



Chapeau to those behind the chateaux of Dordogne

A tour of France's magnificent mansions has us raising our hats to their careful custodians

Think elegant châteaux perched on hilltops beside the glassy, mirrored waters of the Dordogne River, which winds its way through lush wooded valleys and stunningly beautiful countryside. Pass through medieval villages that cling to rocky hillsides and marvel at the world-famous cave paintings of Lascaux. With its rich history, captivating culture, breathtaking scenery, exquisite Michelin-star cuisine and some of the best wines in the world, this region truly has it all, and it's only a short flight away.

For an anniversary or special celebration, these three world-class hotels, each recognised by the prestigious Relais & Châteaux Association, are exceptional choices.

La Chapelle St Martin, 33 Rte Saint-Martin du Fault, 87510 Nieul Fly into Limoges, and you're just a 15-minute drive from La Chapelle Saint-Martin, a stunning hotel set amid 86 acres of landscaped gardens with 200-year-old trees. The maîtres de maison, Aude Bourliataux and chef Gilles Dudognon, warmly welcome guests to their elegant 19th-Century residence, once owned by a prominent porcelain maker. There are 15 rooms, suites and villas, beautifully designed in sophisticated

palettes and tasteful 19th-Century style. There's a lovely unheated swimming pool in the grounds – perfect for cooling down in hot summer months or for those who like to take the plunge year-round.

Culinary experiences are equally invigorating. The Michelin-star La Chapelle Saint Martin Restaurant overlooks the woodland and offers an exquisite tasting menu. La Table du Couvent serves traditional cuisine using centuries-old methods, while Jardin Extraordinaire presents bistro-style dishes created from garden-fresh vegetables and Limousin meats, served by staff dressed as gardeners.

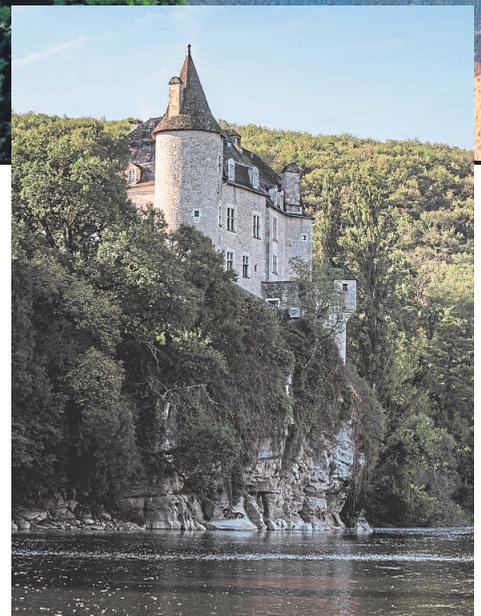
Rooms from £182 per night for two, chapellesaintmartin.com/en/

Le Vieux Logis, 81 rue des Écoles, Trémolat, 24510

Le Vieux Logis nestles in Trémolat, a sleepy village not far from Bergerac. The maîtresse de maison, Estelle Lepers, is warm and friendly, and I feel instantly at home. The hotel is in a former agricultural estate, with the Michelin-star restaurant in the old tobacco drying shed.

My traditionally styled room is luxurious, very spacious, and the bed is huge and super-comfy. It overlooks landscaped gardens and a tree where a robin serenades me

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Flying high

Real Delta force

Delta Air Lines celebrates its centenary with the release of *A Century Of Flight*, a 45-minute documentary directed by Academy Award-nominee Joshua Seftel. The film provides a unique look into how Delta became the first US airline to achieve 100 years of flight, highlighting the people, values and teamwork that have defined the airline's success.

A journey through history

The documentary explores Delta's evolution from its humble beginnings to a global leader in aviation. Featuring personal stories from employees at every level, the film, the airline says, highlights Delta's resilience and its commitment to putting people first – even in the face of industry challenges.

Seftel, an Academy Award nominee, is best known for the Emmy-winning series *Queer Eye For The Straight Guy*, the feature film *War, Inc.*, and his short documentary *Stranger At The Gate*.

His work often combines compelling storytelling with social commentary, exploring human experiences and resilience.

Seftel said: "Many of the best films are about a group of people coming together to achieve the impossible."

"That's what excited me about being invited to direct the film about Delta's first 100 years, because that's what the Delta people did. They came together time and time again to do the impossible. And Delta survived when so many other airlines went by the wayside."

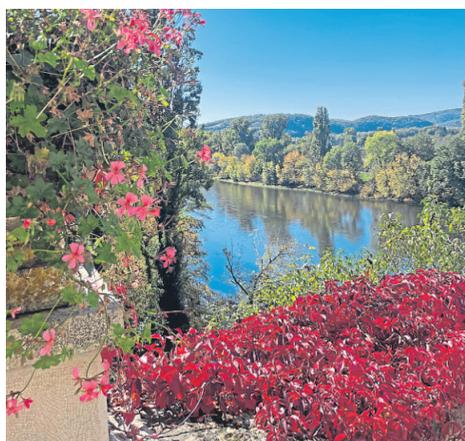
"Now, a century in, Delta's still here. It's a story for the ages."

A story for the ages

A Century Of Flight highlights how Delta has navigated challenges, embraced innovation, and built a culture focused on people – demonstrating why it has endured for a century while many other airlines have not.

The documentary is now available to stream on Delta's official site:

centuryofflight.delta.com



LUXURIOUS: La Chapelle St Martin, above, and, from left: Chateau de la Treyne and its riverside ramparts; the caves of Le Gouffre de Padirac; the Dordogne's stunning views; Michelin-star food at Chapelle St Martin.