



Southwest France Seven day tour

Immerse

yourself in the poetic beauty of the French language, while you discover the Dordogne's dramatic history, savour regional culinary delights and slow to the timeless rhythm of French village life.

Your home base is Monpazier, an 800 year old "*Plus Beau Village de France*". Monpazier's charm is in its time-worn honeyed stone houses, its oak-beamed marketplace, and its enticing galleries & ateliers.

The Dordogne is a place of abundance for food-lovers, where culinary classics come to the fore, such as confit duck, cepe mushrooms, white discs of cabecou goat's cheese, black truffles, and melt-in-the-mouth foie gras. Immerse yourself in French language, gastronomy and culture, as you discover this stunning part of Southwest France.

We look forward to welcoming you in September 2023!

Nathalie and Rosemary.

YOUR DETAILED ITINERARY



DAY 1: MONDAY (D)

Arrival at Monpazier in the afternoon (about 4pm onwards). If you're arriving via train or plane you will be met at Bergerac airport or train station by your Hosts and driven to *Monpazier*. Over Welcome Drinks let's break the ice with other guests, and start speaking French. Then enjoy dinner at home with your Hosts : Nathalie Foos, Rosemary Vine and Sarah Zwick.



DAY 2: TUESDAY (B, L, S)

Each morning will begin with a traditional French breakfast. After breakfast today, we immerse ourselves in the first French class for the week, which will be focused on general conversation and preparation for our first regional discovery. We then head north for a day by the tranquil Dordogne River. After exploring medieval *Chateau de Beynac* and the cobbled zig-zag paths of its gorgeous village, we head to another classified village *La Roque Gageac*, where we'll dine at a stylish Michelin Bib Gourmand riverside restaurant. After lunch we enjoy a peaceful gabarre cruise, taking in striking views of fairytale chateaux and hamlets from the river. Then we journey up to classified perched village *Domme*, to explore on foot and enjoy twilight views of the river valley below. Then it's home to Monpazier to relax over a casual light supper.

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY (B, L, D)

After breakfast we dig deep into the Neanderthal history of this region, visiting *La Grotte de Rouffignac*, world-famous for its stunning prehistoric cave art. Then we head back to Monpazier for an easy lunch, and our second French class, which includes historic insights about the region, and revision on ordering food and drinks before our dinner. After lunch, we tour iconic *Chateau de Monbazillac*, celebrated for its award-winning semi sweet whites. And no tour would be complete without tasting their wines! We arrive home in time for aperitifs on the terrace before strolling over to one of the popular bistros in Monpazier for a three-course dinner.



DAY 4: THURSDAY (B, L, S)

After breakfast, it's a French class at home focused on communication scenarios and etiquette before we meet our local hosts for lunch. Then it's into Monpazier for the fun & bustle of the weekly market. We then sit down to a 'table paysanne' lunch at a farmhouse near Monpazier – four courses of authentic local dishes, all made from produce grown, produced or preserved on the farm. Delicious! Our afternoon is spent exploring the renowned *Les Jardins Suspendus de Marqueyssac*, with its beautiful century-old topiaried forms, offering spectacular views of the Dordogne from its high clifftop perch. Supper tonight will be a relaxed gathering at home.



Authentically renovated Villa Ste Therese was a 'gentleman's country house', built in the 19th century. Set on 4 acres, it offers five spacious and tastefully decorated bedrooms, each with their own ensuite bathrooms, tranquil gardens and stunning views.



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DAY 5: FRIDAY (B, L, S)

After breakfast and another French class, which will review our journey so far and will include fun and interactive conversation games, we immerse ourselves in the tranquillity a UNESCO-listed religious sites: imposing *L'Abbaye de Cadouin* built by Cistercian monks in the 12th century, and its perfectly formed cloisters – a popular stop on the Compostela Pilgrim's Trail to this day. Our three-course lunch is at a wonderful local auberge. We make our way back home in the afternoon via the pretty hamlet of *Montferrand-du-Perigord*, to discover a hidden local treasure. Then home-time to unwind over apéros and supper.

DAY 6: SATURDAY (B, L, D)

Our French class after breakfast is food-focussed, as today you go shopping at bustling *Villeréal* market. Bargain well, as everything you buy will be served for your picnic lunch! Make sure you take the time to savour one of the gateaux at the mouth-watering Patisserie Rodot – a culinary landmark of this area. We'll enjoy our picnic at the base of Chateau de Biron. After immersing ourselves in its centuries of history, we return home to relax before our final three course dinner together at a stylish Michelin-recommended restaurant in Monpazier.

