The College of St. Scholastica

VILLAGE LIFE®

IN

DORDOGNE

October 9 to 17, 2014
Dear Alumni and Friends:

Join us for this unique opportunity to experience the authentic character of the historic villages in France’s picturesque southwestern département of Dordogne, where the largest concentration of prehistoric art in the world is found. Immerse yourself in the rich local culture and rhythms of daily life in Dordogne, and explore the history of early humans who painted their stories on cave walls.

Experience the heart of Dordogne, a hidden treasure where all of France’s provincial charms have been distilled into one of Europe’s most beautiful and intact medieval villages, Sarlat-la-Canéda. Our carefully designed, expert-guided excursions explore five UNESCO World Heritage sites: the dramatic cliffside village of Rocamadour, L’Abri du Cap-Blanc, Rouffignac Cave, Les-Eyzies-de-Tayac and the prehistoric troglodyte village of La Madeleine. Visit Lascaux II to appreciate one of humankind’s earliest art creations in the form of cave paintings. Specially arranged and exclusive, enriching lectures and the VILLAGE FORUM® provide personal perspectives on daily life in the villages of Dordogne.

Your “home” in the village will be the family-owned PLAZA MADELEINE HÔTEL, a restored 19th-century townhouse ideally located in medieval Sarlat-la-Canéda. This delightful hôtel de charme features provincial ambiance and modern accommodations and amenities, and is known for its staff’s warm hospitality. In addition to the included dinners in the hotel, enjoy regional specialties during traditional three-course dinners in specially selected French bistros in Sarlat.

VILLAGE LIFE® IN DORDOGNE is an exceedingly popular, one-of-a-kind offering that sells out year after year. It is a great value, featuring specially arranged excursions and CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS, and you unpack only once. I encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are available.

À bientôt!

Sincerely,

Lisa Roseth
Executive Director of Alumni Relations
Experience firsthand the true character and traditions of Dordogne during this comprehensive travel program featuring the beautiful countryside and départements of Southwestern France, the medieval village of Sarlat-la-Canéda, the Périgord Noir and the world’s largest collection of magnificent prehistoric art. Enjoy an enriching travel experience like no other and an excellent value, including all accommodations, specially designed excursions and most meals. Interact with local people and experience the rhythm of daily life in Dordogne; explore the history and culture, art, language and cuisine; and unpack just once! This popular program is one of the Village Life® series that immerses you in a comprehensive and intimate travel experience at just the right pace.

Cultural Enrichments are specially arranged for this custom-designed itinerary:

- **Explore** Lascaux II and Cap-Blanc’s cave friezes and see where prehistoric man lived.
- **See** the world’s premier collection of paleolithic engravings and sculpture at The National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies-de-Tayac.
- **Enjoy** a private cruise in a 19th-century gabare (barge) and admire the historic châteaux along the cliff-lined Dordogne River.
- **Hear it from the Experts!** Experienced, English-speaking local guides will accompany you throughout the program and discuss historical, cultural and contemporary Dordogne. A local expert will lecture on preserving the medieval architecture in Sarlat-la-Canéda.
- **Engage** Dordognais (local residents) during the Village Forum® where they will share candid perspectives on daily life in Dordogne.
- **Experience** a private performance of traditional 19th-century Périgord Noir folk music and dance.
- **Visit** Sarlat-la-Canéda’s historic, twice-weekly, outdoor market.
- **Sample** the traditional cuisine of France’s southwest during specially arranged meals and taste wines and local cheeses in une épicerie gourmet et magasin du vin (a small gourmet food and wine shop) in the town center.
- **Learn key phrases** in la langue française (the French language) to make your interactions with local residents all the more enjoyable.
- **Enjoy time on your own**—Stroll through Place de la Liberté, the heart of medieval Sarlat, visit private art galleries and inviting cafés, and observe and participate in daily village life.

Dordogne Coat of Arms

Sail the bucolic Dordogne River aboard a traditional wooden gabare, the typical mode of transportation of the Périgord region for more than 150 years.
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**Sarlat-la-Canéda**

Author Henry Miller called Sarlat “the Frenchman’s paradise.”

