BERGERAC
Town of Art and History

Bergerac has been proudly sporting its "Town and Region of Art and History" label for a number of years now.
And for good reason... It entices with its labyrinth of ever-so charming streets and little squares.

Look upwards and admire the half-timbered houses, the ogival windows, the finely-worked doors. Make sure you don't miss even the tiniest detail of the great historical anecdotes: "when Catherine of Medicis visited the town, the fountains in Rue des Fontaines were spurting wine to arouse Catholics' passions!"

Moving on to Place Pélissière, you'll be greeted by the statue of Cyrano – ah, at long last, here he is –, then on to the boatmen's houses at Place de la Mirpe for a burst of photo shooting and, last but not least, a visit to the Tobacco Museum where you'll be awed by the machine that series sculpts pipe bowls, situated at the top of the building.

A little tour of the city
- Instructions for use -

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2. **Within each comment, click on «see on the map» to return to the interactive general map.**
3. **Underlined words are links to further information.**

Enjoy your visit!

Pl. de Lattre de Tassigny
La Poste
rue de la Résistance
Bellegarde
rue du Mourier
de Chadois
WC
r. Dragon
r. Paul Bert
15
Pl. L. de la Bardonnie
Marché Couvert
Grand Rue
Rue Neuve d'Argenson
Pl. de
rue du Colonel
Pl. Malbec
Rue St Esprit
Eglise Saint Jacques
16
r. Gaudra
rue du Pr.
M
12
Pl. Pélissière
r. des Fontaines
11
rue des Conférences
Pl. de la Mirpe
WC
10
r. A. Cailloux
d'Argenson
Candilac
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Pl. Dc. Cayla
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Port
2
Quai Salvette
Temple
Pl. Doublet
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Mairie
rue Ju
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rue du Port
rue d'Albret
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Pl. du Feu
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Ancien Pont
Les Illu
Belvédère
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rue Saint Clar
Rue Neuve
rue du Château
Véloroute Voie Verte
rue Hippolyte Taine
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Dordogne
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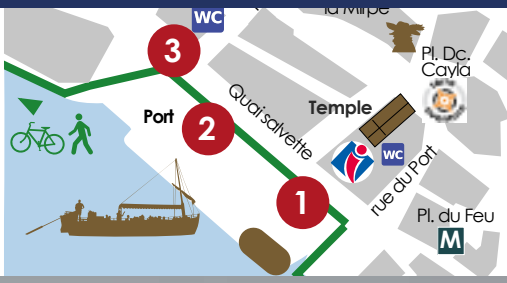
BERGERAC

Tour of the historic centre

1. Quai Cyrano
Tourist Office
Wine House

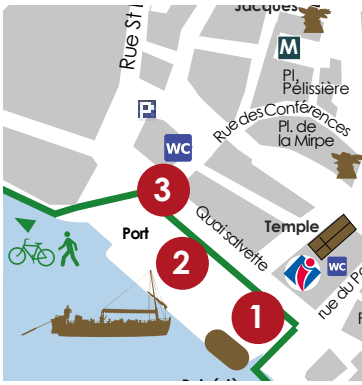


A magnificent architectural space, a blend of 17th-century stonework and 21st-century aesthetics.
Ground floor: Tourist Office, shop, bike hire, micro-folie (digital museum, virtual reality),...
1st floor: Maison des Vins Bergerac - Duras, Cloître des Récollets (17th century), panoramic terrace overlooking the Dordogne.

[Wine bar, gourmet platters concerts, themed evenings, winegrower days]

quai-cyrano.com

2. Le Quai Salvette



The town was based around its boat port for centuries. Quai Salvette replaced the medieval docks in 1838. Today it stands on the site of the former castle around which the small town grew in the 11th century.

- **Belvedere over the Dordogne**
- **Boat departure**
- **Summer events: the Estivales**
- **Picnic facilities during the season**

START OF THE VV VV91 CYCLE ROUTE

From Mauzac to Prigonrieux, 38 km to explore on foot, bike, rollerblades, scooters, pushchairs, moonwalks...
In short, any mode of transport that fits in with the soft mobility philosophy.

Free leaflet available from Quai Cyrano.

