



Randonnée Tours

Les Eyzies Short Escape Cycling and Walking 4 Days

Summary

Length

4 days/3 nights
longer options available

Dates

Start any date between April 15 and October 25

Level

Both cycling and walking can be enjoyed on this Short Escape

The rides vary from 18 to 51 km (11 to 32 miles) with add-on loops and options to shorten the rides as well

All the rides include hills, some of which are challenging

There is one easy walk and one more challenging one

Escape to a magical place in the heart of the Dordogne where centuries of history have left their mark. Limestone cliffs loom overhead, marked by mysterious openings into age-old shelters, and herds of bison thunder across cave walls, attesting to the genius of ancient artists. Imposing castles and sombre churches conjure up images of warring princes and pious pilgrims. Peaceful roads and pathways wind past villages of golden limestone, tobacco fields, walnut groves and shady oak woods where black truffles grow.

Itinerary



Day 1

Arrive in Les Eyzies. Explore the tiny backstreets, walk to Tayac and its wonderful fortified church, and follow part of the pilgrimage route to

Santiago de Compostela. Your bicycle is waiting for you, so you could also head for the fascinating cave etchings at Les Combarelles Cave near Les Eyzies and then ride further through an intimate river valley to the prehistoric sculptures sheltered at the Abri du Cap Blanc rock shelter.

Day 2

Cycle the Vézère River Valley to the towering cliff dwellings of La Roque-St-Christophe and further to St-Léon-sur-Vézère, selected as a Plus Beau Village. If you like, continue to Montignac and Lascaux. Or enjoy a hilly ride to the medieval gem of Sarlat, with twisting alleys, cosy squares and beautiful buildings.

Day 3

Ride to Les Cabanes, a village of prehistoric stone huts called bories, and to Puymartin, a castle built in the 13th-century. Consider a side trip to visit the ruined castle of Commarque, a fabulous setting unvisited by tourists. Or head to the Dordogne River, considered one of the most beautiful rivers in France, and follow it through charming villages to St-Cyprien which has a colourful market on Sundays. Extend your ride to the pretty riverside village of Limeuil, or the famous river meander at Trémolat.



Day 4

Explore the diverse landscapes around Les Eyzies on this pleasant walk that takes you to the Gorges d'Enfer where there are several prehistoric sites. Or get in some more cycling before you depart for your next adventure.



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How to get there?

Les Eyzies is approximately 500 km south of Paris and can easily be reached from Paris by train.

The trip takes between 5 and 6 hours with two direct trains a day.

Your confirmation package will provide detailed information about how to get to Les Eyzies.

The Price includes:

- 3 nights hotels
- All breakfasts
- 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
- Area Manager available throughout the tour

Accommodation

Classic



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.

B & B



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.

Luxe



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.