VILLAGE LIFE
IN THE
DORDOGNE
May 4 to 12, 2006

Featuring Columbia Professor Stephen Murray
All excursions included from $2595*
The Prehistoric Art of Lascaux II
Medieval Villages of the Périgord Noir

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Reserve on or before October 25, 2005
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Dear Columbian,

We are pleased to sponsor Village Life in the Dordogne, a unique travel opportunity that captures the authentic character of the historic villages in France’s picturesque southwestern region of the Dordogne. Explore the Dordogne’s prehistoric caves, medieval castles and charming village squares, and come to know the way of life of its people with Columbia Professor Stephen Murray.

In the heart of the Dordogne, all of France’s provincial charms have been distilled in one of Europe’s most beautiful medieval villages, Sarlat-la-Canéda. It is here, for one full week among the village’s 14th-century cobblestone streets, delightful cafés and traditional market, that you will experience the rich culture, fascinating history and rhythms of daily life in the Dordogne while enjoying accommodations at the family-owned Hôtel de la Madeleine. Combining a traditional provincial ambiance with modern amenities, this charming hotel is located in a century-old building in the heart of Sarlat-la-Canéda and is known for its warm hospitality.

Among the many included features of this program is the unique Village Life Forum, where local residents share their perspectives and insights into life in the Dordogne. To further enhance your understanding and appreciation of the culture and history of southwestern France, we have arranged exclusive guided excursions to the region’s most important landmarks including the legendary shrines of Rocamadour, the prehistoric drawings of Rouffignac Cave and the medieval Castle of Beynac, among others. You will also attend a series of enriching lectures and enjoy sampling regional specialties, such as foie gras and truffles.

This exceptional value, the convenience of unpacking once and a great destination combine to make a truly unique program and opportunity. We are privileged to be joined on this program by alumni from Georgetown University. Village Life in the Dordogne continues to be a very popular travel program and has sold out quickly in the past, so we encourage you to join fellow alumni and friends and make your reservation today.

With best wishes from Morningside Heights,

Eric J. Furda
Vice President for Alumni Relations

Stephen Murray is a Professor of Art History and Archeology at Columbia University, where he was also the Founding Director of the Media Center for Art History. In his research, he has explored the life of the great Gothic cathedrals of France (Notre-Dame of Paris, Amiens, Beauvais and Troyes), taking into account all aspects of the cathedral including design, construction, social context and liturgical function. Under the auspices of a grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation he currently directs a project to create a database for Romanesque churches in the Bourbonnais in central France. Educated at Oxford University and the University of London, Professor Murray has held grants and fellowships from several prestigious foundations including the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Humanities Center. Professor Murray has also taught numerous cathedral seminars, and is excited to return with the Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program to Europe, where he looks forward to sharing his perspectives with alumni.

Please note that a minimum number of passengers is required to confirm faculty participation.
EXPERIENCE THE HOSPITALITY OF THE DORDOGNE WHILE STAYING AT THE HISTORIC, FAMILY-OWNED HÔTEL DE LA MADELEINE

The beautiful medieval village of Sarlat-la-Canéda is ideal for experiencing the charm and hospitality of provincial France. Of Sarlat-la-Canéda's many admirers, none are more ardent than the proprietor of the 100-year-old Hôtel de la Madeleine, Philippe Melot. One of the town's most recognizable citizens and an expert in the local architecture who has long championed efforts to preserve Sarlat's historic quarters, Monsieur Melot once served as the village mayor and is now a highly regarded chef. His hospitality and dedication to his guests are evident in the loving care he bestows upon the family-owned Hôtel de la Madeleine and the traditional French country cuisine he prepares for each daily meal.

MEDIEVAL SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA IS AMONG THE MOST CHARMING AND BEAUTIFUL VILLAGES IN ALL OF FRANCE.
Sail the bucolic Dordogne River aboard a traditional wooden gabare, a typical transport of the Périgord region for more than 150 years.

