Le Moulin du ROC

Some recommendations around to discover our Perigord!

Dear guests,

We look forward to welcoming you in our peaceful green setting.

There are many diverse activities around our hotel, depending on your interests, preference, inside or outside…

We would be happy to help, so we have compiled a small guide to facilitate your stay.

Please also find the link to the tourist information office in Brantôme:
http://www.perigord-dronne-belle.fr/fr/home/

TOWNS AND VILLAGES NEARBY

- The lovely town of Brantôme, the **"Venice of the Périgord"**, with the abbey, the market on Friday morning. You can also rent a canoe and discover the town from another angle!

- The village of **Saint-Jean-de-Côle**: old village, with many flowers, a church, a castle… Very romantic.

- The town of **Périgueux**, **with the Saint Front Cathedral**, the city centre, the Vesunna museum from the Gallo-Roman era and the market and Wednesday and Saturday morning.
  #❤️ our Reception Team advises you the visit of the roofs of the cathedral to admire the view over the city of Périgueux, and the Vesunna museum built by the architect Jean Nouvel around the ruins!

LOCAL MARKETS

- *Tuesday*
  - Lisle
  - Mareuil
  - Brantôme (from mid-June to mid-September): producer's market
- *Wednesday*
  - Périgueux
- *Friday*
  - **Brantôme**
- *Saturday*
  - **Périgueux**
  - Nontron
  - **Thiviers**
- *Sunday*
  - Champagnac-de-Belair (mini-market)
  - Bourdeilles (mini-market)
  - Sorges

CASTLES IN THE AREA

- **Château de Puyguilhem in Villars** (10 min): this 16th century ws built in a Renaissance style. it used to be a secondary home and a hunting lodge. Abandoned and pillaged in the 19th century, the castle was acquired by the French state in 1939. Classified as a historical monument in 1912. https://www.chateau-puyguilhem.fr/en/

- **Château de Bourdeilles in Bourdeilles** (20 min): two castles in one, a medieval fortress from the 13th century and a Renaissance Palace from the 16th century. Listed historical monument in 1919. Guided visits in costumes every Thursday from mid-July to the end of August (on reservation). https://www.chateau-bourdeilles.fr/en

- **Château des Bernardières in Mareuil** (20 min): it combines parts from feudal times to elements of late 17th century. This seigneurial residence is filled with the local history of forges in Northern Périgord since many munitions for the King's navy were manufactured here. https://perigord-dronne-belle.fr/en/chateau-des-bernardieres-PCUAQU024FS00018/

NATURE & DISCOVERY

- **Grottes de Villars** (Villars Cave): only 10 minutes away from the Moulin, the only cave in Périgord to have original prehistoric paintings and natural concretions! Also visit the prehistoric garden, for a playful and pedagogical discovery in the real of Cro Magnon men and women. Temperature 13°C. https://grotte-villars.com/gb/

- **Les Jardins Tranquilles à Brantôme** : Situated just 5 minutes from the Moulin, this 5-hectare arboretum boasts hundreds of trees of various varieties, including several species of oak. With herbaceous borders, fountains, and statues, enjoy the natural beauty of this idyllic location – a true paradise. You can even picnic on-site, by the riverside

- **VIP meeting with Arabian horses**… VIP Grooming Tea, in Mareuil-sur-Belle (20 min). Around a delicious afternoon tea with homemade cakes and local products, share Laurence's passion for horses, go to meet the Arabian horses, living in freedom. Brush, scratch, communicate or manipulate… (Limited to 6 people; Children -well-behaved- from 7 years)
  #❤️ Favorite spot of our Sommelier Fabien
  http://www.lesdeuxabbessesenvert.fr/presentation/gouter-grattouilles-avec-les-chevaux-vip-grooming-tea-tour-with-arabian-horses.html

- **HIKES**: here is an eco-friendly activity where you can (re)discover nature, recharge your batteries and clear your mind in harmony with the environment!

  There are many hikes possible in the area, we recommend you the application **Visorando**, tested and approved by our Chef & Owner Alain and our Sommelier Fabien… Many nice paths are offered around Saint-Jean-de-Côle!

  Some recommendations…

  - **Boucle antique de Paussac Saint-Just** (Antic loop) (20 min from the Moulin)
    (Hike: around 3 h)
    You will pass by the Pigeonnier Tower, the Pierre d'Ermale, a bit further the troglodytique village from the 12th and 13th centuries, and the dolmen Peyrelevade, from the Neolithic Era, listed as a historical monument since 1960…

- **Walk around the abbey of Boschaud**: pleasant hike, possible from the Moulin, to a serene place. (Hike: around 2 h)

- **Promenade to the Saut du Chalard** (15 min from the Moulin) – in Champs Romain (Hike: around 2 h, round trip, from depuis Champs-Romain)
  You will face a beautiful site with a waterfall where water and nature form a magical painting, in a hidden place: the Saut du Chalard. By car, bike or on foot, it is easy to access this path and a car park is on-site.