Hire your bike at Quai Cyrano!

2h, 4h and full-day packages. Classic and electric bikes.

Continue along Quai Salvette and take Rue des Conférences.

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3. La Minoterie des Grands-Moulins

The Flourmill exported its produce to Bordeaux and the Antilles colonies in the 18th century. Remains of the ancient mill. City Museum (history of the town, of barging tradition, of the local vineyard).

From rue des Conférences, take rue du Grand-Moulin, and get to place de la Mirpe.

4. Place de la Mirpe

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The flour market used to be held in the middle of the original small town. Picturesque wood-timbered houses - statue of Cyrano de Bergerac (by Jean Varoqueau - 1977).

History of Cyrano de Bergerac

In 1385 Ramond de la Rivière was awarded lands situated in the Chevreuse Valley south-west of Paris by King Charles VI, for his contribution to recapturing Bergerac from the English. This led him to name the whole estate Bergerac. Some 300 years later, it was in these lands that Hercule Savinien de Cyrano spent his childhood.

Born in 1619 in Paris, he embarked at a young age on a brief military career as part of the company of Gascon Musketeers (it was at this time that he added "de Bergerac" to his name) ; then, without renouncing his bitter and quarrelsome spirit, he resumed his studies and made a name for himself in the field of poetry and literature with his visionary and libertarian side. His writings constantly move between intellectual and scientific curiosity. He died in an accident in Paris in 1655.

It was Hercule Savinien who inspired the heroic and poignant character created by Edmond Rostand in 1897 when he first wrote "Cyrano de Bergerac" for the Porte Saint-Martin theatre. Today, with no less than 2 statues (4 and 11), the town of Bergerac pays homage to this hero, more present than ever, to whom it owes much of its fame.

Continue towards Place du Docteur Cayla.

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5. Place du Docteur Cayla

Protestant temple, neo-classical façade (1870), Notre-Dame du Château church.
Behind these two large openings is the Cloister of the Recollets. This magnificent building from the 17th century was created by the monks of this Franciscan order.

Start of the course Tèrra Aventura : « *Bergerac : c'est un pic, c'est un cap !* »

Tèrra Aventura is a **100% free activity**, based on the **geocaching concept, available all year round**! It's a fantastic way to share special moments with your children...

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Take rue d'Albret

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6. Les maisons « dites des Consuls »

"Les Consuls" houses, medieval houses exemplifying 14th century bourgeois architecture.

Take rue de l'Ancien Pont.

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Free
1st Sunday of the month

The Tobacco Museum

Don't worry! The tobacco museum is neither intended to promote smoking nor is only of interest to smokers. Its collections, unique in Europe, tell the story of an exceptional plant with a singular destiny as both a divine and cursed product. Originating in the Americas, where it was first used more than 3,000 years ago, before it conquered first Africa and then the world.

In the museum auditorium and the galleries displaying rare items, discover the history of the uses of tobacco and objects related to its consumption.

00 33 (0)5 53 63 04 13 The Tobacco Museum

7. Maison Peyrarède

Built by a wealthy family of fabric merchants in the early 17th century. Called Château Henri IV; legend has it that King Louis XIII stayed in the mansion when he personally came to recapture the city from the Huguenots in 1621.

Rue de l'Ancien Pont. Houses from 16th et 17th century.
To the left of the rue de l'Ancien Pont, on the place du Feu: Entrance to the Tobacco Museum. Wood-timbered house, with wrought corner posts (16th century).

From rue de l'Ancien Pont, take rue Hyppolite Taine towards the bridge.

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8. Pont de Bergerac

From the Middle Ages to the end of the Old Regime, Bergerac was the only town in the Dordogne Valley where travellers could find a bridge to cross the great river. The river flooded in 1783 and swept away the original bridge. It was replaced by the current stone and brick bridge between 1822 and 1825.

Take rue Neuve d'Argenson, turn left into rue du Château, then right into rue Saint-Clar. Picturesque timber-framed houses from the 16th to 18th centuries. At the end of rue Saint-Clar, turn right into rue d'Albret, then left into rue Neuve d'Argenson and place Doublet.

