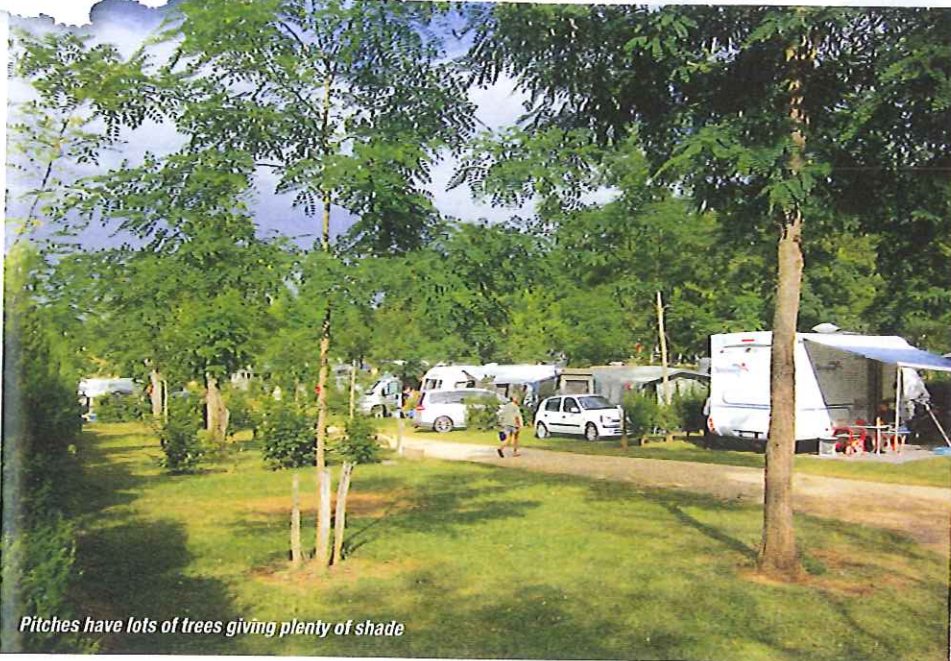


Camping Les Acacias

France



Pitches have lots of trees giving plenty of shade



There is an adult pool and a paddling pool



Sarlat has a beautiful medieval centre



Our inclination has always been to avoid the Dordogne, but we visited the area for the first time this year. While it's undoubtedly touristy and full of Brits, to our mind it is deservedly so thanks

to its beautiful river and stunning towns. We chose the site as it is ideally placed, in a rural village but only three miles from the centre of Sarlat and with a bus stop only a short walk away. Six buses a day connect to the town, or you could walk or cycle there on the cycle path.

The campsite reception is across a very quiet road from the site entrance and there is a large lay-by for parking while checking in.

The campsite bar and a pizza restaurant with takeaway (open in peak season), together with undercover seating are to be found here along with a Boules and WiFi area.

The shop also sells local produce. The staff are friendly and speak English and you can order bread and croissants for the following morning. There is entertainment in high season and you can arrange canoe hire and bike rental.

Pitches are hedged, mainly flat, shaded and a reasonable size although access may be awkward for larger units, and there are many trees.

Some of the pitches are terraced and we had a lovely view of the small village with its enormous church. Barbecues are allowed, too, it's worth pointing out.

There is a stiff climb up to the viewpoint, but it's worth the effort as you're rewarded with a great panorama of the village and the surrounding countryside.

The facilities are clean and all under one roof but open to the outside; there are also a few enclosed, heated ones if the weather should turn cold. The washing machine, drier and ironing area are in the same place. There are the inevitable static caravans but they are attractive and not at all intrusive. There is a swimming pool with a toddler's pool and the onsite activities for children are good with a play area, plus table tennis area and basketball court.

A large supermarket is only about two miles away and Sarlat has an excellent Saturday market, which was one of the largest we have visited and occupies the majority of the beautiful medieval centre.

After staying at Beynac, visiting the Bastide towns of Domme and the delightful Monpazier, including spending some time hiring a canoe for a memorable and atmospheric paddle down the river in the rain, we decided to visit the medieval town of Sarlat.

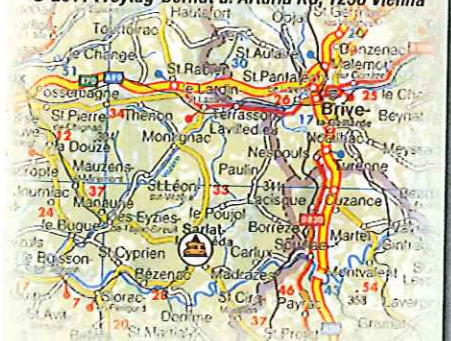
Sometimes you read about a place and are disappointed when you actually visit it, but happily this is not the case at all with Sarlat, which came up to and beyond our expectations.

Sarlat became a city in the eighth century and is renowned for its historic buildings, many of which date back over 1,000 years. It has been used as a backdrop for many French films and TV series. These have included versions of Joan of Arc and also scenes from the 1982 production of *Les Misérables*, as well as Ridley Scott's 1977 film *The Duellists*.

Going in the opposite direction from Sarlat it is around five miles along the cycle path, a disused railway line, to the River Dordogne.

Recommended by Leslye Jackson

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SITE INFORMATION

- **LOCATION:** Perigord Noir
- **LAT/LONG:** N44° 51' 32.50" E1° 14' 16.48"
- **ADDRESS:** Bourg La Canéda, rue Louis de Champagne, Sarlat 24200
- **TEL:** 0033-553-310850
- **EMAIL:** camping-acacias@wanadoo.fr
- **WEB:** www.acacias.fr
- **OPEN:** 1 April - 30 September
- **Charges (2013):** Motorhome with two adults and 10A electric hook-up from €17.10 - €22.60 (£14.67 - £19.40). ACS1 accepted in low season.
- **Nearest public transport:** A few minutes' walk from entrance.
- **Nearest pub/restaurant:** On site café, while nearest restaurant is in Sarlat, three miles away.
- **Directions:** From D704 south from Sarlat, follow signpost for La Canéda. Campsite signposted.

Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but you're advised to check details in advance with the site.



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