

TRAVEL GUIDE



# CHÂTEAU BOUFFEREILLE

AQUITAINE, FRANCE



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COLLECTING MEMORIES ONE  
DESTINATION AT A TIME

# Temple-Sur-Lot

Places to eat

LE BOURG, 47110 Le Temple-sur-Lot, France

## La Commanderie

3 minutes drive

In a 13th century bastide, the restaurant La Commanderie is located in Temple-sur-Lot in Lot-et-Garonne (47). By the fireplace or on the terrace by the pools, we invite you to savor our local cuisine.

The restaurant La Commanderie welcomes you from Tuesday to Sunday from noon and Friday and Saturday evening from 7 p.m., in low season.



# Temple-Sur-Lot

Places to eat

Grand chemin, 47110 Le Temple-sur-Lot, France

## Comme à la maison

4 minutes drive

Roadside restaurant with live music, fresh pizza and chicken. May currently be closed for renovation.

Their famous roasted chicken delivery service is back: You can now enjoy our takeaway roast chicken with potatoes every Saturday from 11:30am. Place your orders at 0772084401

Google Review:

In English, there is the expression: "Dont judge the Book by the cover".. so it can say the most important thing is the interior, not the surface. so, the restaurant looks very plain from the outside. BUT we discovered that the dishes are delicious!. the pizza is great, the salad is great!



# Temple-Sur-Lot

Places to eat

LACOMBE ET PECHARROU, 1885 ROUTE DE BOUFFEREILLE, 47110 Le Temple-sur-Lot, France

## LA GRANGE AUX CRÊPES

4 minutes drive

Bookings: 0769549347 [Click here for the website](#)



Lieu dit Bâteau, 47110 Le Temple, France

## The Garden of Lilies

In the basins designed by its founder, the botanist Joseph Bory Latour-Marliac at the end of the 19th century, the domain perpetuates a know-how of botanical innovation without equivalent in France.

Summer evenings start Sunday, July 23rd 2023 and every Sunday evening in August! Stroll in the garden at night and for the first evening you will have dinner with the magnificent Phyllipa and in the second part the Clairac Collective will close the evening with their festive songs from here and there! Book at 0553010805 or at [contact@latour-marliac.com](mailto:contact@latour-marliac.com)

[Click here to view the Facebook page which details live events and music.](#)

Fun fact: Dior contacted the owners in Temple-sur-Lot to develop a new range of make-up remover based on water lilies! [Read more here.](#)



# Temple-Sur-Lot

## Things to do

[La Base, Centre Omnisports, 47110, Le Temple-sur-Lot, France](#)

## La base

Set in a 6 hectare lush green environment on the edge of the Lot and just 1.5 hours from Bordeaux and Toulouse, the site is open all year-round, 7 days a week and offers optimal training conditions for athletes. The omnisport centre brings together all the services on one single site - numerous sports facilities, a recovery and cryotherapy area

2 restaurants

5 accommodation buildings: 330 beds including 56 for athletes with reduced mobility

1 Nordic pool and 1 indoor pool

1 recovery area: cryotherapy, sauna, hammam, cold baths

1 physiotherapy and massage practice

2 fitness rooms

3 weight training gyms

2 sports halls with parquet flooring (ideal for team sports)

1 Dojo (martial arts)



# Castelmoron-sur-Lot

## Things to do

Lieu dit Bâteau, 47110 Le Temple, France

## Castelmoron-sur-Lot and its castle

Nestled in a meander in the Lot Valley, the village of Castelmoron grew up around its castle as early as the 13th century. In the 16th century, the place became a major refuge for Protestant Calvinists. It conceals startling buildings, notably the Château Solar, in neo-Moorish style. Located on a wide terrace over the Lot, this now houses the town hall. Castelmoron has a much-loved port, plus a sandy beach near the campsite in the neighbouring parish of Le Temple-sur-Lot.





# Sainte-Livrade-Sur-Lot

Places to eat

Allée de, Bugatel, 47110 Sainte-Livrade-sur-Lot, France

## Domaine de Bugatel

Google Review:

Beautiful restaurant, built to a very high standard. The wine cellar is a particular delight. Lovely view of the Lot. Excellent food and attentive service



# Les Vergnes

Places to eat

15 Rue du 11 Novembre 1918, 47260 Castelmoron-sur-Lot, France

## Restaurant Bar Le Commerce

7 minutes drive

Google Review:

This restaurant is a little gem. The terrace is in a shady and very pleasant setting, where you can take the time to have a good time with friends or family.



Borie

Places to eat

60 Av. de Bordeaux, 47110 Sainte-Livrade-sur-Lot, France

## La source

5 minutes drive

Google Review:

A gorgeous French restaurant, overlooking the River Lot. Excellent standard of food, all dishes cooked to perfection. Really enjoyable. A real 'find'. Well worth a visit!



 la  
source

cuisines au bord de l'eau



47360 Montpezat, France

## Labat Didier

5 minutes drive

From the website: Established in 2003 in the town of Montpezat, a place called "Répassat", we cultivate 6 and a half hectares of vines. We produce our wines on the farm in a qualitative approach with grapes exclusively from manual harvesting.

We have a reasoned cultivation approach (without sulphates).



# Monbalen

## Things to do

[47340 Monbalen, France](#)

## Lac de Monbalen

25 minutes drive

Google review:

Very beautiful place (just below the fortified house)  
calm lake, clear water where fishermen and walkers  
meet.

