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# Travel guide

Fun for kids  
Where to eat  
Places to visit

# discovering the Area;

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# Best Off to Do

There are a few things not to miss while you are here, here are a few suggestions:

**Make sure to check opening times on the websites  
or check if you have to make a reservation**

- **A farmer's market**; the towns come alive during market days, our favorites are Eymet (Thursday morning), Duras (Monday), Miramont (Monday), Ste Foy la Grande (this is the best one, on Saturday)
- For families **acrobranche**, the **climbing park** is not to miss. Everybody is enthusiastic about it, many families go more than once. **Acrobranche (20 minutes away)** [www.acrobranche47.com](http://www.acrobranche47.com) in Saint Colombe de Duras (close to Duras)
- On a warm day **swimming in the lake of Lougratte** is a wonderful outing. There is lots of shade because of the many trees and it is not over full with people. [www.lougratte.com](http://www.lougratte.com)
- Visit the lovely town of **Eymet**, it is a lovely little medieval town. Have an icecream, a lovely meal, there are many restaurants to choose from, or a nice tea with fabulous cakes in Roses café.
- For families **Chateau de Bridoire** is a lovely outing. It is a big ol' castle filled with medieval games. We love to go there to. [www.chateaudebridoire.com](http://www.chateaudebridoire.com)
- Who enjoys peaceful **gardens** there is a fabulous water lilly garden **Latour Marliac** in le Temple sur Lot where Monet would used to go to buy his water lilies for his famous paintings. There is also the lovely **Jardin de Boissonna**, a rose garden and a haven of piece with a lovely café and yummy scones and jam. [www.latour-marliac.com](http://www.latour-marliac.com)  
[www.jardindeboissonna.com](http://www.jardindeboissonna.com)
- Some of our **favorite restaurants** are: The Vietnamese Restaurant Les Baguettes d'Or in Miramont de Guyenne, the Italian on the main square of Eymet, Andine, a Peruvian restaurant in Eymet and the Walnut Bistro in Eymet with French cuisine.
- For the **wine lovers** go for an outing to St Emilion, which is famous for its wines and a beautiful medieval town. Berticot the cooperative in Duras does nice tours and tastings, la maison du vin in Duras has a great selection also for tasting of all the local small wine growers. Chateau Feely and Les Hauts de Riquets are two favorite wine growers with passionate stories.
- **Canoeing**. We love to go out for a day of canoeing. Slowly going down the river (it is downstream, you don't have to work too hard 😊). A little further away you find Limeuilh (1 hour) a beautiful village and the Vezere is pretty to follow down the stream. Closer by you can canoe in Gardonne (25 minutes) or in Porte Ste Foy (15 minutes) which also has a little beach where you can swim in the river.

# Practical Information

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## Supermarkets

Supermarkets are open 7 days a week you find them in all surrounding villages (a Leclerc Hypermarket in Ste Foy la Grande and smaller ones in Eymet, Duras and Miramont de Guyenne) Monday – Saturday: from 9 in the morning until 7 or 8 in the evening . Sunday morning: from 9 – 12.30

## Lunch and dinner times.

In this area in France you go out to eat lunch between 12 and 14h, after restaurants close for the afternoon. Only in Bordeaux you will find restaurants that serve the entire day.

Dinner is often as from 19h or 19.30 (the pizzeria in Eymet is an exception where you can go as from 18.30h)

## Emergency

For any big emergency ..... call 112

Fire department (pompiers)..... call 18

Incendies, fuite de gaz, accidents et urgences médicales. Signaler une situation dangereuse 18

Ambulance (SAMU) ..... call 15

Urgences médicales, détresse vitale. Le Samu traite aussi les demandes de transport ambulancier et de soins vers les permanences.

Police (gendarmerie)..... call 17

## Maison de Santé Eymet (several doctors)

12 Rue du 6 juin 1944

+33 (0)5 3 23 82 33

## Hospital

Centre Hospitalier Samuel Pozzi in Bergerac

This is a bigger hospital and if you have the time better to go here

9 av Prof Albert Calmette, 24108 Bergerac

+33 (0)5 53 63 88 88





# Markets

It is always a joy to discover one of the many farmers' markets in the area with lots of local produce. They always take place during the mornings from 09.00-12.30. During the summer months there are also evening markets. These markets are filled with stands who make their own food and there are a few yummie ones.

## Super markets

There is a small supermarket in **Loubes Bernac only 5 minutes away**. Go right on the main road,, first road turn right, drive until the T. Turn right again until you reach the village with another T where you turn right and the supermarket is on your right-hand. They also have **fresh croissants and bread** (only not on Monday) and they have wifi here should you need it.

In the village of **Saint Jean de duras** (turn left on the main road and after 5km right at the boulangerie sign), there is a **boulangerie** with fresh bread baked in a woodstove.

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## Farmer's markets

**Monday:** Duras (smaller but has a castle you can visit) & Miramont de Guyenne bigger with lots of local produce

**Wednesday:** Bergerac

**Thursday:** Eymet

**Friday:** Monsegur

**Saturday:** Ste Foy la Grande (won a price for one of the best markets in France), Bergerac

**Sunday:** Issigeac (really nice medieval village and the best crêpes of the surrounding, but very busy in July and August)



## Evening Markets

During the high season (beginning of July – end of August) there are evening markets starting at 19.00 where you can buy food and sit along the long tables with all the people and enjoy dinner.

**Tuesday:** Evening market in Eymet (this is more a clothes and gift market then about food, not the nicest evening market)

**Wednesday:** Evening market in Monsegur

**Thursday:** Evening market in Duras and evening market in Issigeac

**Friday:** Monsegur

**Sunday:** Lunch market in Soumensac from 12-3 (not to miss lovely and idyllic)



# Villages, towns and cities to visit

There are quite an amount of lovely villages and towns to visit in the area and of course the city of Bordeaux is also not to be missed. The descriptions below include some of our favourite hide outs places.

## Duras (10 minutes)

A small village with a nice castle to visit or go for dinner at La Terrasse (4 Place Jean Bousquet) a nice French restaurant. There are great views all around (even better when you climb up the stairs of the chateau. Visit the Maison des Vignerons at the foot of the hill. This is a wine house with all the wines of the local wine growers. You can buy wine here, there is a small but very nice exposition area and during July and August you can join for a tasting (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11 and at 4 o'clock). Tastings are also in English, you have to make a reservation (10€ p.p.). Call for more info +33 (0)5 53 94 13 48. Continue on to the chocolate factory of Maison Guinguet (only 5 minutes by car from Duras) (Les Cavales, 47120 Duras +33 (0)5 53 83 72 47) <https://www.maisonguinguet.com/>. A lovely little boutique and heavenly chocolates and you can even taste many of them in the shop. My personal favorite is dried plums with dark chocolate. Or pass by La P'tit Confiote, in 2020 they won the world championship jam making and have an incredible selection of jams, jellies, homemade Nutella, there is even a jam with golden flakes: <https://confitures-gelees.com/en/>.

