

Fly into Toulouse or Bordeaux and rent a car from there. This is truly the best way to get to the gîte and surrounding region. Unless you are flying regionally: there are inexpensive flights into Bergerac on RyanAir which are even closer to the gîte and car rental even less expensive than from major airports Toulouse or Bordeaux. Try to arrive at the gîte with a few food items as some stores are closed on the weekends (see grocery stores below).

**Day 1—Saturday: “Arrive, explore, relax, enjoy local cuisine”**

- Arrive at the Gîte Le Recoux in the afternoon
- Rest, walk around, unpack and perhaps catch a nap
- 6 or 7pm—drive 5km to Audrix for dinner at the marche nocturne (June through Sept only). This is a must see! Bring your own plates, napkins, cups, silverware in your own bag; or purchase at the entrance. This is a famous night market where all the local food artisans bring their specialties to sell. It is not expensive and is the best food you can buy on your entire vacation. It is not overcrowded and usually results in a few really nice conversations as you share tables with others joining the event. Sometimes there is a little music and the views from the town are spectacular. See a video on the website [www.gitelerecoux.com](http://www.gitelerecoux.com).

**Day 2—Sunday: “Prehistoric tour of nearby sites”**

- Wake leisurely (or wake early and go for a run or drive into Coux or Siorac for a baguette and bring it back for your loved one)
- Depart for the Saint Cyprien Market (bring your own shopping bag)— if you opted out of sleeping in, arriving early (around 7-8am) will ensure you have the place to yourselves and will beat the crowds. Later is fine, too (even up until noon), but there are more people. Buy bread, cheese, meat, vegetables and fruit for a picnic; stroll the ancient streets of St. Cyp for 30 min or so.
- Set out from St Cyp, driving through the town of Meyrals, to explore the prehistoric sites around Les Eyzies and Montignac. The most famous: Lascaux II in Montignac: <http://www.semitour.com/site-touristique/lascaux-ii>, for Lascaux II, you must book your tickets in advance at the tourist information office in Montignac. They have tours in different languages so they will allocate you to the next tour that is in English. Lascaux II is a short drive from Montignac. The Rocque St Christophe is quite near Montignac so could be done on the same day (Le Roc is a staged cliff-dwelling outdoor museum that is good for kids and adults alike. There are two very pretty villages nearby: St Leon sur Vézère and St Amand de Coly. St Leon sur Vézère is by the river and there are picnic tables available if you picked up some bread, cheese, wine, pastries and a bottle of wine from the market in St. Cyp. Or, La Poste Restaurant in the village of St Leon serves reasonable food.
- If time allows, you could drive back through Sarlat on the way back to the gîte.
- Dinner out, or at the gîte (see restaurant / grocery recommendations below)

**Day 3—Monday: “Full-day trip #1 from Gîte Le Recoux”**

- Get up early and take a full-day trip to Rocamadour and Padirac:
- **Gouffre de Padirac (Lot)—arrive by 10am (book in advance!)** The Gouffre de Padirac is the favourite prehistoric cave in the Dordogne area. The cave is entered by boat. A great one for the kids. It is strongly recommended to purchase tickets several weeks or month prior to your visit, or to arrive before 10am or after 3pm. <http://www.gouffre-de-padirac.com/#/en>; It is located only 30 min from Rocamadour (Lot) --one of the key sites of France, and one of the “most beautiful villages” of France
- Lunch in the center of the precariously perched village of Rocamadour in any restaurant with a view
- **Grotte des Merveilles at Rocamadour**  
This cave contains both prehistoric drawings and stalactites and stalagmites.
- Dinner: back home at the gîte or try Hotel Trefle in Siorac en Perigord. <http://www.letrefle4feuilles.com/> Tél : 05.53.31.60.26. Réservations recommended. The food is wonderful.

