



IN THE LAND OF THE WALLED TOWNS

In the land of the walled towns, well before rugby was invented, the English and French were already squaring up to each other, but then it was over a crown! Winding your way along the roads of Upper Agen, to the borders of Périgord, Lot and Lot-et-Garonne, is to travel between the Middle Ages and our present time.

Of the 315 walled towns recorded in France, more than a third are found in Aquitaine. They arouse the curiosity with the visionary nature of their urban space, designed on a grid pattern - like in the United States? Yes, that's where the inspiration comes from! They have come down to us from the 13th century, and have a thousand stories to tell. These towns are full of life, too.

Head for the central square, as vibrant today as it ever was with village activity, with cafes, markets, craftsmen, festive gatherings... Feast your eyes - and your taste buds - as you drink in this "sweet side of France" that our foreigners friends call **#ThePlaceToBeGayQuietly!**

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DAY 1, Friday

ARRIVAL IN AGEN

PM	Arrival in your hotel, the Stelsia - Saint-Sylvestre-sur-Lot, Lot-et-Garonne - France. This 4-star hotel, promises for gay people an exceptional stay in a high-end tolerant environment at the heart of the land of the walled towns.
08.00pm	Dinner at Le Bistrot

DAY 2, Saturday

DISCOVERY OF EYMET

09.00am	After a solid breakfast buffet, departure for Eymet. Here, you'll find a warm welcome mixed with easy living to the rhythm of the Dropt's gently flowing waters or in the shade of the noble keep. This town changed hands several times between the French and the English during the Hundred Years War. Today, you can admire its pretty houses and beautiful square with its medieval arcades.
12.00pm	Lunch in a typical restaurant
03.00pm	Go back to the hotel
06.00pm	Free time to enjoy the Stelsia's facilities: swimming pool, sauna, hammam, fitness, etc.
08.00pm	Dinner at Le Bistrot

DAY 3, Sunday

DISCOVERY OF VILLERÉAL

09.00am	After the breakfast, departure for Villeréal. Founded in 1265 by Alphonse de Poitiers, this walled town contains an amazing hall from the 14th century supported by oak pillars, with a beautiful structure and wattle and daub upper floor. From Villeréal you can explore the Dropt and Lède valleys. Some go climbing here...
12.00pm	Lunch in a typical restaurant
03.00pm	Go back to the hotel
06.00pm	Free time to enjoy the Stelsia's facilities
08.00pm	Dinner - at the client's convenience

DAY 4, Monday

DISCOVERY OF MONPAZIER

09.00am	After the breakfast, departure for Monpazier. This is a "little England", a jewel of medieval architecture! Founded during the reign of the King of England and perfectly preserved, it's deservedly famous, ranking among the "most beautiful villages in France" ... and your first port of call! Check out the market and you'll find a stall where grain measures are still used on market days.
12.00pm	Lunch in a typical restaurant
03.00pm	Go back to the hotel
06.00pm	Free time to enjoy the Stelsia's facilities
08.00pm	Dinner at Le Bistrot

DAY 5, Tuesday

DISCOVERY OF VILLEFRANCHE-DU-PÉRIGORG

09.00am	After the breakfast, departure for Villefranche-du-Périgord. Founded in 1265 by Alphonse de Poitiers, this walled town contains an amazing hall from the 14th century supported by oak pillars, with a beautiful structure and wattle and daub upper floor. From Villeréal you can explore the Dropt and Lède valleys. Some go climbing here...
12.00pm	Lunch in a typical restaurant
03.00pm	Go back to the hotel
06.00pm	Free time to enjoy the Stelsia's facilities
08.00pm	Dinner at Le Bistrot

DAY 6, Wednesday

DISCOVERY OF TOURNON-d'AGENAI

09.00am	After the breakfast, departure for Tournon-d'Agenais. A little walled town from the 13th century, very picturesque, fortified by the English, clinging to a tall hill, and Penne-d'Agenais, another medieval town perched on high, are home to numerous craftsmen, and well worth stopping off at.
12.00pm	Lunch in a typical restaurant
02.00pm	A few miles away, visit of Bonaguil feudal chateau, a major site in Aquitaine of huge proportions. Here, you'll discover graffiti dating back over 400 years! In summer, you'll find numerous events and workshops to delight children and adults alike.
04.00pm	Go back to the hotel
06.00pm	Free time to enjoy the Stelsia's facilities
08.00pm	Dinner at Le Bistrot

DAY 7, Thursday

DISCOVERY OF MONTFLANQUIN & VILLENEUVE-SUR-LOT

09.00am	After the breakfast, departure for Montflanquin. Ranked among the "most beautiful villages in France", this walled town is the best preserved in Lot-et-Garonne. Stroll along its central square bordered by "cornières" (arcades) or the many "carrerots" (alleyways). You'll no doubt come across the house of the Black Prince. And as Monflanquin is perched on a hill, you get the added bonus of a beautiful view over the Lot valley, which resembles Tuscany in summer.
12.00pm	Lunch in a typical restaurant
02.00pm	Departure for Villeneuve-sur-Lot. This is the largest walled town in Lot-et-Garonne. Its name recalls firstly how these walled towns were, in the Middle Ages, new towns (their modern urbanism with its rectangular design has since inspired America's cities), and secondly, that it's built on both banks of the Lot. You can also take in Pont de Cieutat (bridge) from the banks, not far from the river stop.
04.00pm	Go back to the hotel
06.00pm	Free time to enjoy the Stelsia's facilities
08.00pm	Last dinner at Le Jasmin, the Stelsia gastronomic restaurant

DAY 8, Friday

TRANSFER TO AIRPORT OR STATION

Free morning and check out



FROM:
1 559€/person

Included:

Accommodation based on double occupancy in a classic room (upgrade for deluxe room, junior suite & suite on request). Catering (breakfast, lunch and dinner mentioned in the program) drinks included. Access to the Spa "Sens by Mességué". Agency fees.

Not included:

External transport. Vehicle for visit and transfer to the airport or station. Health care to the Spa "Sens by Mességué". Breakfast in room. Concierge services.

The reservation can be firm and definitive only after payment of the total amount.
Subject to availability at the time of booking.