## Eymet (10 minutes)

Sooner or later you will probably visit Eymet during your stay. It is only 10 minutes away and a lovely little bastide town with a river passing by (look for the swans and the ducks with pompons on their heads). The Italian restaurant on the main square is not to be missed. Eymet has a lovely Thursday morning farmer's market (since the year 1242 already) and if you want to have an evening of wine & dine, do try out La Cours d'Eymet or restaurant The Walnut, both on the boulevard (make a reservation). Ah yes, while you are there, have a stroll off the square to the old run down castle. There is a huge tree of more than 100 years old which loves to be hugged and beyond the castle there is a small playground for smaller children. You can also rent electric bicycles in Eymet: <http://goodturncycles.fr/>

## Miramont de Guyenne (15 minutes)

Miramont is typical local French town. The farmer's market is on Monday when the town comes alive. The bakery on the square has nice chocolaines and croissants, but our favorite bakery is Les Epis Gourmands on 2 blv Victor Hugo (across the post office), they have amazing cakes and beautiful croissants. Bring your goodies to William at the Panama Café on the square who serves a good cup of coffee. Nibble along and watch the old inhabitants discuss last weeks gossip. When you stand with your nose towards the Panama café take the street on the left. A few stands down there is a little Dutch cheese stand (they speak Dutch as well) with excellent cheese (we serve it for

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breakfast). The cows are grassfed and they make organic cheese. On the opposite side you see a stand which sell porc. Usually there is a very long line. It is very much worth the wait. They have absolutely the best cooked ham we ever had, dried sausages, dried ham and don't forget to try out some rillettes (a French specialty) for your lunch. Alternatively buy some goodies here for a bbq at home. The café du bistrot on the corner serves excellent lunches or dinners and the Asian restaurant Les Baguettes d'or (that is golden chopsticks, not golden bread ☺) is also very good. You can also do take away food here, if you would like to have an easy dinner.

### **Sainte Foy la Grande (15 minutes)**

On the way to Sainte Foy la Grande you pass by a super big hyper LeClerc supermarket (In Pineuilh) where you find everything you need and could spend hours shopping. Don't forget also to enter their closed off wine area, it's just nice to gaze at a 600€ bottle of wine and wonder what it will taste like. The town of Sainte Foy comes alive on Saturday morning when there is a big farmer's market (they won a price for one of the nicest markets in France). However outside of market day it is a little dull. There is however a great bakery on the square Mazzocco Sylvain, 28 Rue Jean Louis Faure with great macarons and croissants. Bring your croissant to the café next to the baker on the same square with a cup of coffee and finish with a small stroll along the river. You can take the car and go to the village on the other side of the river where there is a small beach where you can swim and in the afternoon they often set up all kinds of sports and games you can join in. It is called La Plage des Bardoulets: <https://www.tourisme-dordogne-paysfoyen.com/jorganise-mon-sejour/visites-et-loisirs/les-activites-nautiques/>. You can also rent canoos for a couple of hours at Canoë Kayak Port Ste Foy, Allée Paul Ducou, 33220 Port Ste Foy: <https://www.tourisme-dordogne-paysfoyen.com/jorganise-mon-sejour/visites-et-loisirs/les-activites-nautiques/>



### **Bergerac (30 minutes)**

Have a walk over the old bridge into the old centre of Bergerac town with small cobbled streets. It is the home of Cyrano de Bergerac and you will find two statues of him. The boat ride on the river is not superb, just fun up and down the river. An ice cream shop on the square overlooked by Cyrano with over 50 types of Italian ice cream is not to be missed. You will find a lovely lunch or dinner at "Un cuillère pour maman" and just have a look around.

**Great in combination** with Monbazillac, with a big castle (just look at it from the outside) and famous for its sweet white wine or drive a little further to the small village of Queyssac and look for “les eaux de Queyssac”. You can pause here and go fishing and boy does the owner have magical pizzas out of a wood oven... do try out his the home made smoked trout pizza (even just to go for lunch is great and the children can run around). You can also combine Bergerac with a couple of hours of canoeing in Gardonne.

### **Marmande (35 minutes)**

Marmande has been named capital of the tomato due to its famous “tomate de Marmande”. People don’t often go to Marmande, but actually there are a few nice things to do in this typically French town. Park your car on the big parking lot at rue de la filhole or boulevard Richard Coeur de Lion. Attached to this big parking lot is a huge park “La Filhole” great for a stroll, lots of things to play for children and bring a picnic for somewhere under a tree. From the parking lot you can also walk straight into town. Visit the Eglise de Notre Dame and its beautiful gardens or just go for a stroll and some shopping. Don’t forget to buy croissants and chocolaines at the bakery “La Mie Caline” (35 rue Léopold Faye) which after lots of market research we have best pastries of the whole surroundings. Enjoy the big square with the fountain or continue to walk 2 minutes to Planet Coffee Shop on Rue Toupinerie. A nice little café with great lattes or iced mochas. Smile at the lady and ask if it is ok to eat your croissant with your coffee, she will always say yes. Don’t forget to stop at the shop Coline which is in the same street (standing with your nose to the coffee shop, two shops to the right). A nice clothes shop. Continue the street toward Rue de la République (you pass by the tourist office if you need more info) and look out for a tiny shop with a yellow front. Here you find the best tiny bakery with organic bread. He also makes great glutenfree bread. Enjoy lunch at creperie L’atlantide (36 Rue Léopold Faye), they are well known for their excellent crêpes. On the outskirts of Marmande you have an indoor swimming pool “Piscine Aquaval” (Rue Portogruaro, 47200 Marmande 0553204053) including a large pool, water slide, small pool for the little ones, sauna and hammam. They are open every day during the summer holidays from 10 o’clock. Outside call to be sure on the opening times or google piscine aquaval Marmande. Or visit the beautiful gardens of Jardin des Beauchamps and its garden centre “jardinerie Jay” at Rue des Isserts on the outskirts of Marmande.

**Great in combination with** a visit to Duras or continue slightly further to the the Canal du Midi, the swim lake in Lac the Clarens, the acrobatic park in Lac de Clarens or the thermal baths of Casteljaloux





### **Casteljaloux (55 minutes)**

Casteljaloux is a small and nice town. But the biggest attraction are the thermal baths, A great place to go to both on a rainy or sunny day (it is our favorite place during the winter). It has a large indoor pool, a big outdoor pool with hot water, bubble baths, sauna, hammam, resting area, massages. The water is pumped up from 1240 meters underground and is warm like a hot bath, filled with minerals that are good for the body (especially back aches, sore muscles, asthma etc). Standard you pay around €17 for a 2 hour entrance (you can pay extra to stay longer). You have to wear a bikini or bathing suite (baggy shorts for men are NOT allowed). Children are welcome as from the age of 5 and up. Do keep in mind it is not the same as a swimming pool, more a hanging out place and soak and bubble. [Wwww.thermes-casteljaloux.com](http://www.thermes-casteljaloux.com) Rue de la Bartere, 47700 casteljaloux.

If you stay for lunch or dinner restaurant Le Cassisier is a lovely place to go. Place Jean Jaurès, 47700 Casteljaloux. [www.lecassissier.com](http://www.lecassissier.com) 0553930338.

**Great in combination** with Duras and/or marmande

### **Saint Emilion (50 minutes)**

Saint Emilion is world famous for its wines and is not to be missed. It is a completely medieval town with cobbled streets. Great to go for a stroll. It attracts lots of tourists, so expect quite some people in the summertime. There are lots of little squares with restaurants and terraces, great views and shops filled with wine, wine and wine. [www.saint-emilion-tourisme.com](http://www.saint-emilion-tourisme.com) (the site is also in English). Here you also find the best places to visit.

