

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT US...

66 The facilities are well-equipped for receiving groups; offering groups a good service is a priority! A free coach park, a personalized reception area on arrival, a guide to answer any questions and fast access to the tour. Visitors are guided... which is essential today for customer satisfaction!

ANNE - QUERCY DÉCOUVERTES
WWW.QUERCY-DECOUVERTES.COM

66 Professional, attentive staff, with efficient handling of administrative procedures of the visit, from choosing options to invoicing, time savings with a single contact for bookings to visit the Chasm and for the restaurant.

MARINE ET SANDRINE - OFFICE DE TOURISME DE LA VALLÉE DE LA DORDOGNE WWW.VALLEE-DORDOGNE.COM/GROUPES





People always come back dazzled by this geological wonder!
The system for group bookings and the reception of groups has recently been rethought making it easier to use and more convenient for tourism professionals. The friendly, efficient sales department is able to deal with professional enquiries and meet our requirements. We highly recommend it!

Start planning a trip to the Gouffre de Padirac!

LÆTITIA - VOYAGES RUBAN BLEU RODEZ

WWW.RUBANBLEU-AUTOCARS.COM/FR/VOYAGES-RUBAN-BLEU

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We have had the pleasure of working with the Gouffre de Padirac for several years, which is only a few kilometres from our Hotel-Restaurant Complex, Le Moulin Rouge, in Terrasson. We have sent individuals and groups, and they are always *impressed by this exceptional site*.

Don't miss it if you are passing through our beautiful region!

ANNABELLE - HÔTEL MOULIN ROUGE TERRASSON WWW.HOTEL-DORDOGNE-PERIGORD.COM

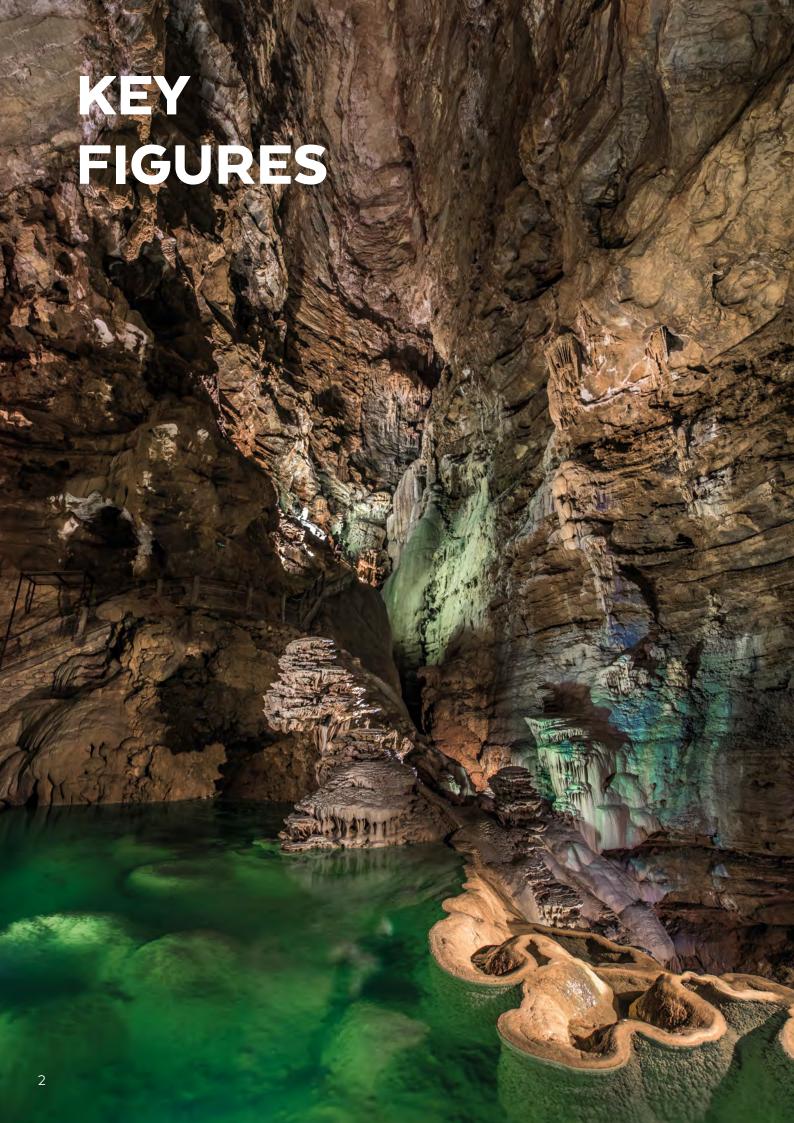
GG There is a *special reception facility for Groups* which makes their management and organisation very easy from the moment they arrive at the Gouffre de Padirac. The helpful, efficient booking service offers *plenty of visibility* for finalizing our schedules. Thank you for taking into account the service providers as well as the visitors!

