

It is difficult to select only one experience for I have many fond memories of the bicycle trip along the Dordogne River Valley. We travelled through some of the most beautiful villages of France, enjoyed fine regional cuisine, and slept well at night after a good day of exercise.

My best memory however is that of our arrival at Le Vieux Logis hotel in Tremolat. The day had started out cool and overcast, and throughout the day the clouds became darker and denser. Rain threatened. As we continued our ride, the rain began in earnest as we neared our destination of Tremolat.

It was fortunate that we only had to ride for twenty or thirty minutes in the rain before we arrived at the hotel. By this time it was raining heavily and we were thoroughly chilled. As we rode up to the hotel entrance the hostess saw us coming and flung open the door, insisting that we immediately come into the warmth of the hotel lobby (we were reluctant to do so because of our wet apparel). She arranged for our bikes to be put away in a garage where they could dry, and she sent us to our rooms where our luggage and dry clothing awaited us.

When we returned to the lobby, there was a fire in the fireplace, and our gracious hostess had arranged place settings and wine so that we could enjoy a "picnic lunch". It is difficult to convey how welcoming this gesture was and how lovely it was to be warm, dry and well-fed.

Our experience at Le Vieux Logis was like Heaven on Earth!

**- Terry Theman**