**Great in combination** with Sainte Foy la Grande (on the way) and Bordeaux (a little further, although you can basically spend the entire day in Bordeaux).

### **Perigueux (1 hour)**

Perigueux is the main city in the middle of the Perigord region. It has a big medieval old center and there is some good shopping to do <http://www.tourisme-perigueux.fr/en>. Great in combination with Bergerac (which is on the way).

## Bordeaux (1.5 hours)

Bordeaux was awarded Europe's best destination 2015 and is a UNESCO site. If you love cities, you can easily spend the entire day and still have things left to do. There is way more than we can describe here. Have a look on <http://www.bordeaux-tourism.co.uk/> or our personal favorite to discover Bordeaux is via a self-guided city walk. The website <http://bordeauxwalks.blogspot.fr/> has a few downloadable walks. We did the secret sights tour and had a great day out passing by lots of little shops, nice historical things to see, cafés and restaurants and more. Fun also with children because it feels a little like a treasure hunt. An amazing museum to visit is the Basins des Lumières where art is projected on the walls of an old submarine bunker, together with music, we were just in awe <https://www.bassins-lumieres.com/>. A lovely place to eat and spend some time is in éco quartier Darwin: <https://www.visiter-bordeaux.com/fr/decouvrir-bordeaux/visite-de-leco-systeme-darwin.html> organic food, hanging out and beautiful graffiti art. Another great stroll is on the endless boulevard along the river. You can walk a few kilometers and it is a great walk on a sunny day. There are lots of squares and shops and restaurants and you feel like you are on the beach when it is sunny. A very relaxed way of going to Bordeaux without the trouble of parking and traffic is to take the direct train from Sainte Foy la Grande and the tram into the city center (we thought it was the best choice ever). On top it is a small rural train and fun way to travel.

## A tour to Beynac, Vézac and Sarlat (1 hour and 50 minutes in one go to Sarlat)

It is a good drive, but a beautiful day out is to go to the town of Sarlat. A completely medieval town. The drive to Sarlat is a great part of the journey. It takes you pass by Bergerac, then along the winding Dordogne river through Lalinde. Don't follow the gps for the shortest road, but take the road that passes by Beynac and



Vézac, two absolutely gorgeous villages with huge castles on their hills on the foot of the Dordogne river (which you can visit). If you like gardens. Les jardins de Marqueyssac are very close to Vézac <http://marqueyssac.com/> and absolutely beautiful. Don't forget to stop at le Compagnie Générale de Minéraux Bijouterie (24220 Vézac 0553283578 very close to les jardins de Marqueyssac [www.cgmbmineraux.com](http://www.cgmbmineraux.com)). It is a slightly quirky shop but you won't be disappointed if you like minerals. There are piles of rose quartzes and other minerals that you can buy according to their weight. Amethysts so big you can stand inside them, lots of jewelry with minerals and well, just go have a look.

If you have not already spend hours on the journey, continue to Sarlat for a stroll in the center of the old medieval town [www.sarlat-tourisme.com/en](http://www.sarlat-tourisme.com/en) still plenty to see here.





## Dining out

French are known for their love for good food and ingredients. We offer you a few restaurants in the area. Consider also lunch. In this area of France most of the businesses still close between 12 and 2 and go out for a long lunch. You will find that many restaurants offer great lunch menus at a very good price including a glass of wine and desert. **Many restaurants are closed on Sunday evening, so check before.**

### Normal-middle budget

#### **En toute simplicité in Loubes Bernac (5 minutes)**

Le Bourg, 47120 Loubes-Bernac, +33 (0)5 53 83 43 14

Open: call to make a reservation and ask when they are open.

#### **Italian restaurant in Eymet**

Situated on the square in the centre of town a favourite for both locals and tourists. Save some space for desert, they have an excellent and extensive desert menu.

#### **Restaurant Andine**

With a Peruvian chef in the kitchen they serve a lovely fusion of dishes with peruvian influences as well as a good steak and chips. 5 Rue Couvent, 24500 Eymet Tel +33 (0) 9 81 18 33 41 (call for a reservation)

#### **Walnut Bistro in Eymet**

Lovely menu, also some vegetarian options, beautifully decorated. [www.walnutbistro.com](http://www.walnutbistro.com) 41, Boulevard National, 24500 Eymet 0553240368

### **Restaurant La Terrasse in Duras**

French menu, nice food.

4 Place Jean Bousquet, 47120 Duras, +33 (0)5 53 84 29 62

### **Les Baguettes d'Or**

Excellent Vietnamese/Asian restaurant (on of our favorites)

24 Place de l'Hôtel de Ville, 47800 Miramont de Guyenne, +33 (0) 5 53 79 69 63 (closed on Monday night, open on Sunday night)

### **Le Bistrot du Commerce**

Lovely French bistro, excellent hamburgers, local specialties like confit de canard, good salads and fresh home made french fries (closed on Sunday evening)

Place de la Mairie, 47800 Miramont de Guyenne, +33 (0) 5 53 84 76 48

### **Une cuillère pour maman**

If you are going to Bergerac and stay there for lunch or dinner, this is absolutely our favourite restaurant. The menu is completely different every time we go. She cooks with lots of organic vegetables and local meat or good fish. The plate is a feast to look at. Most probably not so accessible for children (no hamburger and fries here). If you are a vegetarian, probably she is happy to offer an alternative.

10 Place du Feu, 24100 Bergerac, +33 (0) 553 27 29 83

### **Little higher budget for a lovely evening out**

#### **Ma Maison**

Excellent restaurant, call for a reservation, they fill up (they also speak English)

10 Avenue de Grammont, 47800 La Sauvetat du Dropt, +33 (0) 553 94 33 42

#### **La Cour d'Eymet**

Excellent French restaurant, they also have a good well priced lunch menu.

32 Boulevard national, 24500 Eymet, +33 (0) 553 22 72 83

#### **Chateau des Vigiers**

Chateau des Vigiers has a big golf course and a hotel. The grounds are absolutely beautiful and just for this worthwhile to even just go for a drink. They have a lovely Brasserie and a restaurant. We prefer the Brasserie, which also has a great terrace.

Le Vigiers, 24240 Monestier, +33 (0)553 61 5000







# Wine

There are of course many wines to taste and to discover in our area. Below just a few. If you wish to discover in depth we refer to the extensive wine guide we have in our possession.

## **Chateau feely (15 minutes away)**

Château that produces organic wine and which organises lots of workshops and

classes. They also do every day lunches including a little “treasure hunt” along their property. (call for an appointment).

