



Museums in and around Périgueux to discover

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Périgueux is famous for its gastronomy and medieval heritage, but it's also a haven for art and history lovers. Growing up in Périgueux, I had the opportunity to explore the city's **various museums** on several occasions.

Prepare to be amazed by the diversity and richness of these museums' collections. Whether you're passionate about archaeology, history, art or simply curious about new discoveries, you'll find what you're looking for in Périgueux's museums. It's also a great activity to do with the whole family and when it's raining. So, are you ready to dive into this cultural adventure?

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Musée Gallo-Romain Vésunna: A plunge into antiquity

Let's start with the museum we recommend you visit during your [stay in Périgueux](#). The Vésunna museum was built on the remains of an impressive Gallo-Roman temple. It's an open window on antiquity, a journey back in time to Roman times.

Il s'agit de vestiges de l'époque **gallo-romaine** comprenant une tour et les restes d'un Domus (villa) du I^{er} au III^e siècle, aujourd'hui restauré en très beau [musée interactif](#) tout vitré, donc complètement ouvert sur l'extérieur. Il y a des fiches descriptives partout, ainsi que des vidéos, et des tablettes montrant les différentes époques du site et la vie quotidienne à l'époque gallo-romaine. Des objets du quotidien, des sculptures et des maquettes vous aident à imaginer la ville telle qu'elle était il y a des millénaires. C'est fascinant de voir comment les gens vivaient, travaillaient et se divertissaient à cette époque. Vous pourrez également admirer la **Tour de Vésone** située juste à côté.

The museum is magnificent, with architect **Jean Nouvel** in charge of the project. The volumes have been preserved, which will allow you to realize the **volumes** of the houses of the time. Underneath the rooms you can see the hypocaust heating system.

Tips for your visit: To get the most out of your visit, download the museum app. It offers audio guides and interactive maps to enhance your experience. And keep an eye on the program of themed tours, often offered during school vacations. Full price €6.

This tour is an excellent way to deepen your understanding of Périgueux's Roman history.

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The Musée d'Art et d'Archéologie du Périgord: A Historical Treasure

Right in the heart of Périgueux, the Musée d'Art et d'Archéologie du Périgord (MAAP for its French acronym) is a must-see for any visitor. It's a life-size history book. Imagine a journey that takes you from **prehistory to the present day**, through rich and diverse eras.

As soon as you enter, you're greeted by impressive prehistoric collections. Here, each object tells a story, the story of the region's **first inhabitants**. It's fascinating to see these relics of **prehistoric man's** daily life. Reproductions of habitats and scenes from daily life will appeal to young and old alike. And that's just the beginning! The museum also boasts a superb collection of **medieval art**, where **sculptures** and **objets d'art** plunge **you** into another time.

And for art lovers, the museum is full of surprises. Several rooms feature collections

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of modern and contemporary art.

Events : several events are organized throughout the year, including **museum Thursdays** to discover 1 work in particular, **trail games** for children take them through the various rooms for a playful and educational discovery, and during school vacations as **escapes games** and **workshops** for children...

Conseils pour votre visite : le musée est ouvert presque toute l'année, mais vérifiez les horaires et les tarifs avant votre visite sur le [site officiel](#). Plein tarif 6€. Un audioguide est proposé pour 1€ de plus, en français et en anglais. N'oubliez pas de demander le jeu de piste pour les enfants.

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The Military Museum: a testimony to the warrior past

Let's continue our cultural tour of Périgueux with a visit to the **Military Museum**. This museum is a sanctuary dedicated to **military history**, from the **Hundred Years' War to the Second World War**. It's a plunge into the wartime past of France and the Dordogne, an educational and moving experience.

Organized over 3 floors, each room in the museum is a story, telling tales of battle, strategy and heroism. You'll find armor, weapons, uniforms and even battle scenes. It's a tangible way to connect with history, to feel the weight of bygone eras.

The main museums around Périgueux

1. **The Lascaux Cave (Lascaux IV) at Montignac**

The replica of the famous Lascaux cave is an exceptional site. It offers an immersion into the cave art of our ancestors. The unmissable, full replica of the Lascaux cave, the new site offers an immersive and interactive experience, the museum will appeal to young and old, 30 minutes north of Sarlat

2. **National Prehistory Museum at Les Eyzies-de-Tayac**

Located in the "Capital of Prehistory", this museum is a must for understanding the history of prehistoric man. It houses one of the most important prehistory collections in Europe. This rich museum is well worth a visit. It brings together various items (tools, jewelry, bones, pottery...) found in nearby caves, including Lascaux I. The museum is a fun, chronological way to learn more about the origins of mankind. An ideal family outing to do [around Sarlat](#).

3. **Château de Bourdeilles**

Just a few kilometers from Périgueux, this medieval and Renaissance château boasts a museum rich in antique furniture and works of art. It's a journey through history and architectural elegance.

4. **Bovetti Chocolate Museum in Terrasson-Lavilledieu**

For a sweeter experience, this museum dedicated to chocolate is a gourmet and educational getaway. Discover the history of cocoa and take part in chocolate-making workshops.

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Pass Grand Périgueux

The **Pass Grand Périgueux** is an interesting option if you want to visit several sites during your stay in Périgueux at a low cost. Here is a detailed description of how it works:

1. **What is the Pass Grand Périgueux?** The Pass Grand Périgueux gives you the freedom to discover various tourist sites at reduced prices. It offers different packages depending on the length of your stay, from 4 visits over 5 days to 12 visits valid for one year. This pass entitles the holder to free admission to one of 16 partners, depending on the package chosen. The Pass,

equipped with a barcode, is activated the first time it is used.

2. **Examples of sites included:** the Vesunna Museum, the Museum of Art and Architecture, the Military Museum, the roofs of Saint Front Cathedral, access to the bus network (Péribus)....
3. **Où acheter le Pass Grand Périgueux ?** [Le Pass peut être acheté en ligne](#), à l'office du tourisme du Grand Périgueux (situé place du Coderc) ou dans l'un des points de vente spécifiés.

This Pass is ideal for those planning to visit several cultural and historical sites in the region, offering an economical and convenient way to explore the cultural diversity of Périgueux and the surrounding area.

Where to stay in Périgueux?

To make the most of Périgueux, we recommend staying in the historic center.

Les Apparts Limogeanne

Nous vous recommandons les Apparts Limogeanne, situés au **cœur du centre historique** de Périgueux (secteur sauvegardé) dans la rue Limogeanne, une rue piétonne, à 5 minutes de tout, cathédrale Saint-Front, restaurants, office du tourisme...

Les logements sont **entièrement équipés et meublés** (linge de lit et serviettes de toilette, Nespresso, Internet par la fibre, Netflix...). Il y a la **climatisation**, un point qui est très appréciable pendant les fortes chaleurs estivales.

➡Voici un code promotionnel pour nos lecteurs, recevez 5% de réduction avec le code PERIGUEUX à renseigner dans la case coupon directement sur le site internet [Apparts Limogeanne](#).

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