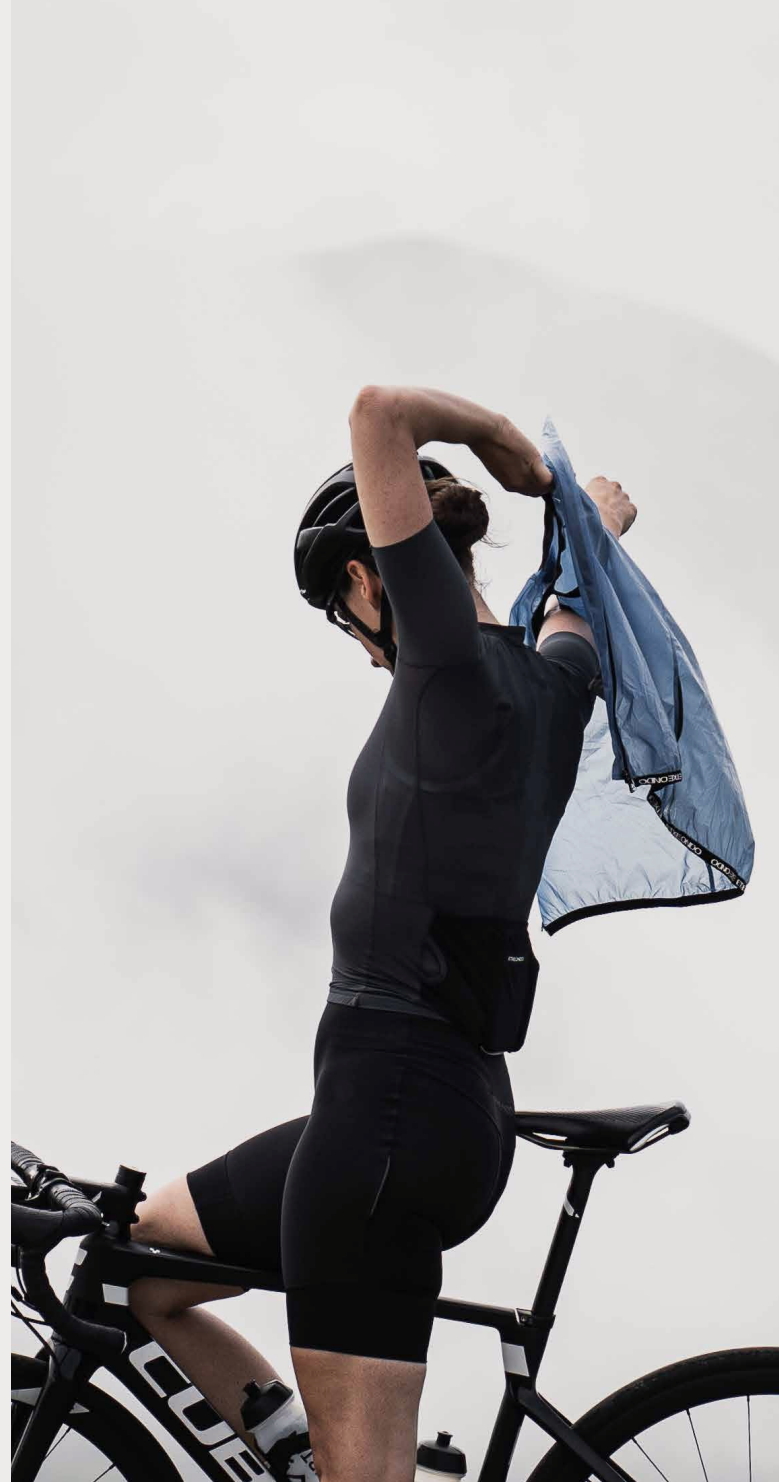


# FINE CYCLING VACATIONS

EXPERIENCE THE PYRÉNÉES



CHÂTEAU DE SAINT-MARTORY







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Chateau de Saint-Martory and Velosport Consulting welcome you to the French Pyrenees. Ideally located southwest of Toulouse, the Chateau has been hosting cyclists from all over the world for the past ten years.

Riding from the property you can choose from a wide variety of tested routes that cater to all levels. Terrain ranges from rolling valley and flatter Garonne river roads to legendary Tour cols, including the Portet d'Aspet, Menté, Peyresourde, Port de Balès, Hautacam, Aubisque and the Tourmalet.

We would be delighted to host you for a unique experience that includes fully mapped rides, pro-style cycling support, luxurious accommodations, fine dining and more.



# A BRIEF HISTORY



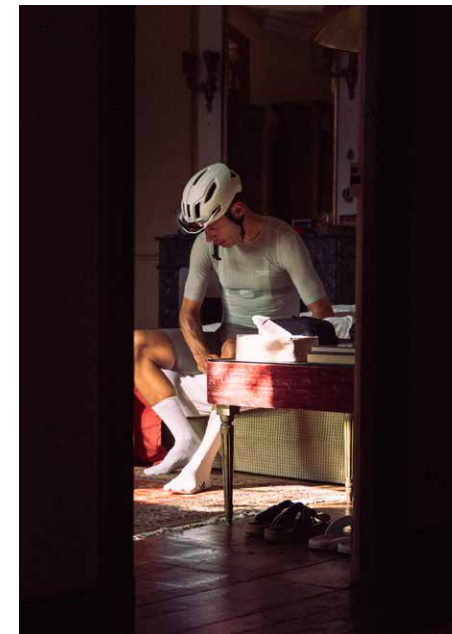
## CYCLING AND THE CHATEAU

For a long time the Chateau has been welcoming cyclists coming from around the world on holidays with their family and friends.

