

THE LITTLE GUIDE TO

lovely escapes

Our favourite places, walks and the pleasure of taking your time.



VIGNONET

Vineyards on the horizon.
The Dordogne as your guide.

Enjoy a stay at your own pace, on the doorstep of Saint-Émilion.

WITH LOCAL TIPS FROM ELINA & DAVID

Make yourself at home

A guide to browse here, and ideas to take out with you.

We're delighted to welcome you to L'Hibiscus. Between vineyards, stone villages and the banks of the Dordogne, we've gathered a few ideas to help you enjoy the area without rushing.

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HOW TO USE THE QR CODES

Point your phone's camera at a code and tap the link. Save the route sheet before you set off. External route sheets may be in French.

You are here

Vignonet, between vineyards and river.



ABOUT 10 MINUTES BY CAR

Saint-Émilion

The medieval town, its old streets, historic sights and surrounding vineyards.

ABOUT 15 MINUTES BY CAR

Libourne

The bastide town, riverside quays and a stroll around the market.

THE THREAD RUNNING THROUGH YOUR STAY

The Dordogne

Vignonet's river port, the banks and the waterside scenery.

Shops & services

Practical pointers to help you enjoy your stay.

SUPERMARKET

Carrefour · Branne — About 8-10 minutes by car

BAKERY

La P'tite Baguette · Saint-Sulpice-de-Faleyrens — About 7 minutes by car

CONVENIENCE STORE

Api · Saint-Sulpice-de-Faleyrens — About 7 minutes by car

VILLAGE CAFÉ

Le Vignonet — About 300 metres from the cottage

BRANNE MARKET

Thursday morning — A delicious reason to get out and about

LIBOURNE MARKET

Tuesday, Friday and Sunday mornings — Combine it with a walk along the quays

SAINT-ÉMILION MARKET

Wednesday and Sunday mornings — Combine it with a visit to the town



SUPERMARKET



BAKERY



CONVENIENCE STORE

BEFORE YOU GO

Opening hours and market days can change, especially on public holidays. Check the venue's information.

A quick bite

A simple stop, a takeaway or a treat between discoveries.

THE VILLAGE CAFÉ

Le Vignonet

Vignonet · close to the cottage

The feel: a coffee, a break or a few essentials, close to L'Hibiscus. The setting: a simple village stop where you can take a breather without getting back in the car.



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QUICK BITES & TAKEAWAY

Le Genisnack

Branne · 06 27 89 66 34

On the menu: homemade burgers, paninis, kebabs, steak-and-chip baguettes and homemade chips. The feel: an easy-going stop for a quick bite or a takeaway.



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BURGERS, SALADS & OUTDOOR TABLES

La Bonheur

Saint-Émilion

On the menu: homemade burgers, paninis, fresh salads and vegetarian options. The setting: a friendly spot in the heart of town for lunch outside or a takeaway.



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SWEET & SAVOURY BREAKS

La Pause du Roy

Saint-Émilion · near Porte Bouqueyre

On the menu: sandwiches, croque-monsieur, savoury tarts, waffles, crêpes and ice cream. The feel: a stop for a quick lunch or an afternoon treat while exploring the old streets.



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Take your time at the table

Four ideas for enjoying the flavours of your stay.

ELEGANT BRASSERIE & WINE BAR

L'Envers du Décor

Saint-Émilion · booking recommended

On the menu: regional cooking, local ingredients and an emphasis on wine. The setting: a warm, elegant brasserie in central Saint-Émilion for a leisurely meal.



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SEASONAL REGIONAL COOKING

Le Tertre

Saint-Émilion · booking recommended

On the menu: refined regional cooking that follows the seasons. The setting: an intimate atmosphere in the medieval town, with a terrace or a charming vaulted cellar.



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LOCAL RIVER SPECIALITIES

Le Cabestan

Lavagnac · Sainte-Terre · booking recommended

On the menu: Bordeaux-style lamprey, shad and local Dordogne produce, depending on the menu and season. The setting: a warm, welcoming place rooted in the area's fishing traditions.



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TRADITIONAL SOUTH-WESTERN FRENCH COOKING

Le Melchior

Sainte-Terre · booking recommended

On the menu: Bordeaux-style lamprey, homemade foie gras, tricandilles (a local pork tripe speciality) and dishes from south-western France, depending on the menu. The setting: a charming Gironde house with the atmosphere of a traditional country residence.



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For special occasions

A memorable meal to make part of your getaway.

FINE DINING IN A HISTORIC HOUSE

Logis de la Cadène

Saint-Émilion · advance booking essential

On the menu: carefully crafted, creative fine dining for a special occasion. The setting: a historic house with a hidden garden and a warm, intimate atmosphere for dinner as a couple or a celebration.



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FINE DINING WITH VIEWS OF THE TOWN

La Table de Pavie

Saint-Émilion · advance booking essential

On the menu: refined, creative cooking inspired by the region, with wine pairings to complement the meal. The setting: an elegant restaurant overlooking the rooftops and vineyards of Saint-Émilion for a special evening.



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FINE DINING AMONG THE VINEYARDS

Les Belles Perdrix de Troplong Mondot

Saint-Émilion · advance booking essential

On the menu: thoughtfully prepared fine dining, a highlight of your stay. The setting: at the top of the Troplong Mondot estate, with an intimate atmosphere and a panoramic terrace overlooking the vineyards.



