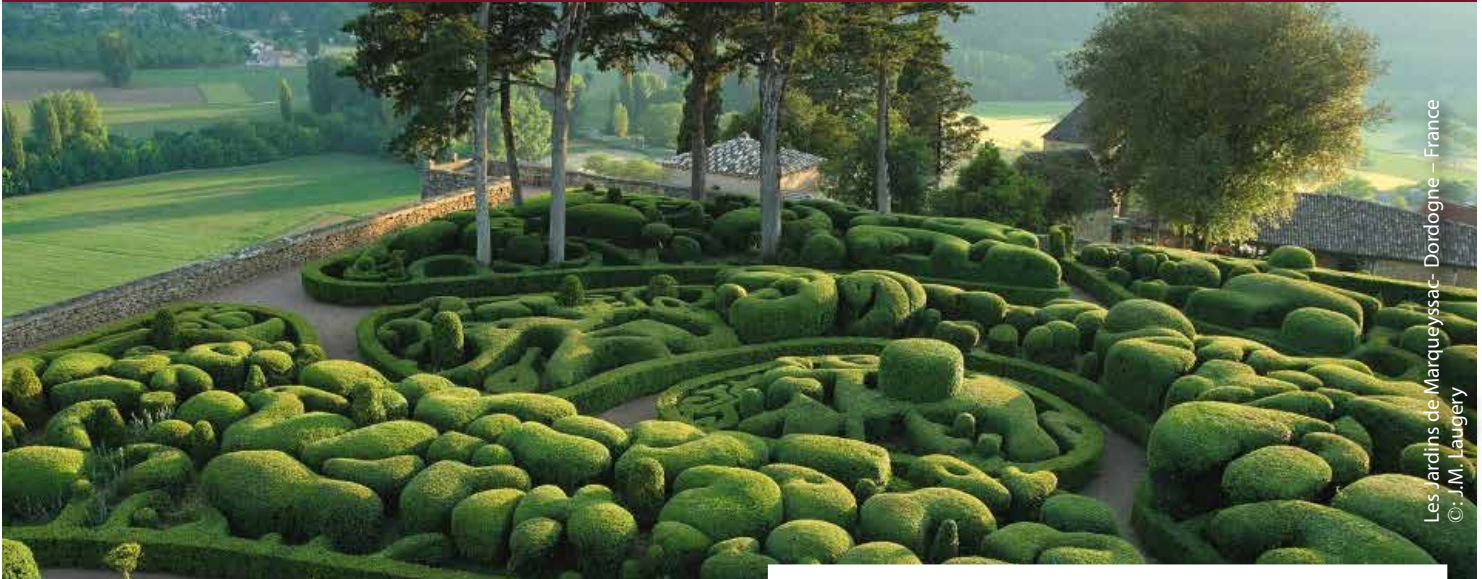




# GARDENS OF THE DORDOGNE



Les Jardins de Marqueyssac - Dordogne - France  
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## AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> - SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2016 DESIGNED BY MARIAN ST CLAIR

Deep in the heart of France lies the Dordogne (rough pronunciation = Dordoyne). The region takes its name from the river that cuts a deep valley through the Massif Central, the mountainous plateau that covers a large part of the southern half of the country. It is a beautiful, undeveloped area full of lush green valleys and high pastures, blissfully removed from the hustle and bustle of the modern world.

Our gateway into and out of this remote paradise is the city of Bordeaux, the center of the wine region of the same name – and we'll definitely have a chance (or two) to sample the marvelous products which have made these vineyards world famous.

However, the bulk of our tour will be spent taking day trips from our base in the lovely little town of Sarlat-la-Canéda. Sarlat is more commonly known for the profusion of prehistoric cave paintings in the area, but it also forms a central point for our tours of the many fabulous châteaux and gardens that dot the landscape.

Before summer ends, join Marian St Clair and Discover Europe's own Ian Graham, and come and experience the magic and beauty of this tranquil backwater of rural France.



A DORDOGONE VILLAGE

**THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:  
LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): \$3450**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 990**

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 9 nights accommodation in first-class hotels including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Continental breakfast daily, 3 dinners
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe guide throughout, local guides at most gardens

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.  
Insurance information will be mailed on receipt of deposit.*

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> OVERNIGHT: PLANE**  
Departure from your chosen US gateway city.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**OVERNIGHT: BORDEAUX**

Morning arrivals at Bordeaux Airport will be greeted for the short ride in to our city-center hotel. There will be free time to unpack, relax and have some lunch before your tour guide leads a short walking tour of the old city. This evening we will gather for a welcome dinner. **(D)**



garden (first opened in 2008) dedicated to the memory of the French writer, Colette, who lived in Varetz from 1911-1923.

