Featuring Faculty Leader Scott D. Carpenter, Professor of French and the Liberal Arts at Carleton College, Plus Prehistoric Cave Art Guide Christine Desdemaines-Hugon

October 17 to 25, 2019

SAVE $600 PER COUPLE

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Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

I invite you to join a small group of Carleton travelers for this unique opportunity to experience **provincial Dordogne**, where the authentic character of Southern France is distilled into one of Europe’s most beautiful and intact medieval villages, **Sarlat-la-Canéda**, where you will spend **seven nights**. Immerse yourself in the rich local culture and cadence of daily life in the heart of this charming **département**, and learn more about the history of early humans who painted their stories on its cave walls, the largest concentration of prehistoric art in the world.

Our carefully planned, specially designed itinerary with expert-guided daily excursions explores 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 state-of-the-art International Center for Cave Art at Lascaux (L**ascaux IV**) to appreciate one of humankind’s earliest artistic creations. Plus, exclusively arranged, enriching presentations and the **Village Life® Forum** provide personal perspectives on **la vie** in the villages of Dordogne.

On this **Carleton-exclusive program**, you will be accompanied by **faculty leader Scott Carpenter**, who will offer **lectures and informal talks** throughout; and **professional local guides**, including the better part of three days with **prehistoric cave art guide Christine Desdemaines-Hugon**. Your home base, 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 an old-world 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, dine on regional specialties during traditional three-course dinners in specially selected French bistros.

**Village Life®** in Dordogne offers a quintessential adventure through the timeless South of France at an excellent value—and you **unpack only once**! This enchanting and engaging educational travel program is exceedingly popular, so I encourage you to book now while space and Early Booking Savings are still available. Please contact the Carleton Alumni Adventures office at **carleton@studytours.org** or **(800) 811-7244** today!

Sincerely,

Derek Fried ‘93
President, Carleton College Alumni Association

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**Carleton College Faculty Leader**

**Scott D. Carpenter**, Marjorie Crabb Garbisch Professor of French and the Liberal Arts, is an old hand at traipsing through France. He directed 10 different Carleton programs in Pau and Paris, and he ran an Alumni Adventure in the Dordogne Valley in 2004. At Carleton, Scott teaches courses in French language and literature—including the history of travel literature. His own travel essays have appeared in such venues as *The Rumpus*, *Silk Road*, and *Lowestoft Chronicle*. In 2018, one of his pieces about life in France won a Mark Twain House Royal Nonesuch Prize. His 2013 novel, *Theory of Remainders*, is also set in France. During this Alumni Adventure, Scott looks forward to discussions about travel, writing, and French culture—including opportunities for participants to engage in some writing of their own.

Cover: **Rocamadour has beckoned visitors and pilgrims alike to its summit above a tributary of the Dordogne River.**

In medieval Dordogne, **street lamps along ancient lanes are one of the few concessions to modernity.**
**Itinerary**

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*Available at additional cost.

**Dordogne**

The region of Dordogne appears like a fairy tale, much as it did in the medieval yesteryear—during this comprehensive, small group, Carleton College travel program, experience firsthand its true character, age-old traditions, and scenery seemingly lifted from a well-worn storybook. Explore the pastoral départements 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. Learn about the cultural heritage of Dordogne—sample Aquitaine wine and cheese in an épicier gourmet, engage with dordognais expert guides and insightful locals, and visit historic monuments and Paleolithic caves that are premier artistic masterpieces of their era. Wander cobblestone villages at the leisurely rhythm of this program—the ideal itinerary, at just the right pace.

Enjoy your 19th-century wooden gabare cruise on the Dordogne River.
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 Bordeaux’s finest wines directly from vintners’ cellars.

Sarlat has one of Europe’s greatest concentrations of medieval, Renaissance, and 17th-century façades. Meander through cobblestone streets illuminated by gas lamps and lined with Renaissance-style stone houses crowned with pepperpot chimneys. See the artful blend of flamboyant and subdued styles, evident in the architecture of the townhouse of writer and philosopher Étienne la Boétie. Experience the heart of Sarlat’s 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 course of the program, immerse yourself in the joie de vivre of Sarlat. Experience the market at leisure among the backdrop of corbelled towers and rich ocher walls.

Meet dordognais (local residents) in the Village Life® Forum, and hear candid perspectives on contemporary daily life in a medieval village. Attend a private, specially arranged presentation by a local expert on preserving Sarlat’s medieval architecture.