**Day 4—Tuesday: “Towns and sites nearby”**

- Stop for coffee and croissants in Coux et Bigaroque. Drive through town of Bigaroque, along the Dordogne, and into Le Bugue. The Market in Le Bugue is Tuesday morning. Pick up some bread, cheese, wine, pastries and a bottle of wine from the market in Le Bugue. Drive back through Le Bussion et Cadouin, Urval, through Beynac toward Cenac.

- Tackle #1-3 on the list below, “Attractions within 30min” (1. Domme, 2. Jardins Marqueyssac, 3. La Roque Gageac, -- The Jardins Marqueyssac is where you can eat your picnic lunch. Do Domme first, then the Jardins, then La Roque on the way home).
- L’Esplande is a famous restaurant in Domme and good for a romantic dinner if you return or are planning your itinerary in reverse. The views are amazing.

### Day 5—Wednesday: “Sarlat-la-Canada and a day on the river”

- **Sarlat:** See the smaller Wednesday market in Sarlat (the Saturday market is the main market, but it is absolutely gi-normous and difficult to see/do/breathe/park. Wednesday is more relaxed. Get there in the early morning, no later than 9...then:
- **Canoe trip Vitrac to Beynac** or Cenac to Beynac: canoe trip is better in the morning when the sun will be at your back & not in your face. Also note that kayak/canoe trips usually take longer than you think. My arms are very tired after 30 minutes or so. Vitrac to Beynac is much more recommended for this reason. Itineraries for short, long, or, more strenuous routes see: [Canoes Loisirs](#).
- Another kayak option is: you can also drive to Les Eyzies and hire a kayak on the river Vezere. This is a scenic river with more cliff-side pre-historic views and nature, distinct from the Dordogne river views of chateaux and perched towns. For river enthusiasts, you should really do both: kayak the Dordogne one day and the Vezere another day. Notice the color of the two rivers are different due to the terrain around their sources. The Vezere is more red, flowing from red-clay areas around Brive, and the Dordogne more blue/clear, flowing from Burgundy.
- **Dinner:** go to the beautiful town of **Belves for the marche nocturne**.

### Day 6—Thursday: “Full-day trip #2 from Gîte Le Recoux”

- Visit the Lot region: Cahors, Pech-Merle, and the historic town St. Cirq la Popie—another one of the “most beautiful villages” of France.
- Dinner: see options below, or find something on the road home from the Lot region—perhaps Monpazier which is on your way home and a famous Bastide town to visit.

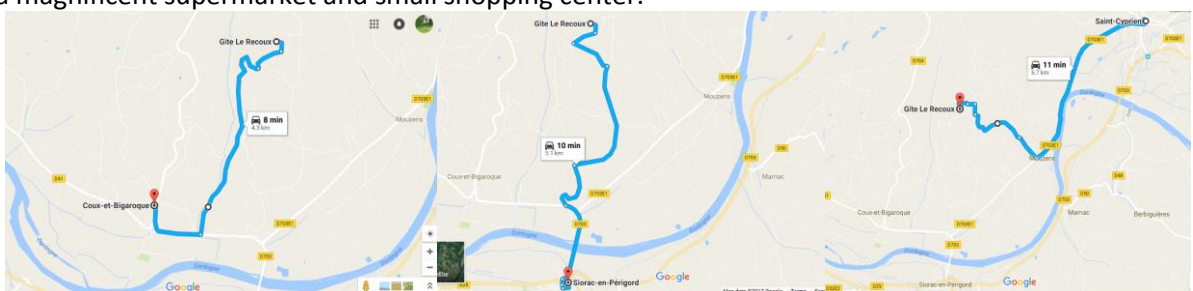
### Day 7—Friday: “Walking tour of Sarlat and visit to Beynac and/or Castelnaud chateau”

- Be sure to take some time to walk around the town of Sarlat on a day that is NOT a market day (Saturday and Wednesdays are market days). Shop, take the little tourist train, or get a walking tour. Stop at an eatery for lunch and enjoy the architecture.
- Plan to walk any number of grande randonne trails around the region
- Go to the beach in Coux-et-Bigaroque and relax on the river OR enjoy a sandy beach and Montfort.
- Take some time to explore any number of additional chateaux or caves/grottos on the list below. These are really a specialty of the region.