DAY 7: SUNDAY (B)

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell. Transfers are organised to Bergerac airport or train station as needed, as you depart with many wonderful memories of your immersion in the glorious Dordogne.

ABOUT YOUR STAY



Périgord is the name commonly given to this region by the French. Périgord sheltered prehistoric clans and later, the Franks, the Romans and the Gauls. The remnants of their respective civilizations in Périgord can still be seen. The river Dordogne divided Périgord into two, forming the historic boundary between England and France during the brutal Hundred Years War. However, after the French Revolution, Périgord was given the name of Dordogne, a departement of Aquitaine.

Nathalie Foos, originally from the Southeast of France, is passionate about teaching French to adults. Her French classes in Melbourne have always been designed to offer an entire immersion into the language, food and cultural aspects, as she believes a language should be taught in context. She has now decided to embark on a new Journey and start the 'real' immersion' in Dordogne - one of the most beautiful region of France. She will encourage you to put all your French knowledge into practice, and "live" the language on a daily basis while enjoying the simple pleasures of the French way of life.

Rosemary Vine, is an incurable Francophile! She has a background in hospitality and public relations, and took her French obsession to its natural conclusion when she bought Villa Ste Therese in Monpazier, with a dream to create the perfect welcoming home-base for guests to explore this magical part of the world.

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On this Tour, there's no need for packing and checking timetables; you simply settle into your peaceful maison in Monpazier...enjoying an idyllic base to explore this magical part of France.

Your hosts
**Nathalie &
Rosemary**

aim to share their passion
for all things French with
their guests.

COSTS & INCLUSIONS

TOUR PRICE: 25 September – 1 October 2023

Land content only: \$3950.00 AUD

Note: Land only arrangements begin on Day 1 when you arrive, up until your departure on Day 7.

Single supplement: \$950.00 AUD

The tour price is based on two people sharing a twin or double room. If you are travelling as a single guest, we will do our best to twin-share you with someone of the same gender. If you prefer to occupy a room alone, please specify on your booking form. In that case, or if we are unable to match you up with another traveller, we are obliged to charge a 'single supplement'.

Deposit: A non-refundable First Deposit of **\$1000 AUD** per person, payable within seven (7) days of booking application confirmation. A second instalment of **\$1475 AUD** per person is requested by **31 January 2023**.

Final Payment: **\$1475 AUD** per person is due in full (including any single supplement if specified) by **14 July 2023**. Any bookings made after this date must be paid in full upon booking. On receipt of your Final Payment (and once minimum group numbers have been reached), you will receive detailed pre-departure information.

Tour Price Inclusions

- Transfers from/to Bergerac Airport or Train Station on Day 1 and Day 7
- Six nights accommodation in a twin/double room with private ensuite
- Five scheduled French classes and seven days of tutored French immersion
- Six breakfasts, three dinners, five lunches, & three light suppers as itemised in Itinerary. We have a long, indulgent lunch or dinner planned each day, leaving the other mealtime for you to choose your own dining options at your discretion...feel free to join us in the Villa for a light supper or wander into Monpazier or Villereal for a quiet meal on your own.

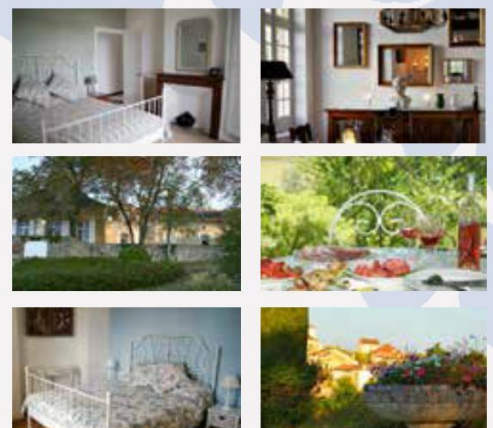
- Wines will be selected by your Hosts to complement all included lunches and dinners
- A selection of local Aperitifs will be provided by your Hosts each evening at Homebase
- All sightseeing activities & excursions including any entrance fees as itemised in the Itinerary; transfers by your Hosts to/from those activities & excursions
- Complimentary tour gift
- Fully escorted by your Tour Hosts and professional French tutors

Tour Price Exclusions

- Airfares, airport taxes and charges
- Train fares, taxes & charges to reach Bergerac or the accommodation
- Any tours, transfers, activities, meals, drinks, entrance fees etc not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance and Visas
- Vaccinations and other health requirements as required
- Tipping, gratuities & portage
- Excess baggage
- Any items of a personal nature

Special Dietary Needs

Because we are immersing ourselves in an array of authentic local produce and dishes, this tour is not advisable for travellers with special dietary needs, such as celiac, vegetarians, vegans etc.