Circuit laid out and pleasant to go around on foot or  
by bike. Small shaded car park

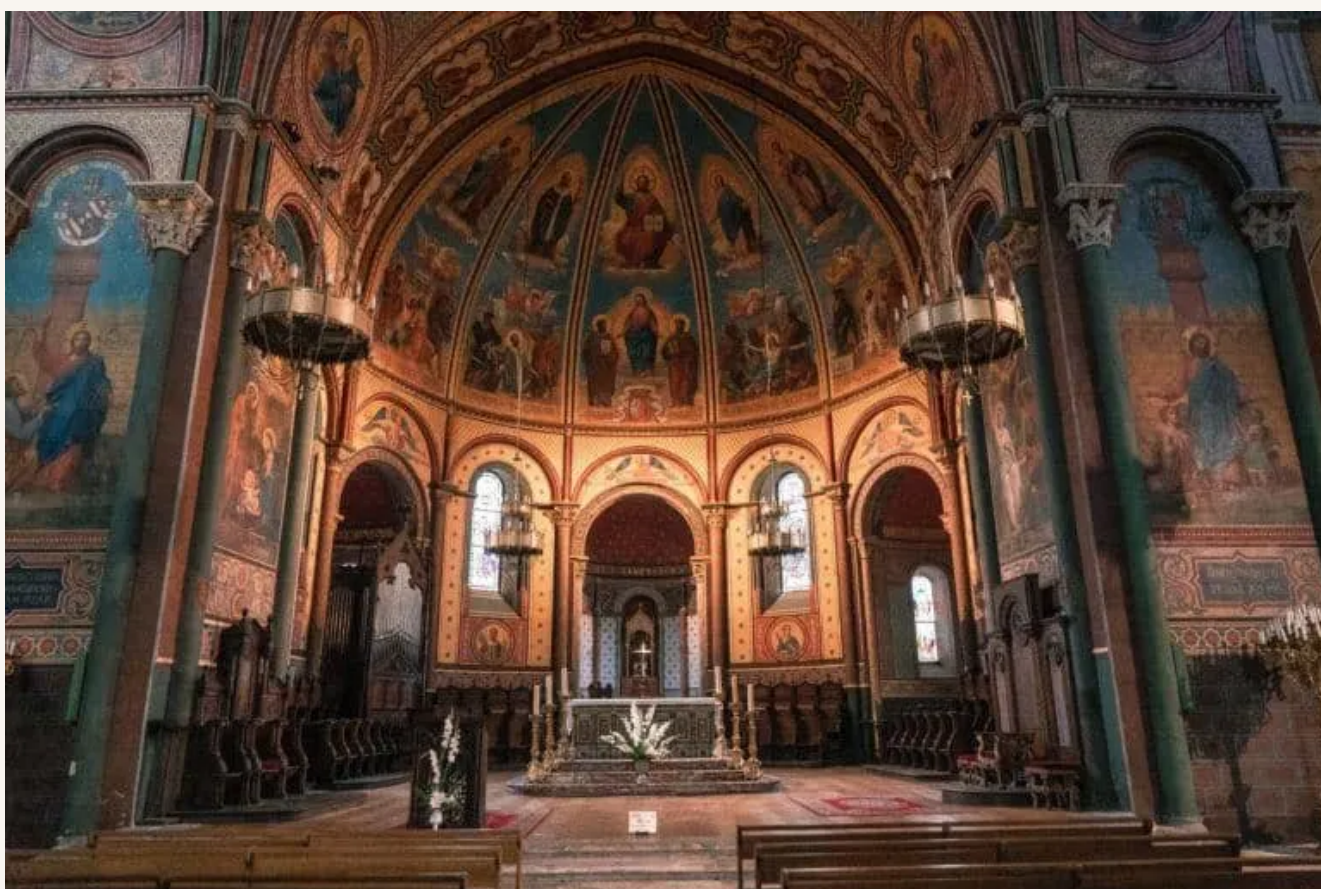


Pl. du Maréchal Foch, 47000 Agen, France

## Cathedral of Saint-Caprais

Built in the 12th-century, the church is dedicated to Saint Caprasius. Free to visit, be sure to wander inside for the true masterpiece of this Cathedral: the ornately painted 19th-century frescoes that adorn the walls, ceilings, and altar-piece of the ecclesiastical building.

Now a UNESCO world heritage site, Agen's cathedral has been the city's cathedral since 1803 and is impressive with Gothic and Renaissance stylistic features. Also of note is that Saint-Caprais is one of the churches on the roads of France on the Way of Saint James to Santiago de Compostela.



# Agen

## Things to do

Pl. du Maréchal Foch, 47000 Agen, France

## A day trip to Agen

35 minutes drive

Somewhere on the train line between the touristic towns of Toulouse and Bordeaux, you'll find it. A place that few have heard of and even fewer have visited, Agen is the kind of city where timber-framed houses can be found in abundance and where history is never too far away. The rugby and prune capital of France can easily be explored over the course of a day. Here's a guide to the best things to do in Agen!



Place Notre-Dame-du-Bourg, 47000 Agen, France

## Chapelle Notre-Dame du Bourg

Dating back to the 13th-century, this small chapel is just one of the many churches and chapels that can be found sprinkled across the city of Agen.

Once the chapel of an important regional cemetery, the side of the building is home to a unique clock, while the brick build is reminiscent of Toulousain architecture.





Pl. du Dr Esquirol, 47000 Agen, France

## Le Théâtre Ducourneau

Right next to Agen's town museum, the first stone of the theatre was laid in 1906 by the-then president of the Republic of France, Armand Fallières. The theatre of Agen is the first of its kind in l'Hexagon to be constructed in re-enforced concrete.



## Sample the world-famous Agen Plums (Pruneaux d'Agen)

Truth be told, Agen is most famous for its prunes (Ente plums) that are actually grown in the fields and villages surrounding the city. Sometimes steeped in brandy, this local French speciality is a must-sample when in the region.

Each year, on the last weekend in August, Agen hosts 'Le Pruneau Show, Les Fête d'Agen' over three days, in which live music, sports, and plum culture are celebrated.

