



SACRED PLACES

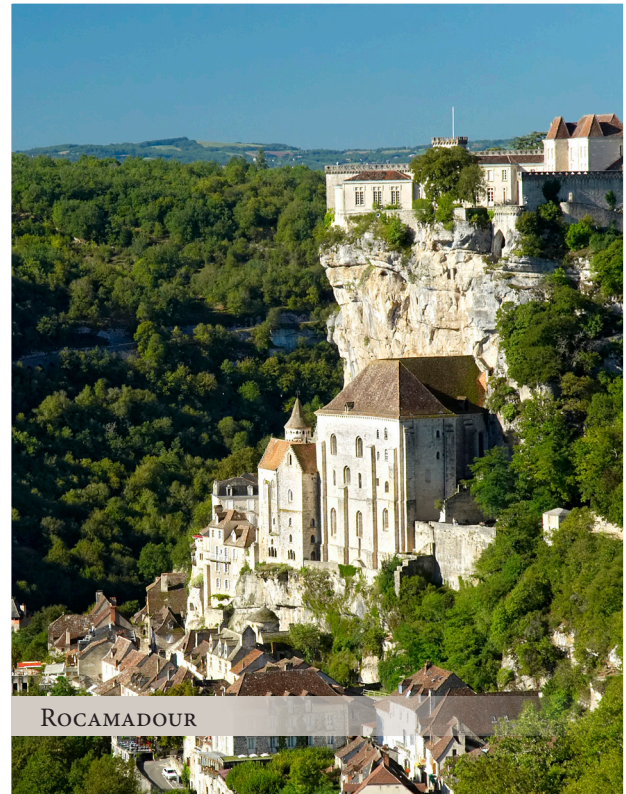
FAITH, HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY IN SOUTHWEST FRANCE MARCH 3RD - 11TH 2018

Exploring the area of Southwest France, stretching from Toulouse to Bordeaux, and south to the Pyrenees Mountains, is like stepping back in time. Far removed from the hustle and bustle of modern industrial life, this region is like a tonic for the soul – from the natural beauty of the wooded river valleys, to the magnificent vineyards of Bordeaux, and the breathtaking majesty of the Pyrenees, here is a place where you can truly relax.

And history abounds. The pilgrimage roads to Compostela—said to be earthbound reflections of the Milky Way—once drew pilgrims from all over Europe. The ancient routes, together constituting a UNESCO World Heritage site, still converge today in Southern France, leading through picturesque, unspoiled countryside. On this trip, you’ll tour magnificent Romanesque abbeys, explore prehistoric cave art, near Les Eyzies, and make your own pilgrimage to the Marian shrine of Lourdes.

The city of Bordeaux, once nicknamed La Belle Endormie, or the Sleeping Beauty, used to be plagued with industrial soot and despair, leaving wine lovers wanting to sample the famous local produce from far away! But like the grapes in the bottles, age has worked in her favor. Over the past decades, the city of Bordeaux has reinvented herself, now mirroring the beauty of the sprawling vineyards that surround her.

So we have beautiful scenery, off the usual tourist track, thousands of years of history, and magnificent food and wine. Sounds like an unbeatable combination!



ROCAMADOUR



SAINT-EMILION

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OR TRIPLE OCCUPANCY IS:

PITTSBURGH DEPARTURE:	\$3090
LAND ONLY:	\$2020
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 590

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

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- FLIGHTS:** Roundtrip air on American Airlines/British Airways from Pittsburgh to Toulouse, all customs fees and airport taxes included
- HOTELS:** 7 nights’ accommodation in first-class hotels including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Full breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- BAGGAGE:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
- GUIDES:** Fully-qualified Discover Europe tour guide throughout, local guides in Bordeaux and St. Émilion

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

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SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD - Departure from Pittsburgh Airport aboard American Airlines to Philadelphia, where you connect with your transatlantic British Airways flight. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH - On arrival at London Heathrow, you connect with your onward British Airways flight to Toulouse. Your arrival at Toulouse Airport will be met for the short drive to our hotel in Cahors. Time permitting, on arrival in Cahors, there will be a walking tour of the old town including a visit to the magnificent cathedral, founded in 1119 CE. Dinner is included this evening. **(D) OVERNIGHT: CAHORS**

MONDAY, MARCH 5TH - A full day excursion today takes us first to the picturesque town of Rocamadour. Set in the valley of the river Alzou, the town is nestled at the foot of the cliffs and has been a place of pilgrimage since the middle ages. We continue north through the beautiful Dordogne countryside to Sarlat-le-Canéda, where we will stop for lunch before visiting the nearby Lascaux Caves. While we can only visit a replica of the original caves, the prehistoric cave paintings are still spectacular. We will also visit the National Museum of Prehistory in the nearby town of Les Eyzies before we return to Cahors for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: CAHORS**

TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH - Leaving Cahors this morning, our first visit will be to the Abbey of St Pierre de Moissac. The foundation of Moissac is a matter of some debate, but it definitely existed as early as the middle of the 7th Century CE. A number of the medieval buildings remain and it is justly famous for the incredible Romanesque sculptures around the entrance portal. Continuing up the Garonne River to Bordeaux, we'll stop in the beautiful little town of Sainte-Croix-du-Mont. After checking in to our hotel in Bordeaux, a local guide will take us on a walking tour of the old town center. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: BORDEAUX**



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH - After breakfast today we will drive the short distance to explore the wine center of Saint-Emilion with a local guide. We will visit the Maison du Vin, and the iconic tower of the Château du Roy, before we head underground to explore the galleries, church, catacombs and other mysteries beneath the city streets. This medieval village offers more than just spectacular bottles of wine, beautifully narrow side streets to explore, and ancient churches hewn into the rocks; there is much to explore beneath the surface as well. After lunch (included) we will (weather cooperating!) explore the region around the town by bicycle. We return to Bordeaux for a free evening. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: BORDEAUX**



THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH - Heading south this morning, we drive to the city Pau, the birthplace of Henri of Navarre, later to become Henri IV of France. Pau was a center of the Protestants during

the French wars of religion, until Henri IV decided that "Paris is worth a mass" and converted to Catholicism! We'll have time here for lunch and a walking tour including visits to the Castle and Musée des Beaux Arts, with its small but notable collection. From Pau we continue on into the foothills of the Pyrenees and to Lourdes, a center of Catholic pilgrimage for over a hundred years. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LOURDES**

FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH - We spend the day in Lourdes today. This morning we'll visit the Sanctuaires Notre-Dame de Lourdes, or the Domain, the major Catholic pilgrimage site. Each year, millions visit the Grotto of Massabielle (Grotto of the Apparitions) where, in 1858, the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to a local woman. In the grotto, pilgrims can drink or bathe in water flowing from a spring. The afternoon is free for individual exploration and dinner is included this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LOURDES**



SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH - Morning drive up into the Pyrenees Mountains. At La Mongie we board the cable car for the breath-taking ascent up to the Pic du Midi Observatory. We'll visit the museum at the summit with an exhibition about the building of the observatory complex and admire the incredible views before descending and continuing on our journey to Toulouse. After checking in to our hotel, we'll have a brief walking tour of Toulouse center, including a visit



BASILICA OF SAINT-SERNIN

to the Basilica of St. Sernin, the largest Romanesque building in France. This evening we'll have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant close to our hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: TOULOUSE**

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH - Morning transfer to Toulouse Airport for returning flights to Pittsburgh. **(B)**

Key to included meals: B=*breakfast*, L=*lunch*, D=*dinner*

REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please type or print.
2. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
3. Complete both sides of this form.
4. Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe. Keep the top section.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

1. Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name.
2. 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.
3. Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
4. Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
5. Health Information. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour package, or if you would like flights on different dates, Discover Europe will be happy to book these for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights to join the tour, it is essential that Discover Europe has your complete flight information. Please make sure you give us 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.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes.

1. 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.
2. A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. A triple room may have either 3 single beds or 1 double and 1 single. Please let us know your preference.



PASSENGER DETAIL: SACRED PLACES (0303/DQS)

Passport Name:

1. _____
 Title First Middle Last

2. _____
 Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport 1#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Passport 2#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
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Secondary Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
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Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Health Information: _____

Other Comments or Notes: _____

Trip Details

Itinerary Name: _____

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
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TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
3. 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.
4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd. and Duquesne University, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
6. Conduct During The Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

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. Your tour has been based on a minimum group size of 20 participants. Should we end up with fewer than this, Discover Europe will work with Duquesne University to determine a course of action which may involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour with all the inclusions listed, or making adjustments in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe 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 less a \$200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person
 Fewer than 30 days prior to departure: no refund
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Travel insurance is *not* included in your tour package. Discover Europe Ltd. strongly advises that you purchase coverage for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be mailed to you upon receipt of your Registration Form.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferable.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

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



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Telephone: (_____) _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION
(Please check one)

I will be flying with the group from Pittsburgh: Yes No
 Flight details (if self-arranged): _____

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 triple 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: _____

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