

Your vacation starts here!...

At the gates of Toulouse, between causes of Quercy and the Gorges d'Aveyron, nestles a sunny haven of greenery and water, a country where nature is preserved, a high place of history and heritage. With its paths connecting perched castles and bastides, its numerous valleys where water sings, its landscapes enlightened with astonishing colors, Midi-Quercy is also a nourishing and gourmet earth which will charm all people, either sportive or contemplative, for which a successful stay is an authentic meeting, a way of being and of living in a pure state.

Enjoy regional products

As a reflection of the landscapes of Midi-Quercy, our local gastronomy is at once both generous and varied. From the slopes where the sun bathes the vines and melons and plums ripen, to the nourishing plateaux from which our sheep and cattle derive all their flavour : a huge range of tasty products are there to welcome and surprise you!

In fact the heritage of the past, confers an expertise, a savoir-faire, on this land where our first concern is always with quality. With the flavour of truffles, of saffron or of chestnuts, our farmers, chefs, butchers and caterers are just waiting to serve up their lovingly prepared local « Midi-Quercy » specialities for you. From village to village, street markets display every imaginable flavour : why not let yourself be seduced or even try creating your own menus ?

Black stuffed chicken of Caussade, cèpes à la Quercynoise, truffle omelette, Estouffat quercynois or Pan fried foie gras with grapes, Cabécou or Rocamadour goats cheese, Croutade aux Pommes or Massepain, Wine from the Coteaux du Quercy or the terraces of Montauban, whatever takes your fancy !

Our producers welcome you

In Midi-Quercy, the countryside invites you during your vacancies in our 30 farmers places associated to the network « Bienvenue à la ferme ». Enjoy a tea-time or a dinner in a firm inn and discover local flavours, stay in bed and breakfast accomodations or typical rest houses and live your vacation closest to work of the land.

Gourmet break at farmhouse inn of Mas de Monille (Lozère - Saint Projet) - Tel : 05 63 65 76 85 - www.masdemonille.com

The Midi-Quercy also has huge historical and architectural richness. There are many remains attesting to human occupation as far back as the Paleolithic. Then from about 1 000 AD, the region saw many abbeys, churches and châteaux built. **Mediaeval urban revolution has left us a lot of very well preserved bastides.** In fact, there are more than 80 sites and monuments listed and 23 classified sites which history has bequeathed to the Midi-Quercy region.

Discover the heritage

Water shaped the landscapes of Midi-Quercy by its sources, its brooks, the Aveyron river and its many affluents. Combined with a variety of soils and multiple climatic influences, water is revealed within landscapes in mosaic where the wealth of fauna and flora confers to the Midi-Quercy an exceptional biodiversity : landscapes of stone and groves, causses bleached by limestone, hills and small valleys strewn with fruit trees, boxed cliffs of the Gorges of Aveyron. Water also appears at twists and turns, associated with an architecture inspiring quietness : mills, laundrettes, well and ponds.

Thrill seekers or marvellous sites lovers, come to share a broad pallet of nautical activities that meet all your expectations !

Natural sites

Sensitive natural areas (Albias, Bruniquel, Caylus, St Antonin, Nègrepelisse, Montpezat-de-Quercy, Puygaillard de Quercy/Vaïssa) Cave of Bosc (St Antonin Noble Val) Petrified cascade of St Pierre-Livron (Caylus) Site Natura 2000 « Gorges de l'Aveyron, causses proches et Vallée de la Vère » (St Antonin Noble Val, Cahors, Penne, Bruniquel, Larroque) Site Natura 2000 « Causses de Gauvassou » (Lavaurette, St Georges)

Areas of supervised bathing (lake and river)

Lake of Monclar de Quercy
Lake of Mollières
Edge of Viaur at Laguépie

Hiking, bike riding, or horseback riding,

find harmony with nature and environment. Whatever your physical condition, your age, your tastes, there will be always, in Midi-Quercy, an activity which will be able to suit you !

- **Mountain biking :** 2 areas Viaur/Aveyron labeled by the French federation of cycling, more than 200 km of paths marked out with the varied difficulties. Renting and training structures in Saint-Antonin-Noble Val.

- **Canoe-Kayak :** 7 canoe routes spread over 80 km on the Aveyron river, from Laguépie to Albias - category I, II and II+. Renting and training structures in Saint-Antonin-Noble Val.

- **Bicycle touring :** cycling route « Gorges d'Aveyron » links Montauban to Laguépie through a 80 km long signposted itinerary.