Enjoy a private, 19th-century-style French folk music and dance performance. Sample regional cheese and wine in a specialty épicerie.

Savor authentic French cuisine during two specially arranged dinners, each in a 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 seeking miracles from St. Amadour by visiting his crypt. Embedded in the cliff above the doorway to the Chapelle de Notre Dame is the 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 Biblical carvings.

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

Jardins d’Eyrignac
Designated a national monument, the Eyrignac Manor has been the continuous family residence of 22 generations spanning over 500 years. On this 17th-century estate located just outside of Sarlat, view what many consider the finest jardins (gardens) in all of France. Originally an 18th-century Italian design, the landscape was converted a century later to an English-style, coniferous garden and has been immaculately manicured since that time to preserve the exquisite topiary patterns.

Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil
France’s capital of prehistoric humanity, Les Eyzies, is home to unprecedented fossils of Early Modern Man. Approximately 35,000 years old, the fossils here are some of the earliest known evidence of human life in Europe.

Cultural Enrichments: A guided tour of the National Museum of Prehistory, housed in a 13th-century castle, contextualizes the area’s cave paintings, fossils and early tools.

See L’Abri du Cap-Blanc’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated prehistoric cave friezes.

Lascaux IV
In 1920, a quartet of schoolboys stumbled onto the Lascaux cave, repository of the most stunning works of prehistoric art and today a UNESCO World Heritage site.
Cultural Enrichment: Explore the most recent perfect reproduction in the International Center for Cave Art at Lascaux, where the Paleolithic age becomes animated through interactive exhibits.

Villages of the Périgord Noir
Petit Saint-Amand-de-Coly, one of the most beautiful villages in France, is dominated by the 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 remnants of its abbey.

Cultural Enrichments: Visit Rouffignac, “Cave of a Hundred Mammoths,” and marvel at the “giant kettles,” or smooth, dome-like rock formations forged by swirling currents.

Carved beneath a cliff overlooking the serene Vézère River, the prehistoric troglodyte village and UNESCO World Heritage site of La Madeleine offers unique insight into the semi-nomadic Magdalenian culture, which prevailed in southern Europe from 15,000 to 9000 B.C.

Château de Beynac
The fortified Château de Beynac, perched 500 feet above the Dordogne River, commands a medieval village of golden stone houses tucked into the steep hillside. This masterpiece of medieval military engineering was once a stronghold of Richard the Lionheart. Traverse its elaborate series of stone walls, parapet walks, watchtowers, and passageways to an eclectic interior decorated with a magnificent 17th-century staircase and delicate 15th-century frescoes.

Cultural Enrichment: Cruise the tranquil Dordogne River aboard a private 19th-century gabare, traditional Périgord transportation for more than 150 years, 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. Enter through its original ramparts and see graffiti etched by the Knights Templar 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.
**PLAZA MADELEINE HÔTEL, SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA**

Enjoy the traditional pace of Village Life® during your seven-night stay in the family-owned Plaza Madeleine Hôtel, located just beyond the ancient walls of Sarlat-la-Canéda’s medieval quarter, a mere five-minute walk from the village center. A grand 19th-century townhouse, this hôtel de charme has been renovated with tasteful French esprit contemporain.

Each of the 39 comfortable, air-conditioned guest rooms features two twin beds or one queen bed with private bathroom, individual climate control, satellite television, phone, Wi-Fi access, safe, minibar, and hair dryer.

The hotel dining room, where continental breakfast is served daily, featuring fresh baked breads, pastries and charcuterie, is reserved for the exclusive use of hotel guests. There is a brasserie pub with lounge and private terrace, a petit lounge with computer facilities and Wi-Fi access, a heated outdoor swimming pool, solarium, and spa with Jacuzzi and sauna. The dedicated hotel staff is pleased to provide attentive service.

Marvel at the exquisite artistry and ingenuity found in prehistoric paintings in Lascaux IV.

You will find the greatest concentration of prehistoric art sites of anywhere in world in the enchanting département of Dordogne. Limestone caves and rocky overhangs here provided Ice Age humans with shelter and a vast canvas for extraordinary paintings. In Lascaux and Rouffignac, the two most well-known caves, both UNESCO World Heritage sites, the extinct aurochs, wild stallions, and antelopes painted approximately 25,000 to 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; yet, the incredible replica in the International Center for Cave Art at Lascaux (opened at the end of 2016) allows the public to experience these riveting cave paintings interactively, providing a realistic, stimulating representation of the vibrant colors that are now faded in the original.

