53 09 78 56.

■ **MARKETS AND EVENTS**
IN SORGES-ET-LIGUEUX-EN-PÉRIGORD

► **January:** Fat and truffle market on Sunday mornings.

► **Market:** night markets and summer truffle markets with orchestra entertainment and meals some Fridays in July and August.

► **Truffle fair** on the closest Sunday to January 20th.

■ **MARKETS AND EVENTS IN THIVIERS**

A very popular market on Saturday mornings, the Marché au Gras takes place from mid-November to mid-March.

► **La Coquille:** market on Thursday mornings; look for poultry, preserves, milk and cheese from Les Passerieux.

► **Annual sell-off and flea market fair,** on the 1st Sunday in August.

■ **MARKETS AND EVENTS**
IN VILLEFRANCHE-DU-PÉRIGORD

► **Market:** Saturday morning under the market hall.

► **Annual fair:** Wednesday of mid-Lent, 1st Saturday after Easter.

► **Cep fair:** every day from 4pm during the season.

Cultural events – Festivals

■ **FESTIVAL DE THÉÂTRE BAROQUE**
EN PÉRIGORD NOIR
Place de l'église Saint-Etienne
AURIAU-DU-PÉRIGORD

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<http://compagnieoghma.com>
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From 22th to 29th July 2019. Full price: 10 €. Reduced rate: 8 € (students, unemployed, -26 years old, +60 years old...). Children up to 12 years old: 6 €. From 30 to 45 €. This festival of Baroque theatre in Black Périgord, organised by the Oghmac, takes place in the last week of July. This living theatre, made of trestles, is performed where it does not usually take place, in rare and unique places: Château de l'Herm, Beaupuy in Auriac.... For its 5th edition, old and new will dialogue over a programme of eight stages of creation, music, workshops, encounters... and of course theatre. The company also organizes Baroque theatre workshops.

■ **FESTI'PLAGE**
CHAMPAGNAC-DE-BELAIR
www.festi-plate.fr

contact@festi-plate.fr
From July 26th to 28th 2019. Free for children under 12 years old. Pass at 10 €.

Created in 2013 by the association Les Bel'Mines, Festi'plage had to move from Champagnac-de-Belair to spend two editions at the Parc des expositions du Périgord in Marsac. It is back on the road to return to the countryside of Périgord Vert with a 2019 edition announced in one of the most beautiful villages in France, Saint-Jean-de-Côle. Organisers join forces in another association, Les Troubad'occ, to bring out a new project, called D'la street scene, and to reconnect with its values of sharing, conviviality and culture in rural areas. Thus, three days of live entertainment, concerts, creative workshops, debates, not to mention the festive banquets with local products... and a few surprises will blossom on the banks of the river, in the heart of a medieval village.

■ **FESTIVAL FORGES ET MÉTALLURGIE,**
2000 ANS D'HISTOIRE

Le Bourg
ÉTOUARS
☎ +33 5 53 56 84 31
jeannot.eric@free.fr

End of July. Admission: 2 €.

The 3 F-3 M association prepares each year with passion, in partnership with the CPIE (Centre Permanent d'Initiatives pour l'Environnement) Périgord-Limousin, this important event which recalls the history of the forges and foundries of the Haut-Périgord. The programme includes a series of activities, once the blast furnace and the low furnace are lit as a starting point: demonstration of the work of the forge with the blacksmiths, antique ovens and the approach of bronze, craft exhibitions, demonstration of blacksmith and tallandier, visit of the area Fer et Forges... Conferences and workshops for children complete the event, not to mention the blacksmiths' meal.

■ **FESTIVAL CULTURES AU CŒUR**
57, rue du 4-Septembre
MONTIGNAC

☎ +33 5 53 50 14 00
www.festivaldemontignac.fr
a-l-m2@orange.fr

From July 29th to August 4th 2019.

Every year, the 39th edition of the Festival of World Dance and Music, imagined by Amicale Laique de Montignac,

receives and invites folklore groups from all over the world to perform in several places in the city. Free entertainment is provided on the streets as well as aperitifs-concerts with bodegas, markets, dance workshops, etc. On the program of this summer: Algeria, Benin, Belarus, Canada, Kazakhstan, Laos, Uganda, Paraguay, Romania... And for France: Provence, New Caledonia, Limousin. As last year, a concert evening is planned in partnership with the Festival du Périgord Noir. It's Romain Leleu, a young trumpeter, and Ensemble Convergence with Gangbé Brass Band of Cotonou. A Bollywood party with the Mojgan/Arts Company is to be booked on Saturdays.

■ **FESTIVAL DU PÉRIGORD NOIR**
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From July to October.

