

Villa Du Fleuve

Region: St-Émilion Sleeps: 10

Overview

Villa Du Fleuve is a centuries-old authentic stone villa set romantically on the banks of the Dordogne river, 15 minutes east of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Saint-Émilion, which has been producing some of the world's best wine since Roman times.

Just outside a tiny village with a *boulangerie*, a little lane cuts through Bordeaux vineyards. Head down it and through the sun-dappled vines and trees and soon you'll find yourself at this oasis of beauty and tranquility in the middle of Aquitaine.

The villa has been recently renovated to a very high standard with many authentic details such as thick stone walls, exposed brick and beams providing guests with rustic charm and a character that invites you to do nothing but relax and indulge (only not necessarily in that order).

You'll find four bedrooms and three bathrooms, it's incredibly cosy and has a wonderful home-from-home feel that typifies everything that's great about a villa rental. The owner has great style too, so you can be assured of some beautiful and tasteful decor!

It's ideal for couples or a small family group to kick back, relax and enjoy the peaceful views and gentle countryside on the banks of the Dordogne, with canoes and kayaks for guests to use as well as a couple of bikes.

Once you feel refreshed and ready for a little exploration, head to the world-famous vineyards of the region and prepare to discover your brand new favourite bottle – take some home to enjoy on your terrace overlooking the Dordogne river. If there's one bit of advice we can give you, make sure there's room in your bags to take a few bottles back!



Facilities

Modern • **Recommended** • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Kids
• Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • BBQ • Ideal for
Parties • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Cable TV • Wheelchair Access •
Bicycles Provided • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • DVD
• Working Fireplace • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds
• Waterfront • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting •
Golf Nearby • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit &
Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

- Living room with a sofa and two club chairs, wood-burning stove and iPod dock and library. Formal table for four guests
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped including gas range oven with 5 hobs, two-door fridge, dishwasher, microwave, toaster, oven, coffee maker and kettle. Table for six guests. Door leads to small side terrace with river views
- Bedroom with queen-size bed and window overlooking garden
- Bedroom with king-size bed (can be made into twin) and French doors opening up to garden (also can be an independent entrance)
- Bathroom at the end of the hall with bath, hand-held shower and WC
- Guest WC
- Den/TV room or office with pull-out couch and space for a day bed
- Utility room with washing machine and dryer

Wheelchair access may be possible via the back door into the den - please enquire

Upper Level (via staircase from den, low ceilings in the room)

- Loft-style bedroom with queen-size bed and vineyard views. En suite shower room and separate WC

Upper Level (via staircase from living room)

- Master bedroom with king-size bed, satellite TV and river view. En suite shower room and WC

Outside Grounds

- Salt-water swimming pool (5x10m) with alarm system and fenced
- Al-fresco dining area
- Handmade iron BBQ and rotisserie
- Gardens
- River access
- Shed (with canoes and kayaks)
- Two bikes
- Ping-pong table

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Satellite TV (inc. English channels)
- iPod dock



- Library including English books and local guides
- Board games
- Bikes (x2)
- Ping-pong
- Canoes and kayaks
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

The villa is an ideal vacation spot for wine lovers or those in search of a relaxing and memorable holiday in the tranquil countryside of the Bordeaux region.

Whether arriving in Bordeaux by air or train, you are less than an hour away from the Villa. Guests can reduce the drive to half an hour by taking the TGV from Paris to Libourne. The quaint town of Saint-Emilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site and obligatory stop for oenophiles (aka wine lovers!), is only fifteen minutes by car.

The fête du vin, held every other June in Saint-Emilion and Bordeaux, is reason alone to visit! The lively town of Castillon-la-Bataille, with twice-weekly markets and larger stores, is only a ten-minute drive away. The region is rich in wine and history, with dozens of medieval chateaux and thousand-year old churches dotting the hillsides. Restaurants running from the basic and hearty to high-end also abound in the area, with a nice mix of family-run establishments serving traditional fare and newer chefs putting a modern spin into their menus.

The quiet riverside village is just a few minutes on foot, with a bakery, small grocery store and post office, whilst restaurants and a supermarket are within a short drive. A spectacular Bastille Day celebration, annual flea market and myriad of special events take place in the village, including a special Christmas market. During the summer months are three evening markets, where local goods, wine and gifts are for sale - you'll also find some long picnic tables where the community gathers to celebrate well into the night! Luckily, you can just stroll home from the festivities if you're starting to feel the strain of too much food and excellent wine!



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bordeaux or Bergerac (60 km)
Nearest Ferry Port	St. Malo (570 km)
Nearest Village	(500 m)
Nearest Town/City	Castillon-la-Bataille (8 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(4km)



Nearest Beach	Cap Ferret (129 km)
Nearest Restaurant	(6km)
Nearest Supermarket	Castillon-la-Bataille (8km)

What Oliver loves...

- This villa is spoilt with a rare feature - direct access to the river and a floating swimming dock as well as kayaks to use on the Dordogne river
- The impressive approach has you driving in through a large vineyard - the perfect start to your luxury French getaway!
- The house itself is like a 5-star boutique hotel full of original carved stonework and interesting antiques - check out the enticing Balinese bed by the pool
- Beautiful formal 'parterre' gardens with French antique iron table and chairs which overlook the river for dining alfresco in a romantic and nostalgic setting
- Great for foodies - delicious goat's cheese from a farm only five minutes away, and the renowned wine town of Saint Emilion is only 15 minutes away
- Also, pick seasonal treats from the garden including apples, figs, pears, plums and grapes

What you should know...

- The four bedrooms sleep up to eight guests and a further two guests could sleep in the den on a pull-out couch and day bed
- If you're staying on the upper floor, mind your head!
- The beautiful gardens lead to the river front
- Due to thick stone walls and the countryside location, Wi-Fi signal may be weak in some rooms

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €700 paid via bank transfer to the owner 4 weeks before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m. onwards.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels.
- Pets welcome?: Small dogs on request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, an additional €500 security deposit is payable.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €200, deducted from the security deposit. 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.
- Changeover day: Saturday from May to October, flexible during all other periods.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.