The Rouffignac cave offers up-close views of deft prehistoric drawings covering the six-mile gallery of cavernous walls and ceilings, including the famous frieze of two bison ready 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’Abris du Cap-Blanc, showcasing the rare, life-size frieze of horses and bison sculpted in limestone. A guided tour by Christine Desdemaines-Hugon, scholar of prehistoric anthropology, 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.
Included Features

- Carleton College Faculty Leader Scott D. Carpenter.
- In Sarlat-la-Canéda, seven nights in the charming, 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 served with each included dinner.

Expert-Guided Excursions and Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

- Take an architectural walking tour of Sarlat-la-Canéda.
- Admire the magnificent Romanesque sculptures in Souillac.
- Visit the lush, impeccably maintained 19th-century Jardins d’Eyrignac.
- Tour the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil.
- Attend a specially arranged VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM with local residents who will discuss contemporary daily life in provincial France’s Dordogne département.
- Enjoy a lecture on architectural preservation in Sarlat-la-Canéda by a local historian.
- Taste local wine and cheese at a Sarlat épicerie gourmet.
- Attend a private, 19th-century-style Périgord cultural folk performance.
- Tour the medieval Château de Beynac.
- Visit the medieval village and fortified church of Saint-Amand-de-Coly.
- Attend a private, 19th-century-style Périgord cultural folk performance.
- Take a walking tour of Domme, with spectacular views of the Dordogne River Valley.
- Relish specially arranged meals highlighting the distinctive flavors of the Dordogne region.
- Get an introduction to the French language.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights

- Visit 13th-century Rocamadour.
- See the impressive Rouffignac cave, the cave friezes of L’Abri du Cap-Blanc, and the prehistoric cave art of Lascaux IV led by prehistoric art expert Christine Desdemaines-Hugon.
- Visit the prehistoric troglodyte village of La Madeleine.

Always Included

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Taxes included.
- Gratuities to hotel personnel (on main program) and local guides and drivers on included excursions.
- Complimentary bottled water provided on motorcoaches during excursions.
- Hospitality desk in the hotel.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Program Director at your service.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Splendors of Bordeaux
Saint-Émilion • Médoc

Long distinguished as the wine capital of the world, France’s verdant Bordeaux region has been growing, fermenting, and bottling the grape since the eighth century, and it is the ideal Post-Program Option to conclude your Dordogne experience. Tucked away in the heart of rolling countryside and endless vineyards, visit the charming village of Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for growing the Merlot grape. Its medieval Église Monolithe is one of the largest underground churches in Europe. Just north of Bordeaux, in the Médoc region, visit a château to enjoy a tasting of distinguished grand cru classé wines. Spend two nights in the deluxe Hôtel Burdigala, in the heart of Bordeaux.

Albi • Toulouse
Cordes-sur-Ciel • Carcassonne

The cobblestone towns of southwest France showcase the region’s storybook charm. Experience the classic refinements and medieval allure of Cordes-sur-Ciel, Albi, Carcassonne, and Toulouse on this four-night Pre-Program Option. Sample Gaillac wines in the lovely Château Bouscaillous, explore cherished cathedrals and old-world villages, admire the largest collection of Toulouse-Lautrec’s works, and enjoy the incomparable scenery of the South of France. Accommodations are for two nights each in the deluxe Mercure Albi Bastides hotel and the Grand Hôtel de l’Opéra in Toulouse.

The historic cité de Carcassonne is an excellent example of a medieval fortified town.
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Singles are available upon request for an additional $750.*

*The program is based on maximum of 34 and a minimum of 20 participants. With fewer than 20 participants, a small group surcharge may apply.

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  - [ ] Upgraded Economy
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  - [ ] First Class

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

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**DORDOGNE RESERVATION FORM**

Send to: Carleton College Alumni Adventures
P.O. Box 938, 47 Main Street, Suite One
Walpole, NH 03608
(800) 811-7244 Toll: (603) 756-4844
Email: carleton@studytours.org
Website: go.carleton.edu/adventures

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Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Splendors of Bordeaux Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- [ ] Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.
- [ ] Make checks payable to EOS Passenger Account - CAA Dordogne 10/19.
- [ ] I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:
  - [ ] Visa  [ ] MasterCard

Card Number   Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by July 12, 2019.

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See the French Châteaux de Castel amongst hilltop castles and quaint villages in the Dordogne River Valley.
Enjoy the Old Town in medieval Sarlat, while the romantic ambiance of France fills the twilight air.

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