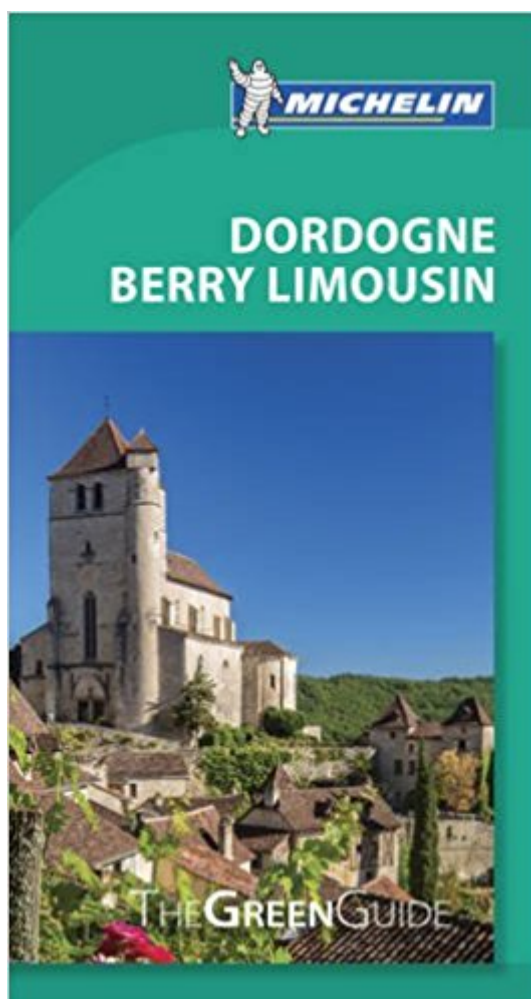




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Michelin Green Guide Dordogne Berry Limousin (Green Guide/Michelin)



Synopsis

The updated Michelin Green Guide Dordogne Berry Limousin presents some of the most visited, and some of the least visited, areas in France. Visitors will recognize the Dordogne and the Quercy, characterized by river valleys, castles and caves. The Berry and Limousin areas with their unspoiled countryside and plateaux are not so well known but definitely worth a visit. The guide's star-rating system for attractions, colorful maps, recommendations for accommodations and restaurants, and driving and walking tours ensure an enjoyable and successful visit.

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Customer Reviews

With the current edition, Michelin reorganized this Green Guide around driving tours of the region, rather than the previous organization that listed towns alphabetically. Reviewers have taken two distinct stands about the new organization: some like it, some don't. We used this guide on a recent two-week tour of the region. Our opinion: the new organization works and works well! We found it helpful in pre-planning our trip: suggested driving tours within the region really helped us to pick-out and organize areas to visit. Never having visited the southwest of France before, it would have been much harder to plan our itinerary from an alphabetical list of towns. The new organization also works once "on the ground" in the region. It is most convenient to have towns and villages in the same area grouped together. It really helps with the flow of the visit. Beyond the organization, this regional guide seems to strike the right balance between breadth and depth of coverage. Other guides (e.g., the Lonely Planet guides) tend to provide more detail at the cost of a bulkier book to carry with you and probably too much to plow through when planning your trip. Other guides tend to

skim the surface and miss too many of the interesting places not far off the typical visitor route. The guide covers the region well, provides a glimpse of the history of each region adding to one's appreciation, and does provide pointers to some of the out-of-the way places that we particularly like to visit. Michelin does have a specific target tourist in mind when they recommend places to visit and even more so when they star-rate sites (interesting, above average place to visit, don't miss). Some of the major tourist sites tend to rate the most stars. We did learn that our tastes for places a bit less visited and a bit less "touristy" differs from the Michelin target user but we were able to adapt and continue to get good use from the guide. What's missing? The guide needs a decent planning map. It has many small maps that outline driving tours but are not particularly helpful in planning. The (separately available) Michelin regional driving maps are huge and at too fine a level of detail to be useful for planning (though they are quite useful once on the ground in the region). Michelin needs to strike a balance in the guide. We have traveled a fair amount. We like the new Green Guides the best of all travel guides we have used over the years. We do hope that Michelin will continue to expand their coverage with new guides. The book is printed on high-quality paper stock. While generally good, it does make for a somewhat heavy guide to carry around (and even more so considering we had two Green Guides with us). I do wish this were available in eBook format - it would help lighten the load while traveling.

I have been depending on Michelin's Green guides for forty years. Because I was planning a concentrated tour of the Dordogne, I decided to augment Michelin's France and Paris Environs with the new edition. I thought it dumbed-down the historical and architectural information, and the maps were not as informative or detailed as the ones in the older guides. This one included some hotel and restaurant information that will cause it to become dated sooner.

I lived in France for 10 years and, like the French, never traveled without the Green and Red guides.

I purchased this book because I was taking a cycling trip in a section of the Limousin area called "La Cruse." Unfortunately, while the book did cover the Limousin, it didn't have enough in depth detail on the specific areas where I was touring. If you were on a driving vacation in the middle of France I can see where this book would be a handy guide, as it provides lots of suggestions on driving routes. It just didn't provide the information on the small towns I was visiting.

Good for this part of France, shows the light on some villages that you might not otherwise think of

visiting.

Helpful, insightful. Who can beat Michelin?

A good look at the "healthy" part of France and a major part of the "Camino de Santiago". A great destination and a good part of the path to Santiago from central north France described in great detail

As a travel companion, to learn, understand and enjoy any country, its regions, people, cuisine, art and culture, these guides are indispensable.

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