NATHALIE - CAP FRANCE TERROU WWW.CAPFRANCE-TERROU.COM

More than *130 years* of exploration!

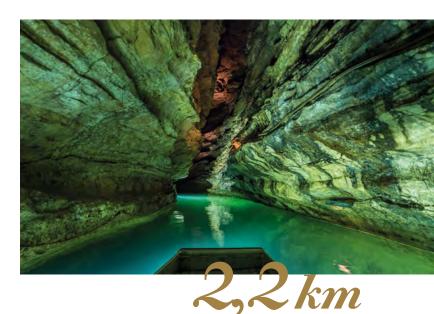


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More than **25 million** visitors have marvelled at the caves!

T st FRANCE'S MOST VISITED NATURAL SUBTERRANEAN TOURIST SITE



OF TRAILS TO VISIT EITHER ON FOOT OR BY BOAT



A NATURAL CHASM

33m

A SUBTERRANEAN RIVER

103m

BENEATH THE EARTH'S SURFACE

75 m

94n
THE HEIGHT OF THE VAULT

OF THE SALLE

DU GRAND DÔME

MORE THAN

485,000

VISITORS IN 2018



WHY VISIT THE GOUFFRE THE FIRST NATURAL DE PADIRAC? UNDERGROUND HERITAGE SITE IN FRANCE EXPERIENCE ONE OF EUROPE'S **GREATEST GEOLOGICAL CURIOSITIES** WITH A WALK THROUGH THE CAVES AND A BOAT TRIP THE **THIRD** MOST VISITED SITE IN OCCITANIE REGION AN AUDIO TOUR AVAILABLE IN 6 LANGUAGES INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE (4 LANGUAGES FOR THE CHILDREN'S VERSION)



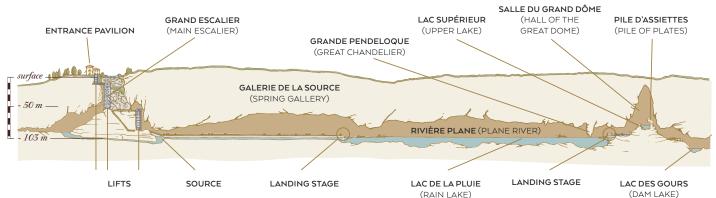
LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE DORDOGNE VALLEY, NEAR ROCAMADOUR, THE GOUFFRE DE PADIRAC IS THE LARGEST UNDERGROUND NATURAL HERITAGE SITE IN FRANCE.

