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# ROUTES DU BONHEUR From Toulouse to Limoges: the nature and wonders of the great Southwest

Between Haute-Garonne and Haute-Vienne, from Toulouse to Limoges, Relais & Châteaux has created an itinerary for nature lovers looking to recharge their batteries. The route takes the traveler through the natural parks of the Causses du Quercy region before winding along the Millevaches plateau and amidst the geological treasures of the Périgord region. You'll stop in villages with artisanal and gastronomic traditions sometimes centuries old, and taste truffles in Limoges porcelain ...



5 NIGHTS
from
US\$ 1,449.28\*

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<sup>\*</sup> Prix Total communiqué à titre indicatif au 04/24/2024, calculé sur la base de 2 personnes en chambre double pour un séjour du nombrede nuits indiqué sur cette page par établissement, hors activités conseillées, hors établissements non réservables en ligne et hors restaurants.

\*\* Prix d'un appel local.





# 1 DRUDAS — 1 NIGHT

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## Château de Drudas

**Hotel and restaurant in the country.** A historical monument, Château de Drudas towers over the Gascogne Toulousaine countryside. Once the summer home of the family of the Counts of Rességuier, lovers of fine poetry, its immense charm shines anew with Françoise and Jean Rossi. The rooms are nestled in an ambience reminiscent of the 18th century, the friezes and bas-reliefs have been carefully restored and the salons are decorated with exquisite hangings. The west wing of the castle, now dedicated to relaxation and well-being, has preserved traces of the time when it served as the servants' quarters. As for the chef, Hippolyte Peters Desteract, he welcomes you into his cosy restaurant Le Verdurier or on the shaded terrace to offer you a cuisine rich in herbs and plants.

#### Weekly closing:

Hotel: Monday and Tuesday (from the beginning of September to the end of April). Restaurant: lunch from Monday to Friday and dinner from Sunday to Tuesday, Monday, Tuesday noon, Sunday evening (from the beginning of April to the end of June).



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# 2 PUYMIROL — 1 NIGHT

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## Michel Trama

Restaurant and hotel in a village. Contemporary interior designer Jacques Garcia has worked wonders with the décor of this 13th century bastide, that was once home to the Counts of Toulouse. The mood is theatrical and luxurious. Sofas with feet that look like lion paws sit beside ancient floor tiles and velvety wall hangings. There is a touch of the artist Jean Cocteau here too, with an avant-garde chandelier that appears out of a wall. Your itinerary should include visiting the region which is one of the most beautiful parts of France, and sampling the recipes dreamt up by Chef Michel Trama, this extraordinary self-taught starred Chef, who strolls through the Lot-et-Garonne farmer markets looking for the best and the unexpected. His cuisine reveals his love of wholesome food and of life in general. You'll sample notably his potato papillote and his lobster lasagna, a few reasons the restaurant is not to be missed.

#### Weekly closing:

Hotel: Monday, Tuesday noon, Sunday evening (from mid-September to mid-June) (off season). Gourmet restaurant: Monday, Tuesday noon, Sunday evening (off season), Monday noon and Tuesday noon (high season). "L'Auberge de la Poule d'Or": Monday, Tuesday noon, Sunday evening.



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### Château de Mercuès

**Hotel and restaurant in a vineyard.** Staying in this 13th century château overlooking the Lot valley is a truly unique experience, an authentic immersion in the history of France during the Middle Ages. Built on a rocky promontory, this was the summer residence of the Counts and Bishops of Cahors for seven centuries. Today, the chef draws his inspiration from local producers, and has won an international reputation for working wonders with black Lalbenque truffles and Quercy lamb. The wine list includes the great Malbec wines and vintages produced in the château's very own wine cellars, because before being the owner, Mr. Vigouroux was the wine grower.



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## Close to the property

- Cahors, Medieval Town
- Georges Vigouroux, Great Malbecs
- Château Lagrézette, Caillac





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## Château de la Treyne

**Hotel and restaurant on a river.** The towers of this château are so close to the river that it feels as if they are floating on it. Located between the Lot, known as the "land of marvels", and the Dordogne, home to more than one thousand châteaux, the Château de la Treyne is the ideal base from which to set off and explore this fascinating region. The Chef adapts the cuisine of the terroir, based on foie gras or lamb from the Causses du Quercy nature park. A delicious dinner can be enjoyed in the Grand Louis XIII Salon, or on the terrace overlooking the Dordogne. Breathe in pure, fresh air and look around wide-eyed to take in this extraordinary setting.

#### Weekly closing:

Restaurant: lunch from Tuesday to Saturday and Wednesday evening.



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- A River Runs Through It
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- Truffle Market, Sarlat
- Jardins Sothys





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## La Chapelle Saint-Martin

**Hotel and restaurant in the country.** Just outside Limoges, there is a peaceful haven where the lush vegetation is at its most beautiful. Time seems to stand still at La Chapelle Saint-Martin, where guests can step back in time and experience what life in the private residence of this 19th century porcelain manufacturer would have been like. Those who are partial to a beautiful landscape will instantly fall in love with the chapel surrounded by 35 hectares of 200 year-old trees. The surrounding countryside is delightful, and the grounds, ponds and old dock are the perfect place for quiet contemplation. While the house and gardens are historic, the inspirational cuisine is refreshingly modern.

#### Weekly closing:

Hotel: Sunday and Monday evenings (from November 7th to December 6th, 2021). Main restaurant: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for lunch (from October 1st, 2021 to June 29th, 2022) and Monday and Tuesday for lunch (from June 30th, 2022 to August 31th, 2022). "La Table du Couvent": Mondays, Tuesday lunchtimes and Sunday evenings.



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#### Close to the property

- Bernardaud, masters of Limoges porcelain
- Weston, exceptional shoes (Limoges)
- The porcelain museum, Limoges
- Limoges-Bénédictins railway station





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