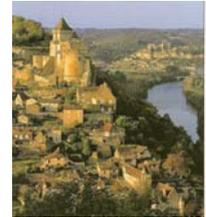


Chateaux Mini-break

Not many parts of France can boast as many chateaux as the Périgord. The first chateaux in the Dordogne were constructed in the 10th Century and were more like small fortresses, useful as vantage points. From the 14th Century these buildings had the addition of courtyards and turrets and became the traditional style of chateaux we see today.

At **Beynac-et-Cazenac**, the **Chateau de Beynac** dominates the landscape, situated high above the Dordogne and is accessible by a steep footpath or via a detour through the pretty little village. **Beynac** was a French bastion during the Hundred Years' War and glowering opposite it on the south bank is the fortress of **Castelnaud**, intermittently an English stronghold. Both castles provide superb views.



Close by is the fairytale **Château des Milandes** which has an intriguing history. Originally built by the lord of Castelnaud as a gift for his wife, it was converted after World War II into a home to the many adopted children of the American twenties jazz singer and cabaret artiste Josephine Baker.



Monbazillac, famous for its romantic château, and even more so for its sweet white wine that is the classic accompaniment to *foie gras*, is now the home to the most important wine cooperative of the area and is a perfect setting in which to taste the different wines of the region. **Château de Biron**, south of **Monpazier** was built as a fortress in 11th Century but rebuilt in several different styles over time, and had remained in the same family

for no fewer than 24 generations until just before World War II. It boasts a 24 metre long kitchen and a torture chamber! It has splendid views including over **Monpazier** which belonged to the Lords of Biron.

The **Chateau de Lanquais** is a fully furnished chateau, part medieval but with a magnificent renaissance palace which was later added by the same craftsmen who built the **Louvre**. Sumptuous apartments, enormous fireplaces and kitchens are all to be seen.

We can make reservations on your behalf at the local chateaux of your choice and for a trip on a Dordogne *gabarre* from **La Roque Gageac** or **Beynac**.

TICKETS ARE NOT INCLUDED

INCLUDED (for 2 people sharing)

- ❖ Advice on planning your daily itinerary depending upon your tastes
- ❖ 3 nights in a double Garden room on the ground floor with cosy terrace
- ❖ Enjoy 3 evenings of gourmet dinners (3-course menu)
- ❖ Breakfast, served in the restaurant or on the terrace, weather permitting
- ❖ Appropriate maps and guides with several itineraries
- ❖ A gift of regional produce for you to enjoy