Local Campsites

Open April to September. 199 Pitches. Tucked away in the heart of the Perigordian countryside this site is recommended for families who enjoy entertainment in quiet wooded surroundings. There is a fantastic aqua complex and an enormous number of activities available. Tariff: From €50.40

Address:La Bugue. 24260 Saint Avit De Vialard. France.

Tel: 00335 5302 6400

Email: contact@saint-avit-loisirs.com



Camping Le Capeyrou

Open April to September. 199 Pitches. This small site has been chosen because of its unique position right on the Dordogne river and the fantastic view it enjoys of Beynac with its château perched on the rocks above the town. **Tariff**: From €28.80

Address: Camping Le Capeyrou. 24220. Beynac-&-Cazenac. France.

Tel: 00665 5329 5495

Email: contact@campinglecapeyrou.com



Le Moulin du Roch

Open May to September. 500 Pitches. Created around an old Perigordian watermill. The services are housed in converted stone faced farm buildings and a pretty stream runs through the site. **Tariff**: From €41.20, Dog €5.

Address: Rte des Eyzies, . St-André-d'Allas, 24200 Sarlat.

Tel: 00335 5359 2027

Email: contact@moulin-du-roch.com



Camping Club Le Ruou

Open April to October, 134 Pitches. This site has been included because of its unique status is an "adult-only" site and its fabulous setting in the grounds of the outbuildings of a small château. It is owned and run by an English couple who over the last 20 years have worked hard to create a verdant peaceful environment.

Tariff: €19 to €33.

Address: Château de Lacomté .46500 Carlucet.

Tel: 00334 9470 6770

Web: www.campsite.leruou.com



















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France, Dordogne



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If the captivating scenery of rolling meadows, lush forests and vinyards interspersed with Bastides and honey coloured villages do not attract you to the Dordogne, then the stalls in the local markets, heavy with the seasonal delights of the countryside are sure to win your heart and stomach. This is an area of France that takes its cuisine seriously, and traditional recipes are adhered to with military precision. Local produce like black truffles, figs, chestnuts and quince lie cheek by jowl with geese, ducks and regional cheeses.

The area has been popular with the English settlers since the 80's and the last ruined chateau was snapped up years ago. Unsurprising as we fought the French for the region until the end of the 100 year war in 1453.

The area has similar characteristics to parts of the UK and the rolling green pastures and honey coloured stone are reminiscent of the Cotswolds in the UK

The focus of the region is the Dordogne river, and on its banks you will find jutting limestone cliffs peppered with prehistoric painted caves, fortified villages and a timeless landscape around every slow bend in its 300 mile journey to the Gironde Estuary near Bordeaux.





Places to visit

The Vezere Valley

A region of the Dordogne area between the towns of Montignac, Lascaux and Les Eyzies renowned for its limestone caves of stalagmites and stalactites, prehistoric cave paintings and castles such as Beynac and Castelnaud. The world's most famous caves are at Lascaux, the original system having been closed since 1963 to prevent further damage to the paintings. Fortunately an exact replica has been created next door.

Sorges

The Dordogne's self proclaimed truffle capital. The museum here (ecomusee-truffle-sorges.com) unravels the mysteries of the black Perigord truffle that, when in season sells for £650 a kilo. They have a fine choice of products for sale utilising this elusive fungus, try their truffle jam, chutney or ice cream! If you wish to strike your taste buds a final blow 15 minutes up the road in Thiviers is La Maison du Fois Gras where you can learn how it is made and sample its delights.

Jardins de Marqueyssac

These ornamental hanging gardens (marqueyssac.com) are the Dordogne's most brilliant, planted on a rocky spur south of La Roque-Gageac in the 19th century. Some 150,000 vintage boxwoods, trimmed twice a year by hand, blaze a symmetrical riot of swirls, whirls and curvaceous patterns. Footpaths - lit after dark by thousands of candles the summer I visited - spiral through the green maze to a belvedere, from where the Dordogne Valley dramatically unfolds below.



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