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THE JURISDICTION OF SAINT-EMILION 2009: Listed for 10 years as a UNESCO world heritage site!

1999 – 2009: All year-long, the Jurisdiction of Saint-Emilion will celebrate an outstanding anniversary: it has been 10 years since it was listed as a UNESCO world heritage site! 10 years of efforts to preserve this world territory.

On December 5th 1999, the Jurisdiction of Saint-Emilion and its 19,388 acres, of which 13,343 acres are vineyards, were listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO, as « cultural landscape ».

Beyond the fame that it conveys, this distinction is also a real chance to preserve and pursue this authentic symbiosis which exists between the « terroir », men, the wine production and the incredible heritage richness which has always been present in the construction and evolution of this singular territory which is the Jurisdiction of Saint-Emilion.

Together with the Saint-Emilion Wine Council, the Saint-Emilion Tourist Office and the 8 villages of the Jurisdiction, the Communauté de Communes (Saint-Emilion District) wishes to justly celebrate this event on the whole territory of the Jurisdiction of Saint-Emilion. During the year 2009, everyone, from elected representatives, to inhabitants and winegrowers, all responsible for the preservation and promotion of this territory in front of humanity, will have to bear witness of their heritage, their landscapes, their know-how, their culture and their "art de vivre"...

All the great annual events will be placed under the sign of UNESCO, such as the Fête de Printemps de la Jurade (Spring Festival of the Jurade), the Ban des Vendanges (Harvest Bann) with the coming of the Maltese tenor Joseph Calleja, the Saint-Emilion Wine Festival, the European Heritage Days, the International Philosophy Festival *Philosophia*... Furthermore, an exhibition will enable to discover the 8 villages of the Jurisdiction; audio system guides which one will be able to download on GPS, telephone, MP3s...will be available to discover the richness of the territory through thematic circuits.

A year rich of outstanding moments for an outstanding anniversary!

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