Coming into being in 1989, this festival chaired by Jean-Luc Soulé, is one of the major Aquitaine events. Its objective remains to get people to know, love and hear music in rural areas, with the aim of reaching all audiences and especially children. Concerts take place in the Romanesque churches of several villages in Périgord Noir and in the Jardins du Manoir d'Eyrignac, i. e. about fifteen places. For this edition, the festival has chosen to combine in various ways the theme "Shadows and Lights" suggested to the musicians invited. Voices will invade the abbey of Saint-Amand-de-Coly; baroque ensembles will take place in the cathedral of Sarlat, the abbey church of Saint-Cyprien, the churches of Ajat, Fanlac or Auriac; chamber music from the 19th to the 21st century will break into Saint-Léon-sur-Vézère and jazz ensembles to Montignac-sur-Vézère. The Academy showcases young talents. An endowment fund linked to the festival supports local cultural life and young talents.

■ **FESTIVAL DE LA BD BASSILLAC**
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Salle des sports
Bassillac
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Mid-October. Admission: 4 €. Two-day pass: 6 €. Free for job seekers, children, high school students and students.

Either comic books like the Southwest or the other way around.... And even if it occupies a privileged place in Angoulême, Bassillac defends its colours and humour loud and clear. The event is a true success, it attracts high quality scriptwriters and draftsmen, and always a renowned special guest. About fifty composers are generally present and the number of visitors reaches up to 4,500. With 7 exhibitions, conference debates, dedications, bookstores, secondhand bookstores, stands, film screenings, you still manage to find a quiet place to read on the spot! Conviviality reign in the aisles. Children are of course the kings of the festival with a competition in schools for budding artists. A public prize crowns a composer who is present.

■ FESTIVAL EXPOÉSIE

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In March. Many free appointments, some of them for a fee.

The association Féroce Marquise has been organising this international art and poetry festival in Périgueux for nearly 20 years and publishes a magazine on "creation and exaggeration", Ouste. Expoésie has settled – first in summer and then through the seasons until March – in a very special and extremely varied niche that combines poetry, sound and plastic, and other disciplines such as dance, writing, music, video, all of which are blending expressed with a certain sense of performance. Hervé Brunaux, its designer, with the support of many partners, imagines in each edition beautiful surprises to discover along the streets and squares, in museums, bookstores, artists' workshops. A cycle is specially dedicated to young people.

■ FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DU MIME –

MIMOS

L'Odysée

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From 23rd to 27th July 2019. Free street shows. Room prices from 8 to 20 €.

Mimos, an international festival of mime and the arts of gesture, has been astonishing Périgord inhabitants and tourists since 1983... A pioneer in his field, he has become the most important in Europe in his field, with 75,000 spectators, and shows the multifaceted face (object theater, dance, acrobatics, puppets, juggling, street) of a discipline that has considerably evolved since Marceau, Decroux or Lecoq. During summer, Périgueux becomes the setting of this art of movement, the squares, the gardens, the alleys, the museums of the city welcome shows and strolls, mostly free. A selected Off solicits free contributions. Actions with associations are offered in the neighborhoods, internships for amateurs, but also a summer academy for professionals complete the adventure. This 37th edition is based on the theme of

committed bodies and bears witness to the state of the world as much as to the living together. 20 companies are expected from Spain, Belgium, Italy, France, including two new events. It should be noted that a resource center, So Mlm, is being set up, a digital showcase of mime and Mimos' memory.

■ MACADAM JAZZ

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From July to August.

Every Tuesday in summer, jazz music is played on the squares of the old Périgueux, with a first set at 6: 30 pm for a musical prelude as an aperitif before the 8: 30 pm concert. This has gathered jazz lovers and amateurs for 27 years to listen to bands covering all aspects of this music, from bebop to gypsy, with great standards and compositions to be enjoyed on the André Maurois, the former Town Hall, Saint-Louis, Coderc and Vertu.

■ SINFONIA

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From 24th to 31st August 2019 (on-site programme).

Admission: 10 € (at 40 €). Free for the young talents cycle.

Baroque and Renaissance music lovers have been able to spend their late summer towards Périgueux since 1990. The most prestigious ensembles and masters of the genre gather here in historic places, 27 events for this edition, concerts and meetings, proposed in Périgueux and Chancelade, the anchor points, but also in 12 surrounding communes. Folia, an opening show at the Périgueux theater, combines hip-hop and Vivaldi under the direction of choreographer Mourad Merzouki, whom the Odyssey has already introduced. Finally, it will be Purcell Fairy Queen's opera, a great moment too. This renowned festival also is also an opportunity for new talents and opens up to classical music outside the summer period since 2008, in winter and May, with great performers to rediscover all the repertoires of classical music.



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