Haut Garrigue, 24240 Saussignac, +33 (0)5 53 22 72 71

[www.frenchwineadventures.com](http://www.frenchwineadventures.com) [caroline@frenchwineadventures.com](mailto:caroline@frenchwineadventures.com)

## **Domaine Les Hauts de Riquets (20 minutes)**

Organic wine chateau and lovely passionate people. They speak English as well, do great guided tours

Les Riquets, 47120 Baleyssagues, Telnr: +33 (0)553838360 / +33 (0)681776928,

[www.domainelesriquets.com](http://www.domainelesriquets.com)

## **Maison des Vignerons in Duras (15 minutes away)**

Wine house at the foot of Duras where you can taste the different wines from the Duras area. They have a nice exposition on the making of wine, a shop and they organise lots of wine tastings, look at their website for more information. You can make a reservation to taste 4 wines of the area for €10

Fonratière, 47120 Duras, +33 (0) 553 94 13 48

[www.cotesdeduras.com/maison-des-vignerons](http://www.cotesdeduras.com/maison-des-vignerons)

## **Cave cooperative de Berticot (on the way to Duras, 10 minutes)**

This is the cooperative where our local wine growers, who don't make their own wine, bring their grapes at harvest time. They have an good shop and also do excellent guided tours (check their website). Amongst their wines, they also offer a few organic wines. Their tours can be done in English, call beforehand.

Route de Sainte Foy la Grande, 47120 Duras, +33 (0) 553 83 74 47

[www.berticot.com](http://www.berticot.com)

## **Monbazillac (35 minutes away)**

Known for its sweet white wine, plus you can visit the imposing castle and enjoy the beautiful views. An excellent combination together with a visit to Bergerac.

Le Bourg, 24240 Monbazillac, +33 (0) 553 61 52 52, [www.chateau-monbazillac.com](http://www.chateau-monbazillac.com)

# Castles



There are many stunning castles to discover, especially also in the Dordogne. Do check the opening times on their websites, sometimes they change and especially outside July and August they might close for lunch or have different opening hours.

## **Chateau de Bridoire (20 minutes away)**

Not to miss, especially for families. There are lots of games to play and everybody comes back enthusiastically!

Château de Bridoire, 24240 Ribagnac, Telnr. +33 (0)6 06 42 58 59

[www.chateaudebridoire.com](http://www.chateaudebridoire.com)

## **Chateau de Duras (15 minutes away)**

A decorated chateau on a hilltop with beautiful views of the area around. Here you discover the history of the dukes of Duras. With beautiful architecture. The foundations date as far back as the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

Place du Château, 47120 Duras, +33 (0)5 53 83 77 32

[www.chateau-de-duras.com](http://www.chateau-de-duras.com)

## **Monbazillac (30 minutes away)**

Visit the castle of Monbazillac with beautiful views, plus the wine house with it, famous for its sweet white wine. Nice to walk around the castle, but the inside is not superb.

## **Chateau Fort de Roquetaillade (1h 15 minutes away)**

A beautiful castle that won a price for “best visit”, this English castle in France which has been in the same family for over 700 years. Discover the inside, the éclat of the renaissance and the unique listed interiors, created by the great Viollet-le-Duc

Roquetaillade

33210 Mazeres, +33 (0)5 53 56 76 14 16

July/August from 10.30 – 17.00 <http://roquetaillade.eu/>

**Nice day out in the Dordogne passing by stunning villages with castles to visit (1,5h to first destination, but a lovely road towards them)**

You could go for a great day out in the Dordogne. Visit the chateau in Beynac [www.beynac-en-perigord.com](http://www.beynac-en-perigord.com). Continue to the lovely village of Vezac, Don't forget to stop at La Roq-Gageac, one of the most beautiful villages of France along the river and visit the chateau de castelnaud <http://www.castelnaud.com>.

**Chateau de Hautefort (1h 50m away)**

A large beautiful castle with stunning gardens

24390 Hautefort, +33 (0)5 53 50 51 23

[www.chateau-hautefort.com](http://www.chateau-hautefort.com), [\\_contact@chateau-hautefort.com](mailto:_contact@chateau-hautefort.com)

**Chateau de Lanquais (50 minutes away)**

A classic historic monument this completely decorated castle also named Perigord's unfinished Louvre. A magnificent renaissance palace was added by the same craftsmen who built the Louvre. During your visit you will witness the daily lives of Lanquais' past inhabitants.

24150 Lanquais, +33 (0)5 53 61 24 24

[www.chateaudelanquais.fr](http://www.chateaudelanquais.fr), [chateaudelanquais@yahoo.fr](mailto:chateaudelanquais@yahoo.fr)

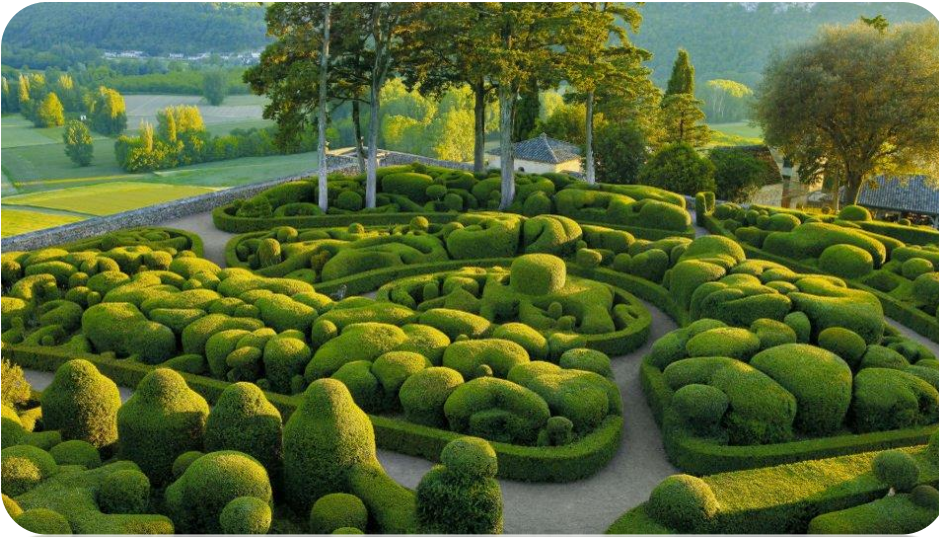
**Chateau des Milandes(1h 30minutes away)**

Castle dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century and where Josephine Baker has lived for a number of years. You can now visit the gardens and castle, plus they have fabulous shows with birds of prey. Lovely for a day outing, plus it is a great road towards, stop over in Bergerac for icecream and Lalinde for a small tour.

Les Milandes, 24250 Castelnaud-la-Chapelle

Check the website for birds of prey shows [www.milandes.com](http://www.milandes.com)





# Gardens

When you go to one of the gardens which is further away, check their websites for opening hours Especially outside July and August they often close for lunch time.

## **Jardin de Boissonna (15 minutes away)**

A lovely private rose garden with more than 100 different species of roses. Enjoy also a high tea with home made

scones and rose petal jam in their fabulous café  
Lieu dit Boissonna, 47120 Baleyssagues, +33 (0) 553 83 81 43  
[www.jardindeboissonna.com](http://www.jardindeboissonna.com), Open every day from April – October

## **Jardin de Pouthet**

A château and beautiful parc with a lawn with very old cedars and vegetable garden and old plum ovens. In total around 2 hectares.

