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DISCOVER THE DORDOGNE REGION



From Paris

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Bordeaux– 3h10 direct train from  
Paris train station  
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Sarlat
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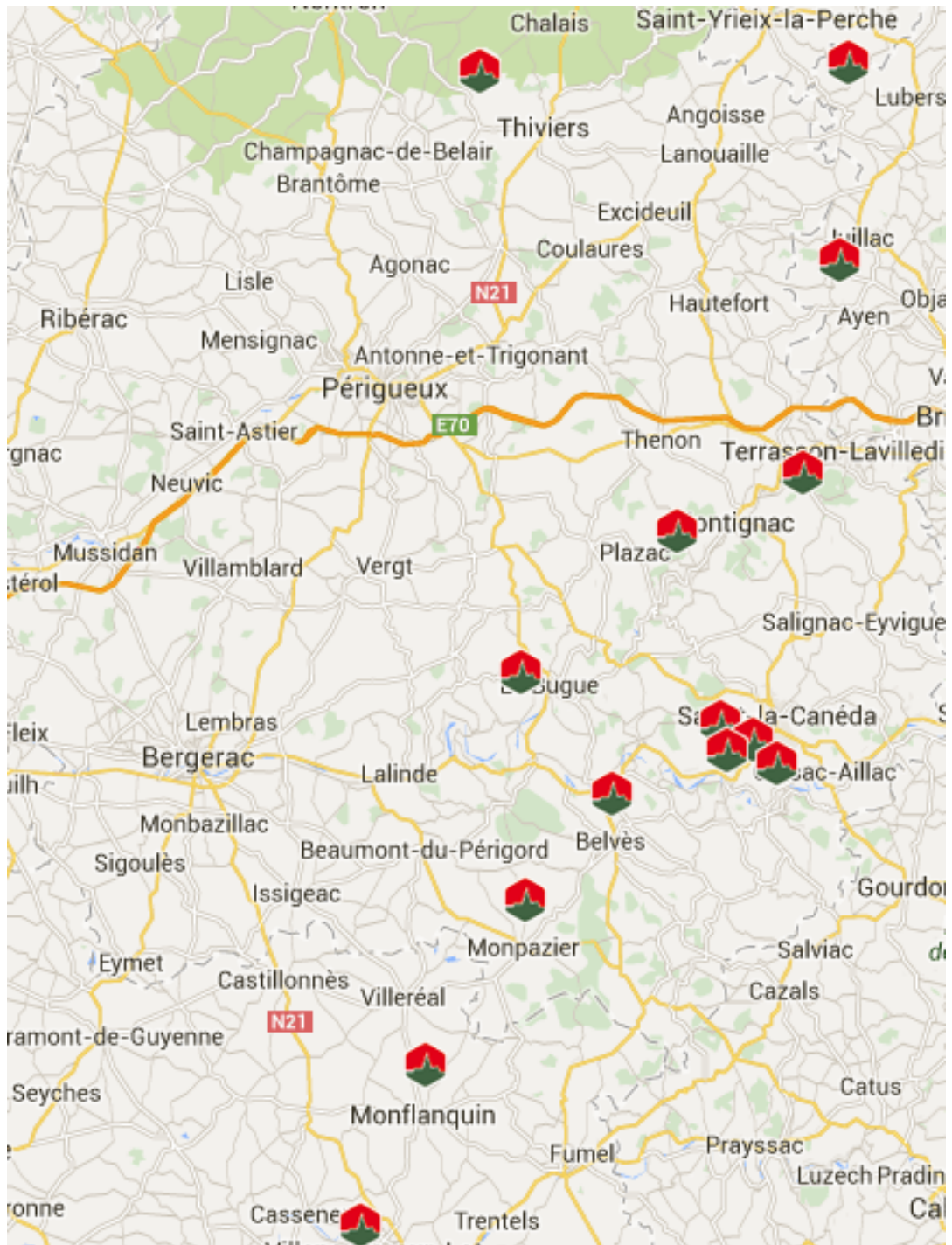