### Day 8—Saturday: “Departure”

- Check out time is 10am. Please leave the gîte as clean as you have found it or a supplemental cleaning fee could be applied.

**Grocery stores:** a very small one, local vendors, located in **Coux** just down the hill (2km). In **Siorac** (5km) there is a Carrefour which has most everything. **Saint Cyprien** (6.5km) has a larger Carrefour. Le Bugue (12km) there is a larger Intermarche, where a lot of locals like to shop. Finally, a trip to **Sarlat** (26km) to L’Eclerc is not only fun, but this is a magnificent supermarket and small shopping center.



## Restaurant recommendations :

- a. Restaurant au Château – Campagne, very typical French, lovely menu, walk through the château gardens after your meal (open to the public) or continue along the randonnee trail for longer.
- b. Pizzeria 24, Saint-Cyprien – good pizza, very diverse menu so good for everyone ; not expensive
- c. La Table D'Obelixe, Audrix, 07 50 95 94 28 (just on the road outside of Audrix)
- d. L'Auberge Médiévale, Audrix (centre-ville) – belle jeune chef, à proximité du gîte
- e. La Petit Tounelle, Beynac (Le Bourg), 05 53 29 95 18
- f. Auberge L'Esperance, 122 Avenue des Sycomores 24480 Le Buisson-de-Cadouin, 05 53 74 23 66
- g. Hôtel Trefle à Siorac en Périgord-facile, à proximité du gîte, la nourriture excellente, de détente (prix moyen)
- h. Hôtel du Château à Beynac (Le Bourg), 05 53 29 19 20
- i. Manoir de Bellerive Le Buisson et Cadouin (cher-beau terrain) 09 75 18 89 16
- j. La Belle Etoile, La Roque Gageac , 05 53 29 51 44
- k. Manoir-Hautegente à Sarlat (expensive but gorgeous / cher mais magnifique - <http://www.manoir-hautegente.com/uk/index.php#le-restaurant-gastronomique.php>)
- l. L'Esplanade est un célèbre restaurant à Domme-cher, mais la meilleure vue partout
- m. Le Vieux Logis (1 étoile Michelin) - The amazing garden restaurant with a farm for kids to see / Le restaurant de jardin extraordinaire avec une ferme pour les enfants à voir (<http://www.vieux-logis.com/uk/index.php#carte-du-restaurant.php>)

## **And some others we have not tried but saw or heard about :**

- n. Roseraei hotel in Montignac (reasonable price)
- o. Pont de l'Ouyse between Souillac and Martel
- p. Restaurant La Gabarre (lovely 1hr drive to this river side café from Gîte Le Recoux, west of Sarlat direction Carlux...inventive menu...<http://www.restaurantlagabarre.com/resto.htm>)

## Other recommended things to do:

- Horseback ride Les Eyzies—I can strongly recommend Le Ferme du Fonluc <http://fonluc.com/horse-riding-trips/> . There is a plan here for every skill, but if are skilled enough to both trot and run on a horse, push yourself to do the full-day ride with picnic. It takes you throughout the prehistoric region with a guide who can give you tutorials along the way. The scenery is breathtaking. I consider myself a good rider, but I was very tired and sore at the end of the day. This was a fascinating and exciting experience—one of those “top ten must DO events in life” ...if riding is your thing. Choose from an hour or two, to all day, or even an overnight. Also recommended very close to the gîte is the Arc en Ciel pony club for a more typical experience. <http://poneyclubarcenciel.fr/>.
- More caves:  
The cave castle at Forte Reignac (<http://www.maison-forte-reignac.com/>) is in the same area as La Rocque St Christophe and Montignac, and is worth visiting. (It only opened to the public for the first time a couple of years ago: <http://maison-forte-reignac.com>.  
Gouffre de Proumeyssac cave (8min): <http://gouffre-proumeyssac.com/>  
Grotte de Sorcier (10 min): <http://www.grottedusorcier.com/>  
Grottes de Maxange (20 min) (24480 Le Buisson de Cadouin)  
All caves in the region are listed on these sites:  
<http://www.guide-du-perigord.com/tourisme/caves-119-en.html>