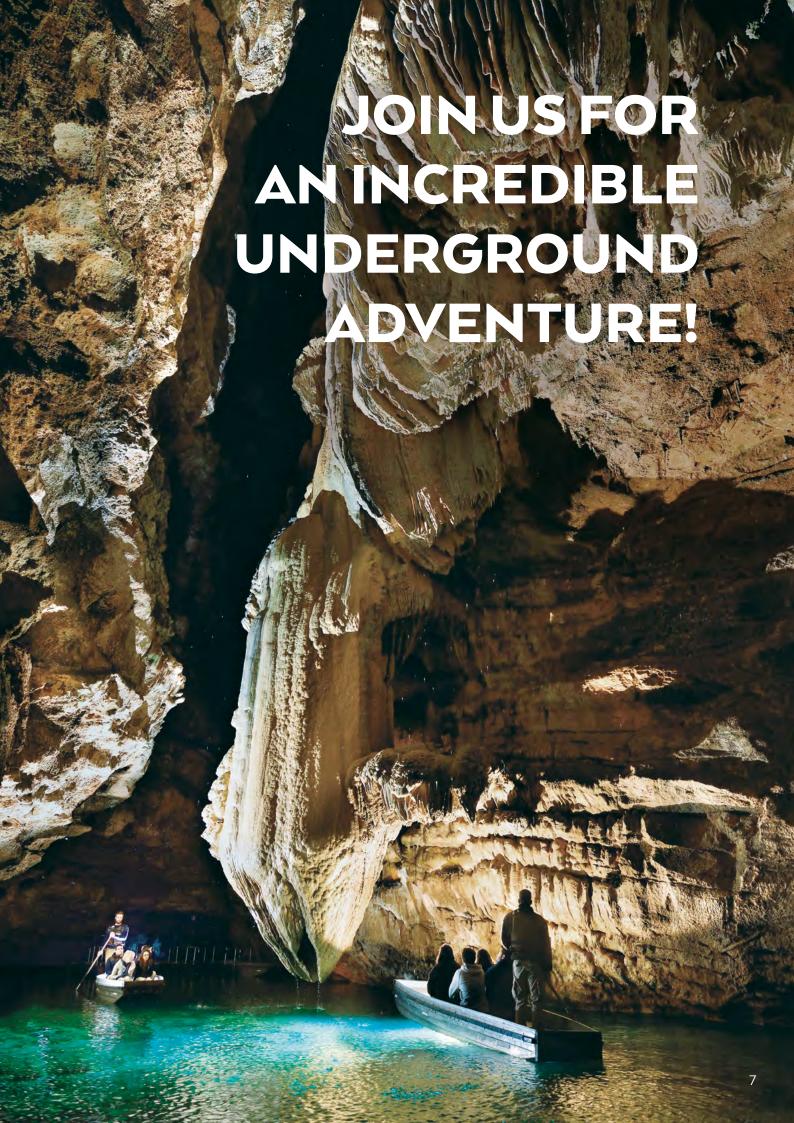


A SHAFT... OR RATHER A CHASM...

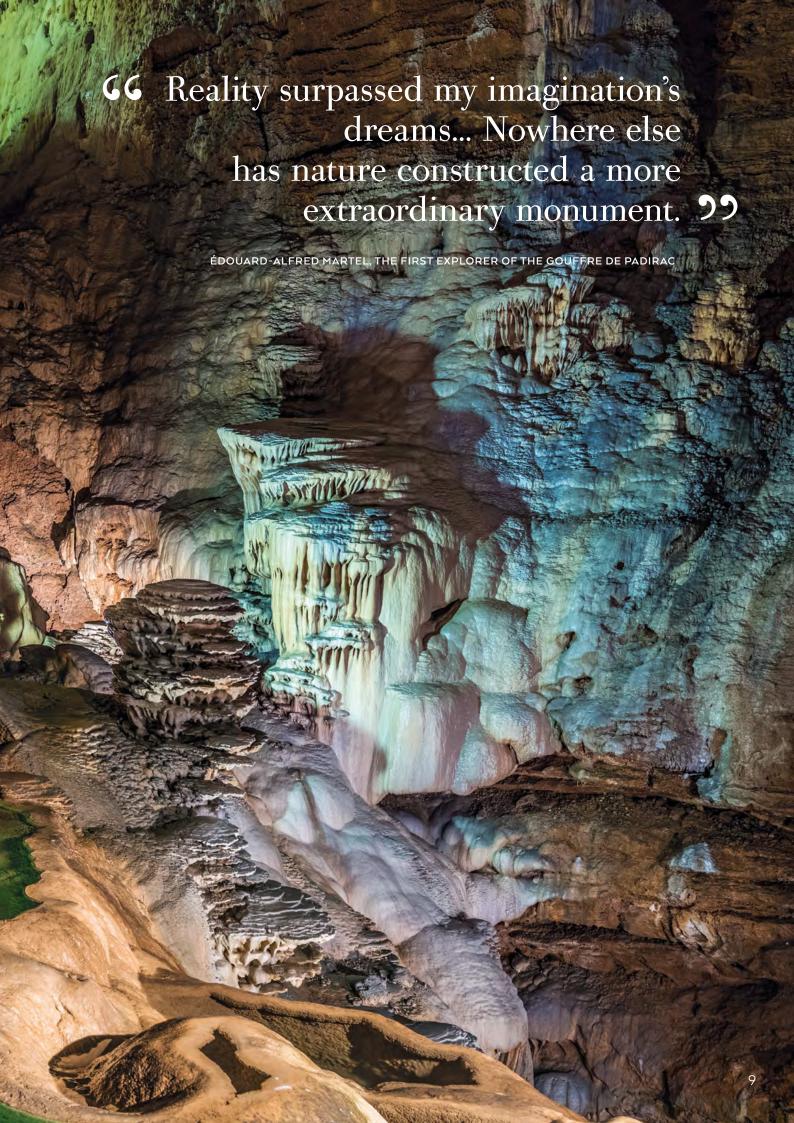
YOU DISCOVER THIS REMARKABLE NATURAL CAVITY WITH A DIAMETER OF 33 METRES AND A DEPTH OF 75 METRES...