**Village Life in the Dordogne** is one in a unique series of Village Life programs designed for invertebrate travelers who know the true character of a country is best found in its provinces, on its backroads and around its local market squares. This travel program offers a cultural and educational experience like no other. **A comprehensive program and an exceptional value**, **Village Life in the Dordogne** immerses you in the picturesque Dordogne region in the province once known as Périgord Noir, a lovely rural area in southwestern France known for its culinary heritage. Here, for one full week, experience the rhythms of everyday life in Sarlat-la-Canéda, designated by the French government as one of the most beautiful villages in the country. Enhance your understanding and enjoyment of the Dordogne’s gastronomic bounty during daily meals and at Sarlat-la-Canéda’s marvelous outdoor market, a village tradition that dates to the Middle Ages. Explore the famous caves of Les Eyzies-de-Tayac, where prehistoric humans created paintings of now long-extinct species, and discover 14th-century castles constructed by knights during the Hundred Years’ War.

Attend an exclusive Village Forum where local citizens will provide a fascinating and candid look at daily life in the Dordogne.

The charming, family-owned Hôtel de la Madeleine has been specially selected for this program for its warm hospitality, individually appointed accommodations, personal service and regional cuisine featuring local specialties prepared daily by one of the area’s finest chefs.

**Unpack once!** This exceptional travel opportunity includes all accommodations, meals and exclusively arranged excursions for an incredibly attractive price. Come experience a special way of life: **Village Life in the Dordogne**.

I believe that this great peaceful region of France will always be a sacred spot for man.

- Henry Miller

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SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA
Author Henry Miller called Sarlat “the Frenchman’s paradise.” Your charming village home for seven nights is the pre-revolutionary capital of the Périgord Noir, a lushly forested corner of the region of Aquitaine embraced by the Dordogne and Vézère rivers. It is a gastronomic connoisseur’s dream, renowned for its foie gras, truffles, wild mushrooms, strawberries, walnuts and duck, and is close enough to Bordeaux to receive the finest vintages straight from the vintners’ cellars.

The entire village is a historical monument, featuring one of the greatest concentrations of medieval, Renaissance and 17th-century façades of any town in Europe. Step back in time as you meander through the narrow, pedestrian-only cobblestone streets, illuminated by 19th-century gas street lamps and lined with traditional stone houses built in the early Renaissance style and crowned with pepperpot chimneys, including the 16th-century home of Étienne de la Boétie. The heart of Sarlat-la-Canéda is Place de la Liberté, a delightful square lined with shops and cafés, where every Wednesday and Saturday one of France’s most famous markets is held in a tradition that dates to the Middle Ages.

VILLAGES OF THE PÉRIGORD NOIR
St-Amand-de-Coly is one of the most unusual villages in the Dordogne. All of its picturesque lanes lead to the fortified 13th-century Abbey Church, built by Augustinian monks. Its ramparts and towers give it an appearance that resembles a fortress rather than a place of worship. By contrast, in the lovely village of St-Geniès, observe the graceful 14th-century frescoes that decorate the tiny Chapelle du Chéylard.

ROCAMADOUR
Built on the face of a sheer 492-foot cliff, this extraordinary fortified 13th-century village has one of the most dramatic and improbable settings of any village in the world and was one of the most important pilgrimage sites in all of Europe throughout the Middle Ages. Pilgrims—including noblemen, saints and kings—flocked to this revered site from across Europe to demonstrate their penance by ascending the 216 steps of the Grand Stairway on their knees to pay homage to the Virgin Mary and seek miracles from St. Amadour. Just outside the Chapel of the Virgin Mary, set high into the cliff, is a sword said to be that of the heroic knight Roland. Fascinating historic artifacts and sacred art can be viewed nearby at Rocamadour’s Musée d’Art Sacrée.