In 2017, Chateau de Saint-Martory partnered with Chris Gutowsky, former US National Champion and founder of Velosport Consulting, to offer specialized services ranging from route selection to full trip organization.

In 2022, the Chateau became the European base for Cynisca Cycling, a newly founded American women's team. As part of this new venture, we built a professional Service Course to match the team's requirements. It includes a secure bike storage space and top of the line workshop and tools that are now available to all our cycling guests.

Today the Chateau is the most exclusive location for refined cyclists wishing to ride the Pyrénées.





# THE CHATEAU





# A WONDERFUL STAGE TO ESCAPE THE MODERN WORLD

Chateau de Saint-Martory is a beautifully restored, fairytale castle from the Renaissance, located 45 minutes away from Toulouse International Airport in South West France.

The chateau stands high on the banks of the Garonne river, with the Pyrénées mountains at close range. It is surrounded by historical rural buildings and beautiful woods.

The 40-hectare property is always leased on an exclusive basis for cycling groups, weddings, holidays and corporate retreats.







## FIVE LIVING SPACES



The Chateau offers five very distinct living spaces including the historical guards' room, the classical red lounge, yellow dining room and office, and the contemporary games room.

The stones of the guards' room have been carved and polished by the passing of time and men. It is an untouched space where time seems to have come to a halt centuries ago.

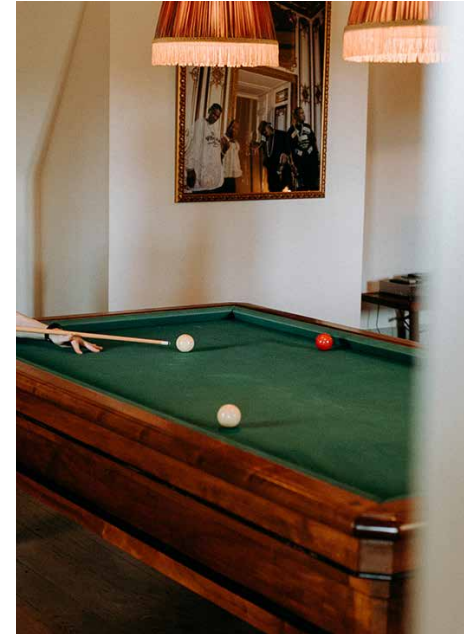
The massive fireplace has witnessed countless moments of gastronomical delight, and is still used for joyful winter barbecues.



The red lounge is the place to enjoy a cup of tea or a glass of Porto after a day outdoors. Its warmth is the direct result of Viollet le Duc's reinterpretation of gothic style mixed with the romanticism of the 1850's.

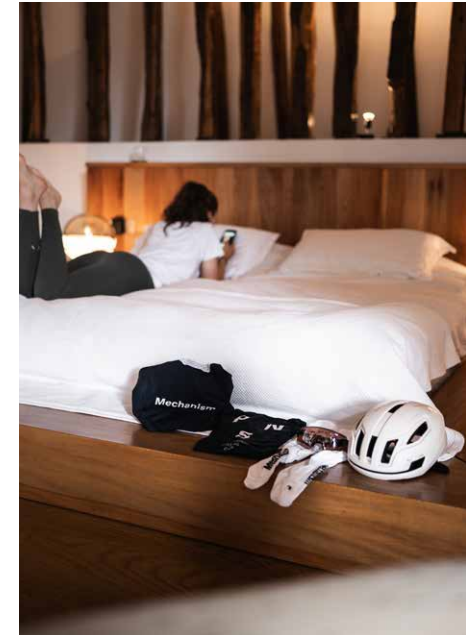
That is the time when his fellow architect, Ruprich Robert, modernized the chateau for its then owner, the Prince of Berghes, whose blazon can be seen on the spectacular chimney.

The French Billard will be late evening entertainment while enjoying a glass of Armagnac produced by our very own cousins, the Delords.



## NEO-GOTHICISM BY VIOLLET LE DUC





The Chateau offers seven magnificent ensuite bedrooms.

The Farmhouse across the lawn offers one suite and two bedrooms.

The Gatehouse itself was fully redone in 2021 and includes one suite.

**Six additional suites will be available in 2024 in the nearby relais du Chateau located in the village, bringing total capacity to 17 rooms.**



All the rooms have been decorated personally by the owner through years of searching in antique shops, fairs and flea markets and also at auctions.

His passion for beautiful objects, furniture and works of art is alive and as such, it is not uncommon to see some of the rooms' features changing, randomly, year after year.

# TIMELESS DECORATION







## A JOURNEY WITHIN THE JOURNEY

Gradually, modern “deco” and contemporary art made their way into the Chateau in striking harmony with old master paintings and classic furniture.