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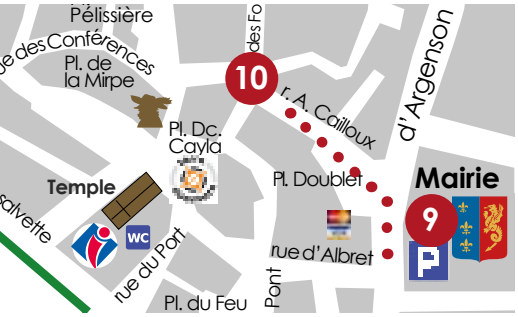
9. Hôtel de Ville

The City Hall, formerly an Hospital (XVII-XIXth century).



Take on your left rue Albéric Cailloux.

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10. La Maison Doublet

During the Wars of Religion in May 1577, plenipotentiaries from the "Bergerac peace" conference preparing the Edict of Nantes (1598) met in the Doublet family home which is next to the fontaine de Mazeaux.

Take rue des Conférences as far as Place Pélissière.

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11. Place Pélissière

Pilgrimage stop on the Santiago de Compostela route. Statue of Cyrano de Bergerac, polychrome bronze by Mauro Corda. Inaugurated in 2005, this bronze celebrates both Savinien Cyrano (1619-1655), the libertine musketeer author of "Voyage dans les États et Empires du Soleil" and the heroic and poignant theatre character that he inspired Edmond Rostand to create in Cyrano de Bergerac, first performed in Paris in 1897.

Return to the square and head towards Place de la Petite Mission.

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12. La Petite Mission

Built in the 18th century to house a small seminary ; today, its vast vaulted cellars are home to the Costi Museum.

Dordonha

Free

Dordonha offers visitors a unique heritage and artistic experience, with 3 exhibitions open to the public:

- On the 1st floor, the Centre d'Interprétation de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine (Architecture and Heritage Interpretation Centre) invites visitors to discover the history and architecture of Bergerac. The town's construction around the River Dordogne is the main theme of a 300m² exhibition, brought to life by films and digital displays.
- Under its stone vaults, the Musée Costi displays its collection of bronze and plaster sculptures.
- L'Expo d'Été, on the ground floor.

00 33 (0)5 53 63 04 13 Dordonha

Go up the Grand-Rue towards Place de Lattre de Tassigny.

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13. L'Église Notre-Dame

Completed in 1865 and designed by famous Paul Abadie, the building is among the architect's most exemplary neo-gothic projects. Inside: two major Renaissance paintings: "L'adoration des bergers" by Godenzio Ferrari (1484-1550) and "L'adoration des Mages" by Licinio Regillo a.k.a. Pordenone (ant. 1550).
In front of the church: the war memorial, bronze by sculptor Gabriel Forestier (1927).

Continue along rue de la Résistance.

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14. Rue de la Résistance

Shopping area, architecture from 19 and 20th c.

Take left rue du Colonel de Chadois, then right rue du Mourier, then left rue du Dragon.

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15. Place Louis de la Bardonnie (ancienne place du Marché Couvert)

Shopping district, Baltard style Market Hall, outdoor market on wednesday and Friday, maison Daix known as King Charles the Xth house.

Covered Market

Tuesday to Saturday - 7am to 1pm and 3pm to 7pm

Butcher, charcutier, caterer, bakery, pastry shop, cheese, seafood, fruits & vegetables, oriental products.

Markets

Tuesday
Parvis de l'Eglise Notre Dame (13)
Organic market from 4pm to 7pm

Wednesday and Saturday
Parvis de l'Eglise Notre Dame (13) & Place Louis de la Bardonnie (15)
Market from 7am to 1pm.

Take rue Paul Bert, then right into rue Colonel de Chadois. When you reach Place Malbec, turn into rue Gaudra, then left into rue des Fontaines.

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16. Carrefour de la Font-Peyre

Cinq Canelles hydroelectric power station: established at the end of the 19th century, this plant supplied power to many of the town's users until it closed in 1955. Exhibition. Rue Saint-Jâmes: curious sculptures at no. 26 (18th century). Bourgeois houses, mullioned windows.

Découvrez les vins de Bergerac & Duras

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