## Attractions within 30 min of gite Le Recoux :

1. **Domme:** The entire town is gorgeous and there are many things to see and do in Domme, the Town Hall, the 15<sup>th</sup>-century Governors house and the Paul Reclus museum, the 17<sup>th</sup>-century covered market takes pride of place in Halle de Domme. In the centre of the market is the entrance to the magnificent Domme caves, formerly used as a hiding place by the towns people. This grotte is the largest natural cave in the Périgord Noir, featuring colonnades, stalactites and stalagmites. Just above the Place de la Halle is the Belvedere de la Barre, a great

viewpoint and the start of the Promenade des Falaises - a short walk leading to a public park. The walk is all high up above the Dordogne river and so the views are stunning. Parts of the walk are bordered by remains of the fortified walls that surrounded parts of Domme. The Jardin Public at the end is a **good place for a picnic**. A little further along is the Moulin du Roy.

2. **Jardins Marqueyssac**—give yourself 1.5 hours to walk around these 22-acres of amazing gardens. Bring a picnic or eat at the café du the or glacier. Good for kids, too.

3. **La Roque Gageac**: one of the most famous towns of the Dordogne region, and one of the “most beautiful villages”. Walk around on foot, eat lunch overlooking the river, and see the Troglodyte Fort and cliffside dwellings, dating from the 12th century, found 40 meters up the cliffs. Also, sightseeing Gabarres (boats) leave from the docks in front of the carpark, tickets can be purchased from the kiosk nearby. This is a great way to get time on the river to see some famous chateaux and learn some history.

4. **Canoe trip Vitrac to Beynac** or Cenac to Beynac: canoe trip is better in the morning when the sun will be at your back & not in your face. Also note that kayak/canoe trips usually take longer than you think. My arms are very tired after 30 minutes or so. Vitrac to Beynac is much more recommended for this reason. For other itineraries for longer, more strenuous routes see: [Canoes Loisirs](#).

5. **Belves**— one of France's most beautiful villages

- a. Troglodyte houses at Belves—underneath the main square of Belves there is a pre-historic troglodyte village in grottes (caves) which is very interesting to visit.
- b. Marche nocturne in Belves—Wednesday nights starting 6pm. Bring your own plates, napkins, utensils and cups. Don't miss this!

6. **Les Eyzies** — important prehistoric town with lots of cliffs surrounding the area, museums, and many large and small caves and grottos. Check the tourist office for details.

- i. **Horseback ride Les Eyzies**—I can strongly recommend **Le Ferme Fonlac**. There is a plan here for every skill, but if are skilled enough to both trot and run on a horse, push yourself to do the full-day ride with picnic. It takes you throughout the prehistoric region with a guide who can give you tutorials along the way. The scenery is breathtaking. I consider myself a good rider, but I was very tired and sore at the end of the day. This was a fascinating and exciting experience—one of those “top ten must DO events in life” ...if riding is your thing.
- ii. **National Pre-History Museum**—museum of pre-history is an excellent way to learn about the prehistoric area of the Dordogne.
- iii. Take one of the several marked **randonne (hiking) trails** that start from Les Eyzies, Saint Cyprien, or most other towns, and meander through the valley, hills, and through enchanted forests. Pick up a randonne map from the tourist office (for those around St. Cyp there is a well-used map at the gîte or at the tourist office of St Cyp. These trails are literally all over the region, so pick a town and set off—if hiking is your thing!

