

# The Exclusive Village

Region: Midi-Pyrenees Sleeps: 50 - 80

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## Overview

In the heart of Gascony, this is your very own 13th Century village with stunning views over the beautiful, verdant and ever-changing landscapes.

The Exclusive Village boasts 14 delightful houses comfortably accommodating up to 80 guests, a church of its own and private gardens. Beneath the village walls, among a handful of pine trees, lies an alluring private pool and a tennis court nearby for those with more energy. The village also has an impressive vaulted 180m<sup>2</sup> reception room, perfect for large functions.

As you enter the village you will notice only the sounds of the bees in the blossoms, birds singing in the fruit trees and occasionally the sound of church bells, evoking the feeling of stepping back in time. The individual houses have been tastefully decorated and furnished with antiques and fabrics from the original era, so much so that they have been featured in articles in Vogue, ELLE Décor and Conde Nast Traveller, among other publications.

The Exclusive Village welcomes all types of events. Open all year round, a visit can be arranged on simple request. No time restriction - Wi-Fi access - Nightly Lighting – Total privacy.

Please note that the weekly price is a guide price only. Please enquire for the full weekly price.

**Good news! For a little extra, this property can be booked as a Vill'otel**



### **Yey! Wait... what is that?**

It's the perfect combo of the privacy of your own personal villa, with all the luxury and convenience of a hotel.

### **What can be arranged?**

Breakfast, cleaning, welcome drinks and hamper, plus more! **Check the Extras tab** for all the details.

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## **Facilities**

Chateaux & Castles • Wow Factor • Quirky • **Recommended** • Vill'otel (Like a Hotel!) • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Ideal for Parties • Tennis Court • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace • Heating • Conference Facilities • Chapel on Site • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## Houses

Honeyed limestone walls adorned with vines and nestling fruit trees follow paths to brightly painted doors which open to houses of different capacities, elegantly furnished with Gascon antiques and fabrics, both old and contemporary art and clean-lined modern bathrooms.

Together, the 14 houses provide the perfect accommodation for up to 80 guests. Versatility is the key here and the winding village streets and gardens have plenty of places for all. Each house is totally original, exemplifying a flair for design, which is not kept just for the interiors, the whole village is heavily scented with the fruit and herbs of the region which were all locally sourced and carefully planted.

## Function Spaces

One enters the Castle through a large Renaissance porch, part of a classified 17th century monumental stable block. The spacious vaulted hall of 180m<sup>2</sup> offers a comfortable seating capacity for 150 guests. This opens on to an expansive lawn terrace with valley views, allowing a further seating capacity of 150, ideal for late afternoon aperitifs, outdoor eating or anything you may wish to conceive.

## Outside Grounds

There is no through road in the village so guests are able to walk the cobbled streets undisturbed. There are a number of large communal areas to eat, sit or play in with a multitude of outdoor games available.

Beneath the walls, the outdoor pool offers magnificent valley views. Just outside the entrance to the property there is also a tennis court and parking available.



## Location & Local Information

Set in the heart of the historic land of Gascony (land of the famed D'Artagnan) in the south west of France, The Exclusive Village is built on a rocky spur and dominates beautiful country side.

The nearest airport is Toulouse (100km) and trains are available from Agen (35km), with a direct high speed train from Paris. Other airports to be found in Bordeaux, Pau, Tarbes and Agen. Finally, the chateau is just 5h30mins train by London! Take the Eurostar (2h15mins) and then the high speed train (3h15mins).

Superb natural thermal springs where visitors can enjoy the spa steam rooms, sauna and pools are close at hand. In addition, the nearby La Romieu is a UNESCO world heritage site which offers the perfect surroundings for a walk and picnic.

### A taste of Gascony

The Gers department is the most rural of the country. It offers a visual serenity which seems effortlessly matched by the even temperateness of its inhabitants. Over the years, the Gers has maintained a solid reputation for its gastronomy. Numerous local markets display a large variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, cheeses and farm poultry. Of course the unmissable *foie gras*, *confits* and *magrets* of duck are simply first rate. It is no wonder so many chefs find a continuous inspiration to nurture and develop a food tradition that proposes constant delights.

### A sip of tradition

Another source of pride is obviously wine. From the round and fruity Côtes de Gascogne and Côtes de Saint-Mont to the more powerful Madiran, not forgetting wine and Armagnac-based aperitifs like Pousse Rapière and Floc de Gascogne, the Gers represents an ideal for wine aficionados and the management of the Chateau will be all too happy to organise tastings for you and your guests.

### A land untouched

The Gers is a rural department turned towards agriculture and the preservation of nature. This environmental bond has kept villages alive over time, and local heritage has also been maintained. There are a multitude of exceptional sites to visit such as châteaux, market towns and bastides, museums, and a noteworthy botanical garden a few minutes away, just to name a few.



Golf courses, riding and cycling are all available in the local area and for those who prefer something special, champagne balloon rides can be arranged. In Condom you will find excellent restaurants whereas the cultural hotspot of Toulouse is an hour away.

Organised tours, wine tasting, stargazing and cooking lessons can all be organised (please contact Oliver's VIP concierge to arrange).

### Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Toulouse International/Agen/Tarbes/Le Pau/Bordeaux</b> <b>(100km/32km/120km/150km/165km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(4 km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>(5 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Fleurance</b> <b>(10 km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Agen</b> <b>((3h15mins, direct high speed train from Paris))</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- Every dreamed about renting a whole village? Well this is your chance! This medieval village has 14 houses plus plenty of common areas and gardens.
- 180m<sup>2</sup> banquet room with a 200m<sup>2</sup> terrace
- This is the ideal wedding venue, particularly because it has a 12th Century church with 180 sitting capacity

## What you should know...

- Please note that the change over day for weekly rentals is Wednesday, whereas for weekend rentals (3 nights minimum) the change over day is Friday.
- Advertised rates are guide prices and the final price will be confirmed at the time of booking
- There are no TV's, but that means guests can truly feel they are living in a 12th Century village and get in touch with nature - and the animals around!

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €4000 paid to the owner via bank transfer 4 weeks prior to the arrival and refunded within 8 days after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4pm - 7pm
- Departure time: 10am
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including a stock of pool towels.
- Pets welcome?: No.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outdoors only.
- 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.
- Heating costs included?: Extra charge based on consumption, to be paid locally.
- Minimum stay: 3 nights.
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