

# CYCLING PACKAGE 2024



THE MOST STUNNING  
LANDSCAPES IN THE  
SOUTH OF FRANCE

*Saint-Emilion - Bordeaux*  
*Bergerac - Sarlat*

## WHAT IS INCLUDED



AIRPORT TRANSFER



MOBILE-HOME



ELECTRIC BIKE



TRAIN PASSES



PLANNED ITINEARIES

## ACTIVITIES



CYCLING



CANOEING / KAYAK



WINE TASTING



HIKING



SIGHTSEEING





A photograph of two women standing with their bicycles on a stone wall overlooking a vast vineyard in the South of France. The woman on the left is wearing a light blue shirt and denim shorts, while the woman on the right is wearing a white patterned shirt and light blue shorts. The background shows rolling green hills and rows of grapevines under a clear blue sky.

**FROM  
£550 PP**

## THE GRAND TOUR



Duration  
**7 Days**



Direct flights from

**Liverpool | Manchester | East Midlands  
London | Bristol | Leeds | Southampton**

## ENJOY THE ADVENTURE

Are you looking for a holiday to remember? From the beginning of May to the end of June and throughout September, join us on an unforgettable journey through some of the most stunning landscapes and cultural destinations in the South of France. Our expertly crafted tours take you to incredible locations, from the valley of the Dordogne to the vibrant city of Bordeaux. Our itineraries are designed to immerse you in the local culture, with opportunities to meet locals, try new foods, and learn about the history and traditions of each destination. You will be able to enjoy many more activities in addition to the cycling, from hiking and kayaking to cultural tours and wine tastings.

Your base for your 7 day cycling holiday will be Camping de la Bastide, a highly reputed 3 star campsite nestled on the edge of the Dordogne river featuring a large swimming pool which is located only a 5 minute walk away from the charming bastide of Sainte-Foy-La-Grande. For those that are traveling as a group, each traveler will have an individual bedroom in a modern 3 bedroom mobile-home and for individual travelers or couples, you will have a cosy fully equipped one bedroom mobile-home. However, you do have the possibility to upgrade. The 7-day trip is composed of 5 rides, throughout the tour you will cycle along the infamous Dordogne river, through the classified vineyards of Saint-Emilion and Bergerac and you will discover the most beautiful castles in the valley by cycling through Beynac, Castelnaud, La Roque-Gageac, Domme & Sarlat. You will also get the opportunity to get to see the Dordogne River first hand by paddling along it by canoe or paddle board. Located only 1 km away from the campsite, the train station makes it possible for you to find yourself in the heart of Bordeaux in less than 1 hour 30.

## INCLUDED | EXCLUDED

To help you plan your trip, we have put together a list of what's included and what's not included in your tour package. This will give you a clear understanding of what to expect and help you make any necessary arrangements before your journey begins.



Airport Transfer (to/from Bergerac airport)



Accommodation (at Camping de la Bastide)



Electric E-Bike (Riverside 500 E)



Unlimited Train Pass (Bordeaux - Sarlat)



Planned Cycling & Hiking Itineraries (GPX)



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Activities





## SUGGESTED ITINEARY

For those arriving on a Saturday, we have carefully planned out each day to give you the best possible experience. From exploring historic landmarks to tasting delicious local cuisine, each day is packed with adventure and excitement. For those arriving on a Thursday, you can follow the same itinerary except for Thursday & Saturday. Please note, this itinerary is only a suggestion, you have complete control over your cycling holiday planning. In every holiday package, clients have access to a large number of routes so there is no obligation to complete the following.

### DAY 1 - SATURDAY

#### Bergerac -> Sainte-Foy-La-Grande

On your arrival at Bergerac Airport, a vehicle will be awaiting you. For those arriving from Manchester, London Stansted and Bristol, the driver will drive by the old medieval town of Bergerac in order to offer you the option to descend to explore. If that is not for you, you will be able to choose from numerous activities :

**Option 1 :** You can complete a 8 km hike that offers a very rich and diverse palette of landscapes by crossing Sainte-Foy-La-Grande, the Dordogne river as well as vineyards leading up to a viewpoint over the entire valley.

