VILLAGE LIFE

DORDOGNE

APRIL 17 TO 25, 2008

♦ THE PREHISTORIC ART OF LASCAUX II
♦ MEDIEVAL VILLAGES OF THE PERIGORD NOIR
♦ THE PILGRIMAGE SITE OF ROCAMADOUR
♦ ALL EXCURSIONS AND MEALS INCLUDED FROM $2595*

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COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT
Dear alumnae, alumni, parents and friends:

We are pleased to sponsor **VILLAGE LIFE IN DORDOGNE**, a unique opportunity to experience the authentic character of the historic villages in France’s picturesque southwestern region of Dordogne. This itinerary, one of the highly successful and innovative travel programs in the **VILLAGE LIFE** series, is ideal for exploring Dordogne’s prehistoric caves, medieval castles and charming village squares, and for coming to know its peoples’ traditional culture and way of life.

In the heart of Dordogne, all of France’s provincial charms have been distilled in one of Europe’s most beautiful and intact medieval villages, Sarlat-la-Canéda. Here, for one full week among the village’s 14th-century cobblestone streets, delightful cafés and traditional market, you will experience the rich culture, fascinating history and rhythms of daily life in Dordogne while enjoying accommodations in the family-owned Hôtel de la Madeleine. Combining 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 FORUM**, where local residents share their perspectives and insights into life in Dordogne. To further enhance your understanding and appreciation of the culture and history of southwestern France, we have specially arranged 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. Other exclusive features include attending a series of enriching lectures and opportunities to savor regional specialties at daily meals.

This **exceptional value**, the convenience of unpacking once and a great destination combine to make a truly unique program and opportunity. **VILLAGE LIFE IN DORDOGNE** continues to be a very popular travel program and has sold out quickly in the past, so we encourage you to join other alumnae, alumni and friends and make your reservation today!

Peace and blessings,

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Cover: Rocamadour is but one of Dordogne's many historical riches.  

This steep lane of Rocamadour may have street lamps, but that is one of the few concessions to modernity and 21st-century living in this medieval wonder.
VILLAGE LIFE: A WAY OF LIFE IN DORDOGNE

VILLAGE LIFE IN DORDOGNE is one in a unique series of VILLAGE LIFE programs designed for those 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 DORDOGNE immerses you in the picturesque Dordogne region, also known as Périgord Noir, a lovely rural area in southwestern France known for its rustic beauty and 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 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 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 authentic regional cuisine 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 DORDOGNE.

Sail the bucolic Dordogne River aboard a traditional wooden gabare, the typical mode of transportation of the Périgord region for more than 150 years.

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

- Henry Miller
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 Périgord Noir, a lushly forested corner of the region of Aquitaine embraced by the Dordogne and Vézère rivers. It is a gastronome’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.

Sarlat is a historical monument, with one of the greatest concentrations of medieval, Renaissance and 17th-century façades in Europe. Step back in time as you meander through narrow, cobblestone streets, illuminated by gas lamps and lined with traditional Renaissance-style stone houses crowned with pepperpot chimneys. The heart of Sarlat is the Place de la Liberté, where every Wednesday and Saturday one of France’s most famous markets is held in a tradition dating from the Middle Ages.

ROCAMADOUR
Built on the face of a sheer 492-foot cliff, this fortified 13th-century village has one of the most dramatic settings of any village in the world and was an important medieval pilgrimage site. Pilgrims flocked here across Europe to perform 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.

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 in the National Museum of Prehistory, housed in a 13th-century castle.

VILLAGES OF THE PÉRIGORD NOIR
St-Amand-de-Coly is one of the most unusual villages in Dordogne. Each of its picturesque lanes leads 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 Cheylard. The charming village of Souillac, which was an important river port during the Middle Ages for goods being transported to Bordeaux, is home to the abbey church of Sainte-Marie, built in the 13th century by local monks.
PREHISTORIC CAVE PAINTINGS
The picturesque landscape surrounding Sarlat-la-Canéda inspired 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, wild stallions and antelopes were rendered with exquisite beauty and skill. For preservation purposes, Lascaux II was created, a detailed replica of the cave using the same methods — magnesium dioxide blacks and iron oxide yellows and reds. In Rouffignac Cave, the “Cave of a Hundred Mammoths,” 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.

GARDENS OF EYRIGNAC
On the ancient estate of the Manor of Eyrignac in the rolling hills northeast of Sarlat, discover what many consider the finest gardens in all of France. Originally designed as an Italian garden in the 18th century, the grounds were converted to an English-style romantic garden in the 19th century and have been immaculately preserved and enhanced through the years. Though they contain virtually no flowers, the gardens’ harmonious blend of evergreens — primarily box, hornbeam, cypress and yew — has been meticulously designed and landscaped to create a dazzling display of beauty. Designated a national monument by the French government, the Manor of Eyrignac has been inhabited and maintained by the same family for over 500 years and 22 generations.

BEYNAC-ET-CAZENAC CASTLE
Overlooking the Dordogne Valley from a 300-foot 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 tranquil Dordogne River aboard a traditional 19th-century gabare (barge) followed by a lunch of Périgord specialties in a 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 flocks 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 Dordogne River.

BORDEAUX
PRE-PROGRAM OPTION
We invite you to join an exclusive two-day Pre-Program Option in Bordeaux. An ancient port at the heart of the French wine trade, this delightful city is renowned for its elegant boulevards and classic 18th-century architecture, yet it remains largely undiscovered by Americans. Enjoy deluxe accommodations for two nights in Hôtel Burdigala, located in the heart of the city. Visit the city’s most important landmarks on a guided walking tour and take an excursion to Médoc, a picturesque region known for its beautiful countryside, prestigious vineyards and classic châteaux. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
**Day 1**
Depart the U.S. for Bordeaux, France.