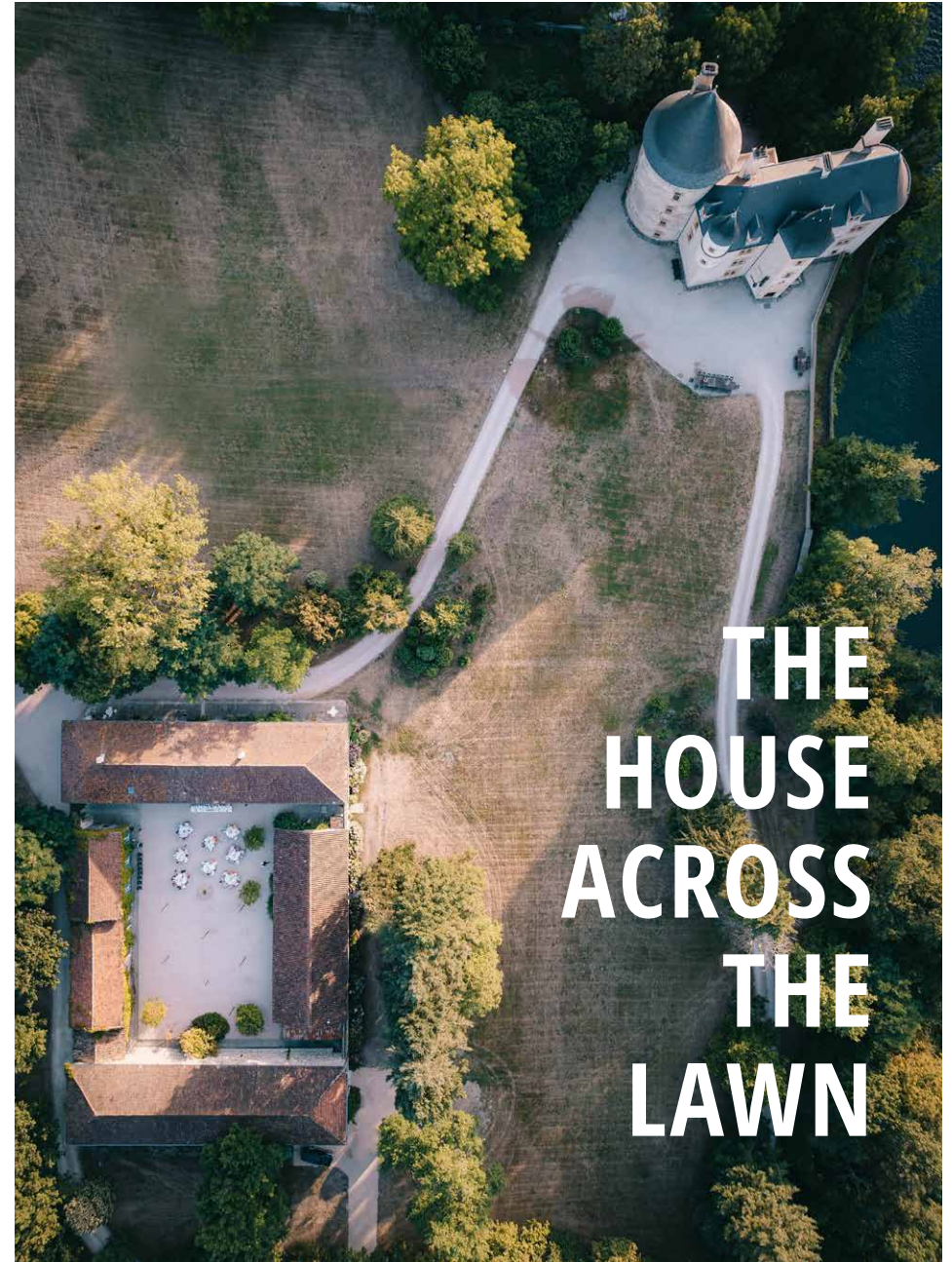
Today, the mix of influences is one of a kind, reflecting the owner’s various tastes, including, for example, 1950’s and 1960’s Brazilian designer furniture showcased in full harmony with the 500 year-old roof beams of the Cathedral room.