**Option 2 :** From mid-June, you can ride 15 km to Pessac-sur-Dordogne where you can complete a 4,5 km canoe course along the Dordogne River.

**Option 3 :** You can complete a 28 km bike ride where you can stop off midway at Château Carbonneau where you can enjoy a food platter featuring local produce, homemade cake as well as a wine tasting.

For those arriving from the Leeds Bradford and Southampton, the driver will take you directly to the campsite as your flight arrives late in the afternoon.

*\*Drop off in Bergerac : You can return to the campsite by train, the journey takes 15-20 minutes with the last train departing at 8 PM.*





## DAY 2 - SUNDAY

*Sainte-Foy-La-Grande -> Monbazillac -> Issigeac -> Mouleydier -> Bergerac*

From the campsite you will cycle on small country roads through apple orchards, vineyards and along the Dordogne river to reach the village of Monbazillac that is home to a 16th century château that overlooks the Dordogne Valley.

The next and principal stop of this itinerary is the medieval town of Issigeac which is home to a weekly Sunday morning market that is very popular with the locals and renowned for being one of the ten best food markets in France. After wandering through the bustling market, you can enjoy a fabulous meal in one of the 4 recommended restaurants.

In the afternoon, you will cycle North towards the charming village of Mouleydier located on the edge of the Dordogne river where you will leave the road behind to join the V91 cycle path leading you all the way to Bergerac.



## DAY 3 - MONDAY

*Sainte-Foy-La-Grande -> Saint-Cyprien -> Sarlat*

Day 3 remains the busiest day of the trip. Early in the morning, the riders along with Daniel will take the train east from Sainte-Foy-La-Grande to the delightful town of Saint-Cyprien, a train journey that lasts just over one hour.

Upon leaving behind Saint-Cyprien, you will be heading for the medieval riverside town of Beynac cycling along quiet roads that follow the train track. After cycling along the waterfront, you will make your way through the villages of Castelnau-la-Chapelle, La Roque-Gageac and Domme, all listed among the most beautiful villages in France.

On your way to Sarlat, you will also have the opportunity to visit the majestic Marqueyssac Gardens overlooking the Dordogne valley as well as Château de Castelnau.







## DAY 4 - TUESDAY

*Sainte-Foy-La-Grande -> Saussignac -> Eymet -> Duras*

You and the other riders will complete an 80 km self-guided route that starts and ends at Camping de la Bastide. You will start your ride by cycling through apple orchards that lead you to the Dordogne river that you will cycle along until diverting South to the village of Saussignac located on a hill top overlooking hundreds of hectares of vineyard.

The next stop of the ride is Eymet featuring ancient houses and monuments to remind us of its history as well as an attractive and thriving central square. In the afternoon, you will cycle along the Dropt river, farmlands and vineyards leading you to the town of Duras featuring a 13th century château, a medieval clock tower and the impressive Maison des Vins commemorating the highly regarded wines of the region. To finish off your day, you will cycle back towards Sainte-Foy-la-Grande through country roads lined by vineyards and plum orchards.



## DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY

*Sainte-Foy-La-Grande -> Prigonrieux -> Bergerac -> Lalinde -> Tremolat*

As an optional ride, you can complete a 75 km bike ride to Tremolat. You will cycle along the infamous V91 shaded bike path which borders the Dordogne River, from Prigonrieux village to the Tuilières dam, passing through the town of Bergerac, and typical French villages. Once you have completed the ride, you can get the 6 PM train from Tremolat to Sainte-Foy-la-Grande which takes 45 minutes.