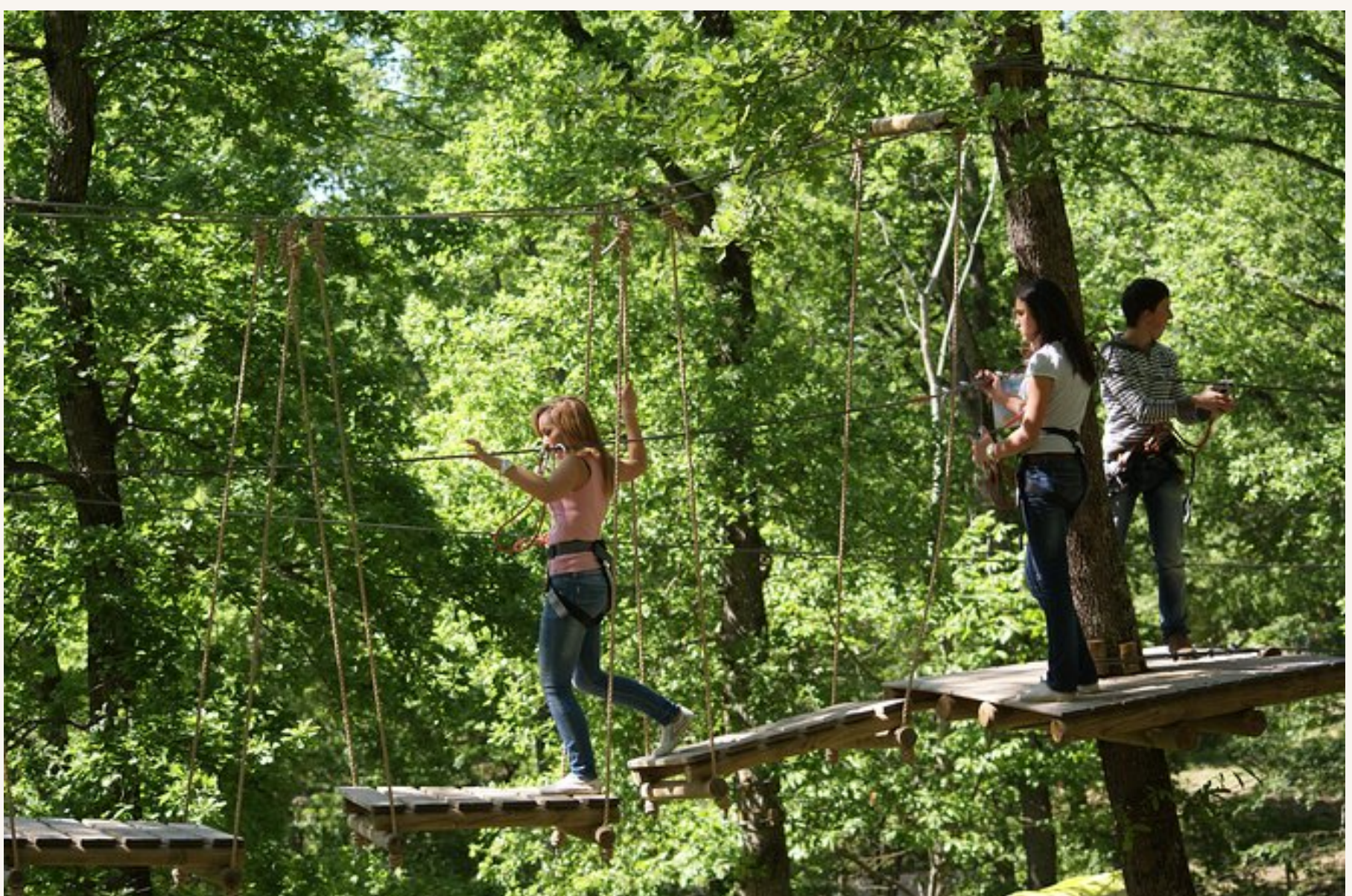


Lieu dit Fourtis, 47480 Pont-du-Casse, France

## Happy Forest Parc

Happy Forest specializes in family-friendly outdoor activities. Try the ropes courses, roll around in an inflated zorbing ball, and participate in laser games. Meet livestock ranging from guinea pigs to goats at the petting zoo. You can even test your logic skills at an indoor escape room. Happy Forest also offers orienteering training for visitors of different levels. Prebook your admission to select the activities you want to participate in ahead of time.

<https://www.happyforest.fr/en/acceuil/>



# Duras

Things to do

[Place du Château, 47120 Duras, France](#)

## Castle of the Dukes of Duras

51 minutes drive.

The castle built during the 12th century, on a high and impregnable position by Guillaume Amanieu, viscount of Bezaumes, Benauges and Gabardan. At Duras, the “Maison des vins de Duras” presents a permanent exhibition - the vineyards. Call : +33 (0)5 53 20 20 70 to make a booking.



Le Bourg, 47150 Gavaudun, France

## Chateau de Gavaudun

50 minutes drive.

Château de Gavaudun is situated in the beautiful and quiet Gavaudun Valley (on the River Lede), that runs between Lacapelle Biron (and Chateau Biron) to the north and towards Monflanquin to the south, in the north of the Lot-et-Garonne department. It is the setting and the castle donjon (keep) that is the highlight of a visit to Gavaudun. Perched astonishingly on a jutting out rocky outcrop, the castle at Gavaudun towers over the village below, and over the valley which it was built to guard over.



## A day trip to Monflanquin

35 minutes drive

Listed as one of 'les plus beaux villages de France' (one of the most beautiful villages in France), Monflanquin. An ancient town with a medieval heart that's topped with a fortified bastide, other highlights of Monflanquin include heading to the local market and strolling the cobbled lanes. Medieval re-enactments take place in town during various festivals throughout the year.



# Biron

## Things to do

Château de, 24540 Biron, France

## Chateau de Biron

50 minutes drive

Labeled "Grand site of Aquitaine", the castle of Biron is the seat of one of the four baronies of Périgord. Over the years and according to events, this primitive fortress has undergone many changes. Each century has left its mark, giving a particular attraction to this exceptional architectural ensemble. Installed on a hillock, on the borders of Périgord and Agenais, it was the heart of a big seigniorial exploitation



Lieux dit Lacombe, 2979 Rte des Piles, 24750 Cornille,  
France

## Cornille Aventure

1 hour 55 minutes drive

Come and enjoy Cornille Aventure for a memorable day with family, friends or for any event. The park is located in a wooded and hilly natural setting 10 minutes from the center of Périgueux. The park offers a 10-course treetop adventure course from 3 years old, including a 10m high jump and a 130m long zip line. A landscaped 18-hole mini-golf course in synthetic green also accessible to people with reduced mobility to the delight of all. An outdoor laser game on a shaded area of 3000m<sup>2</sup> accessible from 7 years old, no projectile, no pain, you are equipped with the latest generation equipment, light and easy to use. You will be welcomed in our park in a friendly atmosphere by our team.





