



Dordogne Cycling 9 Days

Summary

Length

9 days/8 nights, with 7 days cycling

Dates

Any start date between April 1 to October 25

We recommend you to start your tour on a Friday so that you can see the market in Gourdon held every Saturday

Level

45 km daily average (30 miles)

Some hills every day of moderate difficulty, as well as a few more challenging ones.

Extra km possible

"Wow. The tour of a lifetime. Memories to treasure forever. The beauty is unparalleled."

S. Ashmore

The Dordogne is often called the most beautiful river in France. Our tour to this land of the castles of Richard the Lionheart features the most famous and spectacular section of the river, studded with castles and cave art. The walking is perfect, and a plenitude of sights and attractions rounds out your vacation. This self-guided tour in the southwest serves as a delightful introduction to France, but also suits experienced adventurers.

Itinerary



Day 1

Arrival in Gourdon. Our Area Manager will give you the bikes and a briefing for the tour.

Day 2

Leave Gourdon to pedal to the Dordogne Valley. You'll climb to the region of the cause, a wild limestone plateau crisscrossed by stone walls and dotted with black-eyed sheep. Visit an ancient water-powered flour mill on the way to Rocamadour, today's destination.

Day 3

Explore the ancient pilgrimage site of Rocamadour, a near-vertical town overlooking the isolated Ouyse ravine. Then ride to Carennac, or to Autoire, delightful villages dotting the course of the Dordogne River. Explore the sinkhole of Padirac Chasm and take a boat ride on an underground river, before returning to Rocamadour.

Day 4

Wind your way past oak groves, where the famous truffles grow, to the Dordogne River. Follow its curves to the cliffside villages of La Roque-Gageac and Vitrac and settle in for two nights. Or, if you prefer, continue to the beautiful medieval town of Sarlat for two nights.

Day 5

Enjoy a full day to explore the region. Wander through Sarlat, with its charming winding streets and magnificent buildings. Visit Beynac, then Castelnaud castle with its medieval warfare museum. Feast your eyes on the unforgettable view from the golden hilltop village of Domme.



Day 6

Enjoy spectacular views of the Dordogne valley as you follow winding roads through the forests and villages of the Périgord Noir. Pause at St-Cyprien, dominated by its massive Romanesque church, then head to Les Eyzies-de-Tayac, sometimes referred to as "The World Capital of Prehistory".

Day 7

On a day ride from Les Eyzies you'll explore the Vézère River valley. This is the land of the most famous prehistoric sites, including caves and troglodyte dwellings. Visit Font de Gaume, Abri du Cap Blanc, and the lovely village of St-Léon. Go as far as Lascaux.



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How to get there?

You start in Gourdon, about 550 km south of Paris.

Gourdon is a charming village, crowning a hill in quiet wooded countryside. It boasts a charming medieval quarter of narrow streets and golden limestone houses and a 14th-century Gothic church.

Gourdon is on the main Paris-Toulouse rail line, a five-hour trip with no change of trains.

Itinerary

Day 8

Follow gentle river valleys through the green hills of the Bouriane to return to Gourdon. Savour the beauty and tranquility of this charming landscape.

Day 9

Take a final stroll through Gourdon's medieval streets before heading off on your next adventure.

Accommodation

Classic



Hostellerie de la Bouriane

Gourdon

This is a 3-star hotel with spacious rooms, harmoniously decorated and well equipped with modern comforts.



Les Vieilles Tours

Rocamadour

This charming chateau has large gardens and pool, and the rooms are furnished with period furniture.



Hotel La Belle Etoile

La Roque de Gageac

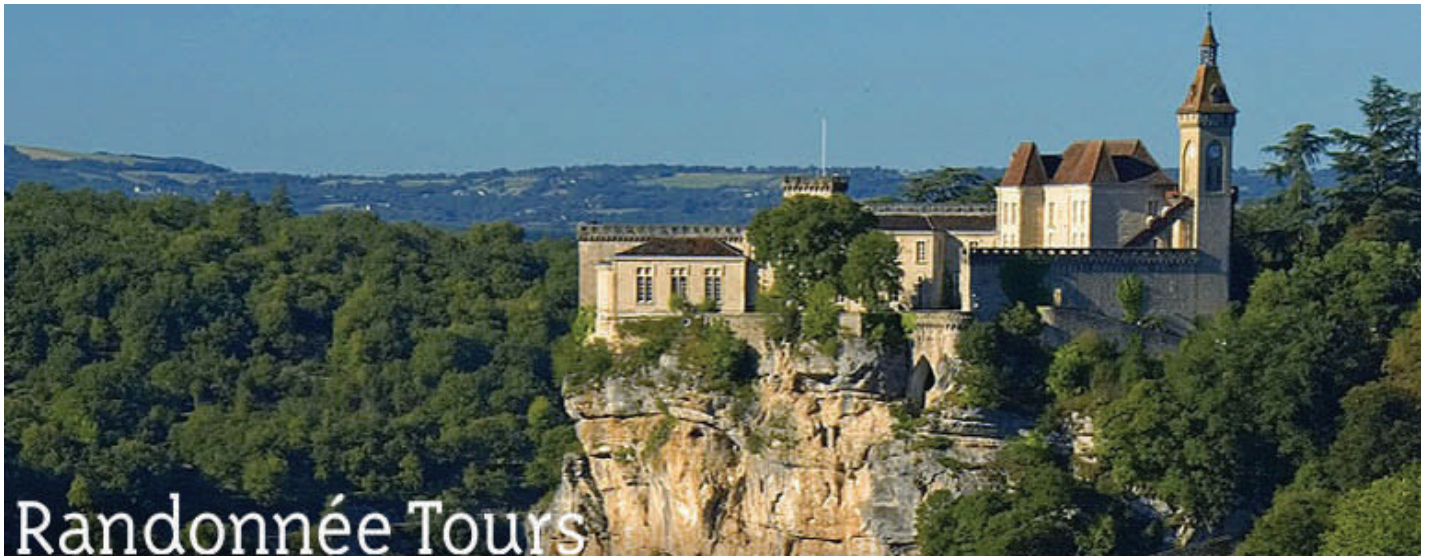
Situated in one of the most beautiful villages in France, all rooms at this hotel enjoy views over the river.



