

# Domaine De La Foret

Region: Aquitaine Sleeps: 16

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## Overview

Domaine De La Forêt is an exceptional hilltop retreat centred around a grand courtyard, combining a 19th century mansion and a 18th century hunting lodge, surrounded by 165 acres of beautiful private estate.

The interior design is lavish yet cosy in delicate shades of white and blue that complement the exposed stonework, creating bright and spacious interiors across fantastic dining and living spaces. Each house benefits from four inviting bedrooms in a family friendly mix of twin, double and bunk beds, as well as an extensive list of amenities such as satellite TVs and Bluetooth music speakers including outside.

The grounds are timeless in their grandeur, offering acres of expertly preened Aquitaine countryside that includes lawns, walled gardens, an arboretum, a wildflower meadow, private woodland and two small lakes. Spend summer months relaxing by the heated swimming pool with its wonderful terrace and stunning views. As the evening nears, sit out on the gravelled terrace overlooking the formal lawns and stay until the sun sets romantically between the historic gateposts.

There really is little you could want for when staying in such luxury, but you must be sure to explore the fantastic region that surrounds the abode, where you'll find exquisite restaurants, magnificent châteaux and endless tranquil countryside.

Explore idyllic Brantôme with its picturesque setting on the River Dronne, partake in a canoeing excursion, visit the Friday morning market in Ribérac, famed for its foie gras, walnuts and truffles or spend the day discovering the small city of Périgueux, the historic capital of the Dordogne.



## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Instagrammable • **Recommended** • Vill'otel (Like a Hotel!) • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Hairdryer • Tennis Court • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Fenced Grounds • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Main House Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Entrance hall
- Living room with open fireplace
- Dining room with open fireplace and table for up to 16 guests
- Butler's pantry with wine fridge
- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped including a range oven, dishwasher, microwave, fridge-freezer, Nespresso machine, kitchen island with two stools and table for 6 guests
- Snug with books and board games
- Utility room
- WC

### First Floor

- Master bedroom and en suite bathroom with bath, shower and two sinks
- Large bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath/shower
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bathroom with shower

*The double, twin and shared bathroom are in the same wing and can be closed off, making it ideal for a family*

## Pavilion Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Entrance hall
- Lounge with wood-burner and TV
- Open-plan kitchen-diner, well-equipped including electric oven, hob, dishwasher and island
- Walk-in larder with fridge-freezer, microwave and laundry facilities

### First Floor

- Master bedroom with en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath/shower
- Bedroom with twin beds and en suite bathroom with bath/shower
- Bedroom with bunk-beds and en suite bathroom with shower (*ideally suited for children*)



## **Outside Grounds**

- Heated swimming pool (13x5m, depth: 1.2-2m) with safety cover, gate and fencing (less than 1.5m). Open approximately mid-May to mid-September (on request at other times, subject to a charge)
- Outdoor house with gas barbecue and shower room (next to the Pavilion)
- Terrace with al-fresco dining table (for 8 guests) in shade of yew trees
- Landscaped gardens
- Courtyard, fountain and walled garden
- Herb garden
- Boules
- Tennis court
- Arboretum
- Private grounds (175 acres) with woodland/pasture/mature parkland
- Two small lakes
- Private parking

## **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Underfloor heating (Pavilion)
- Stand-alone fans (in each wardrobe)
- Satellite TV (UK channels)
- DVD player
- Music system with Bluetooth connection for i-Pod/i-Phone
- Bose docker system (portable)
- Table tennis
- Boules
- Hairdryers (some bedrooms)
- Ironing facilities
- Washing machine and dryer

## Location & Local Information

Domaine De La Forêt is set in 165 acres of private estate in the Dordogne department of Aquitaine, between the historic market towns of Nontron and Brantôme.

Beyond your beautiful gardens, head out for walks across the estate, following trails through the woodland, coming across two small lakes as well as a great variety of flora and fauna.

The closest small village is around 4km by car but for restaurants and other amenities you can drive to Nontron (14km), Brantôme (16km) and Mareuil en Périgord (15km), or discover places to eat dotted across the surrounding countryside.

Look out for markets across this part of Périgord Vert, famed for its walnuts, truffles and foie gras. One of the best regarded Farmer's markets of this region is in Ribérac on a Tuesday and Friday morning whilst Nontron, famous for its knives, hosts a bustling market early on a Saturday. The traditional markets in Thiviers and Périgueux are also a joy to experience, as is the one on a Friday morning closer to home in picturesque Brantôme.

Indeed, it is wonderful to spend any day of the week visiting Brantôme, set on the River Dronne and a picture-perfect place for riverside picnics, walks and canoeing or kayaking. After exploring the town's pretty medieval lanes, head to the historic abbey or explore the troglodyte caves then enjoy some typical Périgordine cuisine in one of the many restaurants. Known as 'Venice of the Dordogne', take a tranquil boat trip along the river.

Visit historic castles nearby such as Château de Puyguilhem and Château de Bourdeilles, both within half an hour, or drive further east to historic gems including Château de Jumilhac and its magnificent gardens.

Get out and about exploring the incredible landscapes of the Périgord Vert with its rolling hills, dense woodland, little streams and rocky plateaus. Find cycling trails for a variety of abilities, mountain biking opportunities as well as hiking and horse-riding. Golf-lovers will no doubt appreciate Golf Club Périgueux, an 18-hole course (plus a 9-hole pitch and putt) located around 40km away.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**Limoges International Airport  
(77km)**

Nearest Train Station	<b>Angoulême Gare SNCF (53km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Saint-Crépin-de-Richemont (4km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Brantôme (17km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Brantôme (17km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Brantôme (17km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Brantôme (17km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Carrefour Contact Vieux-Mareuil (14km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Club Perigueux (39km)</b>

## What we love

- A rare chance to stay in such a monumental historic mansion, renovated with stylish interior design
- Acres of glorious private parkland from walled gardens and an arboretum, wild meadows, small lakes and woodland to table tennis, boules and the huge heated pool
- The views from this secluded hilltop paradise never cease to amaze and will provide a memorable backdrop to care-free days
- Nearby Brantôme is a picture-perfect historic town on the banks of the Dronne, perfect for riverside picnics, peaceful walks, boat trips and canoeing/kayaking
- Spend time exploring the Périgord Vert with its wonderful markets, pretty villages and incredible landscapes

## What you should know...

- There are four bedrooms in the main house and four bedrooms in the pavilion - please see the "Features" tab for details on the property layout.
- The bedroom with bunk beds is ideal for children.
- If travelling with children, please note the vast private parkland features two small lakes as well as the formal garden's pretty fountain.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €5000 (2023), €10,000 (2024) paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival or in cash upon 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?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: No.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Pool heating charge?: The pool is open mid May to mid September and heated free of charge. Outside this period, pool opening and heating are available on request at an extra cost of £450/week. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Changeover day: Saturday in peak season. Flexible during all other periods.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request. 2024: 7 nights in peak season, 2 nights during all other periods.
- Internet access?: A satellite Wi-Fi connection is available throughout the house. Guests are kindly asked to use it only for surfing and reading emails.
- Other Ts and Cs: Cots (two travel, one wooden), stair gates, two highchairs and other baby/children's equipment available on request.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is on request and entirely at the owner's discretion.