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

**Day 3**
**Excursion**
Walk through historic Sarlat-la-Canéda on a guided tour. The afternoon offers an excellent opportunity to explore Sarlat’s legendary 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 visit the village of Souillac. Lunch features regional cuisine.

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

**Day 5...**
**Exclusive Enrichment**
Attend a performance of traditional Périgord Noir folk music and dance.

**Day 6**
Enjoy a morning at leisure to discover Sarlat on your own.

**Excursion**
Tour of prehistoric art in Lascaux II and Rouffignac Cave.

**Day 7**
**Excursion**
Visit the Sarlat Market during your morning at leisure. Excursion to the beautifully preserved gardens of Eyrignac this afternoon.

Lunch is included.

**Exclusive Enrichment**
Meet with local residents during a specially arranged village forum in the hotel.

**Day 8**
**Excursion**
Tour Beynac-et-Cazenac Castle and cruise aboard a traditional gabare past Castelnaud. Lunch is in a nearby restaurant, followed by a walking tour of Domme.

**Day 9**
Transfer to Bordeaux for your return flight to the U.S.

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**Hôtel de la Madeleine, Sarlat-la-Canéda**

While enjoying the tranquil pace of Village Life in Dordogne, you will truly feel at home during your seven nights in 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. In keeping with the hotel’s original architecture and ambiance, each of the 39 guest rooms in the intimate hotel is uniquely configured and individually furnished, and all feature private bathroom facilities, air conditioning, television and a minibar.

The hotel is owned by Philippe Melot, an accomplished chef who specializes in preparing 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.

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**Village Life Day by Day....**
EXPERIENCE THE HOSPITALITY OF DORDOGNE WHILE STAYING IN THE HISTORIC, FAMILY-OWNED HOTEL 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. An expert in local architectural history and a leader of efforts to preserve Sarlat’s historic quarters, Mr. Melot is one of the town’s most recognizable citizens and once served as the village mayor before establishing his reputation as a highly regarded chef and hotelier. 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 country-style cuisine he prepares for each daily meal.

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IN SARLAT-LA-CANÉDA
♦ 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. Regional wine is served with dinner.

Excursions, led by expert local guides:
♦ Architectural walking tour of Sarlat-la-Canéda.
♦ Excursion to Rocamadour and Souillac, including lunch.
♦ Tour of L’Abri du Cap-Blanc and Les Eyzies-de-Tayac.
♦ Visit to St-Amand-de-Coly and St-Geniès.
♦ Excursion to Lascaux II and Rouffignac Cave.
♦ Visit to the lush, impeccably maintained gardens of Eyrignac.
♦ Tour of the fortress of Beynac-et-Cazenac.
♦ Specially arranged gabare cruise along the Dordogne past Castelnaud, with lunch in the village of Beynac.
♦ 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 is a leader of efforts to protect the town’s historic buildings.
♦ 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 whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ 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.
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.

**TARIFF**

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**(VILLAGE LIFE) DORDOGNE RESERVATION FORM**

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Preferred name(s) on name badge(s) Tour No. 080-04/17/08-269

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $________ as deposit ($600 per person, plus $200 per person Bordeaux Pre-Program). Make check(s) payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

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 11, 2008.

I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit to: □ Visa □ MasterCard

Card No. Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

Please make my/our reservations for:

- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Single accommodations for an additional $600.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

BORDEAUX PRE-PROGRAM RESERVATIONS:

- Double at $595 per person.
- Single at $915 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Program Air:

- Flights Chicago/Bordeaux with return Bordeaux/Chicago. Approximate economy airfare is $1330 per person, including taxes.†
- Flights from

(fill in departure city)

to Bordeaux, France, with return from Bordeaux, France, at an additional cost to be advised.†

Class: □ Economy □ Business □ First

An Air Coordinator will contact you no later than four months prior to departure regarding your selections.

Please contact your travel agent or air carrier directly for any deviations to the above.

†Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability, and is nonrefundable.

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.
The medieval fortress Château de Castelnaud commands some of the most spectacular views of the Dordogne River Valley.

**CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**NOT INCLUDED:** Taxes; passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; optional sightseeing excursions; excess baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Included Features” section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel on day(s) of arrival and/or departure 1) if you have not purchased your air arrangements through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, or 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Included Features” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included Features” section.

**AIRFARE:** Approximate airfare is based on rates as of May 2007, and is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline (not Thomas P. Gohagan & Company), even if purchased through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

**LUGGAGE:** Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

**HEALTH:** Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation.

**DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS:** Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by October 12, 2007. In the event a “discounted reservation” must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is, in effect, a new reservation and can be subject to the full fare tariff. Change and/or cancellation fees apply as outlined in this “Contract: Terms and Conditions” for the “replacement” reservation and the cancelled reservation.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS:** Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $200 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $600 per person; from 45 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariff; 21 days or less prior to departure, a no-show or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

**PRE-PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS:** Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $50 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $200 per person; from 45 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariff; from 22 to 44 days prior to departure, 75% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, a no-show or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

Because these cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in connection with cancellation due to illness or accident, as well as damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application after you make your reservation.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring institution or association, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively “Gohagan”), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity of any third party.

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**RATES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure.

**REGISTRATION:** CST#: 2031868-40, WTB#: 601 767 666, OST#: TA 0905.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.