



Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 - Meet in Sarlat, explore to Loubressac & Carennac

We'll meet in Sarlat and then head south to explore a bit of Perigord away from the river. Enjoy a walking tour around the hilltop village of Loubressac, considered one of France's most beautiful villages, before reaching our hotel in quaint little Carennac. Enjoy your first feast of the rich, delicious cuisine de Perigord.

Relax: Free to explore until dinner

Eat: Dinner

Sleep: Hostellerie Fenelon

Day 2 - Carennac to Saint Sozy: Serenity on the River

Today marks your first day of canoeing along the captivating Dordogne River. Traverse the serene French countryside, with poplar trees and lush farmlands adorning the riverbanks. As you meander downstream, you'll encounter charming villages like Belvedere de Copeyre and Creyesse. Our delightful hotel in St Sozy awaits, just a short stroll from the riverside, offering tranquility and comfort.

Paddle: 11 mi / 18 km

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: La Terrasse

Day 3 - Chateau Paddling to Souillac: A Glimpse of History

Embark on another enchanting day downstream, passing by majestic feudal chateaux and taking a leisurely stroll through the village of Lacave. At lunchtime, savor a quick bite at Le Pont de l'Ousse, a cherished establishment run by the same family for five generations. Continuing our paddle, we reach Souillac, our first encounter with a sizable town along the river, where culinary delights and relaxation await.

Paddle: 11 mi / 18 km

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: La Vieille Auberge

Day 4 - Rouffillac to Carsac: Ruins and Riverside Pleasures

Today, we bid farewell to the Lot department and officially enter the Dordogne region. Our paddling journey takes us past the scenic Le Rouffillac and towards the captivating ruins of Chateau d'Aillac. After a day of fulfilling paddling, we'll find respite in Carsac-Aillac, where a lovely riverside hotel and a refreshing pool await. Indulge in the culinary marvels of Perigord once again.

Paddle: 14 mi / 23 km

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: La Villa Romaine

Day 5 - Historic Domme and La Roque Gageac: A Visual Feast

Our destination for the day is the mesmerizing feudal village of La Roque Gageac, nestled against vibrant cliffs, a true gem along the Dordogne. But first, we'll embark on a leisurely walk through the historic walled city of Domme, perched atop a plateau overlooking the river. Let your senses feast on the breathtaking beauty of this region.

Paddle: 9 mi / 14 km

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: La Belle Étoile

Day 6 - Beynac and Sarlat: Farewell to the River

On our final day of paddling, we'll continue downstream, passing by notable sites such as Chateau de la Malartrie and the charming village of Chateau de Castelnaud-la-Chapelle. Our paddling journey concludes at Chateau de Beynac, bidding adieu to the enchanting Dordogne River. Next, we'll drive to the medieval town of Sarlat-la-Canada, where you can explore the old cathedral and conclude our adventure with a memorable dinner at one of the region's finest restaurants. Rest in luxury accommodations nestled in the historic center of town.

Paddle: 9 mi / 14 km

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Plaza Madeleine

Day 7 - Return to Brive-le-Gaillarde: Fond Farewells

After a fulfilling breakfast, we'll arrange transportation to shuttle everyone back to Brive-le-Gaillarde Airport, bidding farewell with warm hearts and well wishes for your onward journey.

Travel: Shuttle to airport

Eat: Breakfast

Scheduled Dates You Can Join:

You can find the most up to date information on available departures and book your spots on the tour's webpage linked below. Lets Travel!

<https://pedalers.travel/canoeing-france-dordogne-river-chateaux.htm>

Private Dates For Your Gang:

Any Pedalers tour can be made private at your request. If you don't see the date you want, we'll create one for you. A tip from our local experts, this tour is best enjoyed April through October, but the river can be crowded in late July through August.

Why Pedalers?

Experience the Heart and Soul of Each Country with Our Local Expert Team

Our passionate and diverse team of local experts will guide you through their homeland, sharing intimate knowledge and hidden wonders. They are not just guides but also skilled bike mechanics, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable ride. Unlike other tour companies, Pedalers' local crew brings an insider's perspective to the table. You'll be pampered by a friendly team, equipped with the skills to fix anything. A sweep rider and sag wagon provide support, and your baggage travels comfortably with you. Pedalers treats you like family, making your journey unforgettable.

Indulge in Mouthwatering Local Delights on a Culinary Adventure

Unlock the essence of culture through food as we take you on a culinary extravaganza. Bond with fellow riders over scrumptious dishes at local restaurants specializing in regional cuisine. Family-style dining lets you sample outstanding dishes, carefully chosen by our expert guides. Lunch is satisfying but not overwhelming, and breakfast offers comforting Western delights. Pedalers knows the importance of good food for cyclists, creating a mouthwatering experience that combines riding and dining.

Immerse Yourself in Authentic Accommodations, Where Culture Meets Comfort

Discover the charm of our handpicked accommodations. Pedalers takes a unique approach to accommodations, ensuring an authentic and immersive experience. Choose between Classic and Première Classe tours, each offering carefully selected lodging options. Classic tours feature mid-priced boutique inns that blend comfort with local character, while Première Classe tours add a touch of luxury to your adventure with upscale lodges and inns. Regardless of your choice, Pedalers' accommodations reflect the local culture, providing a delightful and comfortable stay that complements your journey.

Lodging:

Boutique Hotels, Inns & Resorts

What's Included:

- 6 nights Accommodation in the area's better hotels (double occupancy)
- Meals from Dinner on Day 1 until Breakfast on Day 7, except as noted in itinerary
- Water, sodas or beer included at dinner
- Canoe and paddling gear
- Service of bilingual Team Pedalers Guide(s)
- Baggage transport from hotel to hotel
- Sightseeing and cultural activities
- Airport pick up & drop off

Meeting & Flights:

The Canoeing the Dordogne Tour meets and ends Sarlat-la-Canada, France.

Sarlat can be reached by train from Bordeaux, with multiple departures daily. We do suggest arriving a day ahead of the tour, as Sarlat is great town to relax and rid yourself of jetlag.

Bordeaux airport code: **BOD**

Route Conditions:

The paddling is flatwater for most all of the tour. There are a few level control dams with fish channels we will paddle through with swift currents and choppy water but for only about 15 feet of paddling.

Passport, Visa and Travel Documents:

Passports are required for all guests unless you are a citizen of or currently residing in France. US and Canadian citizens can enter France without a visa but require an ETIAS starting in 2024. An ETIAS can be obtained online at: <https://www.etiasfrance.com/application-form/>. Citizens of other countries should check with the French Embassy in their country for entry requirements applicable to your trip. We strongly recommend looking into this well in advance of your tour, so as to be prepared and not left standing at the gate.

Pedalers does not provide any visa processing services for tour guests.