



## Trip description

### 5-day bike trip to explore the Dordogne Valley

From the vineyards of Monbazillac to the medieval city of Sarlat via the Lascaux cave, discover the treasures of the Dordogne by bike.



Destination	France
Location	Dordogne / Périgord
Duration	5 days
Difficulty Level	Challenging
Validity	From April to October
Minimum age	14 years
Reference	DP0501

Type of stay  
itinerant trip



### Itinerary



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This 5-day self-guided bike tour offers you a good overview of the most beautiful sites in the Dordogne. You start your route discovering the

vineyards of Monbazillac and its castle. Then, you cycle along the banks of the Dordogne river and cross charming typical villages. After an overnight in Le Bugue, you cycle in the Vézère valley, known as the "Vallée de l'Homme" (Man's Valley) due to its many prehistoric sites. You will cross on your way troglodyte villages, medieval fortresses before reaching Montignac and the famous Lascaux cave. Then, you cycle to Sarlat, beautiful medieval town with its rich architectural heritage. Finally, a nice loop tour leads you to the most beautiful castles in the region, you will even have the possibility to exchange your bike for a canoe!

## Day 1

### Loop tour to Monbazillac

Bike  
33km

Altitude  
±326m

Today discover the Monbazillac vineyards with a nice loop tour! You cycle to the beautiful château de Monbazillac that you can visit. Continue on small country roads in the middle of vineyards and cycle by the château de Bridoir in Ribagnac, nicknamed the "100 games castle". Your path will cross many wine estates where you will have the opportunity to stop for a wine tasting. Finally, you cycle back to Bergerac to spend another evening in the beautiful city.

## Day 2

### Bergerac - Le Bugue

Bike  
52km

Altitude  
±297m

You take a beautiful greenway along the Dordogne river to leave Bergerac. The peaceful shores of the river are only disturbed by the majestic gabarres (traditional boats) sailing there. From the charming town of Lalinde, small winding roads lead you to the top of the cingles de Limeuil et Trémolat from which you can admire the meanders of the river.

Then, you cycle to the medieval village of Limeuil, listed among the most beautiful villages of France and located at the confluence of the Dordogne and the Vézère rivers. You are now following the Vézère valley, known as the "Vallée de l'Homme" (Man's Valley) with its fifteen prehistoric sites listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Your day ends at Le Bugue, a charming little town built like an amphitheater on the side of a hill.

## Day 3

### Le Bugue - Montignac

Bike  
38km

Altitude  
±285m

You leave Le Bugue to reach Les Eyzies, a troglodyte village considered as "the world capital of prehistory", it was here that the Cro-Magnon Man was discovered. You can take a short break to visit the beautiful National Prehistory Museum housed in the former castle. You keep cycling along the Vézère river where you will come across many architectural treasures: the Maison Forte de Reignac, the Roque Saint-Christophe and the Château de Losse.

Then, you cross the medieval village of Saint-Léon-sur-Vézère, very typical village of the Black Périgord. You finally arrive in Montignac, a charming medieval town where you can visit one of the most precious gems of prehistory: the Lascaux Cave.

## Day 4

### Montignac - Sarlat

Bike  
44km

Altitude  
±708m

From Montignac you cycle on small country roads to the village of Saint-Genies, one of the most beautiful villages in the Black Périgord. You cross Salignac and its castle, then a few kilometers further, cycle by Eyrygnac gardens where we advise you to stop for a visit. Listed as a Historic Monument, these gardens are a green masterpiece combining rose gardens, ponds, flowers, grass carpets, fountains and plant sculptures on an area of 200 hectares.

You end your day cycling down to Sarlat, the capital of the Black Périgord. Labeled City of Art and History, the medieval city holds a large number of national heritage sites, a real open-air museum! Finally, do not miss the traditional market of Sarlat, one of the most famous in the region!

