Dear Alumni & Friends:

Join a small group of travelers for this unique opportunity to experience the authentic provincial character of Dordogne, a hidden treasure where all the delights of Southern France have been distilled into one of Europe’s most beautiful and intact medieval villages, Sarlat-la-Canéda. Immerse yourself in the rich local culture and rhythms of daily life in the heart of this charming département, and explore the history of early humans who painted their stories on its cave walls, the largest concentration of prehistoric art in the world.

Our carefully designed itinerary and expert-guided excursions explore five impressive UNESCO World Heritage sites: the dramatic cliffside monastic village of Rocamadour, the important archaeological sites of L’Abri du Cap-Blanc, Rouffignac Cave and Les-Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil and the prehistoric troglodyte village of La Madeleine. Visit the incredible, newly opened International Center for Cave Art at Lascaux to appreciate one of humankind’s earliest artistic creations. Exclusively arranged, enriching presentations and the Village Life® Forum provide personal perspectives on daily life in the villages of Dordogne.

Your “home,” ideally located in the quaint medieval village of Sarlat-la-Canéda, will be the family-owned Plaza Madeleine Hôtel, a restored 19th-century townhouse. This delightful hôtel de charme features a provincial ambiance with modern accommodations and amenities and is known for the warm hospitality of its staff. In addition to the included meals in the hotel, you will dine on regional specialties during traditional three-course dinners in specially selected French bistros.

Village Life® in Dordogne offers an enchanting educational travel experience, a great value—and you unpack only once! It is an exceedingly popular program, so I encourage you to book now while space and Early Booking Savings are still available.

Cordially,

Marguerite Ingalls Jones, A&S ’74, Bus ’88
Travel Program Director
Office of Alumni Relations
The Johns Hopkins University
Experience firsthand the true character and traditions of Dordogne during this comprehensive, small group travel program. It features the beautiful départements and countryside of southwestern France, the medieval village of Sarlat-la-Canéda within the oak-forested Périgord Noir and the world’s largest collection of magnificent prehistoric art. Enjoy an enriching travel experience like no other; become immersed in the rhythm of daily life in Dordogne by interacting with local people; explore the history, culture, art, language and cuisine—and unpack just once! This comprehensive program is one of the popular Village Life® series, an intimate travel experience at just the right pace.

Cultural Enrichments are specially arranged for this custom-designed itinerary:

◆ Enjoy an authentic experience in delightful Sarlat-la-Canéda, a quintessential provincial French village of beautifully preserved medieval architecture.

◆ Immerse yourself in a carefully planned itinerary including guided historical and cultural excursions balanced with time on your own to discover and observe the heart of medieval Sarlat.

◆ Engage with dordognais (local residents) during the Village Life® Forum where they will share candid perspectives on contemporary daily life in a medieval village.

◆ Peruse Sarlat’s traditional, twice-weekly outdoor market, located just a short walk from your hotel.

◆ Sample the traditional cuisine of France’s Aquitaine region during specially arranged meals in local bistro and an exclusive regional wine and cheese tasting in an épicerie gourmet.

◆ Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of L’Abri du Cap-Blanc, where prehistoric man once made his home, and the impressive cave friezes of Lascaux, an exact replica of the original, estimated to have been painted 17,300 years ago.

◆ See the world’s premier collection of paleolithic engravings and sculpture at The National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil.

◆ Enjoy a private cruise in an authentic 19th-century gabare (barge) and admire the historic châteaux and villages along the spectacular, cliff-lined Dordogne River.

◆ Experience a specially arranged, private performance of traditional 19th-century Périgord Noir folk music and dance.

◆ Hear it from the Experts! Experienced, English-speaking dordognais guides will accompany you throughout the program and share their expertise of historical, cultural and contemporary Dordogne. A local expert will lecture on preservation of the medieval architecture in Sarlat.

◆ Learn key phrases in la langue française (the French language) to make your interactions with local residents all the more enjoyable.

