



A challenging ride, with plenty of hours in the saddle for the more experienced rider.

## France - Castle Ride



**Runs April to October**  
**Arrive Saturday**  
**7 nights / 6 days riding**  
**5 - 7 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,465**

### The Riding

You must be an experienced rider, happy at all paces since there is some fast riding. You must also be fit enough for up to seven hours in the saddle each day and confident riding over difficult terrain. There is a certain amount of walking up and down steeper sections.

The Castle Ride takes you through an ancient landscape of fortified villages perched on limestone cliffs. The Perigord Noir is one of the least populated regions of France yet it also has one of the richest histories. As well as prehistoric caves and Roman battlefields the area is littered with medieval castles and has links to the Knights Templar.

The terrain changes from rolling farmland to ancient oak forests and then shifts into dramatic landscapes scored by spectacular gorges, rocky outcrops and extended plateaux.

Classic French foods such as foie gras, black truffles, Roquefort cheese and Armagnac all have their origins in this part of the country and there are plenty of opportunities to sample the wonderful cuisine.

The ride starts and ends at Du Passe Temps, the home of your guide Hans Vroom, with five nights in comfortable guesthouses. See page 23 for the Ride to Rocamadour which is also guided by Hans.

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