Your charming “village home” is in the pre-French Revolutionary capital of Périgord Noir, a lushly forested corner of the Aquitaine region, ideally located between the Dordogne and Vézère rivers. It is a *bon vivant’s* dream, renowned for truffles, wild mushrooms, strawberries, walnuts and duck, and is close enough to Bordeaux to procure the finest wines directly from vintners’ cellars.

Sarlat has one of the greatest concentrations of medieval, Renaissance and 17th-century façades in Europe. Step back in time as you meander through narrow cobblestone streets illuminated by gas lamps and lined with traditional Renaissance-style stone houses crowned with pepperpot chimneys. The heart of Sarlat is the Place de la Liberté, where every Wednesday and Saturday one of France’s most storied markets is held, a tradition dating from the Middle Ages.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** During the exclusive **VILLAGE FORUM®**, **Dordognais** will discuss life in southwestern provincial France.

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_Sarlat-la-Canéda_

*UNESCO World Heritage Site*

_BORDEAUX*

_TOUR the pilgrimage site of Rocamadour, which, for centuries, has beckoned travelers to its lofty summit above a tributary of the Dordogne River._
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Attend the private, specially arranged presentation by a local expert on preserving medieval architecture in Sarlat.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Enjoy a traditional 19th-century French folk music and dance performance.

Rocamadour/Souillac
Rocamadour, a fortified 13th-century village and UNESCO World Heritage site, has one of the most dramatic settings of any village in the world, built on the face of a sheer 400-foot cliff. During the Middle Ages, pilgrims flocked here from across Europe to perform penance by ascending over 200 steps of the Grand Stairway on their knees to pay homage to the Virgin Mary and seek miracles from St. Amadour by visiting his crypt. Embedded in the cliff above the doorway to the Chapelle de Notre Dame is a sword said to be that of the heroic knight Roland.

Visit quaint Souillac and its 12th-century Church of Sainte-Marie.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Savor a lunch of regional specialties in a village restaurant.

Les Eyzies-de-Tayac
Les Eyzies is France’s capital of prehistoric humanity, where unprecedented fossils of Cro-Magnon man have been discovered. Approximately 35,000 years old, these fossils are some of the earliest known evidence of modern humans in Europe. The National Museum of Prehistory, housed in a 13th-century castle, gives context to the area’s cave paintings, fossils and early tools.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Guided tour of the National Museum of Prehistory.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Expert-led excursion to see Cap-Blanc’s prehistoric cave friezes.

Jardins d’Eyrignac
Designated a national monument by the French government, Eyrignac Manor has been the residence of the same family for over 500 years and 22 generations. On this ancient estate, located outside of Sarlat, view what many consider the finest jardins (gardens) in all of France. Originally designed as an Italian garden in the 18th century, the grounds were converted to an English-style, sculpted, coniferous garden in the 19th century and have been immaculately maintained and enhanced throughout the years.

Villages of the Périgord Noir
St-Amand-de-Coly is one of the most unusual villages in Dordogne. Each of its picturesque, cobblestone lanes leads to the fortified 13th-century Abbey Church, built by Augustinian monks. The church’s ramparts and towers make it appear more like a fortress than a place of worship.

Carved beneath a cliff overlooking the picturesque Vézère River, the prehistoric troglodyte village and...
UNESCO World Heritage site of La Madeleine offers unique insight into the Magdalenian culture, which prevailed in southern Europe for over 60 centuries from 15,000 to 9000 B.C. This ancient settlement of approximately 20 dwellings once accommodated 100 residents at a time.

Château de Beynac
Perched on a 300-foot cliff above the Dordogne Valley is the fortified village of Beynac-et-Cazenac and its castle, a masterpiece of medieval military engineering that was once a stronghold of Richard the Lionheart. Traverse its elaborate series of surrounding stone walls, parapet walks, watchtowers and passageways to an impressive interior decorated with a magnificent 17th-century staircase and delicate 15th-century frescoes, including a Last Supper and a Pietà.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Enjoy a private cruise on the tranquil Dordogne River aboard a traditional 19th-century gabare, followed by a lunch of Périgord specialties in a restaurant overlooking the river.