Cruise the bucolic Dordogne River aboard a traditional 19th-century wooden gabare, the typical mode of transportation of the Périgord region for more than 150 years.
**Itinerary**

**Day**  
1. **BORDEAUX**° **PRE-PROGRAM OPTION**  
   - Depart the U.S.
2. **BORDEAUX, FRANCE/ SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA**  
   - Transfer to Sarlat to check into **PLAZA MADELEINE HOTEL.**
3. **SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA**  
   - Walking tour of medieval Sarlat.  
   - **CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**  
     - Afternoon at leisure to peruse the village market of Sarlat.
4. **ROCAMADOUR/SOUILLAC**  
   - Tour of 13th-century Rocamadour.  
   - Visit to quaint Souillac.
5. **LES EYZIES-DE-TAYAC-SIREUIL/ L’ABRI DU CAP-BLANC**°  
   - Visit to the Jardins d’Eyrignac.  
   - **CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**  
     - Tour of the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies.  
     - View cave friezes of L’Abri du Cap-Blanc.  
     - Sarlat Village Life® Forum.
6. **LASCAUX/SAIN**T-AMAND-De-Coly  
   - Visit to Saint-Amand-de-Coly.  
   - **CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**  
     - View prehistoric cave art of Lascaux.  
     - Lecture on the preservation of medieval architecture in Sarlat.  
     - Sample local wines and cheeses.
7. **ROUFFIGNAC/LA MADELEINE**°  
   - Tour of prehistoric Rouffignac cave.  
   - Excursion to the prehistoric troglodyte village of La Madeleine.  
   - **CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**  
     - Morning at leisure to enjoy individual pursuits in Sarlat such as their quaint twice-weekly market.  
     - Private evening folk music performance and dance.
8. **BEYNAC/DOMME**  
   - Tour of 12th-century Château de Beynac.  
   - Walking tour of historic Domme.  
   - **CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**  
     - Cruise in a typical gabare on the bucolic Dordogne River.
9. **SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA/BORDEAUX**  
   - Return to the U.S.

**Sarlat-la-Canéda**  
Author Henry Miller called Sarlat “the Frenchman’s paradise.” Your charming “village home” is in the pre-French Revolutionary capital of Périgord Noir, a lushly forested corner of the Aquitaine region, ideally located between the Dordogne and Vézère Rivers. It is a bon vivant’s dream, renowned for truffles, wild mushrooms, strawberries, walnuts and duck, and close enough to Bordeaux to procure the finest wines directly from vintners’ cellars.

Sarlat has one of the greatest concentrations of medieval, Renaissance and 17th-century façades in Europe. Step back in time as you meander through narrow cobblestone streets illuminated by gas lamps and lined with traditional Renaissance-style stone houses crowned with pepperpot chimneys. The heart of Sarlat is the Place de la Liberté, where every Wednesday and Saturday one of France’s most storied markets is held, a tradition dating from the Middle Ages.  

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** During the exclusive Village Life® Forum, meet dordognais, who will discuss contemporary life in Dordogne. Attend the private, specially arranged presentation by a local expert on preserving the medieval architecture of Sarlat.

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Savor the delights of traditional French cuisine in the village of Sarlat, where regional specialties are prepared from the freshest ingredients from the Sarlat Market, one of the best in France.
Enjoy a private, traditional, 19th-century French folk music and dance performance. Sample regional cheese and wine in a specialty épicerie. Savor two specially arranged dinners, each in an authentic French bistro in Sarlat.

**Rocamadour/Souillac**
Built on the face of a sheer 400-foot cliff, the UNESCO World Heritage-designated village of Rocamadour has one of the most dramatic settings of any village in the world. During the Middle Ages, pilgrims flocked here from across Europe to perform penance by ascending the 216 steps of le Grand Escalier (the Grand Stairway) on their knees to pay homage to the Virgin Mary and seek miracles from St. Amadour by visiting his crypt. Embedded in the cliff above the doorway to the Chapelle de Notre Dame is a sword said to be that of the heroic knight Roland.