Some applications for a funnier hike…

- **Terra Aventura**: for original walks and hikes in Dordogne! A treasure hunt of a few kilometers allows you to discover our area, our local heritage, and anecdotes, whilst playing.

- **Adventure Lab**: a geolocation application that will guide you on your own to look for clues, to solve enigmas and adventures around a hiking path.

SPORTS

- Discover the Venice of the Périgord as you have never seen it! Go around the village on the water and discover the beauty of the place. Only 5 minutes away from the Moulin. Reservations advised:
  - BRANTÔME CANOE: + 33 5 53 05 77 24 – https://brantomecanoe.com
  - ALLO CANOE: + 33 5 53 06 31 85 – https://www.allocanoes24.com

- Take one of our electrical bike to discover our beautiful green Périgord!

- Enjoy a day in a beautiful natural wood and a large hilly meadow! Tree climbing adventure, escape game, miniature golf, laser game… A family park for everyone.
  Cornille Aventure (30 min from the Moulin) – https://www.accrobranche-dordogne.com

UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES

- **Vélorail du Périgord Vert** in Corgnac-sur-l'Isle (30 min): bike on rail on an old railway track! Live an unusual adventure of almost 2 hours and combine the outdoors, a little sport, a lot of sensations and a zest of adrenaline. Electric assistance possible.
  https://veloraildefrance.com/24-velorail-du-perigord-vert-minisite/

- **ULM Brantôme**: board an ultralight trike, a confirmed pilot will show you the skies of Brantôme, and/or Bourdeilles. A flight you will not forget.
  https://base-ulm-bas-meygnaud.business.site

- **Cheval Nomad'**: alone, with your family or between friends, come share a moment in the countryside with the horses… 2-hour ride, pony horse, day discovery…
  https://www.chevalnomad.com

LOCAL & ARTISANAL KNOW-HOW

- The cutlery factory in Nontron where they still make hand-made knifes. (20 min)

- The Experimental Pole of Arts and Crafts awaits you in Nontron. It welcomes all year round temporary exhibitions dedicated to arts and crafts and design (ceramic, enamel, mosaic, turning on wood…). (20 min)
  https://metiersdartperigord.fr/english/

There are many other interesting sites to see in the area, less than an hour away, such as:

- Le Mill of la Veyssière, in Neuvic (50 min): the last water powered mill of the Vern Valley, following a family legacy since 1857. They still make oils and flours: walnut, hazelnut and almond. Free visit, one hour-guided tour to discover the beauty of old stone and our local gastronomy.
  https://www.moulindelaveyssiere.fr/?lang=en

- The castle of Hautefort (55 min): standing on a rocky outcrop, the castle was first a medieval fortress, then an imposing stately home in the 17th century. It is known for its collection of furniture, its French-style gardens and its landscaped park.
  https://www.chateau-hautefort.com/en/

- The bonus on the road to Hautefort, make a stop in the famous factory "**Repetto**" (ballerina shoes) in Saint-Médard-d'Excideuil!
  # Shopping & local know-how!

- The nice village of Villebois-Lavalette on the road to Angoulême (35 min) with a must-see visit of the unusual Château de la Mercerie nearby.
  #❤️ A beloved spot in the area

- Bergerac (1 h 15 and mores…), discover the city and its vineyards: start with the old Bergerac (particularly the 13th century cloister), then stop by the CIVRB (the interprofessional council of the Bergerac winegrowing region) before visiting some vineyards:
  - Château Tiregand in Creysse;
  - Château de Monbazillac;
  - Domaine de l'Écrivain in Bonneville-et-Saint-Avit-de-Fumadières;
  - Château Tour des Gendres in Ribagnac;
  - Clos Le Joncal in Saint-Julien-Innocence-Eulalie;
  - Domaine Mouthes le Bihan in Saint-Jean-de-Duras (Département 47).

  #❤️ Favourite spot of… our Sommelier Fabien obviously!

🦋 And if you would like to stay here… Live a unique experience in a bucolic setting:

- Enjoy our pool or the tennis court;
- Relax yourself with a tailor-made massage;
- Keep forever a family or lover moment with a photo shoot in our charming grounds.

We remain at your disposal for any further question.

The team of the Moulin du Roc 🦋