



CASTLES OF PERIGORD the Black Périgord

6 days/7 nights



The Black Périgord, named after the black oak forest, largely spread across the valleys of the Vézère and the Dordogne, will seduce you with its centuries old history. Visits of castles and bastides (medieval fortified villages) in varied landscapes will offer riders memorable sights of this area as well as numerous culinary pleasures. Our team is looking forward to guiding you through this authentic journey !

Program : *for riders with their own vehicles, late afternoon arrival at the B&B or the hotel. For those without their own transportation, they'll be picked up at the Lalinde's train station also late in the afternoon.*

Day 1



After breakfast, around 10.30 am, introduction and horses assignment at Château de Bannes (private castle from the 15th century). We ride through Lalinde's bastide, then follow the canal towards Mauzac (village on the Dordogne's right bank) where we have a picnic before going to Limeuil an ancient fishing port.

Dinner and overnight in a B&B or a hotel.

Day 2



After crossing the forest, we have a picnic near the village of St Cyprien, at the Dordogne's edge. In the afternoon, we take the direction of Castelnau la Chapelle in part by a medieval footpath from the castle of Tayac. We leave the horses at night in the Valley of the Céou. Dinner and overnight in a B&B or a hotel.

Day 3

We ride from the Céou valley to the Dordogne Valley where a picnic is awaiting us at the foot of a windmill, in the Domme bastide. You will enjoy the beautiful sight of the Dordogne Valley from this medieval village before going to Vitrac, the night stop for the horses. We drive to Sarlat, old space well preserved medieval city, for a well preserved dinner and night in B&B or a hotel.

-In the morning, visit the Castelnaud-la-Chapelle's Castle (12th century) and its museum (war in the middle age). The castle offers a magnificent panorama of various areas (Beynac, Marquessac, La Roche Gageac).

-Before or after the picnic, visit of Domme, the royal bastide from the 13th century.

Day 4

We ride only in the morning and go through Sarlat before stopping at the Campagnac Castle to have a picnic. Free afternoon to fully enjoy the splendid city of Sarlat. Possibility of a city tour in the afternoon or after dinner, by night.

Dinner and night in B&B or a hotel.

- Capital of the Black Périgord, city of art and history, Sarlat is considered one of the most beautiful cities of Europe with its magnificent architecture.



Day 5



The path we follow to reach Meyrals will give us the chance to see the Puymartin Castle, built during the 15th century. Picnic at the foot of Meyrals' Church. In the afternoon we join Audrix which offers a magnificent panorama of the valley of the Vézère. Dinner and night at B&B or a hotel.

- *Visit the Puymartin Castle, first built in the 12th century, destroyed in the 14th century and then rebuild in the 15th century.*

Day 6



In the morning, we go down to the Vézère Valley to join Limeuil. We ride along the Dordogne River towards Cadouin, where we have a picnic near its abbey (12th century). From there, we go through the Bessedes Forest, the most important forest land of the Périgord, and take the time to visit Molière's village, a bastide from the 12th century, before going back to the Bannes castle.

Dinner and night at B&B or a hotel.

- *Visit of the 12th cent. abbey after lunch.*

Day 7

Departure or transfer to train stations (Lalinde or Bergerac) after breakfast.

PRICE: room for two (6 days/7 nights), single with supplement. This price does not include visits or beverages in hotels and restaurants.

Please note that this program is for information only. Changes due to weather, security, technical criterias and other imponderables may occur.

LIST OF ACCOMMODATIONS and RESTAURANTS

ACCOMMODATIONS (depending on availability)

- Nights 1 et 7



« **La Ferme de Peytavit** » in Couze, B&B www.lafermedupeytavit.com

- Night 2 « **Au bon Accueil** » in Limeuil, restaurant and B&B www.au-bon-accueil-limeuil.com



Ideally situated on Limeuil's medieval village heights. You will enjoy culinary specialities such as duck foie gras, cassoulet or pork fricassee and homemade desserts. The 4 rooms were totally renovated, with TV and Wifi quite recently to offer you maximum comfort.

Or « **Auberge médiévale** » in Audrix www.auberge-medievale.fr

- Night 3



« **Hôtel le Périgord noir** » in Domme www.hotelleperigord.eu

Situated in a park, offering the comfort of a establishment 3 star, modern and friendly, Périgord provides you with 39 rooms, air-conditioned, shower-room or bathroom, television and phones with direct line. A WiFi is accessible free of charge throughout hotel.

- Nights 4 and 5

« **L'étape des Peupliers** » in Sarlat, B&B www.sarlat-tourisme.com/letape-des-peupliers



You will find all the amenities you could wish for in this B&B located near the city center.

Or

« **L'hôtel des Remparts** » in Sarlat www.hotel-lesremparts-sarlat.com Also close to the city center, this hotel will provide comfortable rooms with lots of amenities (air conditioning, TV, private bathroom...)



- Night 6 « **Auberge Médiévale** » in Audrix www.auberge-medievale.fr



Comfortable family establishment overlooking the valley of the Vézère, in the municipality of Audrix.