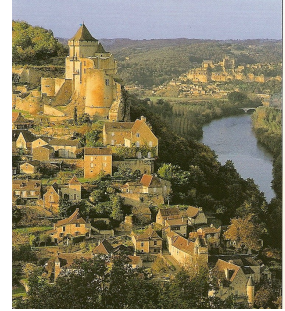


Chateaux Mini-break

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

Low season 240,75€ per person Mid Season 257,25€ per person
(Extra nights Low season 76,50€ Mid Season 82,00€ per person)

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- ❖ 3 night, half-board stay for 2 people sharing
- ❖ Guide book and area map
- ❖ A gift of regional produce