Nearby, visit the quaint town of Souillac and its 12th-century Abbaye Sainte-Marie, a treasury of Romanesque statuary and carvings depicting biblical and legendary scenes.

**Cultural Enrichment:** Savor a lunch of regional specialties in a village restaurant.

**Jardins d’Éyrignac**
Designated a national monument by the French government, for more than 500 years the Éyrignac Manor has been the continuous family residence of 22 generations. On this 17th-century estate located just outside of Sarlat, view what many consider the finest jardins (gardens) in all of France. Originally of an 18th-century Italian design, the landscape was converted a century later to an English-style, sculpted, coniferous garden and has been immaculately maintained and enhanced throughout the years.

**Villages of the Périgord Noir**
Carved beneath a cliff overlooking the picturesque Vézère River, the prehistoric troglobyte village and UNESCO World Heritage site of La Madeleine offers unique insight into the Magdalenian culture, which prevailed in southern Europe for over 60 centuries from 15,000 to 9000 B.C. This ancient settlement of approximately 20 dwellings once accommodated 100 residents at a time.

**Petit Saint-Amand-de-Coly** is one of the most picturesque villages in Dordogne, its cobblestone lanes dominated by the fortified 13th-century abbey church, an unusual fusion of Romanesque and Gothic styles. Traces of the Hundred Years’ War remain in the ramparts and towers of the fortress-like church and the nearby remnants of its abbey.

**Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil**
Les Eyzies is France’s capital of prehistoric humanity, where unprecedented fossils of Early Modern Man have been discovered. Approximately 35,000 years old, these fossils are some of the earliest known evidence of human life in Europe. The National Museum of Prehistory, housed in a 13th-century castle, gives context to the area’s cave paintings, fossils and early tools.

Rocamadour has beckoned travelers and pilgrims alike to its summit above a tributary of the Dordogne River.
Cultural Enrichments: Enjoy a guided tour of the National Museum of Prehistory and an excursion to see L’Abri du Cap-Blanc’s prehistoric cave friezes.

Château de Beynac
Perched 500 feet above the Dordogne River and commanding a medieval village of golden stone houses tucked into the steep hillside is the fortified Château de Beynac, a masterpiece of medieval military engineering that was once a stronghold of Richard the Lionheart. Traverse the castle’s elaborate series of surrounding stone walls, parapet walks, watchtowers and passageways to an impressive interior decorated with a magnificent 17th-century staircase and delicate 15th-century frescoes.

Cultural Enrichment: Enjoy a private cruise on the tranquil Dordogne River aboard a traditional 19th-century gabare, followed by a lunch of Périgord specialties in a local restaurant overlooking the river.

Domme
Among the “most beautiful villages” of France, Domme is an authentic medieval bastide, or fortified village, where entrance today is still gained through its original military ramparts, and graffiti etched by the Knights Templar in the 14th century is still distinguishable on the inner village walls. The beauty of the 13th- and 14th-century architecture of Domme is surpassed only by its exceptional views overlooking the Dordogne River.

Splendors of Bordeaux
Saint-Émilion and Médoc
Pre-Program Option
Long distinguished as the wine capital of the world, France’s verdant Bordeaux region has been producing, fermenting and bottling the grape since the eighth century. Tucked away in the heart of the rolling French countryside and endless vineyards, visit the charming and legendary village of Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site, famous for the Merlot grape grown here that produces rich, full-bodied red wines. Visit the impressive medieval monuments of Saint-Émilion, including the Église Monolithe, one of the largest underground churches in Europe. Just north of Bordeaux in the Médoc region, visit a château to experience the grand cru classé, Bordeaux’s distinguished wine classification, and enjoy a tasting of their exquisite wines. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe HOTEL BURDIGALA, located in the heart of Bordeaux.
Included Features

In Sarlat-la-Canéda

◆ Seven nights in the elegant family-owned Plaza Madeleine Hôtel.
◆ Private Welcome Reception in the hotel.
◆ Breakfast each morning, one lunch and two dinners in the hotel.
◆ Two dinners, each in a specially selected traditional French bistro featuring French country table d’hôte menus and regional specialties.
◆ Regional wine is served with each included dinner.