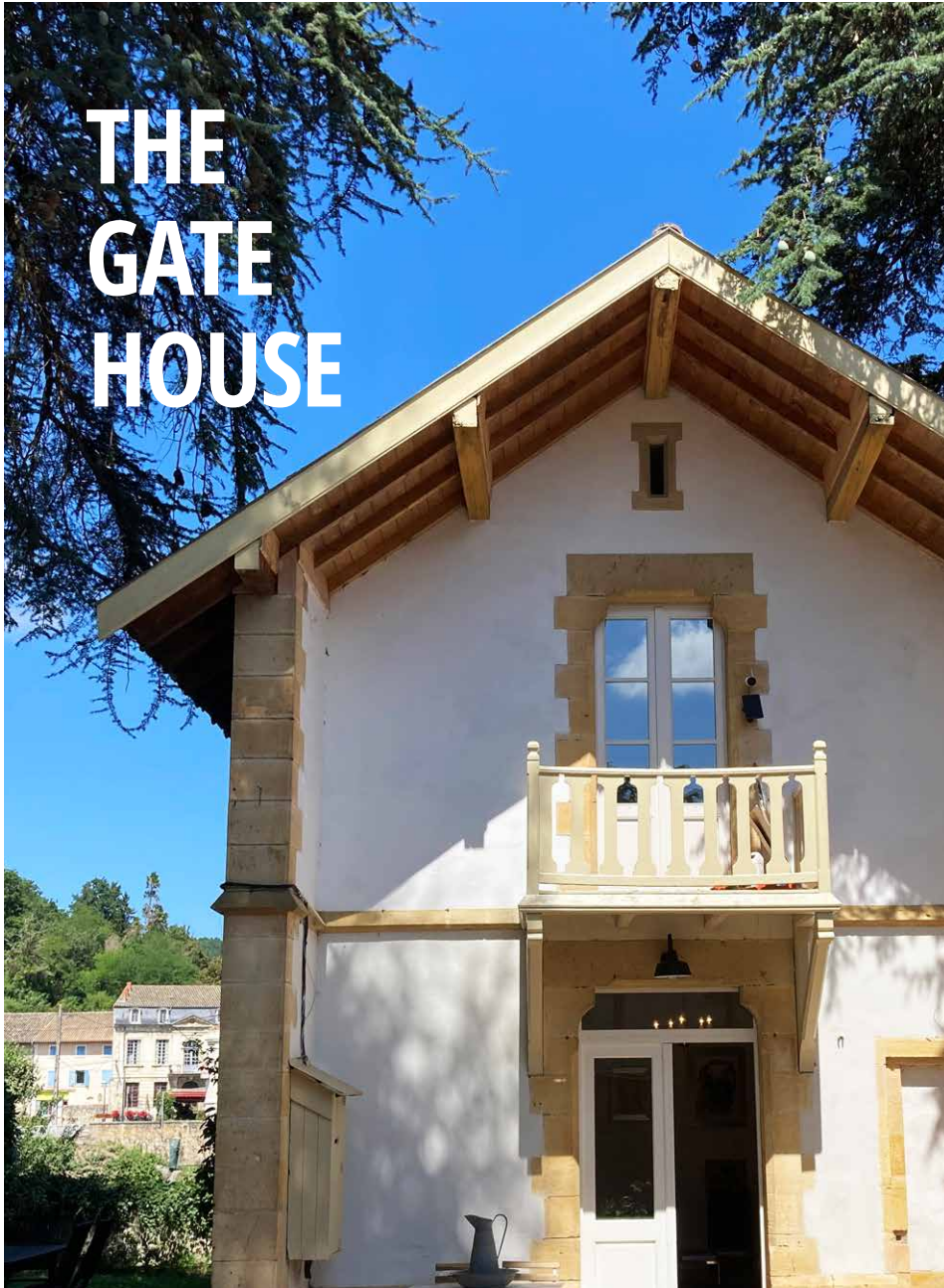


The 1850's farmhouse overlooks the chateau and the gardens and offers three guest-rooms, which have been fully renovated in 2020.

The farmhouse courtyard and the open barn are also where we host large events.







The gatehouse is a typical example of the mid XIX century gothic revival.

Built originally to host the property's caretaker it was completely refurbished in 2021.

From the the gatehouse our guests enjoy beautiful views of the the Garonne river and the national heritage bridge.



# THE CYCLING EXPERIENCE





A high-angle photograph of a winding asphalt road on a grassy hillside. The road curves through the landscape, with a lone cyclist visible in the distance. The background shows a dense forest on a higher ridge.

# IN-HOUSE PROGRAM DETAILS

Surrounded by fabulous cycling terrain, we are used to working with leading tour operators and specialize in organizing custom cycling programs for private groups.

Our week-long programs (7 days / 6 nights) run from May to July and from September to mid-October. We also welcome shorter cycling vacations, generally from Monday to Friday during the high season.

Full board stays are organized with the help of our private chef who customizes menus around cyclists' needs and dietary restrictions.

Massage services, guides and support vehicles, as well as airport transfers are included in the package.





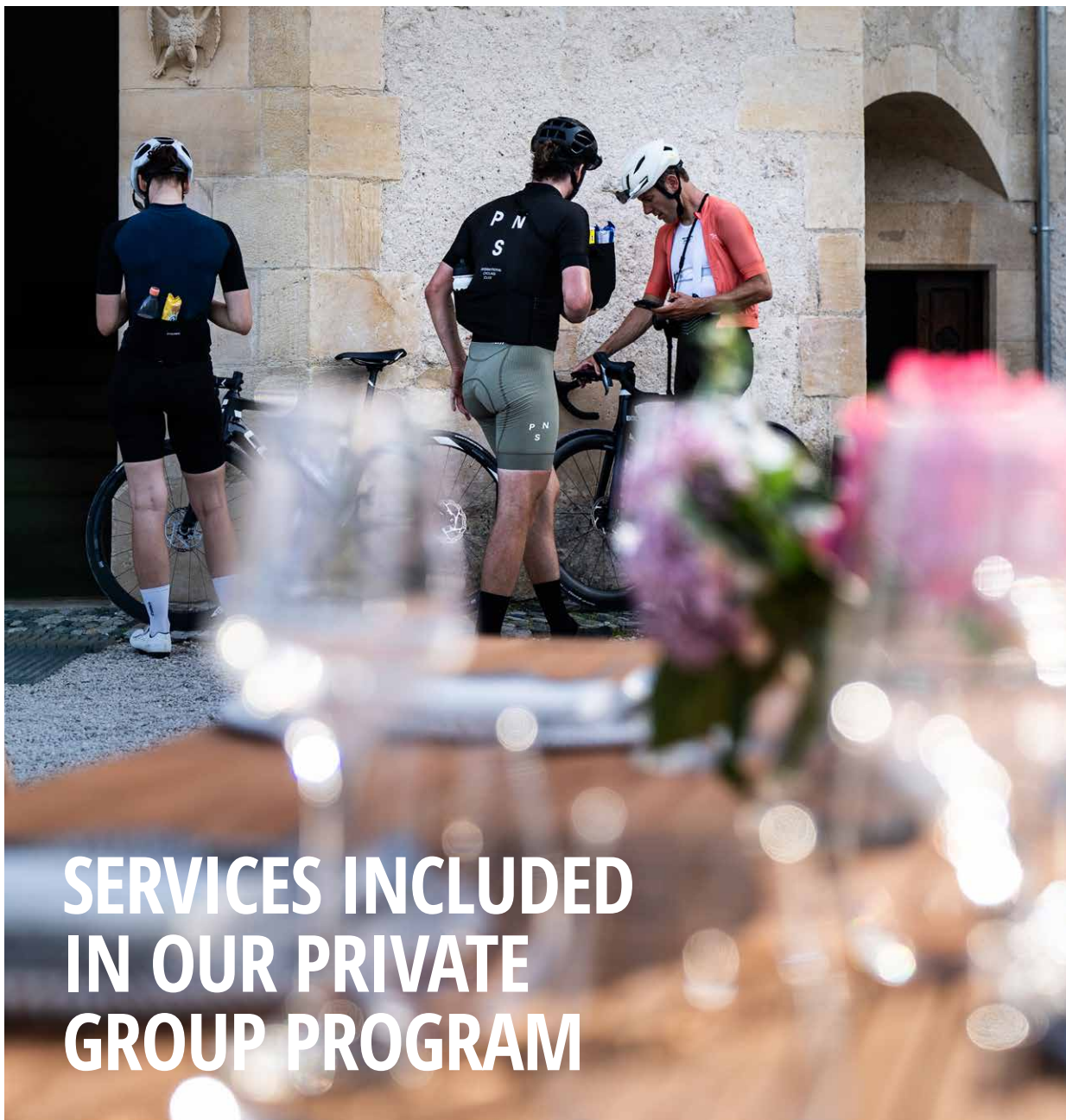
In order to develop our Cycling offering, Chateau de Saint-Martory teamed up years ago with Chris Gutowsky, former US National Champion and founder of Velosport Consulting.