# Sainte Mondane

## Things to do

[Château de Fénelon 982, route de Fénelon, 24370 Sainte-Mondane, France](#)

## Château de Fénelon

1 hour 55 minutes drive

The Chateau de Fenelon is an imposing castle in the heart of Perigord Noir, the region in the south-east of the Dordogne department, in Sainte-Modane and between Sarlat and [Souillac](#). Note that Fenelon castle is not open to visitors from November to March, and is open afternoons only in October



# Monflanquin

## Things to do

There are several car parks around the edge of Monflanquin so parking is not usually difficult. Wherever you park you will find that all streets quickly lead to the village centre and the central square in Monflanquin, the Place des Arcades. This square has beautifully preserved arcades around the edges and many other impressive buildings.

The square is also home to the weekly market each Thursday, as it has been since 1256! Unfortunately the original medieval market hall (as you can still see in Villereal, Monpazier and several other villages nearby) is no longer present in Monflanquin but several trees help preserve the pleasant ambiance. There are several good restaurants in Monflanquin, also mostly around this central square.

Perhaps most noteworthy and most impressive is the 'House of the Black Prince', at the top-right of the square. The Black Prince stayed here for a while during the Hundred Years War, and not surprisingly he kept the best house for himself, but all the corner houses have suitably impressive stone arches (arcades).

Just outside the square is the impressive 13th century Church of Saint-André, with an attractive stone entrance. In fact significant parts of the church are recent renovations including the nave and the chevet that were rebuilt in the 18th century and - although you wouldn't perhaps guess unless you look closely - the belltower was only added in the early 20th century. No matter, it still seems very well suited to the surrounding Monflanquin architecture...in fact I'm sorry for pointing it out to you because now you will notice it straightaway!

Continue a little way beyond the church to reach the top of the hill and far-reaching views across open countryside, extending to Chateau Biron on the distant horizon.

# Monflanquin

## Things to do

As always in medieval villages I encourage you to explore the alleys and narrow side streets that surround the centre of Monflanquin, because it is in these backstreets that you will find many of the most authentic medieval buildings and architecture, including several traditional half-timbered houses. The streets follow a grid pattern typical of a bastide town and are connected by narrow alleys which seem unchanged with the centuries.

If you walk down the hill and across the main road you can discover a little known corner of Monflanquin, where several old houses surround an ancient washhouse.

The busiest days in Monflanquin's annual calendar are the medieval days during which for a couple of days in the summer the town has a festival filling the town, with exhibitions of falconry, people dressed in 'olden days' clothes, lots of artificial blood and gore and you will stumble across lepers and beggars in the alleys. Don't miss it if you are in the region when it is on.

To learn more about the history of Monflanquin and the other bastide towns in the region you can visit the Museum of the Bastides in Monflanquin. Although the museum has quite a small number of exhibits it is interesting to have some understanding of how these towns came into being.

Drive a few kilometres south towards Villeneuve-sur-Lot, then turn around and drive back again! There are some great views of Monflanquin when approaching from this direction, especially early in the morning when the sun rises over the village.

# Issigeac

## Things to do

[Pl. de l'Église, 24560 Issigeac, France](#)

## A day trip to Issigeac

48 minutes drive

A speck of a medieval village that finds its roots in Roman times. Particular highlights of Issigeac include heading to the local market (one of the most famous Sunday markets of the Dordogne) and soaking up the ambiance of the historic town centre.



# Monbazillac

## Things to do

[4 Rte du Château, 24240 Monbazillac, France](#)

## Monbazillac

In between Issigeac and Bergerac is Monbazillac, the village is pleasant, if very small, and would probably go unnoticed if it wasn't for the imposing Château de Monbazillac on the edge of the village and the famous wines produced here. A listed sixteenth century building. The castle de Monbazillac, property of the Monbazillac Cellars Company since 1960, is a unique and original architectural blend of medieval defensive fortifications and Renaissance exuberance. Set in the heart of the prestigious vineyard of the same name, the Château de Monbazillac's garden terraces afford stunning views across the Dordogne valley. Fully furnished, the castle is open all year round to visitors, either travelling independently or on group tours. After visiting the Château each visitor is offered a complementary tasting of Monbazillac wine. Book here [chateau-monbazillac.com](http://chateau-monbazillac.com)



# Bergerac

Places to eat

7 rue du colonel de chadois 24100 Bergerac

## L'Authentik

1 hour drive

Among the very best duck dishes in duck-obsessed Dordogne is cromesquis d'effiloché de canard — essentially, battered pulled-duck balls with spiced gravy. The young chef here, Klo, formerly of France's Top Chef, does similarly youthful things with other trad ingredients at ultra-reasonable prices (two courses £21; [lauthentik-restaurant.fr](http://lauthentik-restaurant.fr)).



# Bergerac

Places to eat

8 Rue des Fontaines, 24100 Bergerac, France

## L'Imparfait

This Bergerac institution of bare stone walls and beams punctuated with modern art (spot the Niki de Saint Phalle figurines) is unable to take sole meunière off its menu because there'd be riots. The dish is big, fresh and brilliant — as is the other stand-out, beef fillet with foie gras. Then again, everything's good: Dordogne caviar, oysters, lamb, the lot — that's why it's an institution (mains from £23; [imparfait.com](http://imparfait.com)).



# Bergerac

Places to eat

1 rue Fenelon, Bergerac, France

## Bistro d'en Face

Across the river from the town centre, this bistro has a fab setting and terrace, overlooking the Dordogne. Come here for razor clams, smoked pork belly with spices and hake in a coulis of pepperoni and pepper, which is about as good as fish gets. Bookings: +33553613406





# Bergerac

## Places to eat

1 Rue des Récollets, 24100 Bergerac, France

## Interprofession des Vins de Bergerac et Duras

Make for the Maison des Vins on Quai Cyrano at lunch or evening aperitif time, taste wisely among the Bergerac region's 13 appellations, order an assiette of cold cuts, river fish or veggie stuff, then take a bottle — maybe a Pécharmant red — onto the terrace overlooking the river. Settle down — life just went rosy ([vins-bergeracduras.fr](http://vins-bergeracduras.fr)).