Local Expert-Guided Excursions

◆ Architectural walking tour of Sarlat-la-Canéda.
◆ Full-day excursion featuring 13th-century Rocamadour, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the magnificent Romanesque sculptures in Souillac’s Abbaye Marie, including lunch.
◆ Visit to the lush, impeccably maintained 19th-century Jardins d’Eyrignac.
◆ Excursion to the impressive Rouffignac Cave, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Visit to the prehistoric troglodyte village of La Madeleine and the medieval village and fortified church of Saint-Amand-de-Coly.
◆ Tour of the medieval Château de Beynac.
◆ Walking tour of Domme, with spectacular views of the Dordogne River Valley.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

◆ Excursions to the UNESCO World Heritage site of L’Abri du Cap-Blanc and the prehistoric cave art of Lascaux.
◆ Tour of the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil.
◆ Specially arranged Village Life® Forum with local residents who will discuss contemporary daily life in provincial France’s Dordogne département.
◆ A lecture on architectural preservation in Sarlat-la-Canéda by a local historian.
◆ Private, specially arranged gabare cruise along the Dordogne River, with lunch in the village of Beynac-et-Cazenac.
◆ Local wine and cheese tasting at a Sarlat épicerie gourmet.
◆ Specially arranged meals highlighting the distinctive flavors of the Dordogne region.
◆ Private 19th-century Périgord cultural folk performance.
◆ French language introduction.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
◆ Gratuities to hotel personnel and local guides and drivers on included excursions.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in accommodations and while on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel.
◆ The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Program Director throughout the program.
◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Prehistoric Art

Dordogne has the greatest concentration of prehistoric art sites anywhere in the world. The region’s limestone caves and rocky overhangs provided Ice Age man with not only shelter, but also a vast canvas for extraordinary cave paintings. In the two most well-known caves, Lascaux and Rouffignac, both UNESCO World Heritage sites, extinct aurochs, wild stallions and antelopes, painted between approximately 25,000 and 17,000 years ago, still prance, preen and gallop before your eyes. The original Lascaux cave has been closed to the public since 1963 for preservation purposes; however, the recently opened International Center for Cave Art at Lascaux, an incredible replica, allows the public to more authentically experience these fascinating cave paintings and provides a truer representation of the exuberant colors that have since faded in the original Lascaux itself.

The Rouffignac Cave offers up-close views of the deft drawings of extinct, prehistoric animals that cover the five-mile labyrinth of cavernous walls and ceilings, including the famous frieze of two bison about to engage each other in battle. Near the village of Les Eyzies, visit the original Cro-Magnon rock shelter and UNESCO World Heritage site of L’Abri du Cap-Blanc, showcasing the rare, life-size frieze of horses and bison sculpted in limestone. A guided tour of the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies helps put this vast network of prehistoric art into context.

See well-preserved cliff dwellings along the Dordogne River, where prehistoric troglodyte villages once flourished.
Visit the Château de Beynac, which soars dramatically above the Dordogne River Valley. Once a stronghold of Richard the Lionheart, it remained a highly prized strategic outpost for centuries.

LAND TARIFF excluding taxes*
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- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ as deposit. Make checks payable to 2018 Village Life in Dordogne.
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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by February 16, 2018.

One member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of $50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit www.alumni.jhu.edu/support.

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- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
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- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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- Double at $795 per person.
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- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy
- Business Class
- First Class

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