Each of the 6 gardens represents a different region of France where she lived. This afternoon we stop on our way back to Sarlat at Eyrygnac to visit the Manor Gardens here. These gardens were voted the “most beautiful in the Perigord” region and are unrivalled for their topiary and use of different shades of green. Free evening in Sarlat. **(B)**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**OVERNIGHT: BORDEAUX**

An excursion this morning takes us just outside the city to visit the gardens of the Chateau de Mongenan. This marvelous Regency-period chateau is set in a botanical garden inspired by Jean-Jacques Rousseau, with over a thousand species of roses, and bygone medicinal and colorful plants. A small museum on the site is dedicated to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, from King Louis XVI to the revolution. We return to Bordeaux for a free afternoon and evening. **(B)**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**OVERNIGHT: SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA**

The region around Sarlat is not just known for its fabulous gardens and today we'll spend our time exploring the other thing that makes the town famous. We'll first visit the Lascaux II cave, where we will marvel at the reproductions of the cave-paintings that are the focus for most tourists who pass through here. After a break for lunch we'll continue to the nearby town of Les Eyzies de Tayac for a visit to the National Museum of Prehistory. We return to Sarlat for the evening. **(B)**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**OVERNIGHT: SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA**

Leaving Bordeaux this morning we set off to the southeast, following the river Garonne. Our first stop is in the town of Marmande where we visit the Jardins de Beauchamp. Formerly the Jardins de Garonne, they were renamed in 2009 when they were awarded the prestigious “Jardins Remarquable” classification. We then head into the center of the town to visit the beautiful 13<sup>th</sup> century Cathedral of Notre Dame with its spectacular cloister garden. We'll also have time for lunch here before we continue this afternoon to our hotel in Sarlat-la-Canéda. We'll make one more stop on the way to visit the gardens and plant nursery of LaTour-Marliac – founded in 1875, the site comprises 6 acres of gardens, ponds and natural springs. Dinner is included this evening on our arrival in Sarlat-la-Canéda. **(B, D)**



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**OVERNIGHT: SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA**

Back on the garden trail today into the heart of the Dordogne. Our first visit is to the Chateau de Hautefort. Although there has been a castle here for over 1000 years, the current structure dates from the 16th and 17th centuries. We'll tour both the inside of the chateau and its marvelous formal style gardens. We stop on the way back to Sarlat at another chateau, the Chateau de Losse. This medieval fortress overlooks the Vézère river. It is enclosed by curtain walls and surrounded by a deep ditch. Inside the fine décor and the exceptional period furnishings bear witness to the grand lifestyle of the Marquess of Jean II de Losse in the 16th century. The gardens within the walls and those terraced over the river are in perfect harmony and offer a view over the unspoiled countryside. Back to Sarlat for the evening. **(B)**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**OVERNIGHT: SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA**

We visit two gardens today – first is Les Jardins de Marqueyssac. The Marqueyssac gardens are on a hill overlooking the Dordogne River, with splendid views. The primary planting is boxwood hedging, with cypress and wild cyclamen. The box is more sculpted than clipped, with the organic shapes harmonizing with the landscape. The clipping is done, by hand, with only four gardeners and the planting dates from the nineteenth century. Then, after a break for lunch we drive the short distance to the town of Carlux where we visit les Jardins de Cadiot. The Gardens were founded by Anne-Marie and Bernard Decottignes and are made up of ten gardens, in 5 acres of land, each one having a different colour theme. There are three terraces, each 300 metres long, with over 1500 varieties of plants which ensure a continuous display of flowers throughout the season. We return to Sarlat for a free evening. **(B)**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**OVERNIGHT: SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA**

A completely free day to relax in this lovely little town. **(B)**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**OVERNIGHT: SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA**

Our garden excursion today takes us north and east of Sarlat. The first visit will be les Jardins de Colette in Varetz. This is a contemporary

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**OVERNIGHT: BORDEAUX AREA**

Heading west today we leave Sarlat behind and follow the course of the Dordogne river towards Bordeaux. We stop in Bergerac for morning coffee and to explore the medieval center of this bustling river town. Continuing west we stop to visit the Jardins de Sardy in Velines. This garden merges a fantastic formal pond, very much in an Italian style, with cylindrical cypress trees dotted around. Our final stop for the day will be in St Emilion where we'll enjoy a wine tasting before retiring to our final hotel for a farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Morning transfers to Bordeaux Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B)**

*Key to included meals: B - breakfast, D - dinner*



# REGISTRATION FORM

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- i). Please type or print.
- ii). Make checks payable to Discover Europe, Ltd.
- iii). Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
- iv). Complete both sides of this form.
- v). Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

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- i). Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport.
  - ii). Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
  - iii). Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
  - iv). Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
  - v). Health Information. A fair amount of walking is involved in this trip and includes stairways. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

### 2. EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

### 3. INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS.

If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost.

### 4. ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please check the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.

- i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
- ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.



### PASSENGER DETAILS FOR GARDENS OF THE DORDOGNE (0831/GSF)

Name(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date(s) of Birth: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Passport #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Passport #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Health Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Other Comments or Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### TRIP DETAILS

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Departure Airport or City: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found on overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
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**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

**TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS**

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.

2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 20 participants. Should we end up with less than 20 people, Discover Europe will work with Marian St Clair to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe Ltd. reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

**REFUND POLICY**

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$500 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 days and more than 60 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$2000 cancellation penalty.
3. Participants who withdraw less than 60 days prior to the day of tour departure will not receive a refund unless they have purchased travel insurance.
4. Trip cancellation insurance is not included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Discover Europe will be happy to provide information describing the services of a recommended insurance company, which will fully detail the coverages, provisions, limitations, and exclusions of the insurance offered.
5. All cancellation requests must be received in writing (either by mail or e-mail).
6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.

**INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

1. All inclusions on Gardens of Dordogne are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transatlantic airfare, travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.



**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**FLIGHT INFORMATION** *(Please check one)*

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights :  Yes  No  
 Flight details (if self-arranged): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ROOMING REQUIREMENTS** *(Please check one)*

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)  
 I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_  
 We would like a  double  twin-bedded room

**PERMISSIONS**

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.  Yes  No

**SIGNATURES**

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_