- Visits begin with a 103-metre descent underground by lift or stairs, followed by a walk through the caves to the pier, where you set off for a boat ride.
- The river takes you past the *Grande Pendeloque* ("Great Chandelier"), an impressive 60-metre-long stalactite that hangs over the *Lac de la Pluie* ("Rain Lake").
- Disembarking from the boat, you continue to the *Lac* des Gours ("Dam Lake") and the incredible Salle du Grand Dôme ("Hall of the Great Dome") whose cathedral-like ceiling rises to a height of 94 metres, revealing a multitude of geological wonders shaped by nature over millions of years.











Édouard-Alfred Martel, equipped with heavy rope ladders and candles, **first enters the caves**, known among local people as "The Devil's Hole".

1898

1 NOVEMBER

After almost 10 years of *major works*, the Gouffre de Padirac welcomed *its first visitors*.

1900

The Gouffre de Padirac is visited by *3 935 people* over the whole year.



Electricity is brought to the cave system's galleries. This really is a *technical* and acrobatic feat!

THE HISTORY OF THE GOUFFRE DE PADIRAC: A FEW DATES

ON 9 JULY 1889, ÉDOUARD-ALFRED MARTEL ENTERED ONE OF THE MOST MYSTERIOUS CHASMS EVER EXPLORED, AND QUICKLY SET ABOUT MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THE PUBLIC TO VISIT HIS DISCOVERY. TO HELP FUND THE PROJECT, HE TEAMED UP WITH GEORGE BEAMISH, A DESCENDANT OF THE IRISH BREWING FAMILY OF THE SAME NAME, AND AFTER MANY MONTHS OF WORK THE FIRST VISITORS DESCENDED INTO THE GOUFFRE DE PADIRAC ON 1 NOVEMBER 1898.

1930

The first lift is installed.



1936

Thanks to the introduction of paid holidays and the flourishing *French railway system*, people flocked to visit *Rocamadour* and the Gouffre de Padirac.

THE SOCIÉTÉ D'EXPLOITATIONS SPÉLÉOLOGIQUES DE PADIRAC: AN INTERGENERATIONAL COMMITMENT

VISITOR NUMBERS OVER THE YEARS:

3,935
VISITORS

103,789

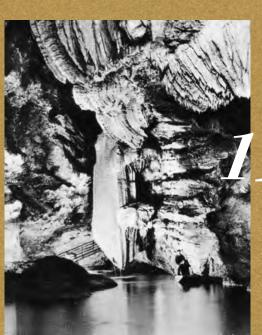
2018 MORE THAN 485,000 VISITORS IN 2005, LÆTITIA DE MÉNIBUS-GRAVIER, GEORGE BEAMISH'S GREAT-GREAT-GRANDAUGHTER TOOK OVER MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GOUFFRE DE PADIRAC, AND UNDERTOOK TO LAUNCH A NEW CHAPTER IN ITS HISTORY WITH AN ENERGETIC PROGRAMME TO RESTORE THE IMAGE AND APPEAL OF THE GOUFFRE DE PADIRAC.

Visitor facilities have been redesigned under her impetus to create a better visitor experience.

The operating company now provides visitors, whether residents or tourists, with a *cultural and artistic programme* including photo exhibitions, recitals and events. *Access to everything for everyone* remains a strong commitment for France's foremost underground natural heritage site. This is demonstrated by *support for charities* through specific initiatives, by greater scientific and cultural accessibility with *school visits* and by *providing educational tools*. Scanned archive material is also available to all via the Padiracothèque.

As part of this objective to *highlight the cultural value of this natural underground monument*, Lætitia de Ménibus-Gravier recently initiated a structural and landscaping project to improve the reception facilities for *the Gouffre de Padirac*, *which celebrated the 130th anniversary of its discovery in 2019*.





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Inauguration of the "New Padirac" in the presence of the Minister for Public Works. The press ensured that this exceptional site and its incredibly modern facilities for the time, gained an international reputation.

A VISIT TO THE GOUFFRE DE PADIRAC PROMISES TO BE AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY.

