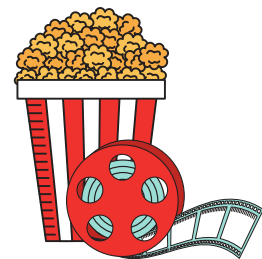




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THE MOVIE EXPERIENCE

Unique and original, despite ourselves

Sometimes even too much.

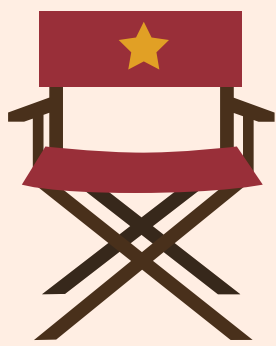
So much the better as everything you witness here has not yet been bought by a major film production company, whom manage domestic screening rooms on demand.



To make it simple, none of the main characters as well as the recommended sites listed, are on

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However, we do have a few episodes focused on power struggles in the medieval era or even chemistry teachers capable of refining daring substances. Regardless, **nothing is more thrilling and vibrant than the true life of a genuine town of character** and charm whose heritage is lived each day by true and strong characters.



*Take a seat,
enjoy the 4k quality!*

Gasconnades

CULTURE & TRADITION



There are some stories that are never forgotten, one of which is called Gasconnades. Some even press on the belly of beasts to bring out the joyful chants.

Technically, we would simply need an 8 by 12 meter floorboard and an orchestra. Our joyful band plays the local Landes bagpipes (or Boha), a snare drum, a violin and a diatonic accordion. A second, much larger floorboard is also needed to provide the perfect dancing conditions to unleash the wild

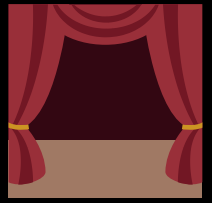
'Bourré', 'Scottish', 'Mazurka', 'Cercle Ciracien' and other choreographic dances. Be warned, there are no restrictions. **Both beginners and professionals are gathered together.**



The décor is now set, and believe me when I say, **you won't need more than a glass to boogie on the dancefloor!** The flourishing folk culture is linked with the region's history. Throughout the year (excluding school holidays) workshops are organized such as Traditional Dances aka Danses 'Trad' every other Tuesday and Landes Bagpipes every Monday. Other events: In April, a parade of the best Boha players in France. In July 2020, the concert **of the infamously known Nadau**. In August, the Gasconnades, a regional and cultural festival reminding us the Habitus Gascon.

The Wiser adore

MAGINE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
AS A PERFORMANCE HALL



Imagine historical monuments as a performance hall. Historically this part of France has been gone through and subservient (Celts, Romans, Visigoths, Moors, Vikings... etc.) Such a combination of nations, civilizations and regimes has allowed a cultural blend and thus has become a custom.

Opening up to the world also represents wealth, our past speaks for it and our present honors it. The National Capitol Orchestra from Toulouse, our prestigious neighbor, performs on several occasions under our bell tower. This memorable experience is organized with the **Musical Nights in Armagnac** Festival (Festival des Nuits Musicales en Armagnac). During this event Paris is launching, in provinces, their training courses represented by the Opera Dancers to the delight of the Gascon Dancers.



What canvas should we use for our festivals and events?

Let's start with our "labelled" products, such as the Saint Gervais Saint Protais cathedral: **So Gothic**, the Castle of the Counts of Armagnac: **So Mythical**, the city's fortifications: **So Solid**, the Collegiate church of La Romieu: **So Unique**, the Gascony castles: **So Mystical**, etc.

Which Event?

National and regional events such as the Musical Night in Armagnac Festival, Radio France Occitanie Festival, Music on the Way, Terr'Opera, Gasconnades, Lecture à Voix Haute, theme-based guided tours, etc.

Protect...Enhance...Share !

The ultimate place to be in terms of heritage protection and safeguarding



The city of Lectoure, pampered by a preserved zone status, is the ideal location whether you are a resident, a vacationer or a heritage facilitator. Fireplaces, tapestries, painted rooms, ornate facades, etc. It is without a doubt that this city is a treasure.



ELECTED OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

The result is unmistakable with significant heritage sites as well as the protection systems implemented for real estate heritage (AVAP, Preserved sector)

Transportation, the right way to go

WE OFFER MANY OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.



Our transportation facilities are not the most ordinary: hot air balloons, vintage car gatherings, or even collectible moped races ... and by the way, one of the most beautiful mountain biking sites in France labeled by the French federation!



Here too the night sky sparkles with a thousand fires, nothing artificial, only the stars. **One of the most beautiful skies France** has to offer for evenings of true local success-story observations. This is particularly due to the popular scientists who live here. (Night Observation organized by the tourism office, Huguette Lacoste and Richard Francis).

All you need is love..... and fresh product !



LOCAL IMPORT-EXPORT

Here the lorries are actually vans. The manufactured products, we don't usually know where they come from, are produced not far from where they are sold.



You will love our **open-air market**, no dock but a long one-way street where our vendors sit at the foot of bourgeois houses from the 17th and 18th centuries.

Melon, duck (foie-gras of course!), Wine, armagnac, garlic, saffron ...all our specialties find their places there ... and their tasters!