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A GOOD HABIT

Check the restaurant's current menu, prices and availability, then book your table directly.

The Dordogne, close by

Leave the car behind and set out on foot.



From L'Hibiscus to the Dordogne

Set out from L'Hibiscus and explore the surroundings on foot. This local walk takes you along the Dordogne for a first taste of Vignonet's scenery and peaceful atmosphere.

YOUR FIRST OUTING

Open the route sheet

Scan or tap the code for the route and directions. Keep the sheet on your phone as you walk. The original sheet may be in French.



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ELINA & DAVID'S TIP

Take time to notice the riverbanks and the light on the water. Follow the route and use permitted access points.

Along the river

Three routes and three ways to enjoy the scenery.

ON FOOT

The Gabariers loop in Cabara

A walk through the river's history, past fishermen's houses and viewpoints over the bends of the Dordogne.



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ON FOOT

The Dordogne and vineyards from Branne

A mostly level route from Branne, between the riverside and the vineyards.



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ON FOOT

Viewpoints from Cabara

An outing through vineyards, fields and the Dordogne riverside, with viewpoints along the way.



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BEFORE YOU SET OFF

Check the route sheet for distance, duration, elevation and access conditions. Take water and check the weather. Wear visible clothing when cycling on roads. Original external route sheets may be in French.

Vineyards & hillsides

Three routes and three ways to enjoy the scenery.

ON FOOT

La Butte de Charlemagne via Roqueblanche

A hilly walk through vineyards and woodland, with views over the Dordogne from higher ground.



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ON FOOT

The vineyards via the Dordogne and Vignonet

A route combining river scenery and vineyards around Vignonet.



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ON FOOT

The Dordogne loop in Branne

A walk along the Dordogne with a chance to discover Branne's historic buildings.



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Around the villages

Three routes and three ways to enjoy the scenery.

ON FOOT

The Saint-Laurent-des-Combes loop

A Romanesque church, wine estates, woodland and viewpoints on the hillier stretches.



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ON FOOT

The Châteaux de Saint-Émilion loop

Explore the vineyards and views towards Saint-Émilion from the area around the former station in Saint-Laurent-des-Combes.



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ON FOOT

From Saint-Hippolyte to Saint-Étienne-de-Lisse

A hilly walk between villages, wine estates and views over the valley.



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The vineyards by bike

A different pace for exploring the area.

BY BIKE

The Grands Crus of Saint-Émilion

A mostly level 15 km loop through the vineyards and estates of the limestone plateau around Saint-Émilion.



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BY BIKE

Romanesque churches from Branne

Explore the Branne area by bike, discovering Romanesque churches and villages along quiet roads.



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Three ways to explore

Historic streets, riverside quays and vineyards: make the day your own.

HALF A DAY TO WANDER

Saint-Émilion

Explore the old streets, look for viewpoints and enjoy a terrace. For the monolithic church and guided tours, ask the Grand Saint-Émilionnais Tourist Office.



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A STOP ALONG THE QUAYS

Libourne

Explore the bastide town, Place Abel Surchamp and the quays. Market mornings are a lovely opportunity to combine a walk with local produce.



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A TASTE OF THE REGION

The vineyards

Choose a wine estate and ask about its visits. Some estates require an appointment. The Tourist Office can help you choose.



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Even when the sky is grey

Ideas to suit the weather and the children's ages.

ON RAINY DAYS

A different side of Saint-Émilion

A guided tour and a visit underground can give the day a different feel. Check visiting slots and book ahead.

ON RAINY DAYS

A cosy stop

A wine estate visit, a café or the shops of Libourne: choose sheltered places for a change of scene.

WITH CHILDREN

Explore through play

Treasure hunts in Saint-Émilion or Tèrra Aventura trails can turn a walk into a little adventure.

WITH CHILDREN

Get outdoors

La Ferme de la Barbanne in Libourne and activities offered by Château Soutard are ideas to look into for a family outing.

BEFORE YOU GO

Check admission conditions, opening hours and any booking requirements with the place you choose.

The art of slowing down

A few simple ideas to enjoy between discoveries.

IN THE MORNING

Stop at the bakery

Bring back something to share for breakfast and start the day slowly.

DURING THE DAY

Find your way to the water

Enjoy the air by the Dordogne and watch the scenery change as you walk.

LATE IN THE DAY

Look for the golden light

Head to higher ground around Saint-Émilion and watch the rooftops and vineyards change colour.

CLOSE BY

Discover Vignonet

The village port and church are two little stops to help you get to know the place welcoming you.

THE BEST PLAN?

One that leaves you time to enjoy it.

Lovely stays leave a memory

Thank you for choosing L'Hibiscus.



A path discovered.
A favourite place.
A moment to keep.

We hope these pages have inspired you to explore the area and take your time. Your discoveries and favourite places will help this guide grow, too.

A LITTLE MESSAGE MEANS A LOT

After your stay, leave a review on your booking platform or write to us with your favourite memory.

FIND L'HIBISCUS ONLINE

Keep in touch

Discover the cottage and contact us directly for your next stay.
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We look forward to welcoming you again,
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