

Aillac Farmhouse

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 11

Overview

Welcome to Aillac Farmhouse, a charming 17th Century home in the heart of the Limousin-Perigord National Park.

Aillac is a spacious, stone farmhouse that offers comfortable accommodation for up to 11 guests. It has been renovated with great care to maintain its original character with four beautiful bedrooms, including a lovely dual-aspect double with a king-size bed, exposed beams, open fireplace and doors leading to the upper garden - the perfect place to watch early morning wildlife as you look over the pool.

Set in seven acres of glorious private grounds, enjoy the 10x5m swimming pool and there are plenty of spots to dine al-fresco and make the most of the charcoal barbecue. This is an ideal location for those who enjoy nature in unspoilt surroundings. You can play football in the garden, read in the shade, or sit under the parasols with a drink by the pool. There is a rich variety of flora and fauna in the grounds, including many different types of birds, toads, salamanders, lizards, wild deer and rabbits.

With country walks from your doorstep, a local village with a restaurant is a very short drive away whilst La Coquille and Chalus are just a little further for everyday shopping and services. Both Limoges and Perigueux can be visited for fantastic days out or spend time exploring some of the Périgord Vert's gorgeous market towns such as Nontron, Thiviers and Brantôme.

Aillac Farmhouse really does have everything you need for a relaxing time in the heart of the French countryside.

Facilities

Great Value • **Recommended** • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets on Request • Satellite TV • Indoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Stalking/Hunting • Fishing • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Romantic



Interior & Grounds

Farmhouse Interiors

Ground Floor

- Living room (30m²) with wood-burning stove, satellite TV and French doors leading to garden
- Traditional kitchen-diner with open fireplace and wood burning stove and dining table for up to 10 guests. Kitchen well-equipped including electric cooker, gas hob, American fridge-freezer, microwave and dishwasher

First Floor

- Master bedroom (30m²) with super king-size double bed, open fireplace and door leading to upper garden
- Bedroom 2 (30m²) with king-size double bed
- Bathroom with bath and walk-in shower

Top Floor

- Bedroom 3 (25m²) with double bed, single bed and sofa
- Bedroom 4 (20m²) with four single beds
- Bathroom with bath and hand-held shower

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (10x5m) with safety alarm, open approximately May to 12th September
- South-facing poolside terrace
- Al-fresco dining areas (in shade and sun)
- Lawn area
- 7 acres of meadows and woodland
- Ample parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Wood-burning stove
- 42" satellite TV (with British channels)
- CD and DVD player
- Washing machine



Location & Local Information

Aillac farmhouse is located in a small hamlet of houses just over 2km away from a charming village with a local restaurant. It is found halfway between Limoges and Périgueux, on the edge of the Dordogne, bordering the Limousin. The farmhouse is set within the Parc Naturel du Périgord-Limousin and surrounded by beautiful countryside, ideal for some wonderful walks.

Limoges Airport is located approximately 40 minutes by car whilst Calais is a 6 to 7 hour drive away (and other French ports even nearer).

The towns of La Coquille and Chalus - where Richard the Lionheart was fatally wounded - are nearby with more restaurants and larger supermarkets.

There are several medieval market towns within easy driving distance of the farmhouse. Thiviers (22km) has a traditional farmers' market and Piegut (25km) has a market every Wednesday where you can buy fresh fish, oysters, and local produce. Nontron, the principal town of the Périgord Vert, is just over half an hour away. It has ancient ramparts and a fine square from the 18th century. Also visit the chateau at Jumilhac-le-Grand (15km) to experience spectacular views.

The town of Brantôme (45km), known as 'The Venice of the Périgord Vert', offers a lovely day out - perhaps try canoeing in this picturesque setting, followed by a picnic by the banks of the river.

Aillac Farmhouse is under an hour from the cities of Limoges (46km) and Périgueux (55km). Between them you will find the usual tourist attractions, caves, chateaux, churches, aquariums, war memorials and museums.

The local produce of the area includes *foie gras*, truffles, *cèpes*, *confit*, and *clafoutis*. Guests will find cep wild mushrooms growing in the farmhouse garden. Local wines cover all budgets from Bergerac to St. Emilion, and Pineau to Cognac. The vineyards in Bordeaux (190km) and distilleries in Cognac (130km) are well worth a day out.

The prehistoric caves at Les Eyzies (98km) and old towns such as Rocamadour (150km), Bergerac (105km), and Saint-Émilion (150km) are within reasonable distance.

There are plenty of fun days out in the local region, including velo-railing (an unusual experience of biking on train tracks), quad biking, karting, and Acrobois (acrobatics in the woods). There are various swimming lakes in the vicinity of the farmhouse, and plenty of private lakes for fishing.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Limoges (40km)
Nearest Village	(2.5km)
Nearest Town	Chalus (10km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (2.5km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Another local village (2km (walking distance))
Nearest Supermarket	Carrefour Contact (7km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Nature de Champs-Romain (9 hole) (23km)

What we love

- The kitchen is fully equipped for easy entertaining and catering and the bedrooms are huge and sympathetically furnished with quality linen and comfortable beds
- The swimming pool is maintained to a very high standard and more than big enough for the family. There is plenty of outdoor furniture to use to relax around the pool or to eat in the shade
- Look out for the resident green woodpecker nesting in the sweet chestnut tree or the blue and great tits who have made a home in the wall by the table - the gardens are a paradise for nature lovers
- In a quiet and rural setting, there are many lovely walks in the surrounding countryside
- It is perfectly situated for exploring the surrounding area and all its beautiful attractions of the Périgord Vert and beyond

What you should know...

- Due to the rural nature of the farmhouse with its steps and some steep areas, children should be supervised across the grounds and swimming pool.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £250 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Prices include gas, electricity and water.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of £30 per dog will apply (payable locally).
- Changeover day: Saturdays (May to August) or flexible at other times of year.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Pool opening dates?: The swimming pool is open approximately May to 12th September (other dates may be possible but on request only, well in advance). Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming. Please also note the alarm should be set when the pool is not in use.
- Heating costs included?: Extra £50 per week for fuel between November and March, payable locally.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.