SHOP! SHOP! SHOP!

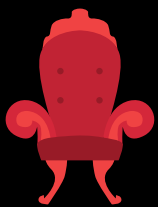
BROC'BACK CAMPAIGN



Let's go to the western end of the town. The closer we get, the more the narrower the town gets. At the edge of the town, you may discover the former Castle of the Counts of Armagnac and hospital.



Times are changing, finished with the ancient metal armors, make way for a permanent flea market opened since 2014. A combination of about 30 brokers offering gizmos and gadgets but also unique beautiful and authentic pieces...



Ô Mighty Furniture

RANGE OF THRONES

In Lectoure, you may find the cathedra or bishop's seat (wooden seat nestled in the cathedral's choir), still visible today and used by the archpriest of the parish of Saint Jacques. The other throne has perished, but still remains its fortified castle settled on the western part of the town. There was no clergyman, instead there were the Counts of Armagnac, protectors of a city that they made shine.



This fierce struggle for power, led our dear Armagnac family to the highest position of the Kingdom. To find out more, *nothing like a good foie gras ... sorry we got carried away,* we meant nothing like a good themed visit!

The bold and the beautiful

BLOOD AND CHARM



You all know about Dracula, you are obsessed and can't get him out of your head (!), but do you know how to plunge your fangs?

We were told how, here in the middle of the 19th century. The wife of the Prince of Wallachia, widowed since his fatal accident on the Champs Elysée, decided to retire in Lectoure. Why you ask? It's simple, she's from here. So why Dracula? Well as you know, this imaginary character owes its existence to Vlad III the Impaler in the 15th century, grandfather of our late prince. This powerful Romanian lineage, unites with this Gascon woman and writer who enjoyed socializing with the intellectual circles of Paris!

**No unwanted special effects, simply a guided tour around the Charming Homes with a zoom on
THE TERRIFYING STORY OF THE
BLOODTHIRSTY COUNT.**



Back to the sacred, in this case, **the former bishop's palace**, which has become the administration headquarters since the revolution. Incredible as it may be, visitors are in awe in front of the splendor and elegance of the building. Don't hesitate to listen to the wise comments of our experienced guides. Let me remind you, that this building was once the provincial home of the notorious Marshal Lannes, grand officer and close companion of the Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte. Slip into **the vaulted cellars**, an interesting Archaeological Museum awaits. No more no less, **the first collection of sacrificial altars** in France, and also known to be part of two largest collections in Europe, with Rome!

High-End Accommodation

GASCONY PARADOX



The newcomer... The 'Hôtel des Doctrinaires' honored as a prestigious 4-star establishment.

Once in front, you will notice the stunning building which was once a Catholic school since 1630. It then became a public high school with the new Regime until 1966. After a long dormant period, it was finally time for the classical ensemble to regain its notoriety. What is said, is done!

Sanded limestone structure (golden style similar to a lemon pie colour), sumptuous decor sheltered by high French style ceilings. The chic modern furniture reminds you that even today

we are able to build as beautiful as before.



The 44 rooms surrounding the main courtyard, or the patio and its azulejo fountain, are large, welcoming, with various delights (calm, charm, high-end bedding, Renaissance windows or large designer bays). You will have no difficulty imagining the breakfast, serving and emphasizing on the local excellence of the products. We mustn't forget the infamous tunnel, which to remind you is a direct passage, to the hot water baths of the thermal center.

From a king (or queen) size bed to the spa there is only one step. It is the best guarantee of an unforgettable stay and that will meet your expectations in a *So Histoire* (history) setting.

Mind your step now and join the Hotel de Bastard. Let's try the In glorious Bastard way of living in Lectoure!

Staging post on the GR65

A CLASSIFIED UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE
ON A CULTURAL PATH



Another, paranormal, phenomenon! hits the Lomagne (Lectoure territory) hillsides every year. A horde of walkers, come to "perish out of exhaustion" below our ramparts, seeking (and finding without difficulty) a lodging to spend the night.



Yes, the famous way of Saint James goes through our city.

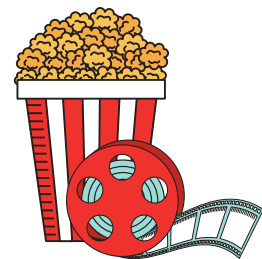
There are many Jacobean paths, but the most popular goes, well, here. It follows the footsteps of the bishop of Puy-en-Velay, Godescalc (10th century). How can you prove the heritage value of such a path?



A good way would be, when you are aware of its classification as a World Heritage Site A selection of portions (43) was the subject of this honour and in particular several kilometers before and after the city of Lectoure. You must discover on the route, medieval hospital remains, vernacular heritage and a sweet countryside that rests your mind. We look forward to greet the **20,000 walkers** who are embarked on this journey.



Lectoure



THE MOVIE EXPERIENCE

Lectoure's feature film never stops.

There are so many adventures to discover on the spot. Our teams will be delighted to be the **co-directors** of your journey on our Gascony lands.

Contact us, and let yourself be seduced by a stay in our authentic and lively city!

No **cheesy happy ending**, just a unique experience in a city that should have its place on

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