Hotel Le Moulin de la Beune

Les Eyzies-de-Tayac

A former mill, this quaint hotel has one of the top restaurants in Les Eyzies.



The Price includes:

- 8 nights hotels
- All breakfasts and 2 dinners
- Use of a top quality 21-speed hybrid bike complete with handlebar bag, pump, and all the necessary accessories for changing flats. We recommend that you bring your own helmet for safety and hygiene reasons
- Detailed route instructions and map
- Luggage transfers
- Area Manager available throughout the tour

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Hotel-Restaurant Edward 1er

Monpazier

This beautiful and well kept Chateau has rooms with stunning views of the Périgord hills or the medaeval village of Monpazier. There is a swimming-pool with a large terrace in the enclosed garden.

B & B

Chambres d'Hôtes du Paradis

Gourdon

This charming bed & breakfast is located just outside of Gourdon. The rooms are comfortable and the proprietor is friendly.



La Ferme Fleurie

La Roque de Gegeac

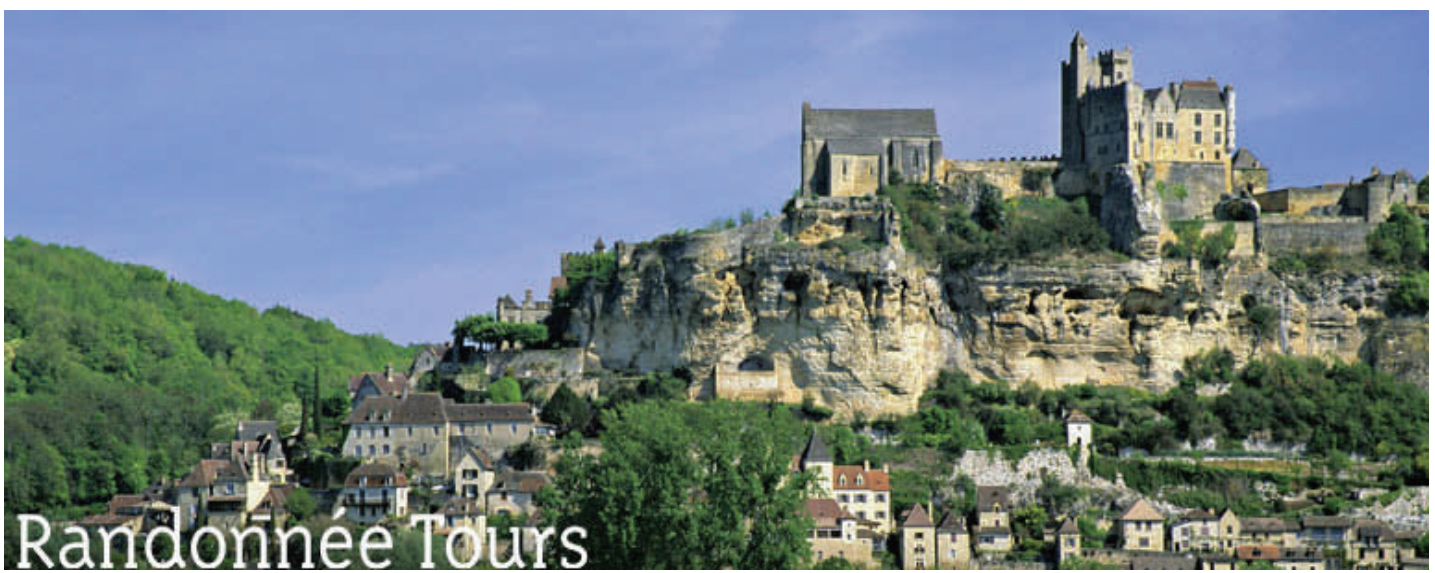
This is a working farm in a lovely building. The dining room features superb cuisine from the local area.



La Riviere

Les Eyzies-de-Tayac

On the banks of the Vezere river, guests stay in a renovated ancient building. There is a pool and a volley ball court.



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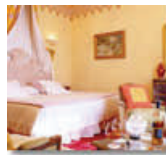
Luxe



Domaine de Rochebois

La Roque de Gegeac

This is an exceptionally elegant 19th century residence, in a beautiful landscaped park and gardens. There is a pool, fitness centre and 9 hole golf course on the grounds.



Hotel Le Centenaire

Les Eyzies-de-Tayac

The grand entrance of the Centenaire opens out onto a green, floral haven. Guests can sunbathe at the pool or on the terraces and lawn, or explore the wine cellar.

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