Pouthet, 24500 Eymet, +33 (0)5.53.23.81.21

It is tricky to find. From Eymet on the way to Bergerac and look out for a tiny sign with Pouthet. If you speak French, the lady of the house does great tours (make an appointment with her)

## **Moulin de Cocussotte (20 minutes away)**

Dominique Olivain, Moulin de Cocussotte  
47120 St Pierre sur Dropt, +33 (0)5 53 83 83 44  
[dominique.olivain@wanadoo.fr](mailto:dominique.olivain@wanadoo.fr)

Beautiful water garden and old water mill. Excellent to visit in combination with jardin de Boissonna and/or Duras

## **Jardin de Sardy (30 minutes away)**

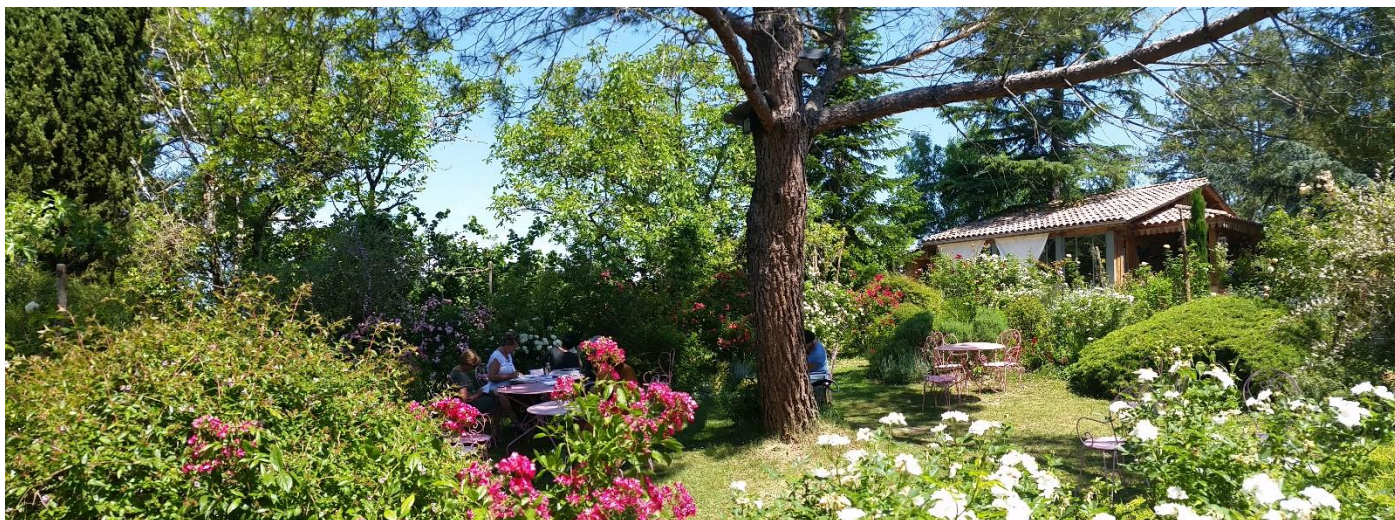
24230 Velines, +33 (0)553 27 51 45  
Beautiful gardens and great views, we really enjoyed going there. Nice café

## **Jardins de Beauchamp (40 minutes away)**

A walk through 10 different theme gardens with lots of botanic discoveries and waterways. A real inspiration. Including a garden centre.

[www.planete-jardin.com](http://www.planete-jardin.com)  
Rue des Isserts, 47000 Marmande, +33 (0)5 53 64 30 12  
Tuesday-Sunday 9h-12h and 14h-18h30 July-September closed on Sundays





### **Jardins de Marqueyssac (1h30 away)**

A lovely walk through the most frequented garden of the Perigord with superb views. During the holidays there are also some lovely workshops and play areas for children.

24220 Vezac (9 kms from Sarlat)

[www.marqueyssac.com](http://www.marqueyssac.com), [jardins@marqueyssac.com](mailto:jardins@marqueyssac.com), +33 (0)53 31 36 36

Open throughout the year every day

July-August 9h-20h, Other months 9h-18h, Enjoy the restaurant and salon de Thé from April – November

### **Latour Marliac (45 minutes away)**

A beautiful water Lilly garden who used to be the supplier of the famous painter Monet. Founded in 1894. A lovely outing and do bring your drawing map to sit down and be inspired. Including a museum, café and boutique. It is the oldest water Lilly nursery in the world.

47110 Le Temple sur Lot, May-September 10-18, +33 (0)5 53 01 08 05, [www.latour-marliac.com](http://www.latour-marliac.com)

### **Conservatoire Vegetal d'Aquitaine (1h away)**

Keeper of old varieties of regional species of fruit trees (more than 900 varieties of apples). There is a nursery which sells trees, you can taste the different fruits and there are workshops and books.

Domaine de Barolle, 47 Montesquieu, +33 (0)5 53 47 29 14, [www.conservatoirevegetal.com](http://www.conservatoirevegetal.com)

### **Les Jardins de l'Imaginaire (1h 50m away)**

Gardens for every sense

A 6 hectare park of terraced gardens in the heart of an ancient town, telling a story of humans through sensation and emotion.

Place de Genouillac, 24120 Terrasson, +33 (0)5 53 50 86 82

[www.lesjardinsdelimaginaire.com](http://www.lesjardinsdelimaginaire.com), [imaginaire@ville-terrasson.com](mailto:imaginaire@ville-terrasson.com)

April – October 10-11h30 and 14h-17h

July/August 10h-18h (closed on Tuesday)



# Swim Lakes and swimming pools

## **Plage des Bardoulets, swimming in the Dordogne (20 minutes away)**

Beach and swimming in the Dordogne river at Port Sainte Foy

Arriving from here in Ste Foy la Grande, you have to cross the river and turn right. There you find a little beach where you can swim in the river and rent canoes.

## **Natural swim lake Lougratte (40 minutes away)**

Surrounded by a beautiful park/woods a 7 hectare swim lake with a sand beach, slide (usually only open in the afternoon) picnic area, paddle boats and canoes for rent. Plus there is a further play area with beach volley, play area for children, ping pong petanque and tennis courts. In the town of Lougratte there are several restaurants. Great outing, we love to go there. Even in the summer it remains local and not too busy.

[www.lougratte.com](http://www.lougratte.com) , 47290 Lougratte, +33 (0)5 53 01 70 05

## **Lac de Clarens (50 minutes away)**

Another nice swim lake is Lac de Clarens a little after Marmande in Casteljalous. This is a large 17 hectare park and woods with a big lake. In the summer they have a whole park of blow up spring cushions in the water. However there is not so much shaded area to hang out. Besides swimming in the lake there is also a big slide and you can rent paddle boats and there is a play area for the children. Castel Adventure is also situated in this park. An acrobatic park, where you can climb in the trees ([www.casteladventure.com](http://www.casteladventure.com)). There are lots of play things for both smaller and taller children. Not super big, but really fun if you go for a day to the lake.

Route de Mont de Marsan, 47700 Casteljalous, +33 5 53 93 48 00

## **Aquaval (40 minutes away)**

Undercover swimming Pool in Marmande including 2 swimming pools, slide, sauna, hammam and bubble bath. Check for opening hours.

Rue Portogruaro, 47200 MARMANDE, +33 5 53 20 40 53, Site web: [www.cc-val-de-garonne.fr](http://www.cc-val-de-garonne.fr)

## **Parc de Loisirs Aux Etangs du Bois (1h 20m away)**

Aqua park with natural swim lake, swimming pools, fishing, ping pong etc.

