



VILLAGE LIFE

IN THE DORDOGNE

April, May, June, August, September, October 2006

Savor the good life in the Dordogne River Valley - one of France's best-kept travel secrets. From your base in the medieval town of Sarlat-la-Canéda, explore the region's numerous historic, cultural and natural attractions, including the caves of Lascaux II and Rouffignac where some of the most important prehistoric art ever discovered brings the past to life. Also, follow in the footsteps of Richard the Lionheart at the castle of Beynac, explore the medieval labyrinth of lanes of Domme, enjoy the cliffside town of Rocamadour and savor Périgord's world-renowned foie gras and truffles. Throughout this unique Village Life program, your experience will be enhanced with exclusive lectures, special meals and a village forum discussion where you can interact with local residents to gain a unique perspective on life in provincial France. Accommodations will be in the 100-year-old family-owned Hôtel de la Madeleine where the charismatic proprietor and chef, Philippe Melot—a highly regarded cook and former mayor—will provide insight into the region's history and architecture in addition to introducing you to the culinary wonders of Périgord's traditional cuisine.



THIS VILLAGE LIFE TRAVEL PROGRAM FEATURES

- ◆ Seven nights in the charming *Hôtel de la Madeleine*.
- ◆ Private welcome reception in the hotel.
- ◆ Three meals each day — including two-course lunches and three-course dinners — featuring traditional French cuisine and regional specialties, prepared by the Hôtel de la Madeleine's owner and chef, Philippe Melot. Local wine is served with dinner.

Excursions, led by expert local guides:

- ◆ Half-day architectural walking tour of Sarlat-la-Canéda.
- ◆ Excursion to **Rocamadour** and its Musée d'Art Sacrée. Lunch at the Hotel Beau Site.
- ◆ Half-day tour of L'Abri du Cap-Blanc and Les Eyzies-de-Tayac.
- ◆ Half-day tour of St-Amand-de-Coly and St-Geniès.
- ◆ Half-day excursion to **Lascaux II** and Rouffignac Cave.
- ◆ Full-day excursion to the historic town of Périgueux, including lunch.
- ◆ Tour the fortress of Beynac-et-Cazenac, with lunch in the village of Beynac.

- ◆ Specially arranged *gabare* cruise along the Dordogne past Castlenaud.
- ◆ Walking tour of Domme.

A full program of educational and cultural enrichment including:

- ◆ A lecture on architectural preservation in Sarlat-la-Canéda, by Philippe Melot, who leads local preservation efforts.
- ◆ Exclusive **VILLAGE FORUM** with local residents who will discuss life in southwestern provincial France.
- ◆ Specially arranged **19th-century French folk entertainment**.

And enhancements for your travel experience:

- ◆ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ A hospitality desk in the hotel.
- ◆ The services of an experienced Program Director throughout the program.
- ◆ All gratuities to local drivers and guides.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information for each participant.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.



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