Domme
Among the “most beautiful villages” of France, Domme is an authentic medieval bastide, or fortified village, where entrance today is still gained through its original military ramparts and graffiti etched by the Knights Templar in the 14th century is still distinguishable on the inner village walls. The beauty of the 13th- and 14th-century architecture of Domme is surpassed only by its exceptional views overlooking the Dordogne River.

**Bordeaux Pre-Program Option**
The Bordeaux region, the wine capital of the world, has been producing wine since the eighth century. Tour the city of Bordeaux’s lovely historic district, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for outstanding 18th-century urban planning and architecture. Nearby, in the heart of wine-producing vineyards, visit charming St. Emilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where you will tour an authentic wine château, learn about the art of French winemaking and enjoy a tasting. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe HÔTEL BURDIGALA, located in the heart of Bordeaux.

*This Pre-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*
Included Features

In Sarlat-la-Canéda
◆ Seven nights’ comfortable accommodations in the PLAZA MADELEINE HÔTEL.
◆ Private Welcome Reception in the hotel.
◆ Breakfast each morning, two two-course lunches and two dinners in the hotel.
◆ Three three-course dinners in specially selected traditional French bistros featuring table d’hôte menus of French country cuisine and regional specialties.
◆ Regional wine is served with each included dinner.

Local Expert-Guided Excursions
◆ Architectural walking tour of Sarlat-la-Canéda.
◆ Excursion to Rocamadour, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and Souillac, including lunch.
◆ Visit to the lush, impeccably maintained Jardins d’Eyrignac.
◆ Excursion to Lascaux II and the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Rouffignac Cave and L’Abri du Cap-Blanc.
◆ Tour of the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies-de-Tayac.
◆ Visit to St-Amand-de-Coly and the prehistoric troglodyte village of La Madeleine.
◆ Tour of the castle of Beynac-et-Cazenac.
◆ Walking tour of Domme.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments
◆ Specially arranged VILLAGE FORUM® to discuss life in southwestern provincial France.
◆ A lecture on architectural preservation in Sarlat-la-Canéda by a local historian.
◆ Private, specially arranged gabare cruise along the Dordogne, with lunch in the village of Beynac.
◆ Wine and cheese tasting at a local Sarlat épicerie gourmet et magasin du vin.
◆ Specially arranged 19th-century French folk entertainment.
◆ French language introduction to basic phrases and correct pronunciation.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
◆ Gratuities to hotel personnel and local guides and drivers on included excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel.
◆ The services of a Gohagan & Company Program Director throughout the program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Prehistoric Art

Dordogne has the greatest concentration of prehistoric sites anywhere in the world. The region's limestone caves and rocky overhangs provided Ice Age man not only with shelter, but with a vast canvas for his extraordinary rock paintings. In the two most well-known caves, Lascaux and Rouffignac, both UNESCO World Heritage sites, extinct aurochs, wild stallions and antelopes, painted between approximately 25,000 and 17,000 years ago, still prance, preen and gallop before your eyes. The original Lascaux cave has been closed to the public since 1963 for preservation purposes; however, Lascaux II, an exact and stunning replica has been created. In fact, it gives a truer representation of the exuberant colors that have faded in Lascaux itself.

The authentic Rouffignac Cave offers up-close views of the deft drawings of extinct animals covering the five-mile labyrinth of cavern walls, including the famous and impressive frieze of two bison about to engage each other in battle.

Nearby, outside the village of Les Eyzies, visit the original Cro-Magnon rock shelter and UNESCO World Heritage site of L'Abric du Cap-Blanc, showcasing the rare, life-size frieze of horses and bison sculpted in limestone. A guided tour of the exhibits at the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies helps put this vast network of prehistoric art into context.

See well-preserved cliff dwellings along the Dordogne River where prehistoric troglodyte villages flourished.
Visit the Château de Beynac, which soars dramatically above the Dordogne River Valley. Once a stronghold of Richard the Lionheart, it remained a highly prized strategic outpost for centuries.

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Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Tour No. 080-10/09/14-453

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Bordeaux Pre-Program. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

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