Audrix, St Chamassy, 24260 Le Bugue, +33 (0)5 53 54 74 60, [info@le-bos.com](mailto:info@le-bos.com)

mid June – End of August from 11h – 19h 7 days a week.



# Canal du Midi

The Canal du Midi is one of the oldest canals in Europe which is still in working. The wheat trade motivated the building which started in 1666 and was finished in 1681 during the reign of Louis XIV. The 241 kilometers long canal connects the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean. In 1996 it became a UNESCO heritage site.



Today there are lots of access points to the Canal du Midi for watersports, walking, cycling, boating, canoeing and what not. The canal has a path along its sides and is aligned and shaded by huge big platanes (Plane trees). From us it is about 40-45 minutes to the Canal du Midi.

## **Emeraud Navigation 45 minutes**

Lovely nature area with a “halte nautique” where you can rent a boat for a few hours, you can rent bicycles or pedalos (those little cycle boats) or take a picnic and go for a walk along the canal. They are a little bit after Marmande.

Halte nautique de Pont des Sables

47180 Fourques-sur-Garonne

+33 (0) 553 89 16 85

<http://www.emeraude-navigation.com/>

## **Canoes de Garonne (40 minutes)**

Here you can rent canoes. There are several lengths between 6-21 kilometers.

La Cale, 47180 Couthures-sur-Garonne

+33 (0) 6677 68 53 75

[www.canoesdegaronne.jimdo.com](http://www.canoesdegaronne.jimdo.com)

The Canal du Midi is **great in combination with** the thermal baths in Casteljalous, Marmande, Lac de Clarens (a big swim lake and accrobatic parc castel adventure).

# Canoeing



There are many places and rivers where you can go and canoe for a whole day trip or just a couple of hours. Close by and further away. Beforehand you choose how long you would like to go for. The canoe company then drives you stream upwards and slides you in the water with the canoe. You then float and peddle a little down the stream until you arrive at the canoe company. Usually you can rent waterproof tubs for your camera or picnic etc. Below a couple of options.

## **Canoeing and stand up paddle on the Dordogne in Porte Ste Foy (20 minutes away)**

Base de loisirs du Cleret, 33220 Porte Ste Foy 05 53 24 86 12. <http://www.canoe-kayak-port-ste-foy.com/> There is also a nice sitting area and a small beach to swim in the river.

## **Canoeing on the Dordogne river in Gardonne (30 minutes away)**

Nice if you just want to go canoe with the children for a couple of hours  
[www.canoepaintballattitude.com](http://www.canoepaintballattitude.com), [contact@canoepaintballattitude.com](mailto:contact@canoepaintballattitude.com)  
+33 (0)6 80 88 06 72, Open every day July/August 9h-18h  
May, June, September/October, call for appointment 11h-17h  
Gardonne

## **Canoes de Garonne (40 minutes)**

Nice surroundings on the canal de garonne. They are close to Marmande  
La Cale, 47180 Couthures-sur-Garonne, +33 (0) 6677 68 53 75, [www.canoesdegaronne.jimdo.com](http://www.canoesdegaronne.jimdo.com)

## **Canoeing Limeuil (1 hour away)**

A beautiful village on the border of the Dordogne and Vezere river. A beautiful whole day outing.  
You'll find the canoe company at the bottom of the river in the village of Limeuil.



# Sports



## **Golf Chateau des Vigiers (20 minutes away)**

Unique place with a chateau with 2 good restaurants and a beautiful 27 holes golf course  
Les Vigiers, 24240 Monestier, Tel. +33 (0)5 53 61 50 00, [www.vigiers.com](http://www.vigiers.com)

## **Golf de Barthe (40 minutes away)**

Beautiful 9-holes golf course in Tombeboeuf  
47380 Tombeboeuf, +33 (0)5 53 88 83 31, [www.golfdebarthe.com](http://www.golfdebarthe.com) [info@golfdebarthe.com](mailto:info@golfdebarthe.com)

## **Bowling & Midget Golf centre Bergerac (40 minutes away)**

Bowling every day from 15h-2h

Outside midget golf

Route de Bergerac, 24100 Saint Laurent des Vignes, [www.bowlingbergerac.fr](http://www.bowlingbergerac.fr),  
[contact@bowlingbergerac.fr](mailto:contact@bowlingbergerac.fr), +33 (0)5 53 57 82 58

## **Carting Bergerac (40 minutes away)**

La Cavaille – Saint-Laurent des Vignes

24100 Bergerac, +33 (0)553 74 15 04, [www.bergerac-karting.com](http://www.bergerac-karting.com), [info@bergerac-karting.com](mailto:info@bergerac-karting.com)  
open all days except Tuesday 13h – 20h, children from 7 years and up

## **Renting Bicycles**

You can rent electric bicycles in Eymet: <http://goodturncycles.fr/>

# Air Adventures



It is a little bit of a budget, but if you have deserved a beautiful gift treat yourself to an air balloon flight. Michel is close by and will even come to our field with his air balloon. The wind needs to be calm, the leaves may rustle but the branches may not move, that is the perfect day.

## **Air ballooning (5 minutes away)**

Chateau Durant

**Michel et Marie FONVIELHE** (vigneron aéronaute)

47120 Saint Jean de Duras, +33 (0)5.53.89.02.23 [info@domainededurand.com](mailto:info@domainededurand.com),

[www.domainededurand.com](http://www.domainededurand.com)

# Outings



## **Parc du Griffon**

Parc du Griffon is a nice outing for the smaller ones where you can discover lots of atypical animals and a big outdoor play area with lots of games.

[www.parcdugriffon.fr](http://www.parcdugriffon.fr)

## **Parc animalier et de loisirs du Griffon**

LD Griffon

47120 Caubon-ST-Sauveur

+33 553 20 23 81

May – August open every day from 10h-7h

Outside these dates open on holidays, Wednesdays and the weekend from 11h-18h

## **La ferme du Chaudron magique (40 minutes away)**

Visit and discover the workings of farm including giving milk to goats, the making of cheese and the making of bread (last during July and August)

Martin & Marie-Pascale Lavoyer

47260 Brugnac

05 53 88 80 77

[www.chaudronmagique.fr](http://www.chaudronmagique.fr)

[chaudronmagique@wanadoo.fr](mailto:chaudronmagique@wanadoo.fr)

Open all year 15h-18h and July/August 10h-18h

**Villascopia (1h 20m away)**

Spectacle of the gallo-roman way of living including a scenovision, exposition and archaeological gardens.

Close to Agen, on the road to Toulouse

[www.villascopia.com](http://www.villascopia.com), +33 (0)5 53 68 08 68

June – September 11h-18h

**Le Perigord en Caleche (1h 10m away)**

A day's outing by horse and carriage including a lovely meal. You leave around 10h30 for a journey of around 10 kilometres over little roads and through the woods. Lunch like they had in the old days. Return at Mazeyrolles around 15.30 where you get a taste of foie gras together with wines of Monbazillac and the Bergerac Sauvignon. Ending by visiting the bastide of Montpazier (one of the most beautiful villages of France).

24550 Mazeyrolles, +33 (0)5 53 29 98 99 / +33 (0)6 81 47 00 88

[www.perigord-en-caleche.com](http://www.perigord-en-caleche.com), [perigord.en.caleche@wanadoo.fr](mailto:perigord.en.caleche@wanadoo.fr)

**Parc Animalier du Touron (45 minutes away)**

On 20 hectares of forest and fields you find this animal parc with more than 400 animals to discover along a 5km walking trail. A lovely outing and don't forget to bring a picnic.

