

# GOUFFRE DE PADIRAC



## A FAMILY OUTING DURING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

PRESS RELEASE

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE DORDOGNE VALLEY, NEAR SARLAT & ROCAMADOUR, THE GOUFFRE DE PADIRAC IS THE FIRST UNDERGROUND NATURAL HERITAGE SITE IN FRANCE AND ONE OF EUROPE'S GREATEST GEOLOGICAL CURIOSITIES. DISCOVERED IN 1889 BY ÉDOUARD-ALFRED MARTEL, IT IS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MOST VISITED SITE IN OCCITANIE AFTER THE CASTLE & THE RAMPARTS OF THE CITY OF CARCASSONNE AND THE GARD BRIDGE.

Before winter closure, the Gouffre de Padirac, celebrating in 2019 the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its discover, offers a final opportunity to come and enjoy a wonderful visit during these school holidays and the exceptional exhibition «*Robert Doisneau at the Gouffre de Padirac*» ending with the 2019 season.

We are in the summer of 1954, when Robert Doisneau decided to immortalise this unmissable site in the *Dordogne Valley*, a region that he liked and that he visited regularly.

The exhibition displays a *number of photographs* of a timeless Gouffre de Padirac : the natural site and its employees, marvelling visitors, as well as pretty regional scenes, through different exhibition devices : a *monumental canvas* is draped over the Eiffel-style Grand Escalier ; a *standard museum hanging* that charts Robert Doisneau's tour in 1954 ; then a *series of pictures of the region* presented in backlit boxes to highlight only the beauty of the landscapes and the anonymous people photographed by Robert Doisneau.

INFORMATION & BOOKINGS ON  
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### UNTIL NOVEMBER 3, 2019 ONLY

This exhibition, with its original scenography, was designed in close collaboration with *Atelier Robert Doisneau*, which was established by Annette Doisneau et Francine Deroudille, the photographer's daughters ; and with Laurence Fontaine, architect-scenographer for the Centre Pompidou and Atelier Robert Doisneau, for which she designs many exhibitions.

The «*Robert Doisneau at the Gouffre de Padirac*» exhibition is part of the cultural and festive programme launched in 2012 with the exhibition by the artist-sculptor Isabelle Thiltgès and various musical performances including those by Choeur Mikrokosmos in 2015 & 2018.

Laetitia de Ménibus-Gravier, President and Managing Director of the Gouffre de Padirac and great-granddaughter of the site-discoverer's patron, is constantly concerned over highlighting the *cultural heritage of this underground natural monument*.



### PRICES

ADULT

14,50 €

CHILD AGED 4 TO 12

10,00 €

CHILD UNDER 4

Free

Group & tour operator prices on request

GUIDED TOURS

*Usual prices + 5.00€ / ticket*

*Booking requested - Comments in French only  
Departures for guided tours at 11:00, 13:00,  
14:00 and 15:00*

SERVICES

*Restaurant & snack-bar, Gift & Bookshop,  
Delicatessen, Free car parks*

2019 SEASON

*until November, 3 incl.*