MANY VISITORS CHOOSE TO REMAIN ON THE SITE FOR LUNCH.



for your enjoyment!

THE AUBERGE DU GOUFFRE PROPOSES A **GOURMET MENU OF REGIONAL SPECIALITIES** JUST A FEW
METRES FROM THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHASM.

Family and regional cuisine: duck foie gras, farm-raised Quercy lamb, handmade sausages, Lot or Amadour salad, and vegetarian dishes...

There is always something, whatever your schedule or your preferences, with special menus, breakfast formulas, takeaway picnics, or regional specialities to be enjoyed in a convivial setting...

SEATS UP TO

120

PEOPLE IN THE DINING ROOM

UPTC

80

PEOPLE ON THE TERRACE (DEPENDING ON THE SEASON)

OPEN

7 days/7



GIFT SHOP & E-BOUTIQUE

CONTINUE YOUR VISIT IN THE SHOP AND BOOKSTORE, WITH A WIDE SELECTION OF BOOKS, SOUVENIRS, AND GIFTS FROM THE WORLD OF THE GOUFFRE DE PADIRAC.

L'ÉPICERIE FINE

REGIONAL DELICATESSEN COUNTER AND **SWEETS**

OPEN 7 DAYS/7 www.boutique.gouffre-de-padirac.com



THE DORDOGNE VALLEY: A REMARKABLE JOURNEY...

FROM THE ARID CAUSSE PLATEAUS
TO THE WOODED HILLS OF XAINTRIE,
EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF THE
DORDOGNE VALLEY: REMARKABLE
LANDSCAPES, EXCEPTIONAL
ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE, A LAND
RICH IN GASTRONOMIC TRADITIONS,
NUMEROUS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
& CULTURAL FESTIVALS...

Assistance is available for tourism professionals with the organisation of visits to the Dordogne Valley.

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GUIDED TOURS, DISCOVERY TRAILS, AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ITINERARIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TOURIST OFFICE.

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The Dordogne Valley is full of *picturesque roads* surrounded by remarkable scenery, *beautiful rivers* and *hiking trails*, such as the Santiago de Compostela pilgrim route. An idyllic setting for a *wide range of leisure and outdoor activities* such as canoeing, swimming in the river and walks.



HISTORIC HERITAGE

Civilization goes back thousands of years in this region: traces still remain of the first humans, including magnificent examples of *cave art* and *prehistoric drawings*. Over the centuries, an *exceptional heritage* has accumulated: castles, churches, buildings, medieval villages etc.

Six of the *most beautiful villages in France* are located on the banks of the river - Autoire, Carennac, Loubressac, Turenne, Collonges-la-Rouge and Curemonte - near the Gouffre de Padirac, the holy city of Rocamadour and the Causses du Quercy Regional Nature Park.

GASTRONOMY & LOCAL PRODUCTS

The Dordogne Valley is known for its *superb cuisine*: gourmet experiences are a *way of life* here, thanks to the region's dedicated farmers, producers and chefs; on market days, the villages present a lively, colourful spectacle.... The pleasures of table d'hôte dining, authentic farmhouse inns, or starred cuisine: savour delicious strawberries, Quercy melon, walnuts from Périgord, ceps, truffles, foie gras, confit, farmhouse lamb from Quercy, or goat's cheese from Rocamadour, washed down with Glanes wine, or a glass of Amadour...





YRICALARTS, AZZ, THEATRE...

> Depending on the timing of your visit, you will also have the opportunity to enjoy one of the many festivals, *real celebrations of art and culture*, that often take place in extraordinary settings; among the most well-known, there is the Rocamadour Festival of Sacred Music, Souillac en Jazz, Saint-Céré Opera Festival, Collonges-la-Rouge Theatre Festival...

PRACTICAL INFORMATION





OUR GROUP OFFERS FOR PROFESSIONALS

RATES

(20 people or more)

Pricing applicable to travel operators (registered by ATOUT France for French operators).

	ADULT	CHILD AGED OVER 12	CHILD AGED 4 TO 12	CHILD AGED UNDER 4
GROUP PRICES VIA PROFESSIONALS	<i>11,40</i> €	<i>10,00</i> €	8,00€	Free
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PUBLIC PRICES FOR GROUPS	12,00 €	10,50 €	8,40 €	FREE
PUBLIC PRICES FOR INDIVIDUALS	15,00 €	15,00 €	10,50 €	FREE
(Contact us for "Mini-	Groups" rates for groups	from 15 to 19 pers.)		