## WHAT TO DO

- Visit of the Most beautiful village of France (Rocamadour, La Roque-Gageac, Domme...)
- Visit Unesco Heritage - Albi
- Sarlat Weekly Market ( every Saturday)
- Garden of Dordogne :
- Other interest



# MOST BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE OF FRANCE



## Beynac et Cazenac

Beynac-et-Cazenac lies 10 kilometres southwest of Sarlat, on the banks of the Dordogne, and boasts an imposing castle, once besieged by Richard the Lion Heart, around which "lauze" stone slab-roofed houses with their creamy façades are built.

### **Must-sees and must-dos**

Beynac Castle

The Archaeological Park

A guided tour of the village

La Causerie Médiévale (history of the Périgord told by tapestry)

## Monpazier

Monpazier is labelled a "Grand site national", it has no less than 32 listed buildings and is regarded as the prime example of a "bastide" among the 300 in South-western France. Monpazier has had countless awards to salute, but also to protect, the outstanding heritage of this fortified village that was founded by Edward I of England in 1284

### **Must-sees and must-do**

["Bastideum"](#) (interactive museum about Monpazier's heritage and architecture)

Church of Saint Dominique

A guided tour of the village



# Beynac et Cazenac





Montpazier





## Saint Amand de Coly

Far from about 20 kilometres of Sarlat, close to Lascaux, Saint-Amand-de-Coly stands comfortably between two small wooded valleys. Its 12C abbey is considered as the most beautiful fortified church of Périgord and keeps a watchful eye on the typical houses made of Sarlat's stones and "lauze" tiled roofs in a well-matched contrast of ochre and grey colours.

### **Must-sees and must-dos**

Guided tour of the abbey-church

La Maison du Patrimoine (Museum of Heritage)

## Castelnaud la

Within 10 kilometers from Sarlat, Castelnaud-la-Chapelle overhangs the confluence between Dordogne and Céou rivers in an exceptional landscape opposite the beautiful villages of Beynac-et-Cazenac and La Roque-Gageac. Well known for its two castles - the medieval castle superbly restored with its Museum of War in Middle Age and the Milandes castle, former property of Joséphine Baker -, the village itself and its typical Périgord architecture is also worth discovering.

### **Must-sees and Must-dos**

Castelnaud castle (Museum of War in Middle Age)

Milandes castle

The gardens of Lacoste castle

The Museum of Périgord Nut

Saint Amand de Coly





Castelnaud la  
Chapelle



## Saint Jean de Cote

The River Côte, a delightful river spanned by a medieval bridge with bull-nosed cutwaters projecting into the river, runs through this village that boasts ochre-walled houses with brown-tiled roofs and is a pleasant stopping place in Périgord Vert. Saint-Jean-de-Côte's history is linked to the 12C and 15C Chateau de la Marthonie which overlooks the pretty Place Saint-Jean and to the priory whose old Romanesque-byzantine style church has an original layout.

## Belves

The village of Belves is situated 15 kilometres north of Monpazier, and 20 km south of Sarlat, in the Dordogne region. It is officially classified as one of the most Beautiful Village of France

A lively and attractive bastide town, Belves is well preserved with lots of medieval features intact. Like many of the towns in the region, Belves was constructed up the side of a steep rocky outcrop, giving it fine open views across the countryside (head a little way out along the road towards Monpazier for the best view of the village as a whole).

Although the site has been occupied for more than 2000 years, the village we see today has its origins in the 11th century, when it was founded as an English bastide town (at that time the English occupied a large part of Aquitaine, until they were driven out in the Hundred Years War, in the 14th-15th centuries).

