

Itinerary #1

Sarlat and Eyrignac

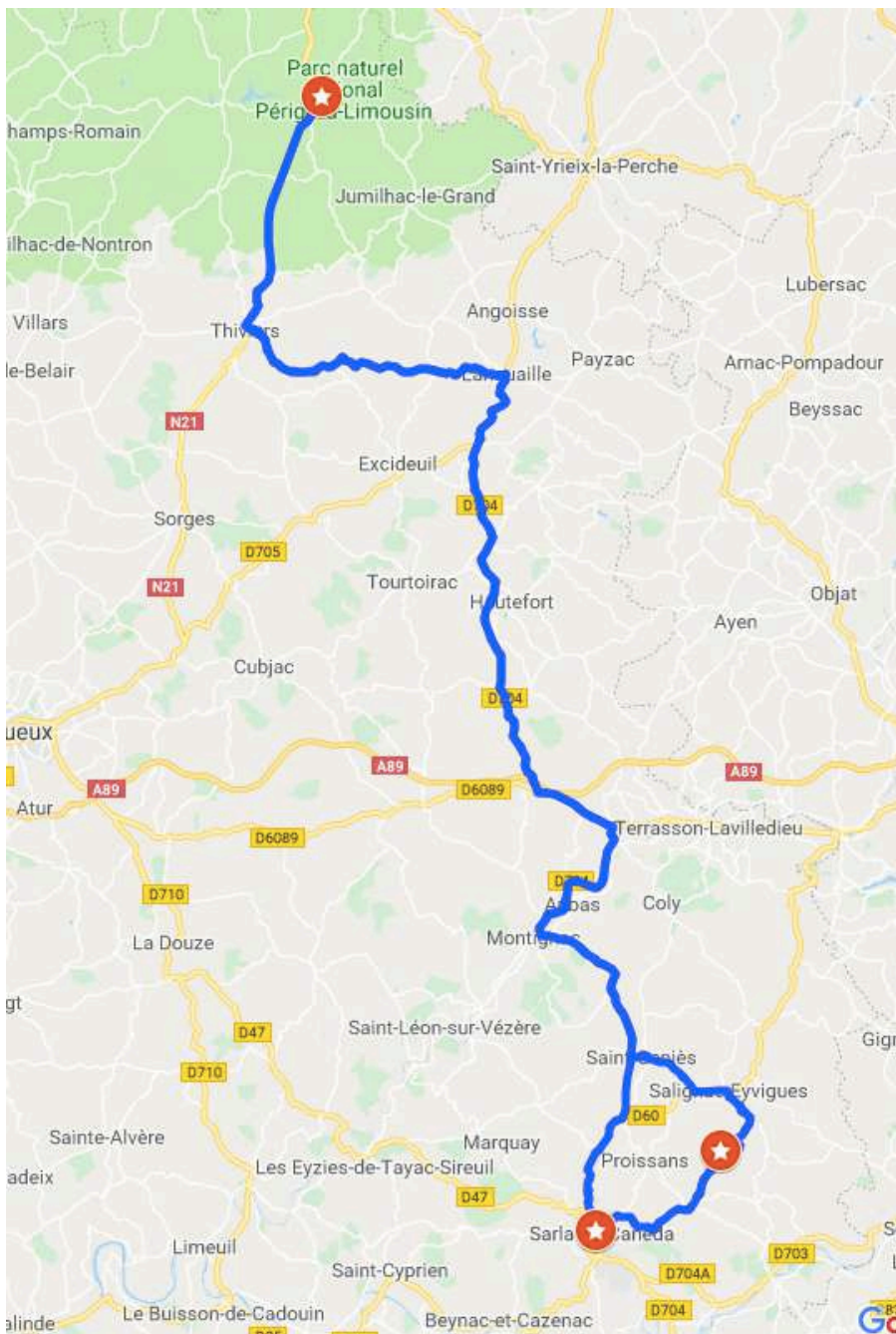


Trip Time: 9+ hours *

Distance: 232 km

1:40 to Sarlat	(108 km)
0:20 to Eyrignac	(14 km)
0:30 to Montignac	(27 km)
1:15 to Bonnes Routes	(83 km)

** actual time dependent on dining options and time spent in each location outside of that indicated*



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Main Sites

Sarlat la Caneda



2.5-3 hour visit including lunch

The town of Sarlat is world renowned as one of the best preserved medieval towns – it was one of the largest medieval urban areas in the world from the 13th to 16th centuries. It is a warren of alleyways, virtually unchanged since the middle ages, lined with warm ochre stone houses, small galleries including the famous “Herdin”, art shops and lots of shops selling local produce.