- FREE "ADULT" TICKETS DEPENDING YOUR TICKET PRICE INCLUDES
- •1 FREE COACH-DRIVER TICKET
- · COACH PARK NEAR
- A TOUR WITH AUDIO GUIDE

- · THEMATIC GUIDED TOURS WITH A
- · "SKIPTHE QUEUE" TICKET AT THE
- · OPEN DAILY IN SEASON
- · PERSONALISED RECEPTION AT THE GROUP OFFICE & SINGLE **CONTACT** FOR ORGANISING YOUR



Whatever your preferences & schedule, the Auberge du Gouffre offers a gourmet menu of regional specialities, just a few meters from the entrance to the chasm. Please contact us for any details.

HOW CAN YOU RESERVE YOUR GROUP VISIT?

Our team can be reached by telephone on **+33 (0) 5 65 33 77 37**, resa@gouffre-de-padirac.com

Your reservation request should indicate the date and time of your visit, the preferred language, the number of visitors, the ages of the children, and the services chosen (tour and dining).

OUR A LA CARTE SERVICES

An unforgettable experience! We were explorers for a time, and highly impressed spectators at the end of the visit.

Don't hesitate to take the tour! 22

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PRIVATE EXPLORER EVENINGS

Would you like to organise a family, corporate, or commercial event... that will take your breath away?

For an evening, *become an adventurer* and explore the underground world on foot and by boat, plunged into darkness and *with only candles to light* your way - just how Édouard-Alfred Martel, the first explorer of the Gouffre de Padirac, discovered it in 1889!

LET'S GO & ENJOY AN ESCAPE GAME

What a more original place than the Gouffre de Padirac to plunge your guests into an "escape game" in a total immersion! This innovative concept featured during incentive or team-building, encourages teams to collaborate and develops mutual assistance among participants.



FOOD & WINE PAIRINGS IN A EXCEPTIONAL SETTING

The Gouffre de Padirac becomes a wonderful setting for an exceptional tasting of *local products* one evening during.

Renowned chefs and winemakers introduce your taste buds 103 meters underground.

EVENTS, INCENTIVES, FILMING, TEAM-BUILDING, ETC.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SITE THAT IS **OUT OF THE ORDINARY** FOR A **PRIVATE OR PROFESSIONAL EVENT**, A FILM SHOOT, OR A PHOTO REPORTAGE?



Surprise your guests and your clients and impress people by organising a private event at an *emblematic site of the underground world!*

Our sales team will support you throughout your project, from the thinking stage to turning your event into reality!

We can also offer you tasting sessions to sample exceptional wines, as well as food and wine pairings with our local partners.

YOUR CONTACT IN THE SALES DEPARTMENT



OUR PRIVATE TOURS

An unforgettable experience that you really must not miss! We had the impression of being in another world and being those same explorers who discovered this absolutely magical place over a century ago!

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A PRIVATE TOUR

On arrival, you will be welcomed by one of our boatmen guides, who will be your exclusive contact person during this *private tour* of the Gouffre de Padirac.

During the tour, you will learn about adventures of *Édouard-Alfred Martel*, the first explorer of the Gouffre de Padirac and the founding father of modern speleology, as well as about the history and formation of this out-of-the-ordinary natural site. An experience that is rich in feelings and unforgettable memories!

A SPECIAL JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

You travel to the centre of the earth by using *priority access* (at the lifts, on the boarding stage, and on the landing stage), and by journeying along the underground river onboard a *private boat*. That gives you the opportunity to converse comfortably with your guide, who will be able to cover the tour topics in line with your areas of interest.



A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

To broaden your enjoyment... we can offer you macarons, fresh fruit, and a coupe of *champagne*, to be sampled during your visit.

Finally, would you like a keepsafe of this unique visit? We offer you your *ritual souvenir photo* in the Gouffre de Padirac.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1 TO 4 VISITORS

ADDITIONAL VISITOR ADULT

ADDITIONAL VISITOR AGED 4 TO 12

CHILD AGED UNDER 4

More than 11 persons: Please contact us.

440,00 [€] 110,00 [€] 75,00 [€] Free

LANGUAGES AVAILABLE RESERVATION CONDITIONS French, English, Spanish

Offer only valid during the sites's opening hours. Request subject to availability.

Payment at time of order.