#### Daytime markets:

##### Monday Markets in the Dordogne

Lacapelle Biron: evenings - general market

Les Eyzies de Tayac: mornings - general market

Sainte Alvère: mornings - general market

Sainte Alvère: 15 June to 15 September - market sells local produce

Sainte Alvère: December to February - Truffle market

Tocane St Apre: morning market in the centre of town - general goods and food

##### Tuesday Markets in the Dordogne

Brantôme: mid June to mid September mornings - fresh farm produce

Castillonès: mornings - general market

Eymet: evening market during July and August

Le Bugue-sur-Vézère: mornings - fresh regional produce

Mareuil-sur-Belle: mornings - fresh food

Riberac: May to September morning market at Place de la Liberté - fresh farm produce

Saint-Amand-de-Coly: July and August evenings from 18:00 - local farm produce

Saint-Aulaye Dordogne: last Tuesday of the month - fair

### Wednesday Markets in the Dordogne

Belvès: July and August evenings around the hall - local farm produce

Bergerac: mornings at Place du Marché Couvert - fruits and vegetables

Montignac: mornings - local produce, fruit and vegetables

Perigueux: mornings at Place du Coderc, Place de la Clautre, Place de la Mairie - fresh farm produce

Perigueux: all day market at Place Bugeaud and Place Francheville - arts and crafts and fabrics

Perigueux: mid November to mid March, mornings at Place St Louis - marché au gras (duck and goose produce) and truffles

Sarlat: mornings at Place de la Liberté and streets around - fresh regional produce

### Thursday Markets in the Dordogne

Excideuil Dordogne: mornings - large general market

Eymet Dordogne: mornings - general market. This market has been running regularly since 1270.

Saint Astier Dordogne: mornings - general market held year round

Saint-Aulaye Dordogne: mornings - fish market

Terrasson Dordogne: mornings - marché au gras (duck and goose produce) and truffles

### Friday Markets in the Dordogne

Brantôme: mornings - general market

Brantôme: July and August, farmer's market selling local specialities

Brantôme: December to February, mornings - truffle market

Brantôme: 1 November to 15 December - morning nut market

La Roque-Gageac: June to September 9:00 13:00 on the main square - local farm produce

Riberac: mornings, throughout the city centre - general market. The biggest market of the Perigord

Riberac: 15 November to 15 March, mornings in the Salle Polyvalente - marché au gras (duck and goose produce)

Riberac: Autumn in Place André-Pradeau - morning nut market

### Saturday Markets in the Dordogne

Belvès: mornings, around the hall - general market

Bergerac: mornings at the Place du Marché Couvert - fruits and vegetables

Le Bugue-sur-Vézère: mornings - fresh regional produce

Montignac: mornings - fresh produce smaller than the main Wednesday market.

Monpazier: Mornings - fresh produce

Mussidan: mornings - fresh farm produce

Nontron: 2nd Saturday of July, evening in Place Alfred Agard - African market

Perigueux: mid-November to mid-March, mornings at Place St Louis - marché au gras (duck and goose produce) and truffles

Perigueux: mornings at Place du Coderc, Place de la Clautre, Place de la Mairie - fresh farm produce

Riberac: 3rd Saturday of August, all day - antiques market

Sarlat: all day market in Place de la Grande Rigaudie and Place Boissarie - fresh regional produce (and in winter only marché au gras and truffles). A highlight of the markets in the Dordogne.

Saint-Aulaye: mornings - fresh farm produce

Villefranche-du-Perigord: September and October mornings in Place de Villefranche - chestnut market

### Sunday Markets in the Dordogne

Eymet: occasional morning artist market

Issigeac: mornings - general market

Riberac: May to September, mornings at Place du Relais - fresh farm produce

Rouffignac St-Cernin de Reilhac: mornings - local produce, fish, fruit and vegetable, flowers, also clothes and a

Chinese food stall  
Saint-Cyprien: mornings in summer

### Special Markets in the Dordogne

Audrix: July and August from 18:00 to 23:00 - local farm produce

Brantôme: July and August - fresh farm produce

Issigeac: 1st weekend of May - flower market

Mussidan: July and August, daily except Monday, under the hall - fresh farm produce

Riberac: July and August - arts and crafts evening markets

Rouffignac St-Cernin de Reilhac: Wednesday evenings from 18:00 from July to beginning August at Place du marché

Saint-Aulaye: 2nd weekend of August in the evening - wine, cheese and regional produce fair

Thiviers: 3rd weekend of August - wine and food fair

Villefranche-du-Perigord: in season, June to October - ceps (wild mushroom) market.

