

SELF-GUIDED WALKING HOLIDAY · 8 DAYS

Loubressac Walking Week

8 days · from £1,175

"A walking week with no packing: seven nights in clifftop Loubressac and a different walk every day."

Cassie

A walking week with no packing: seven nights in clifftop Loubressac, one of France's most beautiful villages, with a different walk every day, from the hotel door to the Château de Castelnau and Autoire, or home from Carennac and Rocamadour after a short taxi ride, with a whole day in Rocamadour and a free day to enjoy the village.

THE ESSENTIALS

Key facts

DURATION	8 days (7 nights)
WALKING EACH DAY	11.2–20.3 km (7–13 miles) An optional walk on day 6 (10.8 km (6.7 miles))
ACTIVITY LEVEL	Moderate, with a few short steep climbs
DAILY CLIMB	Up to 390 m (about 1,300 ft) Measured from our GPX tracks
START AND FINISH	Based in Loubressac
OWNED AND RUN BY	Cassie at Dordogne Experience
HOLIDAY STYLE	Self-guided, no packing, one hotel, with taxis to and from the walks
SEASON AND START DAYS	April–October Start days on request
HOTELS	Le Cantou 354 in Loubressac, all seven nights
MEALS	7 breakfasts, 7 dinners
LOCATION	The Lot, France

What are the Plus Beaux Villages de France?

France's most beautiful villages

An independent association founded in 1982 to protect and promote small rural villages of outstanding heritage. Villages must have fewer than 2,000 inhabitants, apply to join and meet strict criteria.

PER PERSON

2027 prices

	8 DAYS 7 nights
Per person, sharing a double or twin	**£1,175**
Single room supplement	+£295
Travelling solo (on top of the per-person price)	+£435

Prices are per person, sharing a double/twin room. The 8-day holiday (highlighted) is the one described here.

In US dollars	about US$1,550
In Canadian dollars	about C$2,220
In Australian dollars	about A$2,290
In New Zealand dollars	about NZ$2,810
In euros	about €1,410

Approximate amounts at the 13 November 2026 exchange rate. Prices are set in pounds, and you can pay in any currency you prefer.

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

What to expect

A walking week with no packing at all: seven nights in clifftop Loubressac, one of France's most beautiful villages, walking home each day from somewhere new after a short taxi ride.

Highlights

- One hotel for the whole week, Le Cantou 354, with dinner every night
- The great red Château de Castelnau and Autoire beneath its cirque of cliffs
- The Gouffre de Padirac and its underground river
- A whole day in Rocamadour, and a walk home across the limestone causse
- Carennac on the Dordogne, and a free day to enjoy Loubressac
- All the taxis to and from the walks included

What we look after for you

A family business. Dordogne Experience has been creating self-guided walking and cycling holidays here for over 40 years. It's owned and run by Cassie, and every route has been walked or cycled by our family.

Hotels we know personally. Small, characterful hotels, many of them family-run and many with a pool, chosen for their welcome and their cooking. On our Dordogne and Lot holidays, Cassie knows every one of them.

No packing. You stay in the same hotel all week, so you unpack once, and taxis take you to and from the walks.

Easy to follow. Our own detailed route notes, plus GPX tracks for your phone, so you can explore at your own pace with confidence.

Support throughout. Cassie is a phone call or WhatsApp message away for the whole holiday, in English or French, with real local knowledge.

Flexible and private. Just you and your party, with no groups and no fixed departures. Holidays can start on most days from April to October, and we can add extra nights or rest days, upgrade hotels or make a longer version.

Every booking handled personally. Cassie books every hotel, luggage transfer and included taxi herself, and before you go you'll have a welcome letter with everything you need.

Who it suits. Walkers who would rather unpack once, and groups who like a settled base. Moderate, 11.2 to 20.3 km (7 to 13 miles) a day.


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YOUR HOLIDAY

At a glance

DAY	ROUTE	DISTANCE	CLIMB	OVERNIGHT
1	Arrival in Loubressac	–	–	Loubressac · Le Cantou 354
2	Circular walk: the Château de Castelnau and Autoire	20.3 km (13 miles)	↑ 390 m (about 1,300 ft) ↓ 390 m (about 1,300 ft)	Loubressac · Le Cantou 354
3	Carennac to Loubressac	15.5 km (9.6 miles)	↑ 350 m (about 1,150 ft) ↓ 160 m (about 500 ft)	Loubressac · Le Cantou 354
4	Free day in Loubressac	–	–	Loubressac · Le Cantou 354
5	Rocamadour to Loubressac	20.1 km (12 miles)	↑ 320 m (about 1,050 ft) ↓ 240 m (about 800 ft)	Loubressac · Le Cantou 354
6	A day in Rocamadour (optional circular walk)	Optional 10.8 km (6.7 miles)	↑ 270 m (about 900 ft) ↓ 280 m (about 900 ft)	Loubressac · Le Cantou 354
7	Loubressac to Carennac	11.2 km (7 miles)	↑ 250 m (about 800 ft) ↓ 430 m (about 1,400 ft)	Loubressac · Le Cantou 354
8	Departure	–	–	–

Climbs shown where we've measured the route.

IN DETAIL

Day by day

DAY 1

Arrival in Loubressac

Dinner included

Make your way to Loubressac, a fortified village perched on its clifftop above the Dordogne valley, one of France's most beautiful villages, and settle in at Le Cantou 354, your home for the week. You unpack once: every walk this week starts or ends at the hotel door.

