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Walking Tours in the Dordogne region

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My Name is Patrick Arrieula. I was born in south-west France in a little village at the foot of the French Pyrénées in the Béarn region near the Spanish and Basque border.

Since 1996, my wife Robbie and I have arranged distinctive tours in the Pyrenees and Southwest France during both spring and autumn. After thirty years of guiding walkers through various regions, we have chosen to concentrate our tours exclusively in the Dordogne region during spring and autumn, where we look forward to sharing our enthusiasm for this remarkable area of France.

Our tours are now based in the picturesque town of Monpazier, providing participants the opportunity to interact with the locals, sample regional cuisine, appreciate scenic landscapes, and immerse themselves in the local culture.

These walking tours are designed for folks who enjoy moderate walks combined with the authentic tastes of traditional regional specialties.

Throughout the tour, guests will stay at a single, family-run hotel for the entire nine-day period, eliminating the inconvenience of repeated packing and hotel changes.

The hotel was chosen for its comfort and excellent dining experience. All single travellers are provided with their own room and private facilities unless they opt to share with a companion. Each day, participants may choose to join guided activities or spend time relaxing in the village. Transportation is provided by a coach and professional driver, ensuring a pleasant journey through the French countryside and allowing visits to a variety of destinations surrounded by stunning scenery.



Your tour includes accommodation, all meals, listed activities, and wine with sit-down meals.

Tours accommodate a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 participants. For booking terms and the registration form, please refer to the back of the brochure.

Testimonials

You guys are amazing, your energy, enthusiasm, good humour and knowledge of the area were second to none, always upbeat and involved. Margaret J

Just wonderful; Patrick is a fantastic host, always calm, friendly, checking on everyone, chatty, a great leader. Robbie is sweet, approachable, relaxed and a perfect co-host guide. We always felt cared for and comfortable in their professional hands. Vanessa C

Both are companionable, friendly and knowledgeable about the region and life in France. Viu & Mark G

Just so wonderful. Patrick, so full of information, patient, fun, interesting and gracious. Robbie, kind, intelligent, understanding., Patrick's "external hard drive". Anne M

Get-together in Bowral

A get-together for those booked on a tour will be held in Bowral on Sunday 7th March 2027 for the April/May tour and on Sunday 11th July 2027 for the September tour. An information booklet about your tour will be sent electronically to all participants before the tour.

Attention Walkers

These walking tours are designed for regular walkers, covering easy to moderate trails on country lanes, forests, and walking tracks. Walks range from 5km to 14km with ascents of 100m to 200m.

For the best experience, consider arriving in Europe a few days before the tour begins to rest beforehand.



April / May 2027 Itineraries Dordogne / Perrigor region

Discover one of France's most scenic regions with its ancient traditions and its abundance of produce set in a landscape of winding rivers and mystical forests. Staying in a Chateau in the Bastide town of Monpazier voted as one of France's most beautiful villages. This tour combines easier walking in undulating country with a gourmet experience of the region's delicacies! Easy grade walks with distances between 7 and 14kms.

Due to strict booking conditions with this hotel, a deposit of \$800 per person will be required to secure your booking.

April 29th - May 7th Cost: \$ 5880 per person twin share Single supplement: \$ 900

Thursday 29th April:

Participants will be met at Bergerac railway station at 15.00. **Train time will be confirmed a few months before the start of the tour, as trains schedules are not yet confirmed.** [Train tickets not included in package]. Participants will be met and taken to the hotel in Monpazier, approximately 40 minutes away. Those who are not using this pick-up service will make their own way to the hotel. We will meet for welcome drinks, followed by dinner at the hotel.

Friday 30th April:

Bus trip to Beynac for a 7km walk to La Roque Gageac along the Dordogne River. In the afternoon we will visit Chateau Milandes and its gardens and learn the amazing story of Josephine Baker. Picnic lunch. Dinner in a nearby restaurant.

Saturday 1st May:

A 14km walk from Monpazier to Lacapelle Biron. Picnic lunch along the way. Dinner at the hotel.

Sunday 2nd May:

Bus trip to Issigeac for free time at the fabulous market, followed by a light lunch in Monflanquin. After lunch we will visit hazelnut and prune farms. This region is prized all over France for its hazelnuts and prunes! Dinner at the hotel.

Monday 3rd May:

Bus trip to Pomport for a 12km walk among the Bergerac & Monbazillac vineyards followed by a wine tasting. Picnic lunch. Dinner at the hotel.