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BOOKING FORM

Please individually fill out this Booking Form, and provide copies of valid Passport and current Travel Insurance policy. Please also read carefully the Terms & Conditions on the rear of this Form, so you are familiar with them, then sign and return your Booking Form. For more details please call **Nathalie Foos** at *A French Journey* on 0405 305 922 or *Dordogne Country House Holidays* Proprietor, **Rosemary Vine** on 0409 120 540 or email dordogneholiday@optusnet.com.au

I wish to reserve a place on the Dordogne Language Immersion Tour on:

☐ 25 SEPTEMBER to 1 OCTOBER 2023

The Tour price is based on two people sharing a twin or double room. If you are travelling as a single guest, we will do our best to twin-share you with someone of the same gender. If you prefer to occupy a room alone, please specify below. In that case, the Single Supplement will be payable. Please be aware that availability of single supplement accommodation is limited.

During my stay at Villa Ste Therese (tick one box):

- ☐ I wish to share my room with (name & relationship) _____
- ☐ I am booking as a single guest, but accept that I will be sharing a twin room with another guest where possible (if not possible, I accept to pay a Single Supplement)
- ☐ I wish to have a single room to myself, and accept to pay a Single Supplement for that



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Please complete all personal details as per your Passport:

Name & Surname :

Address :

Email :

Telephone & mobile phone :

Passport number (copy attached) :

Date of Birth:

Travel insurance provider:

Insurance policy / certificate number (copy attached) :

Emergency contact name, telephone & mobile phone (while you are on tour) :

**Send your Booking Form and copies of Passport and Travel Insurance policy to:
Dordogne Country House Holidays, 4 Coolgardie Ave, East Malvern, Victoria, 3145.**

Payment Method : (tick box)

☐ Cheque

Please make out cheques to "Dordogne Country House Holidays" and mail it to the above address.

☐ Direct Debit

Bendigo Bank, East Malvern Branch
BSB: 633-000 Account No: 142 307 321
Name: Dordogne Country House Holidays
Reference: Your Surname & Tour Number

☐ Money Order

Please make it out to "Dordogne Country House Holidays" and mail it to the above address

Signature:

Date:

Please note that all reservations are subject to availability & minimum group numbers. Your booking will be held for seven days pending receipt of a non-refundable First Deposit per person and the completed booking forms. When you have signed both sides of this form you acknowledge and accept the Terms & Conditions of this Tour.



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Please read this document carefully to ensure you understand and accept the Terms & Conditions of participation in a Tour with Dordogne Country House Holidays. Then please sign this document on Page 1 and return it to Dordogne Country House Holidays.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR PRICE & PAYMENT

Land content only: \$3950.00 AUD per person, based on twin share/double accommodation. Note: Land only arrangements, as set out below in "Tour Price Inclusions".

Single supplement: \$950.00 AUD per person. If you wish to occupy a room alone, please specify on your booking form. In that case, the Single Supplement will be payable.

First Deposit: \$1000 AUD per person, non-refundable, payable within seven (7) days of booking application confirmation with completed booking form. The First Deposit is non-refundable, unless specifically stated otherwise in these Terms & Conditions.

Second Instalment: \$1475AUD per person is due by **31 January 2023**.

Final Balance: \$1475AUD per person is due in full (Plus any single supplement if requested) by **14 July 2023**. Any bookings made after this date must be paid in full upon booking. On receipt of your Final Payment (and once minimum group numbers has been reached), you will receive detailed pre-departure information to help you plan your trip.

Tour Price Inclusions

- Transfers from/to Bergerac Airport or Train Station on Day 1 and Day 7
- Five scheduled French classes and seven days of tutored French immersion
- Six nights accommodation in a twin/double room at Villa Ste Therese, Monpazier, France.
- Six breakfasts, three dinners, five lunches, & three light suppers as itemised in Tour Itinerary.
- Wines selected by your Hosts to complement all included lunches and dinners
- Pre-dinner Aperitifs selected by your Hosts each evening
- All sightseeing activities & excursions including any entrance fees as itemised in the itinerary
- Complimentary tour gift
- Small group tour: minimum six (6) up to maximum ten (10) participants per week
- Fully escorted by Tour Hosts and professional French tutors

Tour Price exclusions

- Airfares, airport taxes and charges to reach Bergerac or the Villa
- Train fares, taxes & charges to reach Bergerac or the Villa
- Any tours, transfers, activities, meals, drinks, entrance fees etc not specified in the Itinerary
- Travel Insurance and Visas
- Vaccinations and other health requirements as required
- Tipping, gratuities & portage
- Baggage – excess and handling
- Any items of a personal nature
- Any other items not specifically included above.

