



The green Périgord in the china area
Circuit N°23



Through this itinerary you will cross the china area.

In this verdant region this age-old art is still locally made in the villages with well rooted traditions and its plentiful heritage.



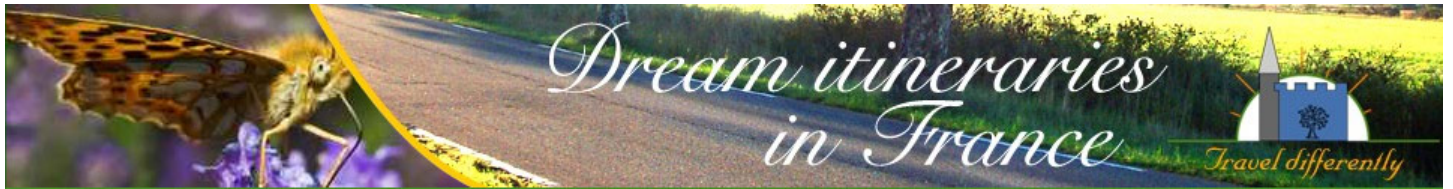
A pristine region, paradise for the lovers of nature activities, to discover unusual places, scenic villages to amble in the side streets.

What to discover : the city of Tulle surrounded by 7 hills, the tapestry-maker's house in Aubusson, the windmills and Medieval houses of Argenton sur Creuse, the village martyr d'Oradour-sur-Glane, the Vassivière lake.

Wines : Branceilles wines.

Local Produce/Gastronomy : violet mustard, mushrooms, river fishes, Limousine soup flognarde, pancake from Corrèze.

Traditional Handicraft : D'Aubusson tapestry, Chinas from Limoges, Pouligny tile factory, Laces from Tulle, St Junien glove making, stained glasses and enamels of art, gold washing.



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1 Day 1 :

At the far end of Charente and Périgord between castles and rivers you will discover this beautiful XVIIth century mansion at the heart of a magnificent 8 hectare park.

The legend maintains that the Sainte-Catherine castle was likely to be Joséphine de Beauharnais' dwelling.

You will drive through a Périgourdine countryside scattered with helmets, castles and full of character churches. The Salles-Lavauguyon church (Xth-XIIth centuries) deserves a visit to see its period frescoes.

After having crossed the Lavaud stretch of water you will travel in the direction of the Vienne area. At Chassenon you will discover the Roman thermal baths perfectly maintained which known their summit in the IInd century. You will travel about Rochechouart a thousand-year old town bearing the name of one of the most illustrious families in France. The castle stands on a rocky spur at the confluence of the Vayres and the Graine rivers.

You will return to the limits of la Vienne in Saint-Junien, one of the major place of the French glove production where you will admire the Limousin Roman style of the abbey church and its original monument dating back to the XIth century.

In Aixe-sur-Vienne, here you are at the china area gate. The work and process steps of the white clay can be followed at the Maison de la Porcelaine (House of china). You will travel up the Briance valley to discover the Solignac abbey. The abbey church is the only remaining monument from the monastery founded by Saint Eloi, the king Dagobert's « adviser ».

The Chaluset castle will open the gate of the Ligoure valley which will lead you to the end of your stopping point.

1 Day 1 : Road book

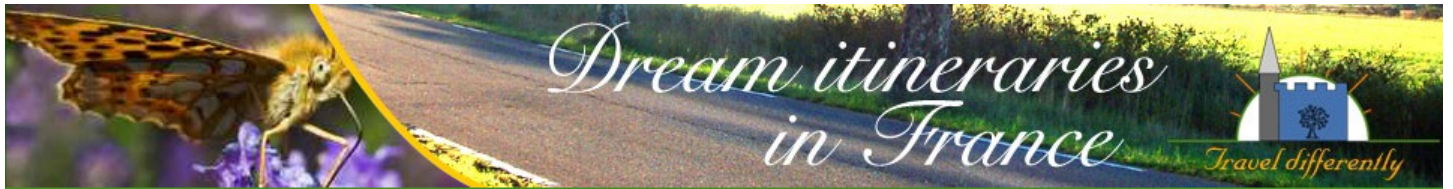
Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
MONTBRON	D699	0.0	
LES LIMOUSINES	D163	10.0	
SAUVAGNAC	D27	8.0	
LES SALLES-LAVAUGUYON	D344	5.0	
CROISEMENT	D160	1.0	
VERNEUIL	D160	0.0	
PRESSIGNAC	D160	0.0	
CHASSENON	D54	13.0	
ROCHECHOUART	D86	5.0	
SAILLAT-SUR-VIENNE	D86	5.0	
CHAILLAC	D86	0.0	
SAINT-JUNIEN	D116	6.0	
SAINT-MARTIN-DE-JUSSAC	D116	0.0	
SAINTE-MARIE-DE-VAUX	D32	13.0	
SAINT-YRIEIX-SOUS-AIXE	D32	10.0	
AIXE-SUR-VIENNE	D32	0.0	
L'AIGUILLE	D32	0.0	
SOLIGNAC	D32	10.0	
CROISEMENT	D32A	2.0	
SAINT-JEAN-LIGOURE	D57	8.0	
SAINT-PRIEST-LIGOURE	D	4.0	
LA RIBIERE	D	0.0	
LA ROCHE-L'ABEILLE	D	7.0	

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2 Day 2 :

Rocked by the pond lapping you will fall asleep in this former flour mill which has crossed the centuries since 1569.

Through a verdant countryside you will reach the Bonneval castle where an artillery general was born in 1675. He became a close Sultan's adviser to reorganize the Turkish army.

