

A Journey through Medieval France



Take a journey through France when the influence of the Christian church was all pervasive. Discover the daily life of a monastery, the challenges facing the footsore pilgrim and the life and death struggles of a harassed heretic. Meet the movers and shakers of the age such as Charlemagne and Bernard of Clairvaux and visit centres of ecclesiastic power along with out of the way mountain refuges. Learn to appreciate the intricacies of Romanesque art and witness the flowering of the Gothic style of architecture.



Conques

Picturesque village nestled in the Dourdou Gorge. Important stopping point on the Way of Saint James

SAMPLE SLIDES

Capitals of the upper nave

NORTHSIDE	TRANSSEPT	SOUTHSIDE
13 The abbot of Vézelay as Judas.	13	11 Samson and Delilah.
14 Warrior fighting a dragon.	14	9 Joseph in Egypt.
16 Cain and Abel sacrificing.	15	8 Jeremiah and Abimelech.
19 Left - Adam and Eve in the claws of a monster.	16	7 Martyrdom of St. Andoche, Apostle of the Morvan.
21 Herods	17	5 Construction of Noah's Ark.
22 Pelicans.	18	4 Amnon, King David's eldest son is murdered. (2 Sam. Ch. 13).
	19	3 Suicide of Judas.
	20	2 Bear hunt.
	21	1 Battle with Lions.
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24 Keystone. A crowned woman holds a church in one hand, a flag in the other.
 Inscription: Sum modo fumosa, sed ero post haec splendens (I was at one time smoky, but afterwards I shall be bright). Allusion to the fire of 1120.

Numbers, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 22, of the diagram are leaf ornaments.

350 Slides & Video 5 x 90 Minute sessions