## DAY 6 - THURSDAY

*Bordeaux or Arcachon*

After 4 days of cycling through the beautiful landscapes of the South West, we suggest you relax at our campsite or head out and explore Bordeaux, the vibrant and beautiful capital of Aquitaine or even head a bit further and explore the seaside town of Arcachon not far from the biggest sand dunes in Europe.



## DAY 7 - VENDREDI

### *Sainte-Foy-La-Grande -> Montcaret -> Saint-Michel-de-Montaigne -> Saint-Emilion*

You will leave the campsite cycling through the 13th Century Bastide of Sainte-Foy-La-Grande, you will then climb the first hill of the ride leading you to prune orchards overlooking the Dordogne River. Further along, you will cycle along 10 kilometers of constant vineyards producing wine under the Sainte-Foy-Bordeaux classification.

You will divert from the vineyards to ride through the beautiful village of Pessac-sur-Dordogne which borders the river. From there, you will make your way to Montcaret where there is an archeological site, then by riding through an off-road track lined by vines, you will make your way up to Château Michel de Montaigne.

You will continue to make your way towards Saint-Emilion by passing through the most famous vineyards and châteaux in the world, riding on tarmac and gravel tracks. Once you have arrived at the infamous town, Daniel will offer an optional 15 km route which winds between the vines of renowned Châteaux located on the famous limestone plateau around the village, perfect for wine enthusiasts who wish to see prestigious wine properties. Then all there is left to do is wander the streets of Saint-Emilion and enjoy a few sneaky wine tastings.

To get back to the campsite, there is a 25-minute train journey from Saint-Emilion to Sainte-Foy-la-Grande. There is a train every hour and the last departure is at 10 PM.



## ABOUT THE CAMPSITE & THE PROJECT

Camping de la Bastide will be your base during this cycling holiday, it is a small 3-star campsite with 28 pitches and 10 mobile-homes located between Saint-Emilion and Bergerac on the edge of the Dordogne (the cleanest river in France) and is only a 5 minute walk away from a 13th century town where one of the best markets in France takes place every Saturday morning. The establishment has been managed by Peter since 2009 who has built up a large regular clientele base due to his reputation as a person who « can not do enough for you » and who will « go out of their way to help anyone if they have any problem ». More recently, Peter's son Daniel has joined him in managing the family business and has built this project over the past year due to his love for cycling and his wish for people to explore the beautiful region that he lives in. During your holiday, Daniel, who is bilingual, will be your go-to person and will help answer any of your questions and get you on the road as quickly and as safely as possible thanks to his knowledge of the best routes in the area (He might even join you !).

## THE ACCOMMODATION

As mentioned previously, Camping de la Bastide has a total of 10 mobile-homes, of those 10, there are 2 one bedroom mobile-homes, 4 two bedroom mobile-homes and 6 bedroom mobile-homes. For individual travellers and couples, a one bedroom mobile-home is provided and for those traveling as a group, you will have an individual bedroom in a three bedroom mobile-home with a shared living space. For those that want more privacy and more space, you can upgrade to a larger mobile-home from as little as £55. Each mobile-home is equipped with at least one bedroom, a kitchen (with a hob and a microwave), a toilet, a shower, a lounge area and a terrace.





## FLIGHT SCHEDULE 2024

Please note this information is correct as of the 20/12/2023, flight times may change and certain flights are only available from mid-may or mid-june so we advise to check the airline company's website for more information.

<i>Arrivals Bergerac</i>		<i>Departures Bergerac</i>	
THURSDAY	SATURDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
London Stansted   13:55	Manchester   09:10	London Stansted   14:20	Manchester   09:55
Liverpool   14:05	London Stansted   15:00	Liverpool   14:30	London Stansted   15:25
East Midlands   14:25	Bristol   15:40	East Midlands   14:50	Bristol   16:05
	Leeds Bradford   16:55		Leeds Bradford   17:35
	Southampton   17:15		Southampton   17:55

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