

Gardeners' Mini-break

(Please note not all gardens are open all year)



Whether you prefer formal chateaux and manor house gardens, their clipped box hedges influenced by Italian Renaissance design, or private gardens planted or renovated by enthusiastic owners there is something for every gardening enthusiast.

Close to La Salvetat are the gardens of **Chateau de la Bourlie**, home of the de Commarque family for 600 years. The sandstone walled courtyard is lined with pots of lemon trees and fragrant rambling roses. **Les Jardins de Marqueyssac** are laid out on terraces, influenced by Italian design, above the river Dordogne. The shady woodland area has Mediterranean species, holm oaks, Montpellier maples and arbutus. During the summer each Thursday evening the gardens are lit by candlelight and various musicians play in different parts of the garden.

Reached through wooded countryside are the enchanting **Jardins du Manoir d'Eyrignac**, a stunning example of both Italian and French design and perfection in topiary. Set in two hectares, the beautiful **Jardins de Cadiot** are colour themed with terraces and sculptures and are home to more than 1500 plant varieties, giving continuous interest. Collections include old pinks, hydrangeas, sage, peonies and Japanese maples. **Le Jardin de Planbuisson** is almost entirely made up of bamboos and grasses and displays the enormous range and versatility of both. 250 species of bamboo and 430 species of grasses are grown here.



In western Dordogne, **Les Jardins de Sardy** are built around a lovely old French farmhouse. There is a beautiful pond set below the farmhouse, surrounded by abundant planting. On the bank of the Dordogne at the beautiful medieval village **La Roque Gageac**, is **Le Jardin Exotique** with masses of tropical plants sheltered in this micro-climate by the rocky slope.

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

TICKETS ARE NOT INCLUDED

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- ❖ 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