Ferme animaliere du Touron

Le Touron, 24140 Campsegret, +33 (0)5 53 73 84 70

Open 7 days a week 10h – 19h



# Climbing adventures in the forests around

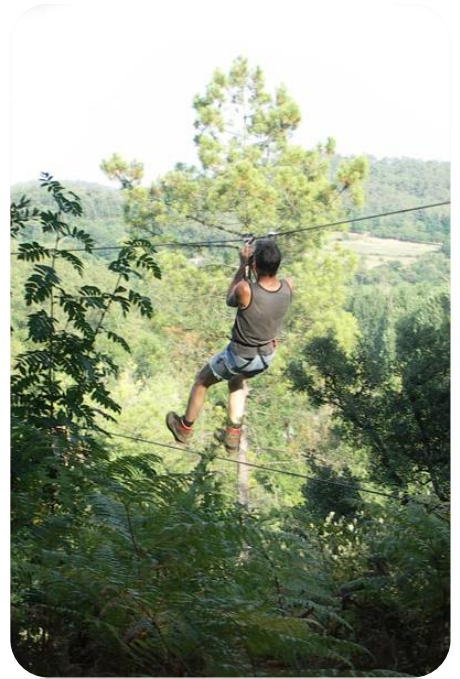
If you are a little bit adventurous and feel like discovering the area while sliding down a cable track and climbing up the trees, one of the climbing forest adventures is just your thing. For adults and children (take into account that it can be busy in the summer). There are several around but Accrobranche the closest one is really as far as you need to go. Everybody comes back home enthusiastically.

## **Accrobranche (20 minutes away)**

<http://www.accrobranche47.com/>

Saint Colombe de Duras (close to Duras)

All families have the most amazing time here. With a large zip line over the lake and many different climbing tracks, a challenge for young and old. Check out their website for opening times.



## **Casteladventure (50 minutes away)**

Adventures in and around a lovely and big swim lake including several acrobatic parcours in the trees, canoeing, paintball, swimming in the lake with a large slide cycle boats etc. Castel adventure is part of a large 17 hectares park and woods. Outside of the castel adventure park, you can also just go for a swim in the lake, there is an open play area for the children.

Lac de Clarens, 47700 Casteljaloux, +33 (0)553 84 94 72 / +33 (0)6 81 64 08 32

[www.casteladventure.com](http://www.casteladventure.com), [Casteladventure@orange.fr](mailto:Casteladventure@orange.fr)

## **Parc en Ciel (1 hour)**

Great day out with lots to do. There is a big swimming pool, big play area, disc golf, mini golf, free jumping, climbing parcours in the trees and more. It is closely situated to Biron, which is a lovely town to walk through or go for dinner.

Moulin de Courrance, 47150 Lacapelle-Biron +33 (0) 553 71 84 58, [www.parc-en-ciel.com](http://www.parc-en-ciel.com)

## **Accrozarbres (45 minutes)**

115 games in 4 hectares of woods, must make a day out. There is also a pay area for smaller children. They are a little above Bergerac.

Les Mazières Nord, 24130 Laveyssière +33 (0) 637 89 54 72, [www.accrozarbres.com](http://www.accrozarbres.com)

# Children “The Rest”



## **Giga Parc (30 minutes away)**

La Nauve, 24100 Creysse (Bergerac), Telnr +33 (0)5 53 24 13 15, [www.gigaparc.fr](http://www.gigaparc.fr)

An indoor play area for children up until around 10 years, with also an outside space in the summer with big blow up play things.

Openinghours: Outside holidays: Wednesday 12.30-19.30, Saturday 10-22h, Sunday 10-19.30

Holidays: every day 10-19.30

## **Les P'Tits Castors (35 minutes away)**

Large inside play area for children from 1-12 yrs

Route de Bordeaux, St Laurent des Vignes, 24100 BERGERAC, +33 (0)5 53 23 99 12

## **Laser Play and Trampoline Parc in Bergerac**

Zone de loisirs 21 route de Bordeaux, 24100 Saint Laurent des Vignes

+33 553 61 62 56

[Laserplay24@gmail.com](mailto:Laserplay24@gmail.com) / [www.laserplay.fr](http://www.laserplay.fr)

## **Parc Naturoland (1h 10m away)**

The fascinating world of nature with reproductions of giant insects and mushrooms. Plus the area on how honey is being made (in July and August on Tuesday and Wednesday from 14h-17.45 you can see how honey is being extracted). Further there are labyrinths and others games. Texts in the parc are translated in English and Dutch

1 July – 31 August 10.30 – 19.30

47140 Penne d'Agenais, +33 (0)553413623, [www.parc-naturoland.com](http://www.parc-naturoland.com)

## **Walibi amusement parc (1h 20m away)**

Chateau de Caudouin

47310 Roquefort, 0800 426 420, [www.walibi-aquitaine.fr](http://www.walibi-aquitaine.fr)



# Drives in the area

A lovely way to discover the area is by driving around for a few hours. In the following pages you find a number of drives in the area. They pass you by some lovely bastide villages

and beautiful views. You can take out a copy and go on and drive away (please note them on your consumption list).