- **Fishing :** 8 fishing locations by boat and 6 night fishing locations (carp fishing) on the Aveyron river. 1 sportive trip of release fishing at the lake of La Lère in Caussade, 4 water bodies with trouts, 3 streams of 1st category, 6 water bodies et 9 streams 2nd category (open-water), 3 water bodies 2nd category (closed water). Fishing workshops at Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val and Nègrepelisse, fish farming in Varen.

- **Horse riding :** more than ten riding schools welcome you with ponies and horses for initiation and improvement in all the equestrian disciplines : walks and excursions, harnessed horse, cross-country race, jumping, vaulting, dressage (...). An equitation academy at the Ecurie des Elfes Blancs in Réalville.

- **Climbing :** many walls in the Gorges of Aveyron ; topoguide available at the Tourist office of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val. Indoor climbing walls and training structures in Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val.

- **Spéléology :** many cavities in the causses of Quercy and the Gorges of Aveyron. Training structures in Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val.

- **Paragliding :** take-off area in Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val.

- **Others :** ULM, cliff adventure tours, excursion with donkeys, shooting, miniature golfs...

Feel artistic emotions

Geological diversity, varied landscapes, multiple climatic influences, changing light patterns, soft colours or intense, bold ones, Midi-Quercy is a welcoming region where memories of the past mingle and become enriched by new experiences. Following the example of the nearby Midi-Pyrénées with its many festivals, **Midi-Quercy now also offers many festivals and shows throughout the year.**



Walk on sacred paths

● **Collegiate church of "Saint Martin" (Montpezat de Quercy).** Church from the 14th century of southern Gothic Style, sheltering treasures such as Flemish tapestries of the 16th century, wedding boxes, alabaster pieces...

● **Church of St Jean-Baptiste (Caylus)** Church of the 14th century of Gothic style, offering beautiful ancient stained glass windows, monumental Christ of Oissip Zadkine (1954), works of Pôl Roux, a 19th century reproduction of the «Belle Jardinière» from Raphaël, a 16th century fabric of the Flemish school representing Christ's face...

● **Sanctuary Notre-Dame de Livron (Caylus)** Discover the legend of the dragon and the Knight of Lagardelle and pause for a moment in this sanctuary built in the Middle Age. Place of pilgrimage.

● **Church of Notre-Dame de Saux (Montpezat de Quercy)** Isolated in the middle of a little wood, charming church of the 14th, renovated two centuries later and sheltering mural frescos to discover...

● **Church Saint Pierre de Varen (Varen)** Rare example of church from the 11th century

Contemporary arts centres

The Art and Design Centre, La Cuisine

Affiliated to the network « Art Contemporain Midi-Pyrénées », the Center La Cuisine, an unparalleled structure in Europe for its intended coverage, questions feeding habits and attitudes. www.la-cuisine.fr



Abbaye de Beaulieu's art centre

Discover temporary exhibitions in the Abbey of Beaulieu labelled National Heritage Site of France, in the heart of the valley of Seye's river. www.monuments-nationaux.fr/www.art-beaulieu-rouergue.com

Not-To-Be-Missed

Glass blowers

Fernando Agostinho - Route de Gaillac - 82800 Bruniquel
Tél : 05.63.67.20.65 - www.agostinhofernando.com

Art metal-worker

Arnaud Elisabeth - Forge au bourg - 82160 Espinas
Tél : 05.63.68.20.88 - aforceneder@wanadoo.fr

Hat industry, SA Willy's Paris

Etablissements Rey - 63, av. général Leclerc - 82300 Caussade
Tél Tourist Office : 05.63.26.04.04 - www.mairie-caussade.fr

Essential oils distillery, Essenciagua

82250 Laguépie - Tél : 05.63.30.04.61 - 06.19.02.41.79
www.essenciagua.fr

Traditional fairs and festivals

Marché au Gras-Truffle-Saffron à Caussade under the covered market Aimé-Bonnaïs from November to March

Chestnut Fair the last weekend of October in Laguépie

Occitan Markets every Sunday morning in July / august in Monclar de Quercy (religious mass in occitan language, traditional dances)

Potters market 15th of August in Caylus

Wines Festival des coteaux du Quercy in August

Harvest festival in July in St Antonin and Espinas

Stuffed chicken fair in Monclar-de-Quercy

Tractomania 2nd weekend of October

Cultural events and sight-seeing

Find the program of the manifestations of Midi-Quercy all along the year in the Tourist offices - www.midi-quercy.fr

Not-To-Be-Missed

Key events

- Bruniqual châteaux lyric festival, dedicated to Offenbach,
- Summer hat festival at Caussade and Septfonds
- Samba al País at Nègrepelisse Festival
- Winter Documentary Festival.



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www.cc-terrasses-vallee-aveyron.fr

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www.mairie-caussade.fr

Caylus (82160)
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www.caylus.com

Laguérie (82250)
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