At Saint-Yrieix-la-Perche, you will discover the last gold mine in the European west and the china clay deposits allowed the making of chinas with exceptional whiteness and purity.

You will travel along in the direction of the Chalard a thousand-year old village which harbours a Roman church, a real fortress built by the English during the One Hundred Year war. You will reach Jumilhac-le-Grand and its Renaissance castle on its rocky spur to admire the scenic setting of rocks and rapids from the gorges of the Isle.

At the heart of Périgord, Thiviers claimed the title of the foie gras capital thanks to its famous poultry market.

Saint-Jean-de-Côle harbours the Marthonic castle (XVth century) and a Roman church remarkable for its sculpted capitals.

You will leave the Côle valley to reach the Trincou one and the Renaissance castle of Puyguilhem.

The rock paintings in the Villars caves and a walk in this enchantment of yellow ochre stalactites worth going out of the way to see them. By the end of the day you will find back the banks of the Dronne. In Brantôme and in Bourdeilles you will discover castles of Medieval or Renaissance styles, former abbeys or abbey church.

2 Day 2 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
LA ROCHE-L'ABEILLE	D17	0.0	
COUSSAC-BONNEVAL	D901	14.0	
SAINT-YRIEIX-LA-PERCHE	D901	11.0	
LE CHALARD	D901	7.0	
CROISEMENT	D	1.0	
VIALE	D	0.0	
JUMILHAC-LE-GRAND	D79	10.0	
SARRAZAC	D81	6.0	
THIVIERS	D707	9.0	
SAINT-JEAN-DE-COLE	D98	7.0	
VILLARS	D3	7.0	
CROISEMENT	D82	4.0	
CHAMPAGNAC-DE-BELAIR	D83	3.0	
CROISEMENT	D78	3.0	
BRANTOME	D78	3.0	
BOURDEILLES	D	6.0	
CHATEAU-DE-LA-COTE	D	2.0	

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. SAINT JEAN DE COLE

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. VILLARS

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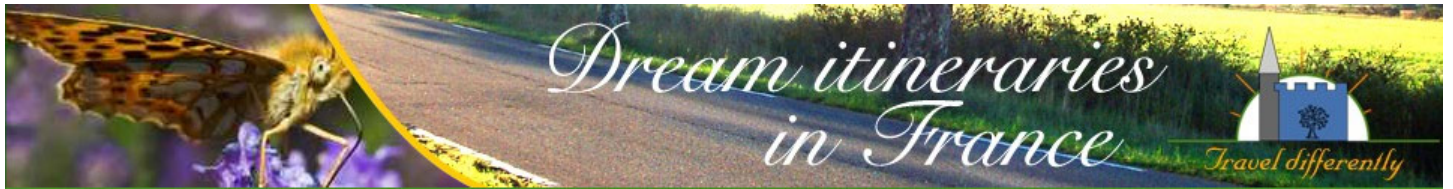
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3 Day 3 :

The Côte castle a XVth century home situated at the heart of a magnificent domain on the GR 36 combines good taste and simplicity.

After going past the Puymaurin castle you will cross the river Drôme at the Lisle walled town to reach the road of the Roman churches.

The fortified church of Saint-Pierre-et-Paul, church of Grand Brassac is one of numerous examples of the Roman art richness in this area.

Further you will discover an other XIIth century masterpiece at Montagner, in Sainte-Madeleine church. This chapel from a former priory church which has now disappeared is one of the kind.

At Ribérac where the market gathers the gastronomic richness of Périgord you will leave the banks of Dronne after a glance on the Gallo-Roman tower, the Rigole manor and the Roman church of Villeteureix. La Tour-Blanche a town with its beautiful Renaissance houses owes its name to a XIIIth century fortress, the keep of which remains visible. In the vicinity you will admire a gothic gate at Saint-Cybard church.

A very pleasant road surrounded by the Saint-Jaunes forest will lead you to the heart of the natural regional Park of Périgord-Limousin.

La Vergue, La Faye, Picheny as many castles which punctuate the Nizonne valley.

Before entering the green bocages of Charente you will cast a last glance on the village of Javerlhac where the church and the castle combine Roman and Renaissance styles.

After the Feuillade and Marthon castles you will leave the Bandiat valley before finding back the discreet charm of Sainte-Catherine castle.

3 Day 3 : Road book

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CHATEAU-DE-LA-COTE	D106E	0.0	
CHATEAU DE PUYMAURIN	D106E	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D	2.0	
LISLE	D	2.0	
GRAND-BRASSAC	D	4.0	
MONTAGRIER	D183	2.0	
TOCANE-SAINT-APRE	D710	1.0	
RIBERAC	D708	14.0	
LA BORIE	D99	2.0	
VILLETEUREIX	D99	0.0	
CELLES	D99	0.0	
FLAYAC	D99	0.0	
LA TOUR-BLANCHE	D84	18.0	
JOVETTE	D	6.0	
LEGUILLAC-DE-CERCLES	D93	1.0	
VIEUX-MAREUIL	D93	0.0	
SAINT-SULPICE-DE-MAREUIL	D708	8.0	
NONTRON	D75	15.0	
JAVERLHAC-ET-LA-CHAPELLE-SAINT-ROBERT	D708	0.0	
LE-GRAND-MOULIN	D90	0.0	
VARAIGNES	D90	0.0	
LE-GRAND-MOULIN	D4	14.0	
FEUILLADE	D4	0.0	
MARTHON	D16	6.0	
MONTBRON	D16	7.0	

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Hôtel de France (Hôtel) - 3 rue Marc Dufraisse - 24600 RIBERAC
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