

# VILLAGE LIFE® Dordogne

Unpack just once and stay in the family owned HÔTEL PLAZA MADELEINE  
in the heart of medieval Sarlat

*Uniquely designed nine-day program  
featuring our exclusive VILLAGE LIFE® Forum*

*From approximately \$3995 plus air*

Immerse yourself in the authentic provincial character of Dordogne in Sarlat-la-Canéda, one of France's most beautiful and well-preserved medieval villages. Discover charming villages, medieval castles and prehistoric treasures through specially arranged excursions, including Sarlat's famous open-air market; the pilgrimage site of Rocamadour; the English-style Gardens of Eyrignac; the fascinating prehistoric cave paintings of Cap-Blanc; the perfectly reproduced cave art at Lascaux and Rouffignac; and a specially arranged *gabare* cruise on the Dordogne River. Enhance your experience with the Bordeaux and Saint-Émilion Pre-Program and/or the Albi and Toulouse Post-Program Options.

## Program Dates

April 20 to 28, 2023

April 27 to May 5, 2023

May 4 to 12, 2023

May 11 to 19, 2023

**9 Days**

September 7 to 15, 2023

September 28 to October 6, 2023

October 5 to 13, 2023

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1. Depart the U.S. or Canada
  2. Bordeaux, France/Sarlat-la-Canéda
  3. Sarlat-la-Canéda
  4. Rocamadour/Souillac
  5. Eyrignac Gardens/Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil/L'Abri du Cap-Blanc
  6. Lascaux/Saint-Amand-de-Coly
  7. Rouffignac/La Madeleine
  8. Beynac/Domme
  9. Sarlat-la-Canéda/Bordeaux/Return to the U.S. or Canada

## Itinerary Highlights

- Visit to Souillac's Abbaye Marie to admire the magnificent Romanesque sculptures.
- Visit to the lush, impeccably maintained 19th-century Jardins d'Eyrignac.
- Tour of the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil.
- Visit to medieval village and fortified church of Saint-Amand-de-Coly.
- Tour of the medieval Château de Beynac.
- Walking tour of Domme, with spectacular views of the Dordogne River Valley.

- Private, specially arranged *gabare* cruise along the Dordogne River, with lunch in the village of Beynac.
- Local wine and cheese tasting at a Sarlat *épicerie gourmet*.

### **All-Inclusive**

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you made your air arrangements through Gohagan & Company. (If you made your own air arrangements, transfers and luggage handling is not included.)
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water provided on motorcoaches during excursions.
- Hospitality desk in the hotel.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Program Director at your service.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed.

*All Program Features are contingent upon final brochure pricing.*

### **PLAZA MADELEINE HÔTEL**

#### **Sarlat-la-Canéda**

- Elegant 19<sup>th</sup>-century townhouse in the heart of the picturesque village of Sarlat
- Recently renovated
- Sarlat's twice-weekly outdoor market in front of the hotel
- Fresh, regional French cuisine
- Dedicated, attentive staff
- Spa and outdoor pool
- Wi-Fi access
- Unpack just once

### **Bordeaux and Saint-Émilion Pre-Program Option**

Long distinguished as the wine capital of the world, France's verdant Bordeaux region has been growing, fermenting and bottling the grape since the eighth century. Just north of Bordeaux in the Médoc region, visit a château to enjoy a tasting of distinguished 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. Spend two nights in a deluxe hotel in the heart of Bordeaux.

### **Albi and Toulouse Post-Program Option**

The cobblestone towns and villages of southwest France showcase the region's storybook charm. Experience the classic refinements and medieval allure of Cordes-sur-Ciel, Albi, Carcassonne and Toulouse on this four-night itinerary featuring three UNESCO World Heritage sites. Sample Gaillac wines in a lovely château; explore cherished cathedrals and old-world villages, equal parts storied and spectacular; admire the largest collection of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec's works; and enjoy the bucolic scenery of the French countryside. Accommodations are for two nights each in the HOTEL MERCURE ALBI BASTIDES and the GRAND HÔTEL DE L'OPÉRA in Toulouse.