YOUR CONTACT IN THE SALES DEPARTMENT





OUR TOURIST CIRCUITS

AROUND THE GOUFFRE DE PADIRAC...

EXAMPLES OF DAYS AND STAYS THAT MAY BE OFFERED BY OUR PARTNERS FOR YOUR GROUPS.

EXPLORING THE GOUFFRE DE PADIRAC AND THE ROCHER DES AIGLES

(20 people or more)

Nested in the heart of Causses de

Quercy Regional Natural Park, in the arid Rocamadour landscape, the Rocher des Aigles lies in a wild landscape and

ADULT FROM 6 46,00CHILD UNDER 12
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During the morning, tour the *Gouffre de Padirac* and embark for a boat ride 103 metres underground.

After lunch at the Auberge du Gouffre, departure for the *Rocher des Aigles*.

INCLUDED: Visits, lunch (3 courses, drinks included) and reservation fees. NOT INCLUDED: Cancellation insurance, transport and transfers, surcharges (Sundays, public holidays, and foreign-language guides), parking fees and personal expenses.

"WATERBORNE" EXPLORATION

(20 people or more)

ADULT
FROM

44,00 €

CHILD UNDER 12
FROM

27,00 €

During the morning, tour the *Gouffre de Padirac* and embark for a boat ride 103 metres underground.

After lunch at the Auberge du Gouffre, departure for *Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne*, a village dating back to the Middle Ages

that is typical of the "Limousin Riviera". Embark aboard the scow "Adèle et Clarisse" and listen to the story of inland waterway transport along the River Dordogne and of life in the old days in the Dordogne Valley.

INCLUDED: Visits and lunch (3 courses, drinks included) and reservation fees. **NOT INCLUDED**: Cancellation insurance, transport and transfers, surcharges (Sundays, public holidays, and foreign-language guides), parking fees and personal expenses.

A STAY "AT THE HEART OF THE CAUSSES DE QUERCY"

(20 people or more)

ADULT FROM $154,00^{\, \epsilon}$ CHILD UNDER 12 FROM ϵ

DAY1: Explore the depths of the *Gouffre de Padirac* and embark for a boat ride 103 metres underground to explore France's first natural underground heritage site. After lunch at the Auberge du Gouffre, take a guided tour of the holy city of Rocamadour, then enjoy a tasting session and a visit to a goat farm that produces Rocamadour farm cheese. *An art in itself!*

DAY 2: Learn about the secrets of Martel, the "Town with Seven Towers", over the course of a guided tour through its narrow little streets, then learn about the process of making walnut oil during a tour and lunch at the Moulin à Huile. After lunch, follow the rails along a former railway line that overlooks the **Dordogne Valley** from a height of over 80 metres.

INCLUDED: 1 night half board in a 2-star hotel, tourist tax, 2 lunches, the visits listed in the programme, and reservation fees. - **NOT INCLUDED**: Cancellation insurance, transport and transfers, surcharges (Sundays, public holidays, and foreign-language guides), parking fees and personal expenses.



OFFICE DU TOURISME DE LA VALLÉE DE LA DORDOGNE

ENTERED IN THE REGISTER OF TRAVEL AND HOLIDAY OPERATORS UNDER NUMBER IMO46160001

These prices are all taxes included

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OUR PARTNERS

FITOUR

Fitour Receptif supports you in organising your stays with the Gouffre de Padirac.

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OUR 2020 OPENING TIMES

OPEN DAILY FROM MARCH 28 TO NOVEMBER 11



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YOUR TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A TOUR WITH AUDIO GUIDE IN 6 LANGUAGES (4 LANGUAGE FOR CHILDREN)



FOR REASONS OF CONSERVATION AND HYGIENE, PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE TOUR (EXCEPT GUIDE DOGS)



MOVIES AND PHOTOS PERMITTED WITHOU' FLASH ON THE ENTIRE TOUR TRAIL WALK



FREE PARKING RIGHT NEAR THE RECEPTION BUILDING



THEMATIC GUIDED TOURS WITH A GUIDE-BOATMAN (ADD FEE)



SHOP-BOOKSHOP - REGIONAL DELICATESSEN



GAMES FOR CHILDREN & RECREATIONAL PARK



SHADED PICNIC AREAS



SNACKING - ON-SITE RESTAURANT
GROUP MENU SUBJECT TO RESERVATION

PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REQUEST TO THE SALES & GROUP RESERVATION DEPARTMENT

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