## Day 5

## Sarlat

Bike  
**43km**

Altitude  
**±563m**

Bike or canoe

Today, discover the most prestigious castles of the Dordogne by bike or canoe!

A beautiful loop tour takes you to the foot of the most beautiful castles of the region: the château de Monfort perched on its rocky spur, the château de Castelnaud and its museum of war in the Middle Ages and the château de Beynac, one of the best preserved in Dordogne. You also cycle through the villages of Domme and La Roque-Gageac, both listed among the most beautiful villages in France. On your way you will also have the opportunity to visit the majestic Marqueyssac Gardens overlooking the Dordogne valley.

For those who wish to admire the castles from a different perspective, you can exchange your bike for a canoe! You cycle from Sarlat to Vitrac (12km) where you leave your bike to get a canoe. You explore the Dordogne river while admiring its castles until Beynac where you leave the canoe (16km-3h). Then, we will drive you back to Vitrac in a mini-van where you collect your bike to cycle back to Sarlat (12km).

## Accommodation

### Category A

You will enjoy staying in these clean and cozy 2-3 Star hotels that give you a pleasant rest after your day of biking. Breakfast is included when you spend the night in these friendly and family-run hotels.



*\* Example of the type of accommodation*

### Category B

You will get a good night's sleep when you stay in these 3-star hotels or charming Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included!



*\* Example of the type of accommodation*

## Practical information

### To get to departure point:

**By plane:** To Bergerac airport, flights from Lyon, Nice, Brussels and many cities in England (London, Liverpool, Manchester...). Then take a taxi to the city center. Other nearby airport: Bordeaux. Then take a train to reach Bergerac.

**By train:** direct regional trains from Bordeaux to Bergerac (1h20). To plan your trip, [www.sncf-connect.com](http://www.sncf-connect.com)

### Parking

If you come by car to Bergerac, you can park in the secure car parks of Bellegarde, Gambetta ou République.

### To get back to starting point:

Trains take you back to your starting point if you wish. Regular regional trains are riding between Sarlat and Bergerac. Bikes are accepted for free. The duration of the trip is about 1h. Full rate is 13.50€/pers.

You will find the timetable of the day in your travel documents.

### Meeting time:

You have an appointment **between 9am and 10am** at your hotel in Bergerac to collect your bikes. Please let us know if you plan to arrive later.

## Price description

### Category A

Double room fare

565 €/pers

4 nights in \*\*/\*\* hotels

4 breakfasts

5-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information

the return of the bikes

7/7 hotline

Half-board (2 dinners)

70 €/pers

Single occupancy extra

55 €/night

High season extra (\*)

20 €/pers

Extra night in Bergerac

65 €/pers

Extra night in Bergerac - High season

72 €/pers

(from 01/05 to 30/09)

Extra night in Sarlat

67 €/pers

Extra night in Sarlat - High season

82 €/pers

(from 29/05 to 30/09)

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### Category B

Double room fare

595 €/pers

4 nights in \*\*\* hotels or charming Bed & Breakfasts

4 breakfasts

5-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)

the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information

the return of the bikes

7/7 hotline

Half-board (except in Bergerac - 3 dinners)

97 €/pers

Single occupancy extra

65 €/night

High season extra (\*)

60 €/pers

Extra night in Bergerac	112 €/pers
Extra night in Bergerac - High season (from 01/05 to 30/09)	142 €/pers
Extra night in Sarlat	95 €/pers
Extra night in Sarlat - High season (from 01/05 to 30/09)	105 €/pers

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## Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (5 days)	90 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-80 €/pers
Extra for solo traveller	95 €/pers
Luggage transport (4 persons basis)	70 €/pers
Luggage transport (2 persons basis)	140 €/pers
Luggage transport (1 person basis)	280 €/pers

**(\*) High season :**  
from 01.05 to 30.09.2024

**The package doesn't include:**  
the journey to the tour location  
the drinks  
the meals which are not included  
the entrance fee to sites  
insurances (optional)

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