12 Rue du Colonel de Chadois, 24100 Bergerac, France

## Empreinte

Google Review:

By pushing the door of this traditional restaurant, just a few steps from Malbeck Square, you are welcomed by a very warm and friendly staff. The bright room with contemporary decor is large enough to enjoy a good time at the table without promiscuity. Sebastien, the chef and owner of the premises, works with care for fresh local produce, adding to each dish its personal touch. The slate, changed daily, is provided to compose your menu. On entry it's a smoked salmon verrine, followed by the back of the brototed chest of leeks cream sauce. For dessert, let yourself be tempted by the chef's revisited fire. The menus of the day are offered at very affordable prices and the wine list is the perfect place for Bergerac wines. The room service is friendly and fast if necessary. Think about booking, especially the weekend, because the restaurant is very successful.



24240 Moulin de Malfourat, Bergerac

## La Tour des Vents

At the top of a hill, surrounded by the Bergerac vineyards, next to the ruins of a windmill, this beautiful, opulent restaurant affords unforgettable views of the surroundings. Chef Damien Fagette promotes the local produce of the Périgord by working with Blonde d'Aquitaine beef, foie gras and free-range Périgord chicken. Prepared with great care and skill, his contemporary cuisine is a succulent alliance of fine ingredients, accurate cooking and well-defined flavours. Grilled squid, shallot with red wine and chorizo churros; variations on lamb (roasted saddle, confit shoulder rissole and leg marinated kebab-style); warm Grand Marnier soufflé. A wonderful experience.

Bookings: 05 53 58 30 10



1 Rue des Récollets, 24100 Bergerac, France

## Quai Cyrano, Culture, Wine and Tourism

In the Quai Cyrano, you'll find the tourist office, the wine house, and the entrance to the Cloister of Recoletos.

On the ground floor, at street level, is the tourist office of the "Pays de Bergerac" (city of Bergerac and surrounding villages). Here you will find information for your visit.

In the map, "The Steps of Cyrano." you will find different walking itineraries, which will take you through the most beautiful places of Bergerac. There are 3 tours, and it is pretty well explained.



1 Rue des Récollets, 24100 Bergerac, France

## Cloister of Recoletos

The cloister was built in 1630, where Franciscan monks lived until the French Revolution. At that time, the Catholic chapel was replaced by a Protestant church.

During the summer, there are live music events.



# Bergerac

## Things to do

24100 Bergerac, France

## Place de la Mirpe

Place de la Mirpe is one of Bergerac's most beautiful and picturesque squares. This is where the grain market was made, and you will find beautiful half-timbered houses and a 1977 statue of Cyrano by a sculptor from the city, Jean Varoqueau.



24100 Bergerac, France

## Old Town

On the right bank of the Dordogne, Bergerac's medieval quarter is an angular jumble of streets sloping down to the river.

You'll adore the half-timbered houses, like Maison Gaudra on Rue des Fontaines dating from the 1300s.

Down Rue Gaudra is "Le Cadeau", a stream that once powered the city's seven water mills and even today runs a disguised little hydroelectric plant on Rue des Fontaines.

Place Pélissière gets its name from the skin and hide traders that used to work on the square and is where you can see the Church of Saint-Jacques, and look up at the wooden perch made for the bell-ringers.



14 Quai Salvette, 24100 Bergerac, France

## Boat Ride

In the 19th century wine went down river to the port of Bordeaux on flat-bottomed wooden boats. Reproductions of these host gentle 50-minute river cruises, during which you can listen to the commentary, look for herons and cranes or slip into a siesta (£10; [gabarresdebergerac.fr](http://gabarresdebergerac.fr)). Should you want something more vigorous, hire bikes — electric or classic — from the tourist office and explore the Dordogne riverbank ([pays-bergerac-tourisme.com](http://pays-bergerac-tourisme.com)).





99, avenue Paul-Jean Souriau 24260 Le Bugue sur Vézère

## Le Big Bird

The Big Bird is the highest aerial acrobatic course in Europe. taking you to a height of over 50 feet.

In family or with friends you will be able to realize more than 75 workshops (challenges) distributed on 4 floors: Practice of snowboarding in altitude, crossing of tires, climbing wall, log ladders, monkey bridge, vertical nets, geographical figures...

Ultra secure, the Big Bird uses a continuous lifeline system, so you can't get out of the way during your journey. <http://www.big-bird.fr/>



Les Combes, 24390 Tourtoirac, France

## Cave of Tourtoirac

The Perigord geological gem. The lift takes us to 25m under the ground to immerse ourselves in a dream world. Following the underground river, we discover the multitude and diversity of concretions, with an innovative staging that is respectful of nature.

During the visit, we learn about the tragedy of the discovery, by an exceptional potholer. Then, we also learn about the formation of the cavity for millennia, the water digging the rock to form this enchanting landscape.

The Tourtoirac cave, the most recent cave open to the public, is accessible to everyone, and it offers visits with multilingual guides or visits that are translated by audioguides provided with a magnetic loop and audio description.



[Route du Château de Commarque, 24620 Les Eyzies, France](#)

