

UCLA Alumni

May 5-13, 2023

Featuring
Professor Muriel McClendon
Department of History

Flavors of **DORDOGNE**

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panel for details.

Medieval villages, magnificent
gastronomy, and magical landscapes



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Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Venture with us to the château studded countryside and picturesque villages of the Dordogne region of France. With its fabulous food, wonderful wine, bucolic vineyards, and landscapes interspersed with forests, beaches and rivers, it offers so many things that travelers come to this country for.

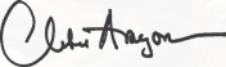
While enjoying a 13th-century château as your home base, this comprehensive program will provide an intimate, immersive approach to an authentic cultural and culinary experience, including Michelin-starred restaurant meals, a market visit with gourmet food sampling, and excursions for cheese and truffles.

Admire an array of medieval towns, ancient castles, and some of France's finest prehistoric cave art. Take in the spectacular views of the countryside and the Dordogne River, which proudly holds the title of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

The magnificently preserved natural beauty and slower pace of living in this region make it a favorite *les grandes vacances* for French families, and visitors that return often yearning for more. Disconnect from the urban hustle and relax with like-minded travelers on this journey.

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.

Sincerely,



Christel Aragon

Director, UCLA Alumni Travel

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Featuring UCLA Professor Muriel McClendon



Muriel McClendon is a member of the history department. She has served as the department's Vice Chair for Undergraduate Affairs and Vice Chair for Graduate Affairs. She has also chaired UCLA's undergraduate European Studies program and has served as the Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for the Division of Social Sciences. McClendon's research focuses on the social history of the Reformation in England and she has published on religion and politics in Norwich, England's second largest city in the period. She is currently engaged in a study about philanthropy and politics in Norwich in the Tudor period. McClendon also teaches the medieval and early modern section of the history department's western civilization sequence, and also offers courses on early modern British and Renaissance and Reformation history. In 2020-21, she won the University's Distinguished Teaching Award and the Eby Award for the Art of Teaching.

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.

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Beynac-et-Cazenac Castle



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: Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking each day, are sure-footed on cobbled and unpaved surfaces, and can walk up and down stairs without assistance. The Château de Mercuès was constructed in the 13th century. While it has been updated to modern standards, its original structure means guests will find stone floors and steps that may not have railings. There is an elevator, but it does not access every floor.





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.



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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



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Flavors of Dordogne

May 5-13, 2023

Bordeaux Post-Tour: May 13-16, 2023

Send form and deposit by check
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GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ D.O.B.: ____/____/____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ D.O.B.: ____/____/____

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Special Alumni Rate: **Save more than \$1,000**
per couple



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