The exquisite artistry of prehistoric painters in the cave of Lascaux not only are unsurpassed in their scope and beauty, but offer unparalleled insight into the world of our ancient ancestors.
**PREHISTORIC CAVE PAINTINGS**

The picturesque landscape surrounding Sarlat-la-Canéda was an inspiration to the region’s prehistoric inhabitants, whose vibrant depictions of nature and animals on the cave walls of Lascaux and Rouffignac have earned the caves the prestigious designation of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Approximately 15,000 years B.C. unknown artists created Lascaux, the “Sistine Chapel of Prehistory,” where long-extinct aurochs bulls, wild stallions and ancient antelopes were rendered with exquisite beauty and skill. For preservation purposes, Lascaux II was created, an extraordinarily detailed, inch-by-inch replica of the cave using the same methods — magnesium dioxide blacks and iron oxide yellows and reds. In Rouffignac Cave, known as the “Cave of a Hundred Mammots,” five miles of caverns are covered in deft drawings of extinct beasts and can be explored by electric train. Nearby, at L’Abri du Cap-Blanc, Magdalenian-period (12,000 to 10,000 B.C.) camps and realistic, life-sized reliefs and sculptures of horses, bison and reindeer have been found.

**LES EYZIES-DE-TAYAC**

Les Eyzies is France’s capital of prehistoric humanity, where unprecedented fossils of Cro-Magnon Man have been discovered. Approximately 35,000 years old, these fossils constitute the earliest known evidence of Homo sapiens in existence. The area’s cave paintings, fossils and early tools are given context at the National Museum of Prehistory, housed in a 13th-century castle.

**PÉRIGUEUX**

Capital of the Dordogne département (province), the ancient town of Périgueux, located on the banks of the River Isle, has been the commercial center of this fertile region since the days of the Roman Empire when it was the most prosperous town in the entire region. Originally named Vesunna for the spring that attracted its original inhabitants more than 2,000 years ago, it is home to some of the finest Roman and Byzantine architecture in the region, including fourth- and fifth-century houses and the fascinating Vesunna Museum built on and around an excavated Roman villa. The town’s charming medieval cobblestone streets are lined with impressive landmarks including the imposing Cathedral of St. Front, one of the largest churches in southwestern France, and the stately 17th-century Town Hall.

**BEYNAC-ET-CAZENAC CASTLE**

Overlooking the Dordogne Valley from a 300-foot sheer cliff, the fortified village and castle of Beynac-et-Cazenac is a medieval architectural masterpiece that was once a stronghold of Richard the Lionheart. Make your way through its elaborate series of curtain walls, parapet walks, watchtowers and passageways to an impressive interior with a magnificent 17th-century staircase and delicate 15th-century frescoes of the Last Supper and the Pietà. Enjoy a private cruise on the bucolic Dordogne River aboard a traditional 19th-century gabare, or barge, followed by a lunch of Périgord specialties at a charming restaurant overlooking the river.

**DOMME**

Domme is a true medieval bastide, or fortified village, and is still entered through its monumental gate, flanked by stout limestone towers. Graffiti, etched by the Knights Templar in the 14th century, still flecks the inner walls, while inside the town, the ancient beauty of Domme’s 13th- and 14th-century architecture is surpassed only by its exceptional views of the meandering Dordogne River.
HÔTEL DE LA MADELEINE, SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA

While enjoying the tranquil pace of Village Life in the Dordogne, you will truly feel at home during your seven nights at the family-owned Hôtel de la Madeleine. Converted from a 19th-century townhouse and steeped in provincial appeal, this charming property is ideally located just outside the ancient walls of the medieval quarter, a mere five-minute walk from the center of the village. Each of the 39 guest rooms in the intimate hotel is individually furnished, and all feature private bathroom facilities, air conditioning, television and a minobar.

The hotel is owned by Philippe Melot, an accomplished chef who specializes in offering a variety of delectable recipes drawn from the distinguished culinary heritage of the Périgord Noir region. He and his staff, many of whom have worked at the hotel for a generation, will make you feel like a member of the family through their warm hospitality, good humor and personal, attentive service. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included daily.

Village Life Day by Day....