## Commarque Castle

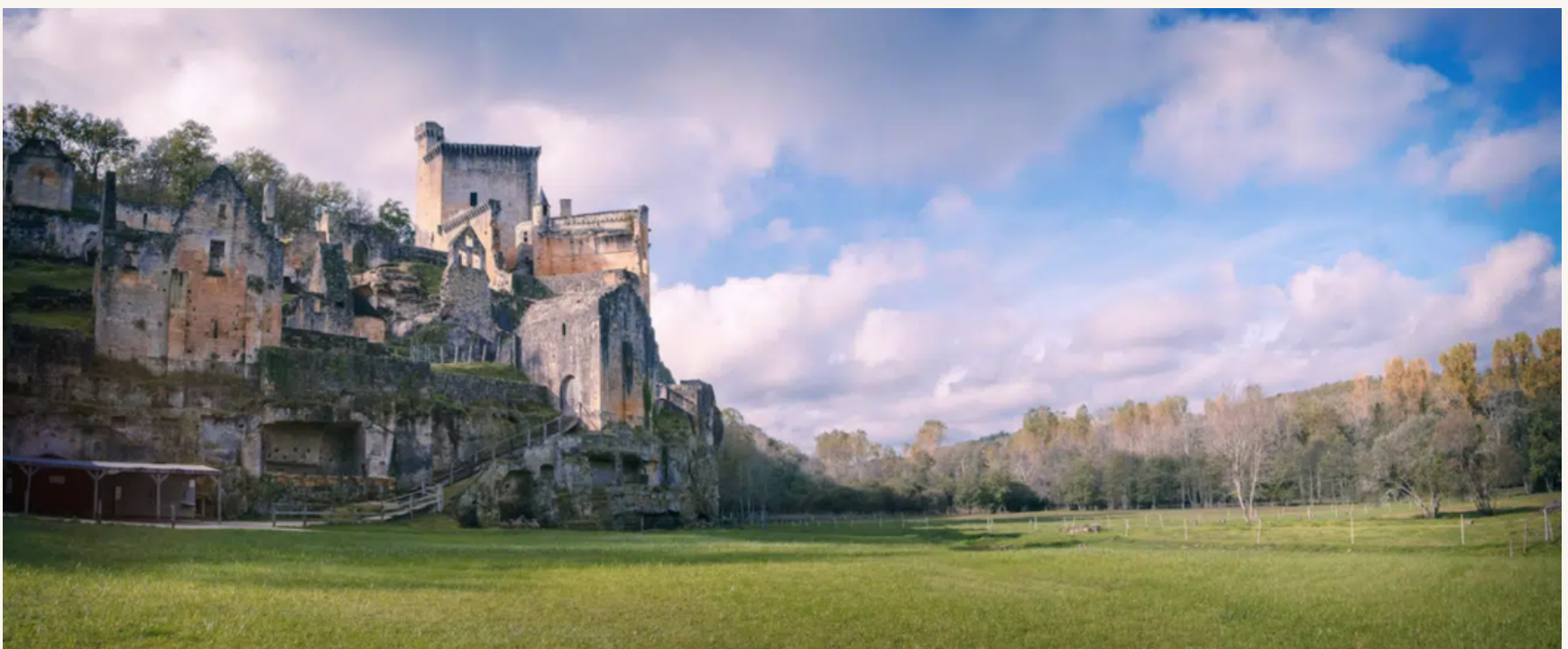
1 hour and 50 minutes drive

The Mysteries of the Forgotten Fortress

Once upon a time, in a legendary valley, there was a grandiose millefeuille of stones where dungeons and castles, troglodytes and prehistoric caves are superimposed on a rocky spur in a breathtakingly preserved landscape.

You will discover the millenary history and the magic of this unique site in Périgord through a real journey in time. Included in the entrance ticket: Guided tour, audio-guide by Guillaume Galienne, exhibitions and captivating 3D projections, nature trail, games of yesteryear and themed workshops, great medieval treasure hunt.

<https://www.perigord.com/en/listings/sites-touristiques-visites/chateau-de-commarque/>



[lieu dit reignac, 24620 Tursac, France](#)

## Fortified House of Reignac

Listed as a historical monument, this extraordinary “cliff-castle” is undoubtedly the most secret, the most unusual and the most mysterious in Périgord. Some even say it is haunted...

Preserved in exceptional condition since the 14th century and fully furnished with period furniture, the Fortified House of Reignac is in France the only monument of this troglodyte type to have come down to us completely intact.

Of rare historical interest, this noble lair is infinitely larger than one might suspect from the outside.

Behind the facade are hidden impressive underground and airy rooms: Great Hall of Honor, weapons room, Hall of the Great Men, kitchen, chapel, bedrooms, dungeon ...

At the end of the visit, an internationally renowned exhibition on the theme of "torture in the Middle Ages" is offered to you at no extra cost.



241 Imp. de la Péchère, 24290 Saint-Léon-sur-Vézère,  
France

## Parc aux Dinosaures Dordogne

The Dinosaur Park is a journey through eras to discover the first land lizards, edaphosaurs and meet Jurassic creatures such as the T-Rex, triceratops and many others...in life-size. 30 species of dinosaurs on over 18 hectares of shaded land! From the big bang to the appearance of the dinosaurs to the first humans, the dinosaur park retraces the evolution of Life over a year in a simple and entertaining way. Along a course in the forest, you will discover Dinosaurs in life size ! The site is entirely Shaded, even at the hottest times of the day.

<https://www.perigord.com/en/listings/loisirs-perigord/parc-aux-dinosaures-le-conquil/>



# Pyla-Sur-Mer

## Things to do

HQXQ+G9 La Teste-de-Buch, France

## Pyla-sur-Mer

Pyla-sur-Mer is well known to locals and visitors thanks to its dune, the largest in Europe: the Dune du Pilat! There is a breathtaking view of the Arcachon basin from the top, the effort of climbing it is rewarded!

Seaside resort, you can enjoy its beach, its cycle paths and its boat trips. It is a quiet and relaxing town, not far from Arcachon and major tourist sites.



