

# *Flavors of* **DORDOGNE**

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**Medieval villages, magnificent  
gastronomy, and magical landscapes**

Dear Texas Ex,

Venture with us to the château studded countryside and picturesque villages of the Dordogne region of France. With its fabulous food, wonderful wine, bucolic vineyards, and landscapes interspersed with forests, beaches and rivers, it offers so many things that travelers come to this country for.

While enjoying a 13th-century château as your home base, this comprehensive program will provide an intimate, immersive approach to an authentic cultural and culinary experience, including Michelin-starred restaurant meals, a market visit with gourmet food sampling, and excursions for cheese and truffles.

Admire an array of medieval towns, ancient castles, and some of France's finest prehistoric cave art. Take in the spectacular views of the countryside and the Dordogne River, which proudly holds the title of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

The magnificently preserved natural beauty and slower pace of living in this region make it a favorite *les grandes vacances* for French families, and visitors that return often yearning for more. Disconnect from the urban hustle and relax with like-minded travelers on this journey.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.


The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience stunning natural beauty and rich culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly.

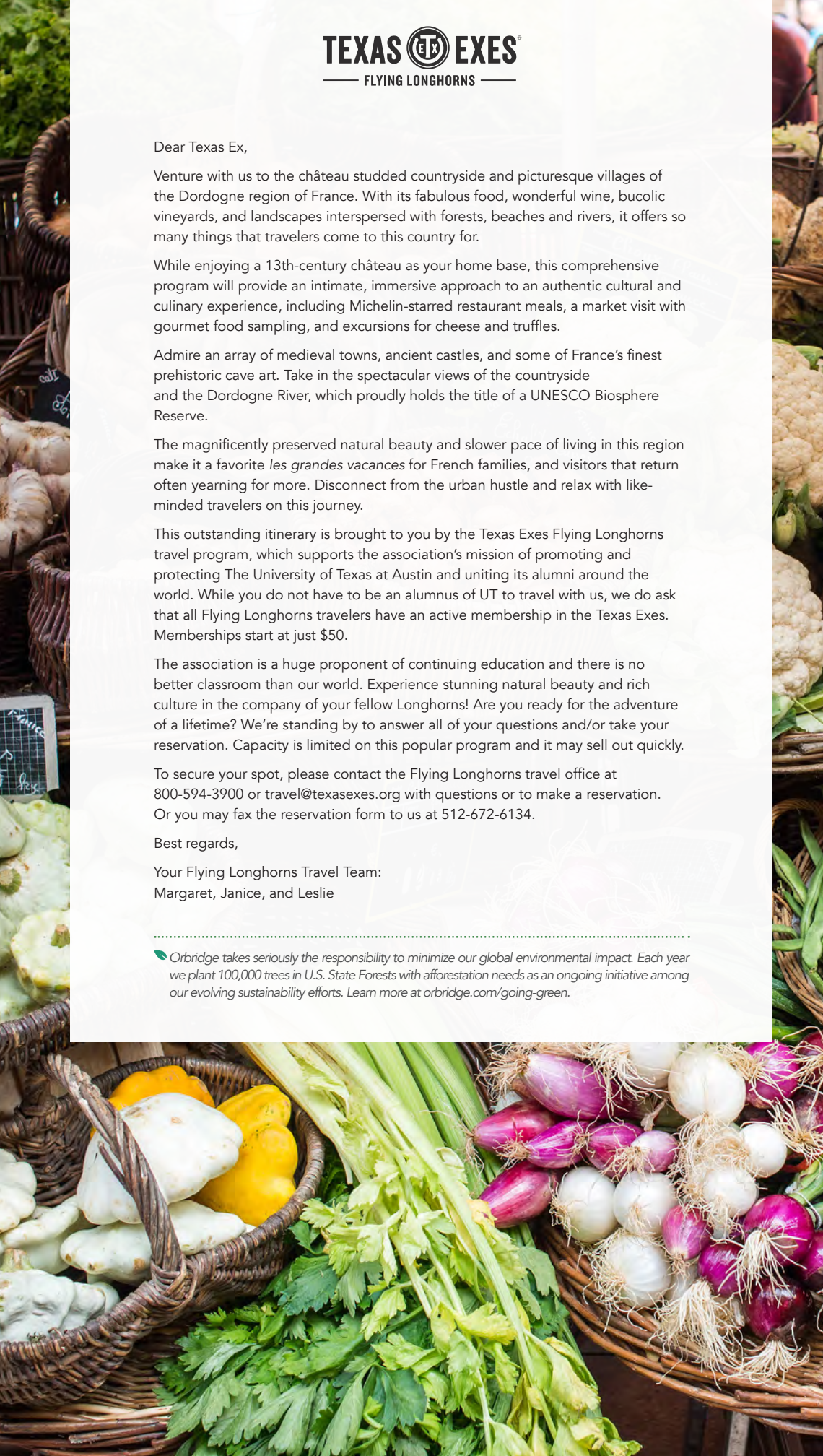
To secure your spot, please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800-594-3900 or [travel@texasexes.org](mailto:travel@texasexes.org) with questions or to make a reservation. Or you may fax the reservation form to us at 512-672-6134.