Day 1
Départ the U.S. for Bordeaux, France.

Day 2
Arrive in Bordeaux. Transfer through the scenic Dordogne region to Sarlat-la-Canéda and the Hôtel de la Madeleine.

Day 3
Excursion
Walking tour of historic Sarlat-la-Canéda. The afternoon offers an excellent opportunity to explore Sarlat’s legendary weekly market.

Exclusive Enrichment
Exclusive lecture focusing on architectural preservation in Sarlat-la-Canéda.
Attend a private welcome reception in the hotel this evening.

Day 4
Excursion
Tour Rocamadour’s Notre Dame Chapel and the Musée d’Art Sacré. Lunch features regional cuisine.

Day 5
Excursion
Visit L’Abris du Cap-Blanc and the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Eyzies-de-Tayac. Explore St-Amand-de-Coly, visiting its fortified Abbey Church, and St. Geniès with its the gothic Chapelle du Cheylard.

Day 6
Excursion
Tour of Lascaux II and Rouffignac Cave.

Exclusive Enrichment
Enjoy traditional 19th-century Périgord Noir folk music and dance.

Day 7
Excursion
Excursion to Périgueux featuring a tour of the town’s historic landmarks, including the Cathedral Saint-Front, and a visit to the Vesunna Museum. Visit the town’s weekly market.

Exclusive Enrichment
Meet local residents during a specially arranged Village Forum.

Day 8
Excursion
Tour of Beynac-et-Cazenac Castle and cruise aboard a traditional gabare past Castlenaud, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Take a walking tour of Domme.

Day 9
Transfer to Bordeaux for your return flight to the U.S.
THIS VILLAGE LIFE
TRAVEL PROGRAM FEATURES:

◆ Seven nights of accommodations in the Hôtel de la Madeleine.
◆ Private welcome reception in the hotel.
◆ Three meals each day — including two-course lunches and three-course dinners — featuring traditional French cuisine and regional specialties, prepared by the Hôtel de la Madeleine's owner and chef, Philippe Melot. Local wine is served with dinner.

Excursions, led by expert local guides:
◆ Half-day architectural walking tour of Sarlat-la-Canéda.
◆ Excursion to Rocamadour and its Musée d'Art Sacrée. Lunch at the Hotel Beau Site.
◆ Half-day tour of L'Abri du Cap-Blanc and Les Eyzies-de-Tayac.
◆ Half-day tour of St-Amand-de-Coly and St. Geniès.
◆ Half-day excursion to Lascaux II and Rouffignac Cave.
◆ Full-day excursion to the historic town of Périgueux, including lunch.
◆ Tour the fortress of Beynac-et-Cazenac, with lunch in the village of Beynac.
◆ Specially arranged gabare cruise along the Dordogne past Castlenaud.
◆ Walking tour of Domme.

A full program of educational and cultural enrichment including:
◆ A lecture on architectural preservation in Sarlat-la-Canéda, by Philippe Melot, who heads preservation efforts in Sarlat-la-Canéda.
◆ Exclusive Village Forum with local residents who will discuss life in southwestern provincial France.
◆ Specially arranged 19th-century French folk entertainment.

And enhancements for your travel experience:
◆ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and who are traveling on group flights.
◆ A hospitality desk in the hotel.
◆ The services of an experienced Program Director throughout the program.
◆ All gratuities to local drivers and guides.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information for each participant.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS

The medieval fortress Château de Castelnaud commands some of the most spectacular views of the Dordogne River Valley.

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Dramatically towering above the Dordogne River valley, the fortress of Beynac-et-Cazenac was once a stronghold of Richard the Lionheart and remained a highly prized strategic outpost for centuries.

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**Village Life in the Dordogne Reservation Form**

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Preferred name(s) on badge(s) Tour No. 080-05/04-021

Enclosed is a check for $______ as deposit ($500 per person). Make check payable to 2006 Village Life in the Dordogne.

Deposits can also be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made in cash, by check or wire transfer by January 27, 2006.

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