The Saturday market offers a lively, bustling experience where you can find foie gras, the famous cepe mushrooms, magret (duck breasts) & confit (conserves of duck or goose), truffles, walnuts, strawberries and other delicious local products to tempt your taste buds.

Jardins de Manoir Eyrignac



1-2 hour visit depending on walks

Set high in the Périgord Noir, the gardens provide 10 hectares of sculpted plants to discover. A unique example of Topiary Art in France, offers yews, box trees, hornbeams and cypresses as the main species.

The volume and the variety of green sculptures are what make Eyrignac so special: sculpted plants, greenery rooms, boxwood embroideries, French-style garden bed. There are 7 gardens to explore as well as a 2.5 and 4.5 km nature walk on the 200-hectare forestry estate.

A visitor guide from the entrance, iPod touch guide (to rent), or a phone App will take you on your own self-guided tour.

Montignac



1 hour visit + dining

Main centre for visiting prehistoric sites in the Vézère valley. The old town North of the river has a maze of streets with fourteenth- to sixteenth-century timbered houses. Pick up a map from the tourist office showing a route around the town including all main highlights.










There are events throughout the year, but the main reason for being on this itinerary is as somewhere to stop for dinner on your return to Bonnes Routes. You will drive through Montignac on return from Eyrignac – so it's a great place to stop for a wander along the river.

There are a number of restaurants overlooking the river offering outside dining on a warm evening including:










- Les Pilotis (traditional, meats, salads, pizza)
- Le Triskell (creperie)
- Aux Berges la Vézère (traditional and pizza)
- La Chaumière (Southern France/Perigordian)

Many restaurants don't open until 7 pm particularly off season

Follow Trip #C16 to Sarlat

-  From Bonhur, turn left onto **N21** to Thiviers roundabout for 16 km
-  Third exit at Thiviers roundabout - **D707** Lanouaille for 21 km
-  At Lanouaille turn right on **D704** signed A89 for 31 km
-  Third exit for **D6089** to Terrasson, and first exit at the next roundabout, continuing to follow the D6089 for 5.5 km
-  At the major crossroads/traffic lights in Le Lardin turn right onto the **D704** to Sarlat / Montignac for 9.5 km
-  Second exit to Montignac, then second exit at the next roundabout onto the **D704E** to Sarlat for 2.5 km
-  Turn left at the junction back onto the **D704** for Sarlat for 24 km
-  First exit to Cahors/Bergerac staying on the **D704** for 500 m
-  Arrive at Sarlat parking just past the cemetery







To Manoir de L'Eyrignac

-  Drive North on **D704** to roundabout for 500 m
-  Second exit to Proissans then    signed Proissans for 2 km
-  On **D47** to Saint Nathalene for 6 km
-  After Saint Nathalene turn left signed **La Palombiere** for 2.5 km
-  At a tiny crossroads go straight (cream house to the right) for 2 km then follow signs to Jardins Eyrignac
-  Arrive at Jardins Eyrignac

Follow Trip #J2 Jardins de L'Eyrignac (return portion) to Montignac

-  Turn left out of the gardens for 3.5 km
-  At the **D61** junction follow signs left to Salignac for 2.5 km
-  At the main Salignac junction follow sign to **Sarlat** for 2.5 km
-  Turn right onto **D61** to Montignac for 5.5 km
-  After Saint Genies turn onto **D704** for 11 km
-  Arrive at Montignac – go straight at the first roundabout to the parking 130 m on the right

Continue to follow Trip #J2 (return portion) to Bonnes Routes

-  Turn left out of the parking then at the roundabouts follow signs to **A89** - follow the **D704** to Le Lardin Saint Vézère for 11 km
-  At the crossroads/traffic lights in Le Lardin turn onto the **D6089**, signed **A89 / Château de Hautefort** for 5 km
-  Take exits to Saint Yrieix / Limoges at both roundabouts then drive North on the **D704** to Lanouaille for 30 km
-  At the brick junction in Lanouaille turn onto **D707** (Thiviers) for 21 km
-  At the Thiviers roundabout take the second exit to **N21** to La Coquille for 16 km
-  After La Coquille turn right into Bonhur for 500 m

Arrive at Bonnes Routes