

THE WASHINGTON AND LEE
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MAY 26 - JUNE 3, 2023

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with optional
BORDEAUX POST-TOUR

Flavors of DORDOGNE

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See reservation
panel for details.
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Medieval villages, magnificent
gastronomy, and magical landscapes



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Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

I'm pleased to invite you to join our elegant exploration of the Dordogne region of France. With its fabulous cuisine and excellent wines, bucolic vineyards, historic properties, and scenic landscapes, the Dordogne represents the quintessence of rural life in France, a region that you will find as sophisticated as it is picturesque.

With the 13th-century Château de Mercués as our home base, our comprehensive itinerary takes an immersive approach for an authentic cultural and culinary experience. Among our many pleasures will be Michelin-starred restaurant meals, a market visit with gourmet food sampling, and excursions for cheese and truffles.

We'll admire an array of medieval towns, ancient castles, and some of France's renowned prehistoric cave art. The Dordogne River is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. From its banks, including those on which our chateau is situated, we'll enjoy spectacular views of the countryside. In addition to this exquisite setting, our program includes cooking classes, walking tours, and a cruise on the Dordogne River in a traditional bateau.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.


You may reserve by phone at (540) 458-8723 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,



Robert Fure, Ph.D.
Director of Lifelong Learning

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.

 Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.



Beynac-et-Cazenac Castle



Château de Haute-Serre



Your 9-Day Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Toulouse / Transfer to Mercuès (WD)
Bienvenue en France! (Welcome to France!)
Settle in, enjoy festive welcome dinner
Overnight: Château de Mercuès

Day 3: Cahors / Haute Serre (B,L)
Wine tasting, lunch, tours of property and vineyard at Domaine de Haute-Serre
Overnight: Château de Mercuès

Day 4: Beynac / La Roque-Gageac (B,L)
Cooking class and lunch at Lo Gorissado, guided exploration of fortress Château de Beynac, sightseeing of Dordogne by traditional boat
Overnight: Château de Mercuès

Day 5: Pech Merle / Saint-Cirq-Lapopie (B,L,D)
Visits to the neolithic caves of Pech Merle and wine tasting at the majestic Château de Cayx
Overnight: Château de Mercuès

Day 6: Sarlat-la-Canéda / Les Eyzies-de-Tayac / Eyrignac (B,L)
Market tour and gourmet tasting in Sarlat-la-Canéda, prehistoric treasures of La Madeleine and a large-scale topiary garden
Overnight: Château de Mercuès

Day 7: Rocamadour (B,L)
Tour of lovely Rocamadour, cheese farm, and time to enjoy at leisure
Overnight: Château de Mercuès

Day 8: Cieurac / (B,FD)
Examine and learn about truffles at a farm, and time to enjoy at leisure
Overnight: Château de Mercuès

Day 9: Transfer to Toulouse / Depart for U.S. (B)
Guests departing during the suggested times will take a complimentary transfer to the airport

(R = Reception, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down hillsides and stairs without assistance. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited. Dexterity to use kitchen tools and participate in lessons is not necessary, but adds to the enjoyment of this program.



Village of Rocamadour



Les Jardins d'Eyrignac



Interact

- With your small group (maximum 30 guests), enjoy seven nights in the beautiful 13th-century Château de Mercuès.
- Gain a deeper understanding of wine, gastronomy, and the world among connoisseurs and the curious.
- Join an intimate cooking class with a chef sharing inspiration, secrets, and favorite recipes.

Partake

- Savor new flavors with a vineyard tour, wine tasting, and lunch at the Domaine de Haute-Serre.
- Indulge in local delicacies on a gourmet tasting tour of Sarlat-la-Canéda and during select meals at Michelin-starred properties.

Discover

- Take in the area's layered history with tours of Château de Beynac, the lush Jardins d'Eyrignac, La Madeleine troglodyte village, and the fascinating Pech Merle cave.
- Survey the small cliff-top village of Rocamadour and make stops at cheese and truffle farms.
- See La Roque-Gageac with a walking tour and cruise on the Dordogne River in a traditional gabarre.
- Day after day, experience the getaway appeal of the Dordogne, whose lush forests, rolling hills, and imposing cliffs make it the perfect setting to relax and celebrate the region.