Chris has over 30 years experience organizing VIP-hospitality programs around the world's biggest cycling events and assists our guests with anything from customized ride selection to comprehensive trip organization.

The current General Manager of the Cynisca Cycling pro team, Chris has been instrumental in creating the team and the partnership with the Chateau.

Having cycled extensively around Saint-Martory, Chris Gutowsky is the key person responsible for suggesting routes based on the level of your group. He may also be present to help manage your stay.





## SERVICES INCLUDED IN OUR PRIVATE GROUP PROGRAM

- Luxury suites
- Daily maid service
- Laundry facilities
- Free WIFI
- On-site property manager
- Open kitchens
- All meals
- One cheese and wine dinner
- All snacks, soft drinks
- Custom gourmet meals by private chef
- On-site yoga session
- Daily massage
- Secure bike storage
- Bike workshop, tools
- GPS cycling routes
- Mechanical services
- Cycling guide(s)\*
- Support vehicle(s)\*
- Airport transfers

\* Two for groups of 7 or more.





# FINE DINING



Our private chef offers local French cuisine, accompanied by great wines from our cellar.

One evening is generally reserved for the “all cheese & wine” tasting experience.

In addition to main courses, meals always include a variety of extras like pasta and salad bowls.

Each morning we provide fruit, snacks and nutritional bars to ensure you are good to go. In the case of long riding days we will also prepare a lunch to enjoy on the road.





## BIKE FACILITIES

Adjacent to the chateau, the farmhouse is the base of Team Cynisca. The dedicated Service Course Garage includes secure bike storage, a workshop area with professional tools, a kitchen/prep area for ride food, restrooms and storage space for helmets and cycling gear.

## BIKE RENTAL

Optional bike rental is made possible thanks to our partners Discover France and Cap Velo. The wide range of models includes premium road, mountain, and e-bikes. Delivery included.