Tonight: Loubressac · Le Cantou 354



Loubressac, one of Les Plus Beaux Villages de France

DAY 2

Circular walk: the Château de Castelnau and Autoire

20.3 km (13 miles) · ↑ 390 m (about 1,300 ft) ↓ 390 m (about 1,300 ft) · Dinner included

From the hotel door, a circular walk to the great red Château de Castelnau, with lunch at its restaurant, Les Remparts, and on through Autoire, below its cirque of cliffs. Shorter versions go to the château only, or to Autoire and the cirque only.

Tonight: Loubressac · Le Cantou 354

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DAY 3

Carennac to Loubressac

15.5 km (9.6 miles) · ↑ 350 m (about 1,150 ft) ↓ 160 m (about 500 ft) · Dinner included

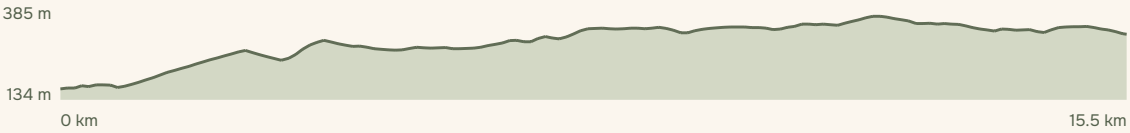
A taxi takes you to Carennac on the Dordogne. You walk back across the causse, the high limestone plateau, to the Gouffre de Padirac, where you can take a boat along the underground river (book ahead), and on to Loubressac.

Tonight: Loubressac · Le Cantou 354



Kev and Cassie, setting off from Carennac

ELEVATION



DAY 4

Free day in Loubressac

Dinner included

A day off. Wander Loubressac's lanes, with their views over the Dordogne valley, sit in the shade with a book, or visit the Gouffre de Padirac if you didn't go down yesterday.

Tonight: Loubressac · Le Cantou 354

DAY 5

Rocamadour to Loubressac

20.1 km (12 miles) · ↑ 320 m (about 1,050 ft) ↓ 240 m (about 800 ft) · Dinner included

A taxi takes you to L'Hospitalet, at the top of Rocamadour, and you walk home along the Combe Molière valley to the little village of Gaule and on to Padirac, where the underground river and caverns of the Gouffre de Padirac are well worth a visit. Pleasant sandy paths then lead you back to Loubressac.

Tonight: Loubressac · Le Cantou 354

ELEVATION



DAY 6

A day in Rocamadour (optional circular walk)

Optional 10.8 km (6.7 miles) · ↑ 270 m (about 900 ft) ↓ 280 m (about 900 ft) · Dinner included

A whole day in Rocamadour, for centuries a stop for pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela, with a taxi there and back. Your route notes have an optional circular walk through the valleys below the town, following the snails crafted into the rocks, which mark the way.

Tonight: Loubressac · Le Cantou 354

ELEVATION



DAY 7

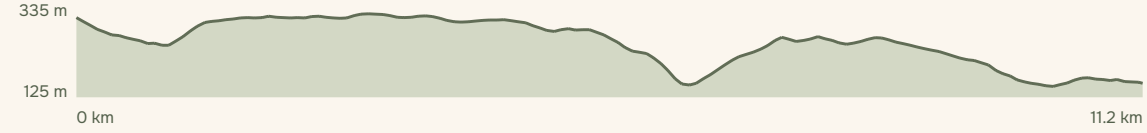
Loubressac to Carennac

11.2 km (7 miles) · ↑ 250 m (about 800 ft) ↓ 430 m (about 1,400 ft) · Dinner included

From clifftop Loubressac you walk down to the Dordogne at Carennac, one of France's most beautiful villages, for lunch in its winding streets, and a taxi brings you back to Loubressac.

Tonight: Loubressac · Le Cantou 354

ELEVATION



DAY 8

Departure

All good things come to an end. After breakfast, your hotel can book a taxi to take you to Brive or Saint-Denis-près-Martel station.

WALK ALL DAY, EAT VERY WELL

Food along the way



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NO SURPRISES

What's included

Included

- ✓ 7 nights' accommodation, sharing a double or twin room
- ✓ 7 breakfasts and 7 dinners
- ✓ Taxis to and from the walks on days 3, 5, 6 and 7
- ✓ Our detailed route notes
- ✓ GPX files by email, with simple instructions for using them on your phone
- ✓ Support by phone and WhatsApp throughout your holiday

Not included

- — Travel to and from Loubressac
- — Lunches and drinks
- — Entrance fees (châteaux, caves, gardens and museums)
- — Travel insurance (we strongly recommend it)
- — Personal expenses



FROM KEV AND CASSIE

Welcome

Thank you for reading. We plan every holiday ourselves, from the routes to the hotels, and we'd love to help you plan yours. Send us your dates and any questions you have, and I'll be in touch within 24 hours.

Cassie
A family business, owned and run by Cassie.

This route has been walked by our family, and every hotel is one we know.

Ready when you are

Tell us when you'd like to travel and we'll check availability and send you a quote, with the full details of your holiday.

Enquire: dordogneexperience.com/book-holiday
Call or WhatsApp Cassie: +44 7476 205 325
Email: hello@dordogneexperience.com
This holiday: dordogneexperience.com/loubressac-walking-week

Scan to enquire about this holiday

Booking and cancelling: A 25% deposit secures your holiday. The balance is due 8 weeks before you travel (book within 8 weeks and the full price is due when you book). Cancelling, in writing: more than 56 days before departure, 25% of the holiday price (your deposit); 56 to 29 days, 50%; 28 to 15 days, 70%; 14 days or less, 100%. Prices are set in pounds, and you can pay in any currency you prefer. Book early for May, June and September. Our hotels are small and often family-run, and they fill first in those months, so the earlier you book, the more choice of dates you'll have. Read the full Terms: dordogneexperience.com/terms-of-service.

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