



THE NOMADIC DWELLING

# French Design Heritage Journey

*Un voyage dans le patrimoine*

SEPTEMBER 4 – 10, 2026

*Loire Valley · Dordogne · Occitanie · Paris*

*A seven-day immersion into French decorative arts, antiques, architecture and artisan traditions – curated for architects, interior designers & collectors.*

7

*Days Immersive*

3

*Distinct Regions*

1

*International Fair*

CULMINATING AT

**Maison&Objet Paris 2026**

*September 10 – 14, 2026 · Paris Nord Villepinte*

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# The Concept

*Not a tour. A sourcing education.*

Each season, we select three regions of France and go deep — into the brocantes, the ateliers, the chateau salons and the dealers who rarely surface online. You leave not just with pieces, but with the language, the eye, and the provenance knowledge to source independently for years. This September we move from the Loire Valley through the Dordogne and Occitanie before culminating at Maison&Objet Paris — the world's foremost design and decoration fair. Future seasons will reveal Normandy, Burgundy, Provence, Alsace, Brittany, and Auvergne.

Designed by an architect with deep roots in European heritage — and a passion for the overlooked, the authentic, and the beautifully made. Group size is intentionally small. Every visit, every dinner, every workshop is arranged for depth — not volume.

*"Every region of France tells a story through its materials, architecture and objects."*

## DESIGNED FOR

- Architects & Interior Designers
- Collectors & Dealers
- Design Enthusiasts with a Professional Eye

## ROTATING SEASONAL PROGRAMME

*Three regions explored in depth each season.*

Sept 2026: Loire Valley · Dordogne · Occitanie

Future: Normandy · Burgundy · Provence · Alsace · Brittany · Auvergne

## WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Exclusive access to private châteaux, studios and ateliers
- Expert-led sourcing workshops and provenance education
- Guided visit of Maison&Objet Paris 2026
- Curated accommodation in heritage properties
- Château dinners, wine tastings and gastronomic evenings
- Sourcing guide, dealer directory and reference materials

## ITINERARY

Seven Days · Three Regions · One International Fair

01

SEPTEMBER 4

### Loire Valley

*Château interiors, decorative arts, antique dealers and welcome dinner beneath coffered ceilings.*

ARRIVAL · IMMERSION

02

SEPTEMBER 5

### Loire Valley Sourcing

*Brocantes, tapestries, period furniture styles and hands-on sourcing workshops with local specialists.*

SOURCING · WORKSHOP

03

SEPTEMBER 6

### Dordogne

*French country vernacular, walnut furniture, stone villages and open-air markets.*

MARKETS · ARCHITECTURE

04

SEPTEMBER 7

### Bordeaux

*Urban heritage, contemporary galleries, neoclassical architecture and a château dinner.*

CULTURE · GASTRONOMY

05

SEPTEMBER 8

### Occitanie

*Uzès and Pézenas — artisan workshops, Roman heritage, ceramics, textiles and studio visits.*

ARTISANS · CERAMICS

06

SEPTEMBER 9

### Paris

*Trend briefing, design network dinner and curated preparation for Maison&Objet.*

NETWORKING · BRIEFING

07

SEPTEMBER 10

### Maison&Objet · Paris

*Guided visit of the fair, supplier introductions, trend halls and closing celebration dinner.*

M & O · CLOSING CELEBRATION

Each season, three regions explored in depth

From ancient savoir-faire to everyday beauty, every region of France tells a story through its materials, architecture and objects. Future editions will explore each chapter of this inexhaustible heritage.

SEPTEMBER 2026 — CURRENT SEASON

**Loire Valley**  
 Château craftsmanship · Fine woodworking ·  
 Tapestries · 18th–19thc. furniture · Classical  
 decorative arts

**Dordogne**  
 Walnut furniture · Stone vernacular · French  
 country objects · Rural antiques · Open  
 markets

**Occitanie**  
 Roman heritage · Terracotta · Textile  
 traditions · Handmade tiles · Rustic ceramics  
 & stone

FUTURE SEASONS

**Normandy**  
 FUTURE SEASON  
 Oak furniture · Copper cookware ·  
 Half-timbered architecture · Granite &  
 limestone

**Burgundy**  
 FUTURE SEASON  
 Limestone architecture · Monastic heritage ·  
 Ironwork · Cabinetmaking

**Provence-PACA**  
 FUTURE SEASON  
 Terracotta & stone · Biot pottery · Olive wood ·  
 Painted provincial furniture

**Alsace**  
 FUTURE SEASON  
 Germanic folk furniture · Soufflenheim pottery ·  
 Timber-framed villages

**Brittany**  
 FUTURE SEASON  
 Maritime crafts · Hand-carved furniture ·  
 Breton textiles · Religious folk art

**Auvergne**  
 FUTURE SEASON  
 Volcanic stone · Rural furniture · Copper work ·  
 Shepherd traditions

# FRANCE

REGIONS, CRAFTS &  
TIMELESS ARTISANAL HERITAGE

A guide for architects, interior designers  
& collectors of French vintage

From ancient savoir-faire to everyday  
beauty, every region of France tells a  
story through its materials,  
architecture and objects.

**ALSACE**

- Germanic influence
- Painted folk furniture
- Pottery (Soufflenheim, Betschdorf)
- Timber-framed villages
- Folk art & stenciling

**BURGUNDY**

- Limestone architecture
- Monastic heritage
- Ironwork
- Cabinetmaking
- Wine-making antiques

**AUVERGNE**

- Volcanic stone
- Rural furniture
- Copper work
- Shepherd traditions
- Simple, sculptural forms

**NOUVELLE-AQUITAINE**

- Golden limestone
- Wine heritage
- Walnut furniture
- Basque & Landes crafts
- Stone farmhouses

**MATERIALS OF FRANCE**

STONE

WOOD

TERRACOTTA

IRON

TEXTILES

CERAMICS

**THE CRAFT CAPITALS OF FRANCE**

AUBUSSON  
Crease  
Tapestry

LIMOGES  
Haute-Vienne  
Porcelain

VALLAURIS  
Alpes-Maritimes  
Ceramics

BIOT  
Alpes-Maritimes  
Glass & Pottery

MOUSTIERS-  
SAINTE-MARIE  
Alpes-de-Haute-Provence  
Faience

LYON  
Rhône  
Silk & Textiles

TIERS  
Puy-de-Dôme  
Cutlery & Metalwork

BACCARAT  
Meurthe-et-Moselle  
Crystal

**KEY**

ARCHITECTURE

FURNITURE

CERAMICS & POTTERY

TEXTILES

METALWORK

STONE

GLASS

WINE HERITAGE

L'art de vivre  
se trouve dans  
les belles choses  
et les gestes  
transmis.



RESERVE YOUR PLACE

September 4 – 10, 2026

Loire Valley · Dordogne · Occitanie · Paris

*Places are strictly limited. This experience is designed for those who see design as a discipline — and France as its greatest open archive. Each participant leaves with a cultivated eye, an extended network, and the knowledge to source with confidence and authority.*

ENQUIRE TO RECEIVE THE FULL PROGRAMME

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PRICING & DETAILS SHARED ON REQUEST

WHAT AWAITS YOU

*Exclusive private access · Artisan ateliers · Château interiors*

*Professional sourcing education · Dealer networks*

*Gastronomic evenings · Heritage accommodation*

*Maison&Objet Paris 2026 — guided & curated*



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