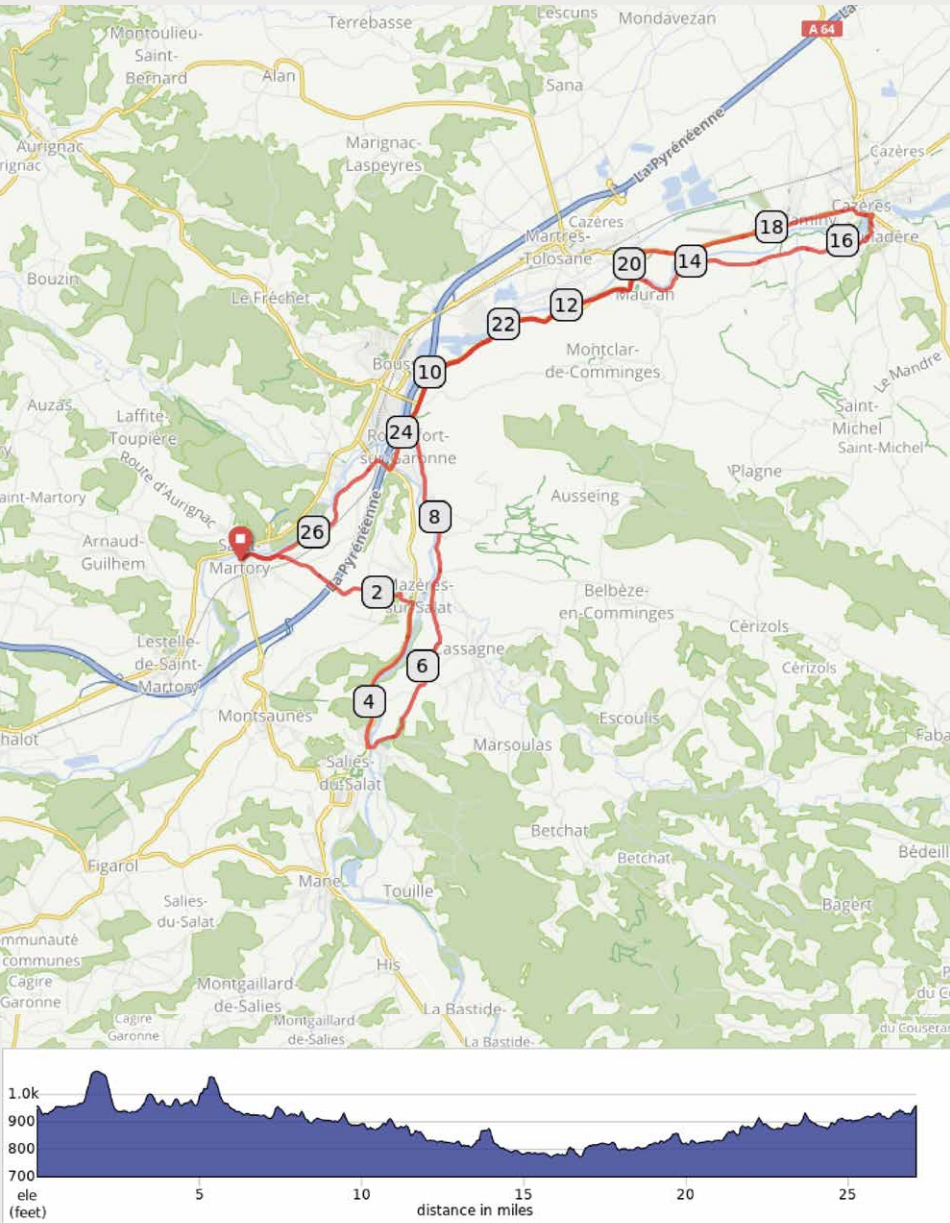


# SOME EXAMPLES OF CYCLING ROUTES





ROUTE EXAMPLE 1



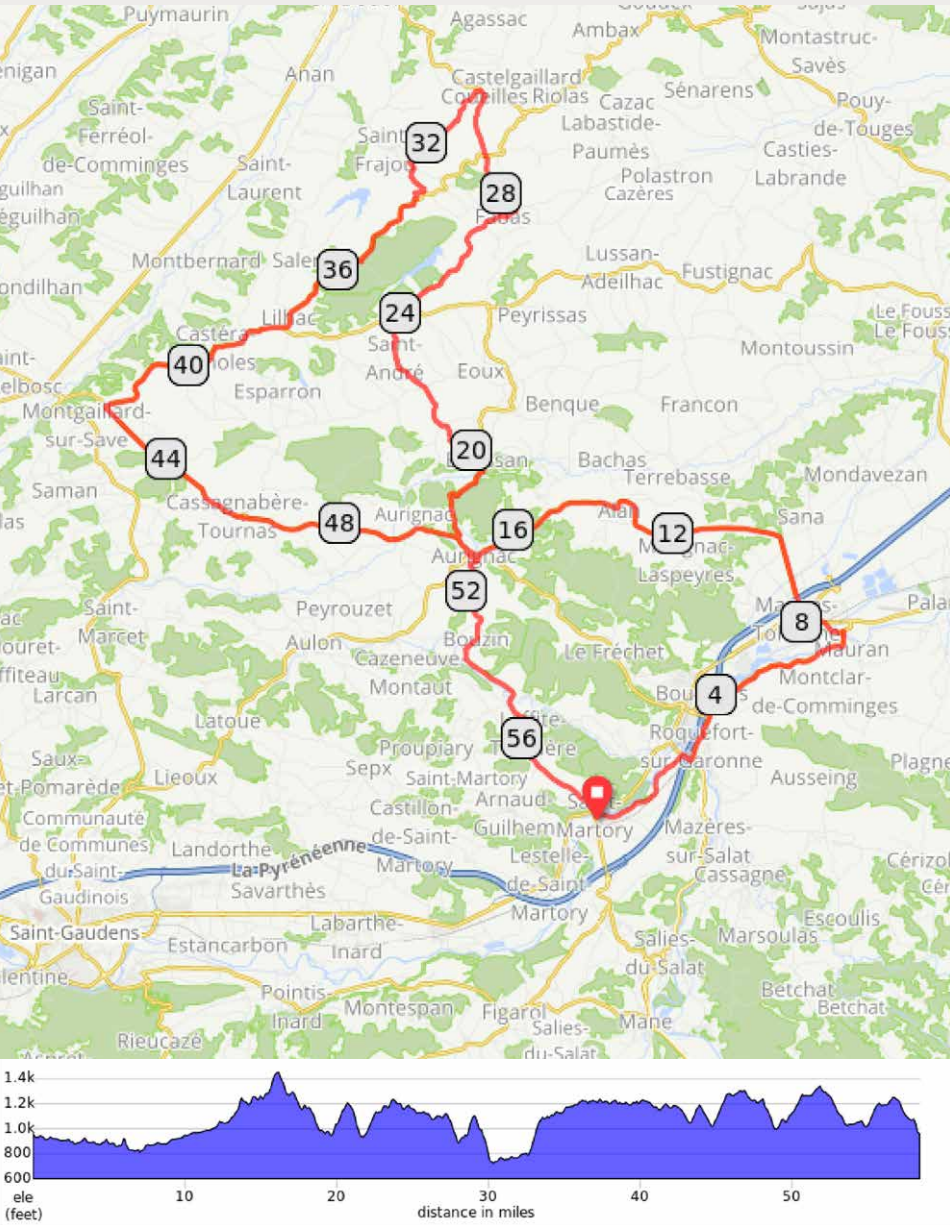
EASY  
WELCOME  
LOOP

**GARONNE RIDE 1: 27 MILES, 1230 FT**

Looping along and near the Garonne River to the northwest and Cazères. Flat to rolling, with several small hills of 100-200ft.