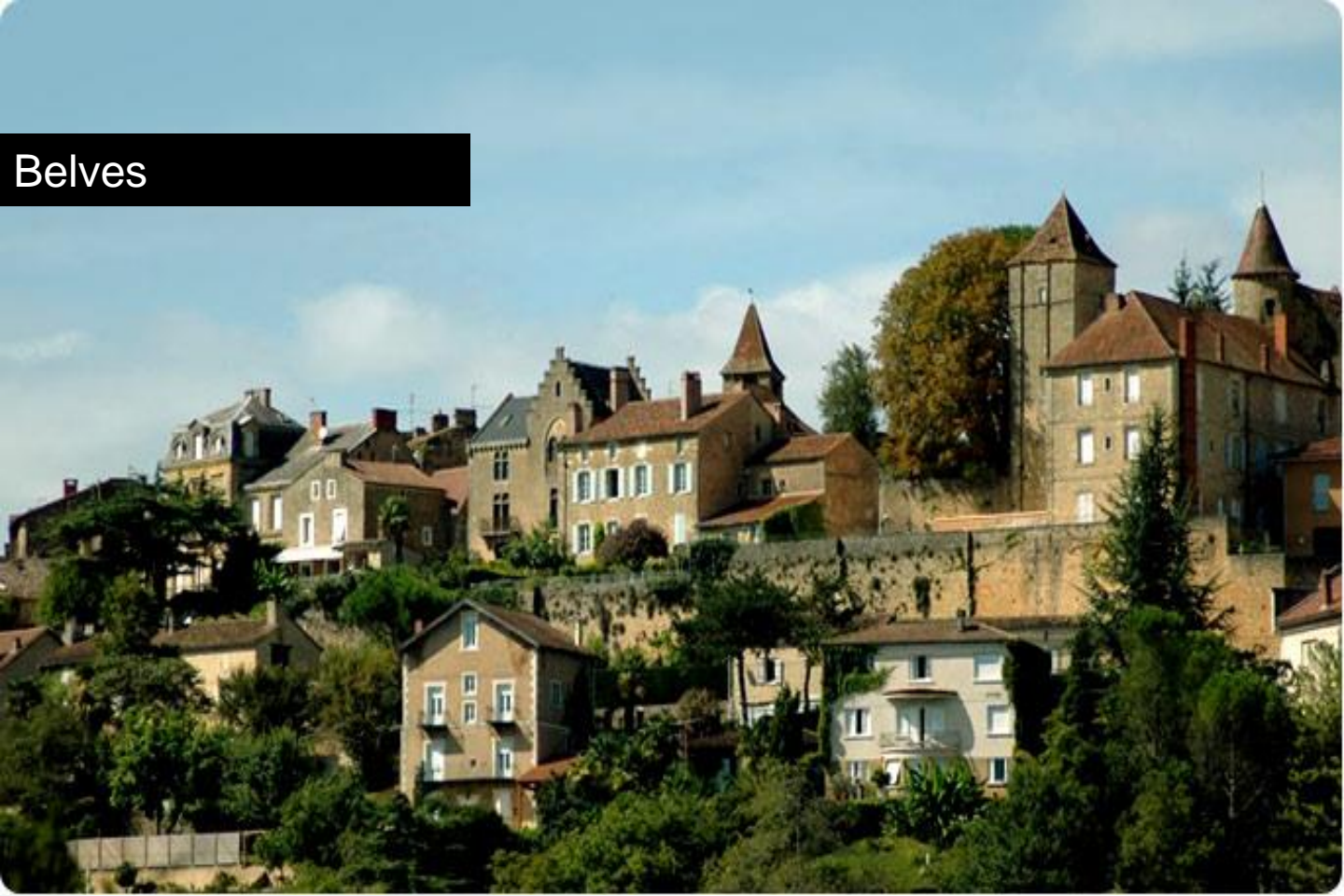


Saint Jean de Cote





Belves





## Domme

Some ten kilometres south of Sarlat, Domme is perched on a breathtakingly high cliff that allows it to enjoy an exceptional view of the Dordogne valley and the neighbouring Most Beautiful Villages of La Roque-Gageac and Beynac-et-Cazenac. This creamy-stoned "bastide" or fortified village boasts a successful combination of architectural, natural and gastronomic heritage typical of Périgord Noir.