# Pyla-Sur-Mer

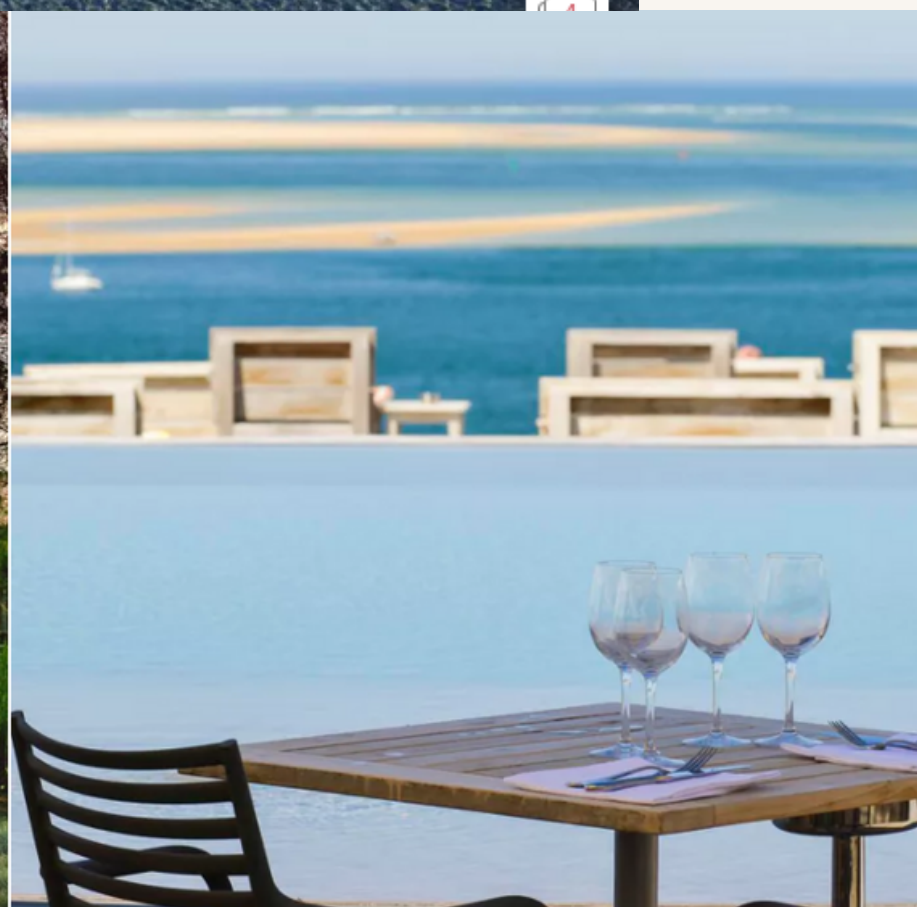
Places to eat

46 Av. Louis Gaume, 33115 La Teste-de-Buch, France

## La Co(o)rniche

2.5 hours drive to the beach

Take a seat in this spacious dining room by Philippe Starck whose bay windows gaze onto an extensive terrace, which unfolds over the Nature Reserve of Arguin and Cap Ferret. The food is fully equal to the stunning view, with fish and seafood so fresh it seems to have jumped straight from the sea into your plate.



Click the links below for locations

## Wine Tasting

1 hour and 44 minutes drive

There is not just one museum dedicated entirely to wine in Bordeaux, but two. While everyone talks about the newer, chic, and interactive [Cité du Vin](#), there's also a second wine museum which is set up in a more traditional manner. For a full guide to the history of Bordeaux wines and appellations, [check out this guide to Bordeaux wines](#).

The [Musée du Vin et du Négoce de Bordeaux](#) can be found in the historic Chartrons district of the city and costs €10 to enter. Housed within the former wine cellars of the wine merchant for Louis XV, the wine museum comes complete with a complimentary wine tasting at the end of your visit.





1 Cours du XXX Juillet, Bordeaux-Centre, 33000

## La Maison du Vin de Bordeaux

'Bordeaux's House of Wine' is the centre for the CIVB, the Bordeaux Wine Trade Council and the quintessential wine bar 'Bar á Vin'.

You can't miss the 18th century building shaped like a ship's prow just across from the Bordeaux Tourist Office not far from the main tram stop 'Quinconces' by the Esplanade des Quinconces.

'Bar á Vin' is also a great break destination in a hectic day and an opportunity to relax in ultra comfort surroundings nibbling from a selection of cheeses and cured meat delectables. It's one of the few wine bars open all day.



51 Rue Notre Dame, 33000 Bordeaux, France

## Chartrons district

One of the more charming and intimate areas of Bordeaux is the Chartrons district, an area characterised by its cobbled lanes and historic homes. Highlights of the area include the Chartrons Temple, Notre Dame Street, and the little eateries of Les Halles des Chartrons.



# Bordeaux

## Things to do

Pl. Pey Berland, 33000 Bordeaux, France

## Bordeaux Cathedral

Easily one of the most beautiful cathedrals in France, that of Bordeaux is well worth visiting during any trip to the Southern French city. The 11th-century Bordeaux Cathedral is officially known as the Primatial Cathedral of St Andrew of Bordeaux and is free to wander around



Pl. de la Bourse, 33000 Bordeaux, France

## Miroir d'Eau

Located on Place de la Bourse, located along the River Garonne, the Miroir d'Eau is the largest reflective pool in the world. Perfectly reflecting the Place, the water feature spans 3450 metres squared and was put in place in 2006.

Created from granite slabs, the best time to see the Miroir d'Eau is at sunset when candy colours dance across the sky, or at night when the lights of the city are perfectly reflected.



Pl. Pey Berland, 33000 Bordeaux, France

## Pey Berland Tower

The Pey Berland Tower is one of the city's most iconic landmarks.

The 15th-century bell tower was built separately from the Saint-André Cathedral to provide the cathedral with a large bell without threatening its structure, and towers at 50 meters high. The tower is built in the Flamboyant Gothic style and was named after Archbishop Pey-Berland, who commissioned its construction.

At the top of the tower is a golden statue of the Virgin with infant Christ, officially called the Notre Dame d'Aquitaine.



8 rue de la Devisse, Bordeaux, 33000

## Quartier Saint Pierre

One of the oldest in Bordeaux, the Saint-Pierre district dates back to the 12th century. It is the best area to discover historic monuments, the 18th-century architecture and enjoy a meal or a drink at a local bar. The area is extremely popular with locals for aperitives, dining, and night outings.

Mostly composed of 18th and 19th-century buildings, the Saint-Pierre district stretches between the Garonne river and rue Saint Catherine, and between Cours Alsace et Lorraine and rue du Chapeau Rouge.





# Bordeaux

## Places to eat

10 Pl. de la Bourse, 33000 Bordeaux, France

## L'Observatoire du Gabriel

“A premium location depicts this establishment in the central edifice of Bordeaux’ iconic Place de la Bourse, facing the water mirror. Its exquisite 18C sitting rooms have been treated to a revamp, providing the ideal setting to sample the cuisine of chef Alexandre Baumard (Logis de la Cadène, Saint-Émilion). The stonking 600-bin wine list errs between Bordeaux and Burgundy.