Tuesday 4th May:

Bus trip to Les Eyzies De Tayac to learn about the black pearls, caviar, followed by a walk and lunch in a nearby restaurant. Free time in the afternoon in the village of Limeuil, voted one of France's most beautiful villages. Dinner at the hotel.

Wednesday 5th May:

Bus trip to Berbiguières for a 7km walk to a ferme auberge for lunch. Light dinner at a bar/deli.

Thursday 6th May:

Bus trip to Pechboutier for a cooking demonstration which includes a light lunch. After lunch we will drive to Trémolat for a 7km walk with a panoramic view of the Dordogne River. Farewell dinner at the hotel.

Friday 7th May:

The bus will take all participants to Bergerac railway station in the morning at 10.00 to connect in Bordeaux with the TGV for Paris to Gare Montparnasse. This will be the only transport organised that day. **Timetable will be confirmed a few months before the start of the tour, as trains schedules are not yet confirmed.**



September 2027 Itinerary Dordogne / Perrigor region

Discover one of France's most scenic regions with its ancient traditions and its abundance of produce set in a landscape of winding rivers and mystical forests. Staying in a Chateau in the Bastide town of Monpazier voted as one of France's most beautiful villages. This tour combines easier walking in undulating country with a gourmet experience of the region's delicacies! Easy grade walks with distances between 7 and 14kms.

Due to strict booking conditions with this hotel, a deposit of \$800 per person will be required to secure your booking.

September 16th - September 24th Cost: \$ 5880 per person twin share Single supplement: \$ 900

Thursday 16th September:

Participants will be met at Bergerac railway station at 15.00. **Train time will be confirmed a few months before the start of the tour, as trains schedules are not yet confirmed.** [Train tickets not included in package]. Participants will be met and taken to the hotel in Monpazier, approximately 40 minutes away. Those who are not using this pick-up service will make their own way to the hotel. We will meet for welcome drinks, followed by dinner at the hotel.

Friday 17th September:

Bus trip to Beynac for a 7km walk to La Roque Gageac along the Dordogne River. In the afternoon we will visit Chateau Milandes and its gardens and learn the amazing story of Josephine Baker. Picnic lunch. Dinner in a nearby restaurant.

Saturday 18th September:

A 14km walk from Monpazier to Lacapelle Biron. Picnic lunch along the way. Dinner at the hotel.

Saturday 18th September:

We will start the 14km walk in Monpazier and walk to Lacapelle Biron. Picnic lunch. Dinner at the hotel.



Sunday 19th September:

Bus trip to Issigeac for free time at the fabulous market, followed by a light lunch in Monflanquin. After lunch we will visit hazelnut and prune farms. This region is prized all over France for its hazelnuts and prunes! Dinner at the hotel.

Monday 20th September:

Bus trip to Pomport for a 12km walk among the Bergerac & Monbazillac vineyards followed by a wine tasting. Picnic lunch. Dinner at the hotel.

Tuesday 21st September:

Bus trip to Les Eyzies De Tayac to learn about the black pearls, caviar, followed by a walk and lunch in a nearby restaurant. Free time in the afternoon in the village of Limeuil, voted one of France's most beautiful villages. Dinner at the hotel.

Wednesday 22nd September:

Bus trip to Berbiguières for a 7km walk to a ferme auberge for lunch. Light dinner at a bar/deli.

Thursday 23rd September:

Bus trip to Pechboutier for a cooking demonstration which includes a light lunch. After lunch we will drive to Trémolat for a 7km walk with a panoramic view of the Dordogne River. Farewell dinner at the hotel.

Friday 24th September:

The bus will take all participants to Bergerac railway station in the morning at 10.00 to connect in Bordeaux with the TGV for Paris to Gare Montparnasse. This will be the only transport organised that day. **Timetable will be confirmed a few months before the start of the tour, as trains schedules are not yet confirmed.**



Tour conditions

Included in your trip

All transport included in the tour itinerary, accommodation, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and activities as stated in the brochure. Menus will be organised by us to offer you a taste of the many specialties of regional gastronomy. Wine is included with all sit-down meals but if the wines are not to your liking, you are free to purchase your own. The quantity of the wine served will be enough to accompany the meals.