Note: Market days depend on there being enough mushrooms (500 kg). Call the Mairie to find out if the market is on: 05 53 29 91 44

### **Evening markets (marche nocturne, or gourmet markets—not to be missed!):**

Evening markets are an opportunity to turn up at one of the many beautiful villages in the Dordogne, grab a table and then walk round the market stalls to buy whatever you fancy for supper. Lamb kebabs, duck sausages, mussels, black pudding, lamb chops... the choices vary from market to market but there is something for all tastes. Starters, puddings and drinks are all sold too - all with plastic plates, cups, cutlery etc so that you have everything you need for a great evening. Alternatively, bring your own from the gîte (only plastics please; do not remove proper cutlery from the gîte). These are weekly events throughout July and August unless otherwise indicated with an \* in which case check dates with the local tourist office. In **yellow** are closest to the gîte:

#### **Mondays**

Beaumont-du-Perigord, Saint-Estephe, Villefranche-du-Perigord

#### **Tuesdays**

Bouzig, Champniers et Reilhac\*, **Coux et Bigaroque**, Eymet\*, Le Pizou, Saint-Amand-de-Coly, Saint-Astier, Thenon\*, Tourtoirac, Varaignes

#### **Wednesday**

Aubas, **Belves**

#### **Thursday**

Auriac-du-Perigord, Issigeac, Loubejac, Nontron\*, Saint-Leon-sur-Vézère, **Saint-Cyprien**, Verteillac\*

#### **Friday**

Besse, Brantome\*, La Chapelle-Gonaguet\* **Le-Buisson-de-Cadouin**, Javerlhac\*, Peyrignac, Saint-Cybranet, Salignac-Eyvigues, Sigoules, Valojoux,

#### **Saturday**

**Audrix**, Saint Pompont

#### **Sunday**

**Monbazillac**

### **Winter Markets:**

Truffles Markets: December till January:

- At Saint Alvère Monday from 10 till 1pm
- At Thenon Tuesday morning
- At Terrasson Thursday morning
- At Sarlat Saturday morning from 9 till 12

Foie Gras Markets: From December till February

- At Sarlat, place Boissarie
- At Thenon Tuesday morning
- At Terrasson Thursday morning

Ceps mushrooms and chestnuts Markets: in autumn at Villefranche-du-Périgord.

### Things you can do directly from the gîte:

Take one of the several randonnee trails that start at the gîte d'étape down the hill on the way to Coux. See maps and directions in the basket at the gîte. Also look at the trails marked around Coux-et-Bigaroque for two great walking (or running) loops: <http://fun-rando.com/>

Drive 2km to the beach at Coux—it is lifeguarded (good for kids) but also a good beach for picnics and socializing. Look for the signs in Coux and drive the little dirt road toward the river till it is obvious where it is.

### Chateaux and Castles to Visit in the Dordogne

The Dordogne Valley is often referred to as the 'Valley of the 5 Chateaux' or the 'Valley of the 5 Castles'. This is because there are five very historic chateaux or castles dating from the 100 years war. The two most impressive chateaux or castles are the famous Chateau Beynac and Chateau Castelnaud. These chateaux are reputed to be the most visited chateaux or castles in France.

The chateaux or castles that make up the five chateaux.

#### 1. Le Chateau de Castelnaud, Castelnaud Dordogne.

The most visited chateau or castle in the South of France dominates the picturesque village of Castelnaud-la-Chapelle on the left bank of the Dordogne River. During the Middle-Ages, the mighty English chateau or castle commanded the strategic position at the meeting of the Dordogne and the Céou Rivers, opposite the rival French castle of Beynac. This castle is truly magnificent and transport one back in time.