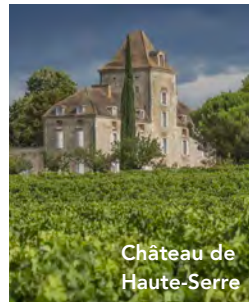
Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team:  
Margaret, Janice, and Leslie

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## Your 9-Day Itinerary *(subject to change)*

**Day 1:** En route from U.S.

**Day 2:** Arrive in Toulouse / Transfer to Mercuès (D)  
 Bienvenue en France! (Welcome to France!)  
 Settle in, enjoy a festive welcome dinner  
 Overnight: Château de Mercuès

**Day 3:** Cahors / Haute Serre (B,L)  
 Wine tasting, lunch, tours of property and vineyard at Domaine de Haute-Serre  
 Overnight: Château de Mercuès

**Day 4:** Rocamadour (B,L)  
 Cliffside village tour, cheese farm visit and tasting, afternoon at leisure  
 Overnight: Château de Mercuès

**Day 5:** Pech Merle / Saint-Cirq-Lapopie (B,L,D)  
 Visit to the neolithic caves of Pech Merle and truffle tasting  
 Overnight: Château de Mercuès

**Day 6:** Sarlat-la-Canéda / Les Eyzies-de-Tayac / Thonac (B,L)  
 Market tour and gourmet tasting in Sarlat-la-Canéda, visit the charming Château de Losse and its gardens  
 Overnight: Château de Mercuès

**Day 7:** Beynac / La Roque-Gageac (B,L)  
 Cooking class and lunch at traditional *gîte*, guided tour of the fortress of the Périgord, dinner at leisure  
 Overnight: Château de Mercuès

**Day 8:** Luzech / Puy l'Evêque (B,D)  
 Wine tasting, medieval village, Michelin-starred farewell dinner  
 Overnight: Château de Mercuès

**Day 9:** Transfer to Toulouse / Depart for U.S. (B)

(R = Reception, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

**Activity Level:** Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking each day, are sure-footed on cobbled and unpaved surfaces, and can walk up and down stairs without assistance. The Château de Mercuès was constructed in the 13th century. While it has been updated to modern standards, its original structure means guests will find stone floors and steps that may not have railings. There is an elevator, but it does not access every floor.



Village of Rocamadour



Saint-Cirq-Lapopie



## Interact

- With your small group (maximum 30 guests), enjoy seven nights in the beautiful 13th-century Château de Mercuès.
- Gain a deeper understanding of wine, gastronomy, and the world among connoisseurs and the curious.
- Join an intimate cooking class with a chef sharing inspiration, secrets, and favorite recipes.

## Partake

- Savor new flavors with a vineyard tour, wine tasting, and lunch at the Domaine de Haute-Serre.
- Indulge in local delicacies on a gourmet tasting tour of Sarlat-la-Canéda and during select meals at Michelin-starred properties.

## Discover

- Take in the area's layered history with guided tours of the prehistoric cave paintings at Pech Merle and the 12th century Château de Beynac.
- Survey the small cliff-top village of Rocamadour and make stops at cheese and truffle farms.
- Explore beautiful village La Roque-Gageac with a walking tour.
- Day after day, experience the getaway appeal of the Dordogne, whose lush forests, rolling hills, and imposing cliffs make it the perfect setting to relax and celebrate the region.

## What's Included

- 7 nights accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 3 dinners
- All lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted in the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage handling
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



Château de La Treyne



## Your Accommodations

*(subject to change only if necessary to same or better)*

Unwind with a stay at the beautiful 13th-century Château de Mercuès, a Relais & Châteaux property with a Michelin-star restaurant. Built on a rocky promontory, the château's elevated location offers exceptional views from every vantage point. As the summer residence of the Counts and Bishops of Cahors for seven centuries, guests enjoy an authentic immersion in the history of France.

Note that rooms differ both in size and in color. All have one king or two twin beds and feature an ensuite bathroom with combined bathtub/shower. Classic, Deluxe, Prestige, and Signature Suite options are available for consideration. Singles may choose from Deluxe, Prestige and Signature Suite categories.

**Classic Double:** 279-301 sq ft

**Deluxe Double:** 301-441 sq ft

**Prestige Double:** 344-592 sq ft

**Signature Suite:** 538-850 sq ft

*Room Amenities: Flat-screen TV, writing desk, phone, minibar, safe, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*



Classic



Deluxe



Prestige



Signature Suite



## Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure's appreciation of food and wine, a local's knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado's ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Dordogne.



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Beynac-et-Cazenac Castle

# Flavors of Dordogne

SEPTEMBER 20-28, 2024

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Classic	<del>\$6,499</del>	\$5,995
Deluxe	<del>\$7,499</del>	\$6,995
Prestige	<del>\$8,499</del>	\$7,995
Signature Suite	<del>\$9,999</del>	\$9,495
Single (Deluxe)	<del>\$9,999</del>	\$9,495
Single (Prestige)	<del>\$10,999</del>	\$10,495
Single Signature Suite	<del>\$12,499</del>	\$11,995

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure, that is, on or before June 22, 2024.

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Additional information about Flying Longhorns trips may be found at [www.TexasExes.org](http://www.TexasExes.org)

## GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #1 Name (as preferred on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (as preferred on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Card Type:  ACH (Automated Clearing House)  MasterCard/Visa  American Express  Discover

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## DEPOSIT:

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment.** To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

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**Reservation Cancellations and Refunds.** Notice of cancellation must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date. If the cancellation notice is received after the Grace Period (if applicable): (a) 91+ days prior to the departure date, all monies paid will be refunded less an administrative fee of \$350 per person for the main program and \$200 per person for a pre/post-tour; (b) 90-76 days prior to the departure date, a 25% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (c) 75-61 days prior to the departure date, a 50% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (d) 60-46 days prior to the departure date, a 75% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (e) within 45 days prior to the departure date, a 100% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program. A 100% cancellation fee applies to all non-refundable airfare. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 days of our receipt of your written notice.

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