### **Must-sees and must-dos**

Church of Notre Dame de l'Assomption

Tour des Templiers (Templars' Tower)

Museum of Popular Arts and Traditions

Caves and the development of concretions

A guided tour of the village

## La Roche Gageac

In Périgord Noir, at the foot of a south-facing cliff, the creamy stone houses with their "lauze" stone slab or brown-tiled roofs are mirrored in the waters of the River Dordogne where the famous "gabares" (traditional flat-bottomed boats) laden with goods used to pass in the 19C.

### **Must-sees and must-dos**

Troglodytic fort built in the cliff face

Exotic gardens

Ferme fleurie garden

## EYZIE

**Les Eyzies:** small river side village deep in the heart of the Vézère valley some 24 km SW of the Lascaux caves in the Périgord area of Dordogne in south west France. The village and surrounding area is steeped in prehistory, there are many caves and grottos including the cave of the original Cro-Magnon man and in the village itself there are some stunning cave houses which are carved into the limestone rock face of the surrounding cliffs.

The whole area has been classified by **UNESCO** as world heritage site due to its outstanding beauty and historic importance but it doesn't really matter if you're in to history or not as Les Eyzies is just so beautiful. If exploring the village leaves you wanting more then there's plenty to do nearby.

Domme





La Roche Gageac





EYZIE





On the banks of the Tarn river in south-west France, the old city of Albi reflects the culmination of a medieval architectural and urban ensemble. Today the Old Bridge (Pont-Vieux), the Saint-Salvi quarter and its church are testimony to its initial development (10th - 11th centuries). Following the Albigensian Crusade against the Cathar heretics (13th century) it became a powerful episcopal city. Built in a unique southern French Gothic style from local brick in characteristic red and orange colours, the lofty fortified Cathedral (late 13th century) dominates the city, demonstrating the power regained by the Roman Catholic clergy. Alongside the Cathedral is the vast bishop's Palais de la Berbie, overlooking the river and surrounded by residential quarters that date back to the Middle Ages. The Episcopal City of Albi forms a coherent and homogeneous ensemble of monuments and quarters that has remained largely unchanged over the centuries.







Nestling in a small valley between the Dordogne and Vézère rivers, Sarlat and its amazingly beautiful ancient roofs will capture your heart at first glance.

Strolling along the paved lanes of the old town revives 1000 years of authentic architecture where, from cobblestones to lauze-roofs (flat-stones), gold typically predominates...

Guided by their instinct, our ancestors had chosen Périgord: our region thus boasts today the world's greatest number of prehistoric or natural caves, castles and manor houses, where the typical Sarlat stone casts all year round a golden light. Perigordian gastronomy is among the finest in France: in this haven for truffle, foie gras, ceps, "confits", pâtés and other delicatessen, Perigordians have successfully maintained a great century-old culinary tradition.

## NOT TO BE MISSED

- Weekly Market ( every Saturday)









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## MARQUEYSSAC

**The gardens of Marqueyssac** are one of France's listed 'Jardins Remarquable'. They sit high above the Dordogne river and as you wander through the gardens you get some amazing views of the river below. The gardens were designed by a student of André Le Notre - famous designer of the gardens of the Chateau de Versailles. Wandering a bit further and the garden becomes a pleasant stroll along the wooded cliff top with lots of box planted in the woods.

## EYRIGNAC

**Eyrygnac** is primarily a haven of peace and greenery that frames the 17th-century mansion. The hornbeams, yews and boxwoods are of exemplary rectitude. In season you'll also admire various flowers bringing poetry and lightness to the gardens. The flowers are only blue, white and yellow and they stand out on the various shades of green.

MARQUEYSSAC













# PEYRIGUEUX





# BERGERAC