#### 2. Chateau de Beynac, Beynac Dordogne.

This impressive chateau or castle was destroyed and rebuilt many times. It includes features of many ages, including some rare frescoes of the 15th century. It played a significant role in the 100 years war when the castle was in French hands and battled the English across the river in their strong hold of Chateau Castelnaud.

#### 3. Les Chateau Milandes, Dordogne

The castle was built in 1489 by François de Caumont, lord of Castelnaud at the request of his wife, Claude de Cardaillac who wished to live in a more comfortable castle than the feudal castle of Castelnaud. He retained various architectural elements from the Middle-Ages, including turrets, newel staircases, and gargoyles. From the Revolution throughout the entire 19th century, the castle was inhabited, though was barely maintained, before it suffered a serious fire. From 1900 to 1908, a rich industrialist, Charles de Clavierie, considerably restored the castle.

Josephine Baker (1906-1975) purchased Les Milandes in 1947 and transformed the interior of the castle, adding all the contemporary comforts: central heating, running water and electricity. Baker's massive expenses led her into bankruptcy and the castle was sold in 1968 for a tenth of its value. The gardens of the chateau are beautiful and well worth a visit

4. Chateau Monfort, Dordogne This castle is privately owned and not open to the public

5. Chateau Fayac, Dordogne This castle is privately owned and not open to the public

### Other Chateaux and Castles of Interest

#### Le Chateau de Commarque, Les Eyzies Dordogne

The castle was founded during the 12th century on the request of the abbots of Sarlat. At this time the Château de Commarque was only a wooden tower, and its primary concerns were to discourage the ambitions of the Beynac family and to insure the safety of the valley. It was placed at the crossing of two important commercial roads: the road from Périgueux to Cahors and the road from Brive-la-Gaillarde to Bergerac. During the Hundred Years' War, the castle was captured by the English who held the place for several years. Later during the French Wars of Religion, the castle was taken by the Catholics, due to the Beynacs being Protestant partisans. The castle has been undergoing restoration since 1994. It has been listed since 1943 as a monument historique by the French Ministry of Culture. There is a prehistoric cave under the castle.

Chateau Bourdeilles, Brantome Dordogne

The Chateau de Bourdeilles was designed by a woman, Jacquet Montbron. There are two parts to this chateau, a fortress dating from the 13th century, dominated by an octagonal living area and a Renaissance castle with richly furnished rooms such as the golden lounge with a beautiful painted ceiling. There is a prestigious collection of furniture including the bed of Spanish Charles V.

#### Chateau de Hautefort, Hautefort Dordogne.

40km east of Perigueux, Hautefort is one of the most prestigious castles in the Dordogne and indeed in the southwest of France, and is a historical monument. This elegant castle contains paintings and tapestries from the 17th century and is surrounded by formal French gardens and parkland.

#### Chateau de Fenelon, Sainte Mondane (between Sarlat and Souillac) Dordogne

It's a beautiful castle surrounded by a triple wall and located above the village of Saint Mondane. The roof is still covered with stone slate. Traditional roofing material but more and more scarce due to high costs involved today by holding such roofs. The castle has a collection of armour, weapons and furniture dating back to 15, 16, 17, and 18th centuries.

#### Chateau Biron Dordogne

The chateau Biron was privately owned by the same family for 24 generations when it was lost in the early 20th c to gambling debts of the then baron. Biron is my favourite chateau, it is smaller than many of the big defensive chateaux of the area and you can get a really good sense of what life was like in medieval times. This lovely castle is currently being painstakingly restored. Chateau Biron is close to the Bastide town of Monpazier.

#### Chateau de Jumilhac, Thiviers.

In the northeast corner of the Dordogne, is the magnificent Chateau de Jumilhac. The remarkable feature of this castle is the roof which is an stunning array of towers and turrets that led to Jumilhac being described as having the most romantic rooftops in France.

#### Chateau de Montreal, Isaac

A nice little chateau and formal gardens.

**Recommended sites with more itineraries:** <http://www.northofthedordogne.com/fr/petit-break/>

ENJOY! And BIENVNUE to the GÎTE LE RECOUX!