What's Included

- 7 nights' accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 3 dinners
- All lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted in the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage handling
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



Château de La Treyne



Château de Mercuès

Your Accommodations *(subject to change)*

Unwind with a stay at the beautiful 13th-century Château de Mercuès, a Relais & Châteaux property with a Michelin-star restaurant. Built on a rocky promontory, the château’s elevated location offers exceptional views from every vantage point. As the summer residence of the Counts and Bishops of Cahors for seven centuries, guests enjoy an authentic immersion in the history of France.

Note that rooms differ both in size and in color. All have one king or two twin beds and feature ensuite bathroom with combined bathtub/shower. Classic, Deluxe, Prestige, and Signature Suite options are available for consideration. Singles may choose from Deluxe, Prestige and Signature Suite categories.

Classic Double: 279-301 sq ft

Deluxe Double: 301-441 sq ft

Prestige Double: 344-592 sq ft

Signature Suite: 538-850 sq ft

Room Amenities: Flat-screen TV, writing desk, phone, minibar, safe, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.



Classic



Deluxe



Prestige



Signature Suite



Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure’s appreciation of food and wine, a local’s knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado’s ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Dordogne.



Orbridge

Optional Post-Tour Bordeaux



Enjoy the “Flavors” of food, wine, and culture in France with a visit to Bordeaux in the heart of grape-growing country. Boasting amazing architecture, dozens of museums and art galleries, and year-round pleasant weather, this elegant city is UNESCO recognized and traveler approved.

Post-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day +1: Depart Mercués / Saint-Émilion / Bordeaux (L)
Lunch at gourmet restaurant and winery
Overnight: Villas Foch

Day +2: Bordeaux (B)
Bordeaux city tour and wine museum, evening at leisure
Overnight: Villas Foch

Day +3: Bordeaux / Arcachon / Dune du Pilat (B,L)
Morning at leisure, boat ride with champagne and oyster tasting, visit a wonderfully large sand dune
Overnight: Villas Foch

Day +4: Depart for U.S. (B)

What's Included

- Group transfer to Bordeaux
- 3 nights' accommodations at Villas Foch (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Guided sightseeing of Bordeaux and Arcachon, including entrance fees
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times



Pont de pierre

Flavors of Dordogne

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Bordeaux Post-Tour: June 3-6, 2023

To reserve space, please complete the reservation form and scan / email to lifelong@wlu.edu. Upon submission of your registration form, Orbridge will contact you within two business days to confirm your reservation and collect your credit card deposit. If you would prefer to pay your deposit by check, please make payable to Orbridge, LLC and mail to:

Office of Lifelong Learning
Washington and Lee University
204 West Washington St.
Lexington, VA 24450

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. Class Year: _____

Guest #1 (as preferred on badge): _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. Class Year: _____

Guest #2 (as preferred on badge): _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT: ☐ Check ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House) ☐ Credit Card

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Category Preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

_____ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents, and the COVID-19 Acknowledgement at orbridge.com/wellness; and I/we understand that Orbridge LLC is authorized to take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Deposits are payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card, and is due no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge: (a) more than 90 calendar days prior to the program's scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full; (b) between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded; (c) between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded; (d) within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour. In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

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Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Classic	\$6,499	\$5,995
Deluxe	\$7,199	\$6,695
Prestige	\$8,199	\$7,695
Signature Suite	\$9,499	\$8,995
Single (Deluxe)	\$9,699	\$9,195
Single (Prestige)	\$10,699	\$10,195
Single Signature Suite	\$11,999	\$11,495
Bordeaux Post-Tour*		
Standard	Special Rate \$2,995	Single Rate \$4,695
Deluxe	\$3,395	\$5,195
Prestige	\$3,695	\$5,695
Junior Suite	\$3,995	\$5,895



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per couple

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Washington and Lee University
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FREE Wine Gift
AN EXCLUSIVE EARLY
RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by
November 18, 2022

to receive six bottles of wine featuring labels by
vintners in the regions you will visit on this program. **

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