Conditions for bookings and cancellations

Every person participating in the tour must complete and sign a booking form and pay a **non-refundable** deposit of AUD\$800. Your booking will be secured upon payment of the deposit. If you would like to join us on a tour you will need to forward the booking form and a recent photo to Pyrenees Tours via email or to our PO Box 469 Bowral NSW 2576 Australia. **Bank transfer or credit card payments are available. Credit card surcharges apply: Visa + Mastercard 2.2%. Amex 2.8%.** All participants must provide proof of travel insurance. **We strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance as soon as you have paid any monies towards any of your travel arrangements. Make sure your travel insurance covers you against loss of deposit or final payment, in case of unavoidable cancellation.** A signed accident waiver and release of liability form, which we will provide, will need to be included with your doctor's certificate stating you are fit and well to undertake a walking tour. The balance of the tour cost is due no less than 60 days before departure of the tour. Prices are based on the cost and exchange of the Euro at the time of printing. We reserve the right to adjust the tour price should there be significant changes in the rates.

Due to financial commitments to our various suppliers, your deposit will be forfeited if you cancel. Cancellations within 60 to 30 days before the start of the tour: 30% refund of monies paid. (not including deposit). Cancellations within 29 to 0 days before the start of tour: no refund will be given.

Not included in your trip

Tips, insurance (i.e. travel, health, loss or damage to personal property), phone calls, extra expenses which are not included in the itinerary.

Tour cancellation

Should it be necessary to cancel the tour, due to failure to reach minimum numbers, 40 days' notice will be given and a full refund of the tour cost, if paid, will be refunded. Due to constant changes around the world please visit smartraveller.gov.au if you live in Australia, or your relevant government web page from your country, to comply with the French requirements to enable you to enter France and other European countries.

Our responsibility as tour organisers

It is our responsibility to ensure that tour activities have been organised as stated in the program. It is also our right to alter the itinerary, if necessary, in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Any extra costs resulting from these alterations will not be our responsibility.

No responsibility will be accepted for any delays occurring during the tour. It is at our discretion to stop any persons from participating in any of the activities should they not have the required level of fitness on any particular day.

Responsibility of tour participants

It is the responsibility of the participant to organise and pay for all travel documents, i.e., passports, visas, tickets, insurance, departure tax. **All participants need travel insurance.** The participants will be responsible for any injury, sickness, loss, or damage that might occur.

If any participant wishes to alter the itinerary in any way, all resulting costs and organisation will be his/her responsibility. It is the responsibility of the participant to be at the point of pick-up as specified and at the time specified. If this is not possible it is the participant's responsibility to rejoin the tour at his/her own expense.

Awareness

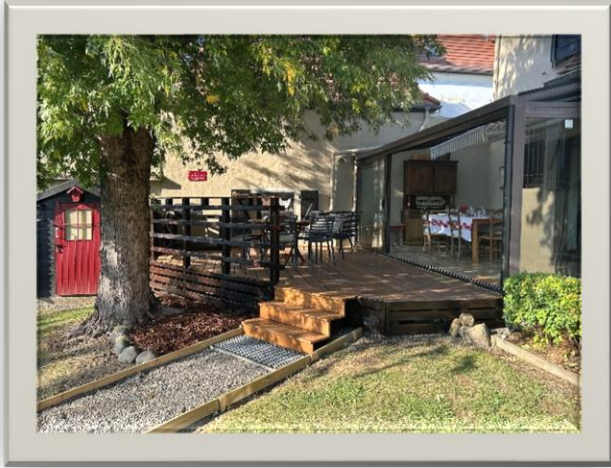
Participants should be aware of the risks and dangers involved in walking activities such as weather extremes due to unexpected and sudden changes, rocky and uneven terrain on which the activities may take place, physical exertion and lack of immediate medical assistance due to remoteness of the activities. Participants will need adequate fitness to undertake the walking activities.



“Pistoulet” Our place in France available for holiday rental

This 19th century country cottage is situated in the village of Lagor in the Béarn region. It is located within a stone's throw of the mountains, the sea, Spain, and the Basque country - so much to do and discover! It has three bedrooms, will sleep six people very comfortably and offers a view of the Pyrénées. Pau airport is 20k from the railway station connecting to Paris TGV.

Photos of Pistoulet



Booking form (this form can be photocopied)

A photo (no hat or sunglasses) and AUD \$800 deposit per person, must be included with the booking form.

Names.....

Address.....

Town..... State..... Postcode

Phone..... Mobile.....

Email.....

Single ☐ Double ☐ Twin share ☐ Name of the person/s you will be sharing with.....

Date of the tour: From..... To.....

I / we have read, accept and understand the booking conditions in the brochure and will provide proof of travel insurance and doctor's certificate with the final payment.

Signed..... Date.....

Signed..... Date.....

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