

# Villa Sandie

Region: Bergerac Sleeps: 11

## Overview

If Jane Austen's characters took a holiday in the south of France, they might select this storied villa in the Dordogne. Generations of family ownership have each left their mark; you could spend days investigating the historic trinkets and artwork on the walls. However, it's certain you'll be drawn outside to the grounds, where a 70-hectare walnut grove and a private pool beckons you.

From the moment you see this ivy-covered family villa, you'll fall in love. The carefully tended grounds, pretty walking paths, and the allure of the surrounding countryside all conspire to give you a taste of refined country life in days gone by. Inside you'll delight at the antique furniture and decor, especially the hunting lodge style living room.

Located in the commune of Liorac-sur-Louyre, you'll find picturesque *chateaux* and town markets all around. However, this holiday villa is not as remote as it feels - it's a mere 20 minute drive to Bergerac, the beating heart of the Dordogne (and site of the closest airport). Here, visit the Musee du Vins to learn about the wine of the region, and then put your knowledge to practical use at the dozens of wineries nearby.

## Facilities

Great Value • **Recommended** • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Kids • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Cable TV • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • DVD • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities



# Interior & Grounds

## Ground Floor

- Entrance into foyer (with stairs leading to upper floor)
- Living and dining rooms
- 1 bedroom with queen size bed and ensuite bathroom with separate shower and WC
- 1 bedroom with queen size bed
- Kitchen with table and benches and access to garden
- WC

## Upper Floor

- 1 bedroom with queen size bed
- 1 bedroom with two single beds (can be combined to make a king size bed)
- 1 bedroom with three single beds
- Bathroom
- Shower room with WC

## Outside Grounds

- Private unheated pool with roman style steps and fence ( size: 15x6 m / depth: 1-2.2 m)
- Pool terrace with sunbeds
- Poolside covered terrace
- Vast walnut orchard

## Amenities

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- DVD
- Portable BBQ
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Microwave
- Electric oven
- Gas hob
- Table tennis
- Swings



## Location & Local Information

Villa Sandie is set in glorious gardens and grounds, featuring an amazing walnut grove. There are some wonderful walks and hikes that can be taken straight from the villa. Truffle hunting, flying lessons and horse riding nearby can also be arranged.

Liorac sur Louyre is a picturesque small village in the canton of Lalinde, boasting medieval chateaux, manor houses and surrounded by a unique natural reserve featuring blocks of sandstone and extremely rich in flora and fauna.

The riverside market town of Le Bugue, boasting fascinating narrow streets, traditional houses, several tourist amenities a very popular Tuesday market is a short drive away from Villa Sandie.

The medieval town of Lalinde (15 km), with its little lake ideal for picnics and lively Thursday market is also worth a visit.

The city of Bergerac, with its international airport is conveniently located at 15 km. A visit to the old town standing out for its medieval architecture, narrow streets full of local boutiques and good restaurant, is highly recommended. Here, you will also find the unmistakable Maisons de Vins and will have the opportunity to take a tour along the Route de Vins de Bergerac.

Wine has been produced in the region for well over 400 years. Wine enthusiasts will find similar grapes to those found in the Bordeaux region including Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec reds; Sauvignon Blanc, Muscadet whites.

The Dordogne is the supplier of almost half of France's fine produce including truffles, cepes and foie gras, which are available at the Metairie adjoining the estate.

Finally, Sarlat (60 km) bustling narrow pebbled streets, a number of ancient buildings, beautiful gardens and lively markets on Wednesdays and Saturdays is a must visit for all.

The whole region is a true haven for nature and sport lovers alike offering a wide array of outdoor activities, from horse-back riding, to tennis, mountain-biking, golfing and watersports, not to mention the number of hiking and fishing opportunities.

### Local Activities and Amenities

- Watersports :

Aqua Parc Junior Land, Rte. de Bordeaux, Bergerac (18k's approx). 4 swimming pools, toboggans, mini-golf etc. with access onto the River



Dordogne for canoe hire. Tel : 055 358 3300

Pro Glisse, Fougeyrolles, jet ski, quad, blades, paintball etc. Tel : 055 374 6033

Parc de Loisirs, Neufont, St. Amand (15k's approx). 11 hectares of woodland, 4 hectares of lake, free parking in the shade, cafe, safe swimming, beaches.

Tel : 055 354 9390

Moulin de la Guillou, Lalinde (16k's) Canoe/kayak . Tel : 055 361 0291

- Beach: Neufont, St. Amand de Vergt

- Fishing: Lake Fishing and on the River Dordogne

- VTT/bicycle hire: The Mountain Bike Hire Co., Bergerac. Tel : Malcolm +33553 630 891. Bikes are delivered with security hats, locks and puncture equipment. It is best to reserve in advance.

- Horse riding: Club Hippique de Bergerac, Creysse. (10k's) Tel : 055 357 7716

- Local produce market:

Bergerac - Wednesday and Saturdays

Sigoules - Friday

Vergt - Friday

Issigeac - Sunday

- Pharmacy: Mouleydier

- Doctor: Mouleydier

- Bank: Mouleydier

- Cash machine: Mouleydier

- Tourist information: Creysse, Tel : 055 323 2045. Bergerac, Tel : 055 357 0311

- Tourist attractions :

Museum/Aquarium of the Dordogne River, Creysse (10k's), many species of fish, also boat trips on Gabarre. Tel :

Parachutism : Centre Ecole Regional, Bergerac. Tel : 055 357 1524

Gabarre de Bergerac, visit the town and the region by sailing gently down the River Dordogne. Tel : 055 324 5880

Route des Vins de Bergerac, for more information Tel : 055 363 5755

- Night life: 'Le Roxane', Rte. d'Agen, Bergerac. Tel : 055 373 8387

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Bergerac (15 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Mouleydier (8 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Chateau les Merles (6 km)</b>

Nearest Tennis	<b>Chateau les Merles (6 km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Neufont (St. Amand de Vergt) (20 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Mouleydier</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Shopping Mall E. Leclerc, Bergerac</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Mouleydier</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- This villa in the Dordogne is a former manor house, soaked in family history
- Villa Sandie is full of unique and storied accessories. There are planes in nearly all rooms, flying over you. Look up!
- A barbecue, dining space, and swings for the kids invite you outside onto the enormous grounds
- The sense of privacy and tranquility in its lovely countryside setting
- The gardens are gorgeous and the owners take great pride in them. Get lost in the woods, let the kids run around. Let nature take over and enjoy it, it's splendid!
- There are some lovely walks straight from the grounds
- The delicacies of the region (*foie gras* and truffles) are available from the *métairie* farmer right next door and truffle hunting can be arranged!

## What you should know...

- There are some low ceilings and beams upstairs - watch your head!
- If children are staying, be sure they don't get lost on the property (it's that large)
- The Manager lives in a house at the bottom of the estate

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 charged to clients' credit card prior to arrival.
- Arrival time: Between 16.00 and 18.00 (If you are unable to do so please contact owner to advise estimated time of arrival).
- Departure time: Before 10.00 a.m.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes (linen changed weekly).
- Pets welcome?: on request.
- Insurance: Adequate travel insurance is required.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes
- Smoking Allowed?: Outdoors only.
- Other Ts and Cs: The pool is open from June to October.