ROUTE EXAMPLE 2



SERIOUS  
WARM-UP

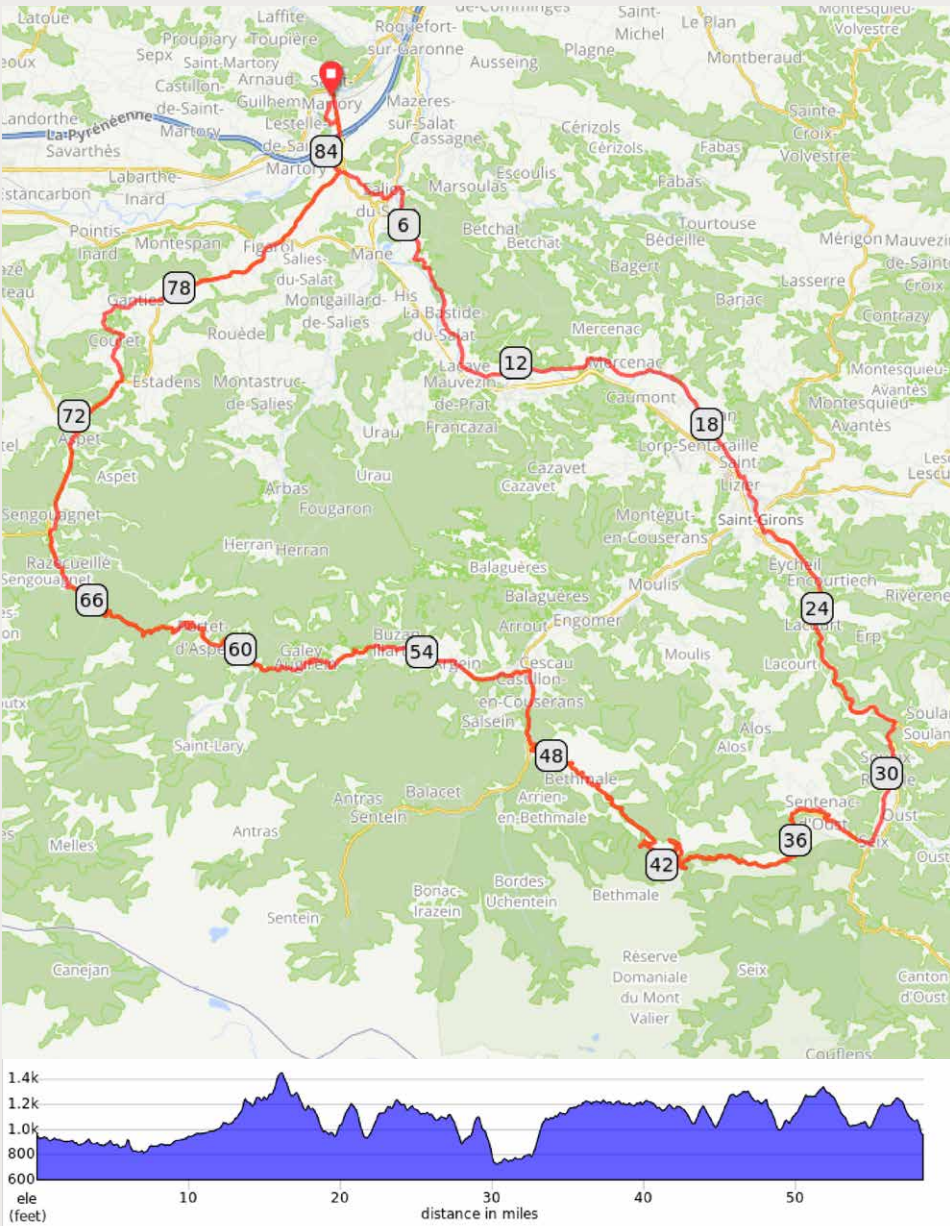
RIVER VALLEY LOOP N°2: 58 MILES, 3650 FT

A long «double-loop» to the north, this route provides good options for groups of varied fitness. Several long ridge-top roads offer wonderful views.

And the midpoint town of Aurignac is a great place for a quick coffee stop, or even lunch on the road.



ROUTE EXAMPLE 3



TDF  
COLS

CORE WORKOUT: 86 MILES, 8130 FT

After a flat warmup to Saint Giron, the route climbs to and over the isolated Col de la Core.

This challenge is soon followed by the shorter but better known Col de Portet Aspet, then a downhill profile finish.



A man in a black t-shirt and shorts is standing on a black mat on a grassy field, stretching his arms upwards with his hands clasped. The background is a dense forest of green trees under a bright sky. The text "BEYOND CYCLING" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

**BEYOND CYCLING**



# ON-SITE ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES



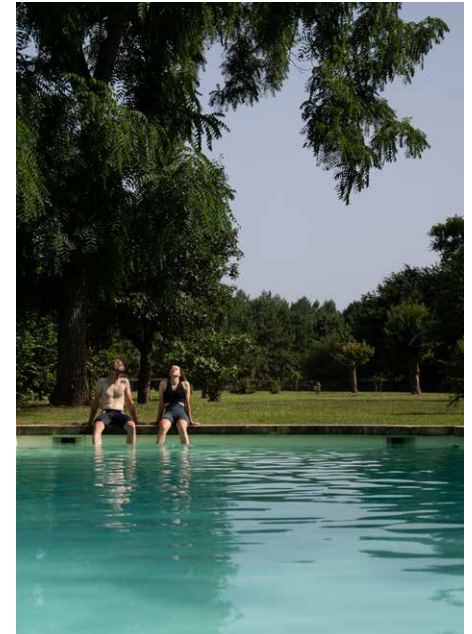
## THE PROPERTY OFFERS MANY POSSIBILITIES

Whether you like ping pong, darts, archery, or croquet, there will always be something to do while staying on the property.

In addition, bespoke orienteering races, Yoga or Tibetan bowl sessions are very easy to organize.

