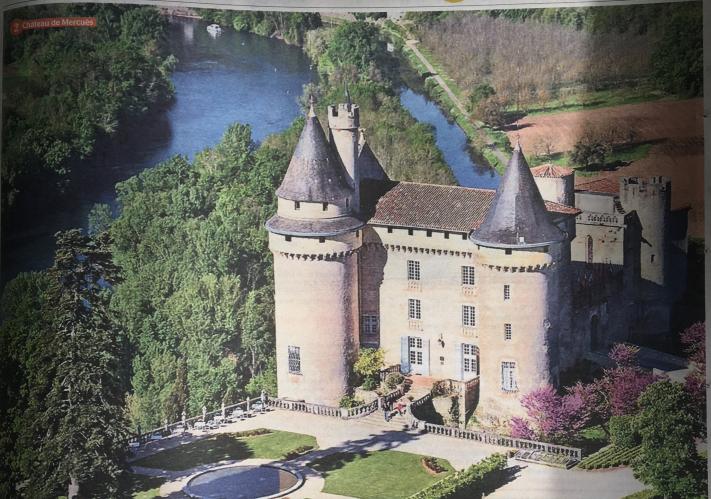
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'If I had to choose a region to stay in for ever, it would be Puglia'

Chef Theo Randall on his top places to eat in Italy



## The 20 best French châteaux

From a fairytale castle in the Dordogne to a manor house in Normandy, Carolyn Boyd bicks the top B&Bs and historic hotels

## Château de Chenevière

of far from the D-Day beaches, this egant Norman mansion dates from the th century and was inhabited by the ermans during the Second World War, hen the château was a stud farm. hese days guests can enjoy the walled orden, exotic trees, heated outdoor pool

and tennis courts. In the château the 29 bright rooms come with iPod docks and L'Occitane toiletries. Foodies can enjoy the excellent Botaniste restaurant or the pop-up restaurant in the garden during the summer months.

Details Doubles are from €220 (£170), prepat/fact is €75 (00 33 2 31 51 25 25.

breakfast is €25 (00 33 2 31 51 25 25, Incheneviere.com). The ferry port of Caen-Ouistreham is 40 minutes away

#### 2 Château de Mercuès

Wine lovers will adore the Château de Mercuès and its sensational wine cellar, which, along with the winery, is hidden away under the château's terrace. Sip the excellent vintages as you admire the breathtaking views across the Lot Valley. Its owner, Georges Vigouroux, is a pioneer deorges vigourous, is a pioneer of the malbec grape and has developed a new generation of cahors wines. The château dates from the 13th century and its rooms are a blend of modern decor with classic features, such as polished floors, wood panelling and antique furniture.



### 3 Château de Riell

Pyrenees