Travel Insurance & Passports

Current comprehensive travel insurance, including cancellation insurance, is a mandatory condition of acceptance of your booking. The cost of travel insurance does not form part of the advised price and must be paid additionally. Please provide a copy of your travel insurance policy certificate, as well as a copy of your valid Passport, upon booking.

Special Dietary Needs

As we are immersing ourselves in authentic local produce & dishes, this tour is not advisable for travellers with special dietary needs, such as celiac, vegetarians, vegans, diabetics etc.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment may be made via: Cheque, or Direct bank transfer, or Money Order, to Dordogne Country House Holidays. Details of payment methods can be obtained on Page 1 of this booking form.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Booking Cancellation Policy : Dordogne Country House Holidays will not refund a First Deposit following any cancellation by you of your booking. If you cancel after the Second Instalment is paid, but not less

than 45 days prior to the date of travel, a cancellation fee of 60% of the full Tour price will apply. A cancellation made by you less than 45 days before the date of travel will incur a cancellation fee of 100% of the full price. Cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be issued if you fail to join your Tour, or if you choose not to participate in any Tour activities that form part of the Services described in "Nature of Our Services" below. For the comfort and safety of all our guests, Dordogne Country House Holidays reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any person in the Tour group at any time.

Tour Cancellation policy : Every endeavour is made to ensure the advertised tour takes place but if the minimum number of guests is not reached at least 60 days before the tour commencement date, that tour will be cancelled. However, in such an event, we will refund in full all payments made by participants to us under these Terms & Conditions (including the First Deposit). The Tour Itinerary is valid for the period specified, but may be subject to last-minute alterations depending on changes to circumstances and operational conditions at the time.

NATURE OF OUR SERVICES

- Dordogne Country House Holidays offers the service of:
- Providing you with a Tour Itinerary, and either supplying the activities, meals and beverages indicated on that Itinerary, or acting as agents to book them with other providers, where specified on the Itinerary. However, please note the Itinerary may be subject to last-minute changes, as described above.
- Providing accommodation at Villa Ste Therese, Monpazier, France
- Organising transport from Bergerac airport or train station to/from the accommodation venue on Day 1 and Day 7
- Booking entrance to activities specified in the Itinerary
- Providing you with Tour Hosts to escort you during the Tour & conduct French classes
- Making payments on your behalf for goods and services provided by other parties, as specified in the Itinerary

You acknowledge that although Dordogne Country House Holidays may, on your behalf, arrange for you to receive services from third parties, the only service provided by Dordogne Country House Holidays are those set out above.

RESPONSIBILITY & GOVERNING LAW

Each person participating in a tour hosted by Dordogne Country House Holidays acknowledges that there are inherent risks involved in travel, and it is the responsibility of each person to take care for their own safety and property whilst on the Tour. You agree that you have sought out and considered relevant travel information relating to safety and the potential risks of the Tour, and your decision to book with us has been made after such consideration. You agree that you have taken out adequate and relevant Travel Insurance for the protection of yourself and your property during your holiday.

As the Tour organiser, Dordogne Country House Holidays acts only as agents in making arrangements with restaurants, venues and other suppliers for the tour. As a result, we cannot accept any liability for any act or commission, whether negligent or otherwise, of those other parties who provide goods and services in connection with the tour.

Nothing in this "Responsibility" paragraph is intended to exclude, restrict or modify rights which you may have under common law, the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), or legislation or otherwise (Relevant Laws) that may be excluded, restricted or modified by agreement. If any part of the "Responsibility" paragraph is invalid under any Relevant Laws, the remainder is enforceable whether it is in severable terms or not. These Terms & Conditions are governed by the laws of Victoria, Australia.

DECLARATION: I have read & understood the Dordogne Immersion Tour Itinerary and I have read, understood and agreed to these Terms & Conditions for my selected Tour.

NAME: _____ **DATE:** ____/____/____

SIGNATURE: _____



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