

France



## ROUTES DU BONHEUR The Cathar Country, a land of history

Although little known to most people, this land is incredibly rich in history. By scanning these hilly landscapes, you'll be able to distinguish the silhouettes of the "Five Sons of Carcassonne", the ancient fortresses of Puilaurens, Termes, Peyrepertuse, Aguilar and Quéribus. Through them, the Cathars left their mark on Catalan soil. From Albi to the foothills of the Pyrenees, passing through the majestic city of Carcassonne and along the Mediterranean shore, this journey takes on the spirit of an odyssey...



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**1 ALBI — 1 NIGHT**

( 1 property available )

## La Réserve

**Hotel and restaurant on a river.** The Queen Mother of England made this charming hotel her base when she visited Albi, the native town of the artist Toulouse-Lautrec. In 2010, Unesco classified this episcopal city, a medieval gem constructed in red brick, a World Heritage site. Just as the royal visitor did, appreciate the gentle way of life, the spacious rooms opening onto the beautiful park, and dinners in the restaurant or terrace, with magnificent views of the river Tarn. With a glass of Gaillac in hand, discover the beauty of post-Impressionist landscapes whilst learning how Albi witnessed the birth of Catharism and, during the Renaissance, supplied pigments to the greatest painters of the age.

### Weekly closing :

Restaurant: lunch, except Sunday, Monday evening, Tuesday evening (from April 25th to September 30th), lunch, except Sunday and Wednesday evening (from July 1st to August 31st).



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81 Route de Cordes  
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### Close to the property

- Toulouse-Lautrec, an Albigensian painter
- The splendid episcopal city of Albi



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**2 CARCASSONNE — 1 NIGHT**

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## Domaine d'Auriac

**Hotel and restaurant on a golf course.** The Domaine d'Auriac is built on the ancient Carsac oppidum, where the story of Carcassonne, a Unesco World Heritage site, begins. For three generations, the Rigaudis Family has reinvented this 19th-century townhouse, built over the cellars of a Carolingian Abbey – ruled over by calm and fine dining in the shade of the 300-year-old surrounding park. The restaurant at the Domaine serves the original recipe for the typical local “Dieu le Fils” cassoulet. In a region where history, mysteries and legends, such as the story of Abbot Saunière’s treasure in Rennes-le-Château, abound, discover Cathare abbeys and castles whose ruins rise from cliff tops and rocky promontories.

### Weekly closing :

Hotel: Sunday and Monday from February 3rd to April 30th included and from September 30th to December 17th included (except bank holidays). Main restaurant: Sunday evening and Monday from February 3rd to April 30th included and from September 30th to December 17th included (except bank holidays), Monday noon, Tuesday noon and Wednesday noon from May 2nd to September 30th included (except bank holidays). “Le Bistrot d'Auriac”: Monday, Tuesday evening, Wednesday evening, Thursday evening and Sunday evening from January 2nd to April 30th and from October 1st to December 31st (except bank holidays), Sunday evening from May 1st to September 30th (except bank holidays)



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### Close to the property

- Carcassonne, Europe’s largest fortress



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**3 SAINT-CYPRIEN — 1 NIGHT**

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## L' Île de la Lagune Thalasso & Spa

**Hotel and restaurant on the seafont.** Surrounded by greenery on a small private island in the lagoon of Saint-Cyprien, this contemporary hotel is a veritable cocoon enveloped by the Mediterranean and the Pyrenees. Bathed in sunshine, the rooms invite you to leave your worries behind with their maritime decor inspired by Riva boats. On the roof, the year-round heated seawater pool offers a panoramic view over the entire lagoon, and the thalassotherapy spa boasts personalised treatments in an exclusive setting. At the gourmet Restaurant L'Almandin, the chef composes a seasonal Mediterranean cuisine of local products, magnified by their subtle pairings.

**Weekly closing :**

Restaurant: dinner from Sunday to Tuesday, Monday noon, Tuesday noon. lunch from Wednesday to Friday, Wednesday evening, Thursday evening.



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**Close to the property**

- The fish market at the Saint-Cyprien fishing harbor



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**4** PRADES — 1 NIGHT

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## Château de Riell

**Hotel and restaurant on a river.** In an unspoilt valley in French Catalonia, looking out at the snow-topped mount Canigou, you will find the Château de Riell, perched among parasol pines and oleander trees. This hotel is made for hedonists, with its baroque interiors and a restaurant whose highlights are local and respectful of nature. Sports enthusiasts can choose from the huge range of outdoor activities against a backdrop of breathtaking scenery and the open-air pool set on the castle's ramparts. Discerning gentlemen travellers will be impressed by the ambiance of the Out of Africa bar and the dacha, where you can sit and read or enjoy breakfast. A splendid escape in Romanesque Roussillon.



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### Close to the property

- The castles of Aguilar, Quéribus and Puilaurens
- Canigou, the sacred mountain



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