## Discover the area by Car

**Circuit 1: bastide villages in the land of mushrooms and chestnuts 85 kms in total**

- **Monpazier (starting point is one hour away from Simply Canvas)**

One of the most beautiful villages in France, large English bastide

- **Biron**

Medieval village with beautiful views

- **St Avit**

Medieval village

- **Bonaguil**

Castle

- **Villefranch du Perigord**

French bastide village, plus visit the house of chestnuts and mushrooms

- **Besse**

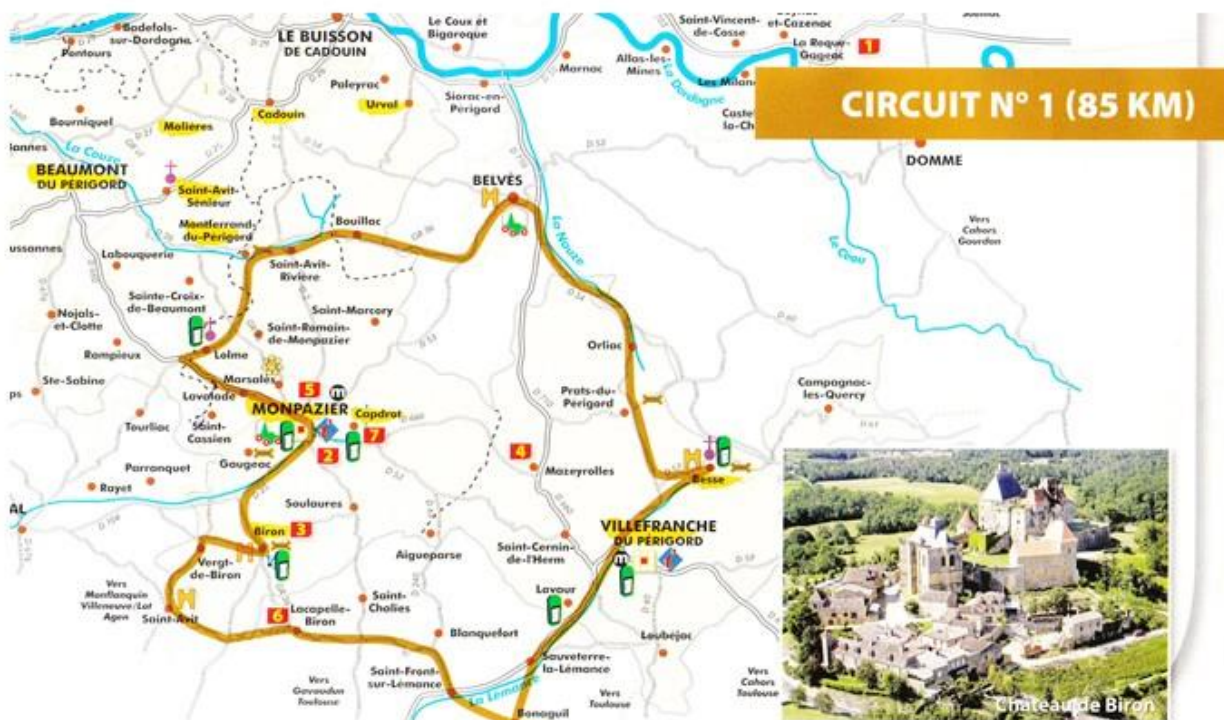
Medieval village plus roman church

- **Belves**

Medieval village

- **Montferrand du Perigord**

Medieval village, roman chapel with frescoes.



## Discover the area by Car

### Circuit 2 : bastide villages and vineyards (90 kilometers)

#### •Eymet (starting point is 15 minutes from Simply Canvas)

French bastide

#### •Lac de L'escourroux

for a walk around a panoramic lake

#### •Allemans du Dropt

Roman church with medieval frescoes

#### •Sadillac

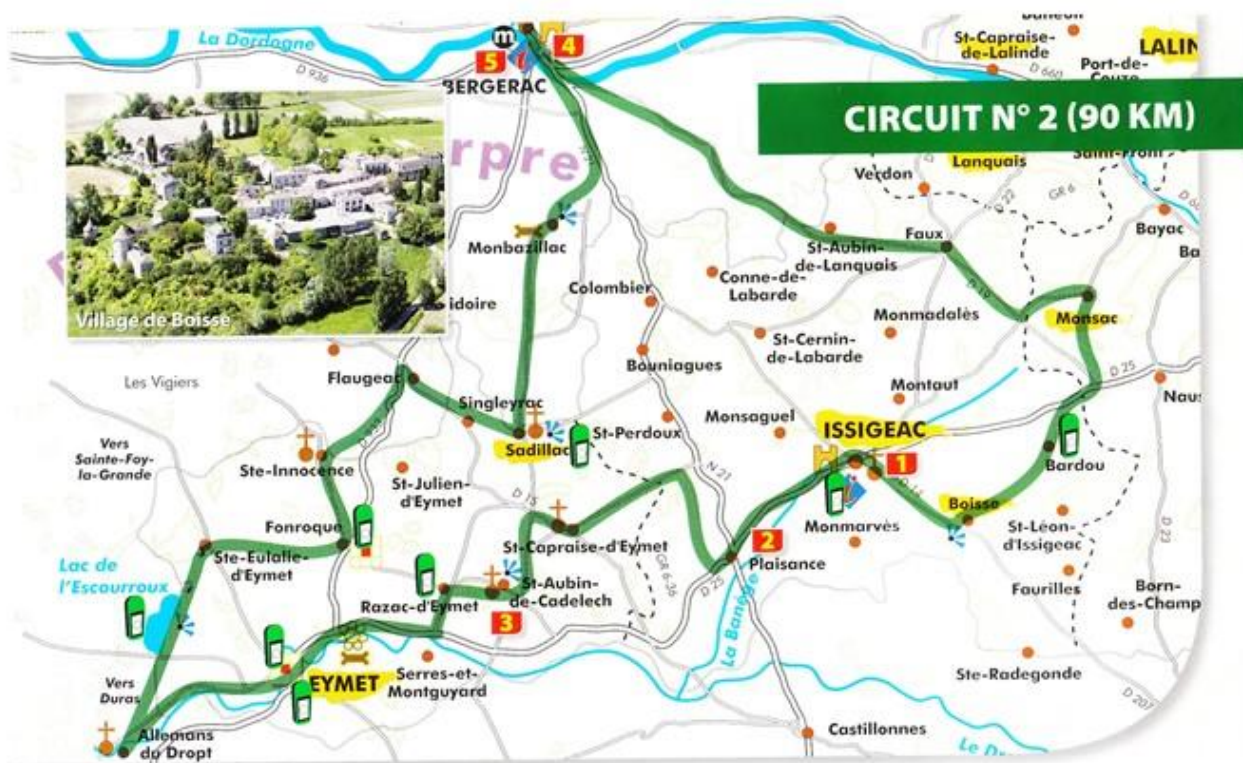
Medieval village with roman church

#### •Monbazillac

Renaissance castle with panoramic views

#### •Issigeac

Medieval village with English, gothic castle. There is a beautiful farmer's market on Sunday





## Discover the area by Car

### Circuit 3: Bastide villages, Abbeys and mills (90 kilometers)

- Lalinde  
English bastide
- Moulin de la Rouzique  
Roman chapel St Front de Coulobre
- St Capraise de Lalinde
- Lanquais  
Medieval village
- Château de lanquais
- Issigeac (closest to Simply Canvas, 35 minutes away)**  
Medieval village with lovely farmer's market on Sunday
- Ste Sabine  
Maison a empillage
- Nojals  
Dolmen de blanc
- Montferrend du Perigord  
Medieval village with roman chapel with medieval frescoes
- Saint Avit Senieur  
Medieval village with roman Abbey. Classified as UNESCO heritage and stop for pilgrims on the St James road.
- Cadouin  
Cloitre de Cadouin
- Molieres  
English Bastide with the Maison de la noix (house of the hazel nuts)
- Beaumont du Perigord  
English bastide





## Discover the area by Car

### Circuit 4 : Meanders and abbeys along the Dordogne river (95 kilometers)

- Le Buisson

The caves of Maxange (grottes de Maxange) and bamboo park (parc aux bambous du Perigord)

- Limeuil

Medieval village classified as one of the most beautiful village of France, plus beautiful park (parc panoramique de Limeuil)

- Paunat

Medieval village plus roman abbey

- Ste Alvere

reminders of an old castle

- St Felix de viladeix

- Couze St Front

Village of paper old paper mills

Moulin de la Rouzique and roman chapel St Front de Loulobre

- Lalinde

English bastide

- Tremolat

Medieval village with roman chapel and beautiful views

- Molieres

English bastide with gothic fortified church and the house of hazel nuts (maison de la noix)

- Saint Avit Senieur (closest point to Simply Canvas, 55 minutes away)**

Medieval village, Roman abbey. Classified UNESCO heritage and stop for pilgrims on the St James road.

- Cadouin

Medieval village with cistercienne abbey classified UNESCO heritage. Stop for pilgrims on the St James road. Cloitre de Cadouin

- Urval

Medieval village with roman fortified church





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