But sometimes the simplest activities can be the most enjoyable... A Pétanque-Champagne party is usually a hit !





The pool is located on a parcel of land surrounded by an ancient stone wall. It is contiguous to, but hidden from the Chateau, which gives it a special peaceful and secluded feeling.

The pool-house, previously a greenhouse, includes a fully equipped kitchen. It is possible to prepare and serve lunch for 20 guests at the pool, especially with the help of the Argentinian BBQ. Our guests enjoy relaxing on one of our many loungers after a ride or on a day off.

On the same parcel the Chateau's orchard offers its fruit from June until October.



# OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND

The surrounding region is superb. All summer mountain sports are available at close distance from the Chateau.

- Trekking in the Pyrenees  
*(with or without mountain guide)*
- Whitewater rafting
- Horseback riding
- Golf
- Tennis *(in the village of Saint-Martory)*

Cultural visits in the surrounding region are also a must, along with discovering local vineyards and Armagnac producers.

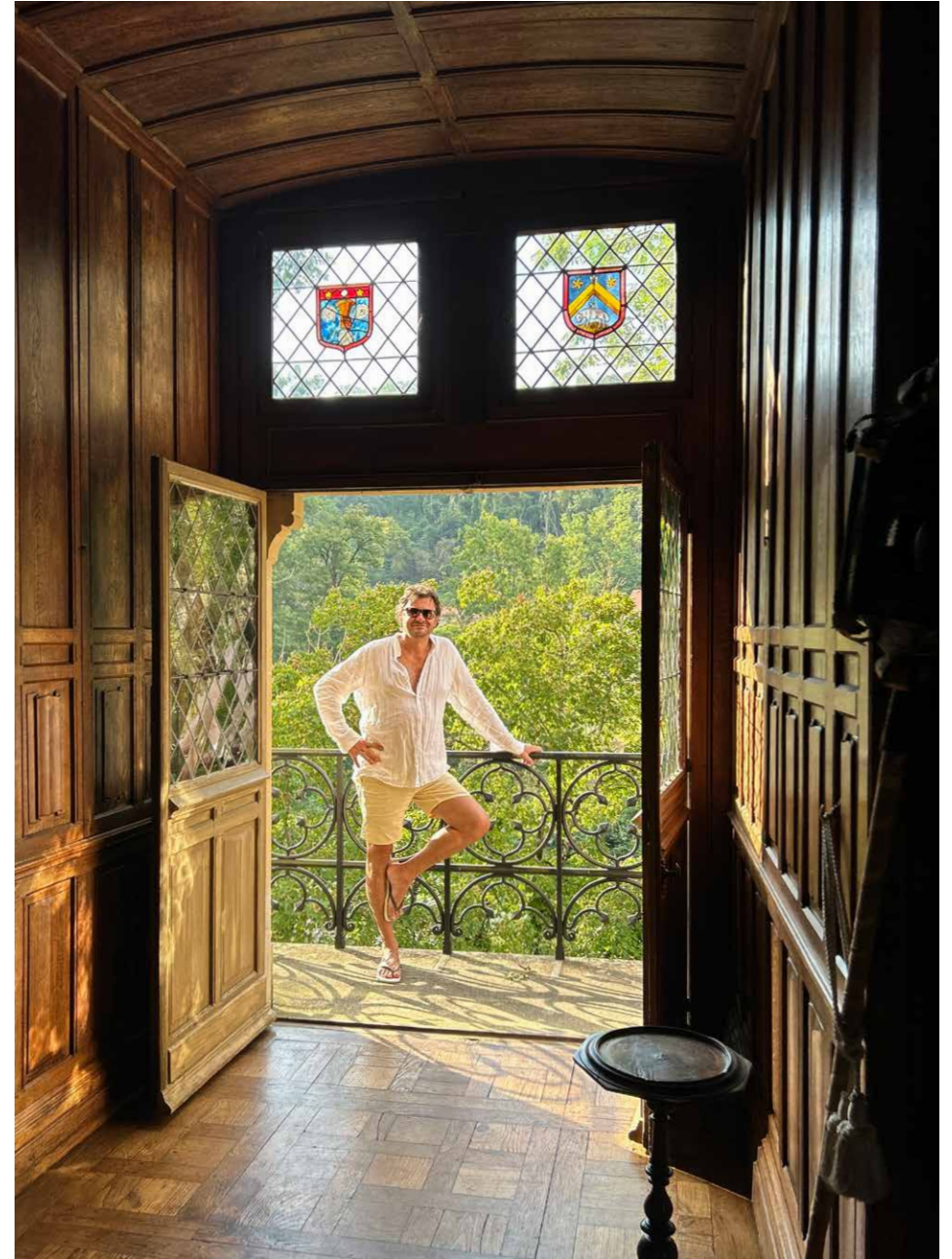




# A WORD FROM THE OWNER

Having lived in Europe, the US and Brazil, I now consider Saint-Martory as my true roots. It was my father's dream when he bought it as a ruin in 1991 and started renovating it. I have continued his work and hope my kids will keep the dream going. In Saint-Martory I can do what I enjoy most: give a new life to historical buildings, restructure and decorate them, mix all the arts I love, from gothic to conceptual, and feel the constant contact with nature that must become once again our priority. Thanks to the chateau I have met and often become friends with people from all over the world. Saint-Martory is my lifetime project. I am happy to share it with you.

— **Jean-François Delort**







# WE LOOK FORWARD TO RIDING WITH YOU AROUND SAINT- MARTORY

Please email or call us for any questions, to express interest or to reserve a date.

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