# Bordeaux

## Places to eat

35 Rue du Cancera, 33000 Bordeaux

## Soif

With its selection of good, natural wine, small plates and excellent vibes, Soif is not to be missed. This caves à manger (a French term for a wine bar serving food) serves simple, seasonal dishes on cute grandma-chic plates. Food is based on the morning market's spoils, but signatures include pork belly and hazelnut pâté en croute, calf's head ravigote with oysters, Manex pork rillettes, and pot-au-feu terrine with foie gras medallion. The 350-strong wine list offers a mix of by-the-glass and by-the-bottle delights sourced from artisanal vintners in France and further afield. Soif is a gem in the Saint-Pierre district's crown.



134 Quai de Bacalan, 33300 Bordeaux

## Le 7

Perched on the seventh floor of the Cité du Vin, the aptly-named Le 7 has floor-to-ceiling windows that offer spectacular views over the city and the Garonne river. Chef Djordje Ercevic delivers bistronomy wonders that blend local produce with far-flung flavours. Try the beef carpaccio, chickpea hummus and oyster tartare, or tuck into crispy veal sweetbreads with foaming butter, spring onions, smoked bacon and Bordelaise sauce. Pastry chef Marilou Tamarelle is sure to wow on the dessert front. Naturally, wines here are second to none, with 500 types from over 50 countries. Look out for the 25 icons of the region, including Château Margaux and Cheval Blanc.

Opened in 2017 in front of the Cité du Vin wine museum, Halles de Bacalan has become a hotspot for Bordeaux foodies. Bringing together over twenty farmers, artisanal traders and regional chefs in a giant hall, this is a food court with a difference. From Tuesday to Sunday, stock up on goodies for at-home feasting, or pause for aperitifs and bites from a selection of stalls – truffle pasta, grilled squid, pizza and chocolate mousse. Although dishes will taste just as good indoors, eating on the market's terrace – which looks out across the water and is the biggest in Bordeaux – is an unbeatable experience.

[Pl. du Marché, 33330 Saint-Émilion, France](#)

## Monolithic Church of Saint-Emilion

1 hour and 40 minutes drive

The largest monolithic church in Europe sits right in the middle of Saint Émilion. From the neighboring square with several restaurants, you can see the three arched windows that are the outside of the church. But, this hardly does the structure justice. You have to take a guided tour to see inside the underground church that was carved in the 12th century. On the tour, you'll also visit the hermitage of Saint Émilion and learn about the monk who founded the town. The tour also covers the catacombs and Trinity Chapel with restored paintings.



33330 Saint-Émilion, France

## Les Grandes Murailles

This section of wall is the elegant remains of an imposing Dominican convent built in the thirteenth century and which included a church, a cloister, a chapter house and a bell tower.



Château Coutet, 33720 Barsac, France

## Château Coutet

Château Coutet Barsac, one of the oldest Sauternes producing vineyards and a Premier Cru Classé from the 1855 Classification of Sauternes, is one of the best places to understand this complex sweet wine. With a tasting workshop that introduces each of the grape varietals that can make up a Sauternes wine separately, you'll come away with a deep understanding and appreciation for the complexity of Sauternes.



33330 Saint-Étienne-de-Lisse, France

## Château Valandraud

The history of Château Valandraud dates back to 1989 when Jean-Luc Thunevin and Murielle Andraud decided to acquire a small plot of 0.6 hectares in the Saint-Emilion valley, not far from the Châteaux Pavie-Macquin and La Clotte. The name Valandraud is a subtle blend of a geographical location (Val Valley of Fongabau) and a sentimental connection. Indeed, “Andraud”, the surname of Murielle appears on the registers of Saint-Emilion as early as 1459. By the gradual purchase of neighboring parcels, the area now has 8.88 hectares. In 1991, Château Valandraud’s first vintage was marketed and marked the beginning of a new era for the Thunevin family, following their success as a merchant.



# St Emilion

## Things to do

Place des Créneaux Le Doyenné, 33330 Saint-Émilion, France

## Lookout point

This incredible look out point in Saint Émilion can't be missed. It requires zero planning, no tour and it's absolutely free.

Starting at the tourism office, walk out to the foot of bell tower which is also the roof top of the underground church.



3 Pl. du Marché au Bois, 33330 Saint-Émilion, France

## Logis de la Cadene

estled inside a small pedestrianised courtyard in the centre of Saint-Émilion, the Logis de la Cadène wins over diners with charming service throughout that never falters and enhances the experience here. Once installed in a comfortable armchair in the classic, elegant dining room (exposed stonework, old parquet flooring), let the culinary show begin. The cuisine showcases the best of the local terroir in accomplished and inventive dishes such as the lamb served in different ways (the rack is served pink and comes with a reduced carcass jus, while the shoulder is stuffed with tiny girolle mushrooms from the Médoc). These culinary delights are accompanied by astutely selected wines, with over 900 labels on the wine list.





# St Emilion

## Places to eat

[11 Rue du Clocher, 33330 Saint-Émilion, France](#)

## L'Envers de Decors

In the heart of this iconic wine village, a few steps from the bell tower, the picturesque red façade of this bistro catches the eye. Inside lies an elegant vintage décor with a zinc counter and leather bench seating. The menu runs the gamut of classic French staples from calf's liver to rum baba. Fine selection of reasonably priced wines.



# St Emilion

## Places to eat

1 Place de l'Eglise Monolithe, 33330 Saint-Émilion, France

## Amelia Canta

A family-run restaurant founded in 1986, located in the heart of the village, where you can enjoy lunch in one of the three dining rooms with panoramic views.



[Le Bourg d'Hautefort, 24390 Hautefort, France](#)

## Château de Hautefort

2 hours and 30 minutes drive

Located on a rocky spur, the Hautefort Castle is an old medieval fortress transformed in the 17th century by the marquis of the name into a pleasure dwelling. Embellished in particular by the addition in the 19th century of a French garden and a landscaped park, it is a unique site in the Périgord which combines the splendour of nature and the majesty of architecture with a culture of refinement inherited and transmitted over time. This place steeped in history, preserved and restored by its various owners for over a millennium, can still be visited today. It is the fruit of a family's strong commitment to one value: beauty.

