

Petite Shambhala

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 4

Overview

Original artwork, dreamy sunsets, swans on the river and the best wines in the world... [Villa Shambhala](#) has been a firm favourite at Oliver's Travels for many years and so we are delighted to introduce Petite Shambhala, the owner's latest creation, a charming and beautifully restored village house just across the lane.

The mesmerising Dordogne River is just 25 metres away and life on the river is very much at the heart of this village – swans glide along the water, wildlife comes and goes, locals pass by on canoes, whilst others try their luck at fishing. Inside, the house showcases the owner's creative flair and artistic talent. Original paintings adorn the walls and the décor is stylish and elegant. Everything is brand new and totally refurbished to a high standard using natural materials in stone and oak.

Outside it has its own walled courtyard garden with a large terrace with loungers and outdoor furniture as well as table, chairs and a barbecue. Guests can also access the owner's riverside garden around 40m away where you can gaze at the Dordogne from the bench beneath the fig tree, also an idyllic spot for evening picnics.

When in residence, the owner has an art studio (discreetly tucked away at [Villa Shambhala](#)) and is also a wine expert.

From the house, it's a scenic walk to coffee and croissants in the nearest town, Pessac. A 20-minute drive will take you to charming Saint-Émilion, where world class restaurants sit beside ancient ruins. The fabulous city of Bordeaux, with its new 'Cité du Vin' is a must see town and only an hour away.

Read more about the charming Petite Shambhala on [Arbuturian](#) and [West London Living](#).



Facilities

Recommended • **Exclusive** • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Wi-Fi/Internet
• Pets on Request • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport
• BBQ • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ideal for Xmas/NY • TV • Heating •
Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds •
Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths
• Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding
Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages •
Historical Sites • Romantic • RWC-Bordeaux

Interior & Grounds

Cottage Interior

Ground Floor (open plan)

- Fully fitted kitchen with induction cooking
- Dining area
- Sitting area

First Floor

- Master bedroom with super king-size bed (can be made into 2 single beds), en-suite shower room with hand-basin, toilet and electric towel rail
- 2nd bedroom with super king-size bed (can be made into 2 single beds), shower room, hand-basin, toilet, heated towel rail (1m across the landing)

Outside Grounds

- Small private walled/trellis planted garden
- Large terrace with loungers, 4 chairs, parasols, barbecue and 2 picnic chairs (that can be taken down to the riverbank and brought back after use)
- Gravel area with planted bed
- Access to owner's riverside garden 40m away with bench under a large shaded fig tree
- Private off road parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Tumble dryer
- Locked entrance gate
- Baby equipment



Location & Local Information

The welcoming climate and stunning scenery of the Dordogne encourage exploration, and the region has many treasures to delight wine connoisseurs, gourmets, artists and activity enthusiasts alike.

Make the most out of the Dordogne river and enjoy the many outdoor activities such as boating, canoeing, fishing, bird-watching and a lot more.

The chic bustle of St Emilion, only twenty minutes from Shambhala, offers stylish boutiques, contemporary fine art and world class restaurants. Following the Dordogne and Lot waterways will reward the explorer with many new delights, as charming villages and market towns such as Bergerac, Souillac and Cahors were established through trade along their banks.

Bordeaux is an elegant city filled with architectural delights. The visitor can enjoy the narrow streets of the old town, stunning 18th Century mansion houses, the neoclassical theatre and wide boulevards lined with boutique shops in this diverse and attractive city.

Along the Dordogne are many fine chateaux such as Beynac and Monpazier, mainly built for military action against England during the 100 Years' War. Each summer only ten minutes from Shambhala a dramatic battle re-enactment is held at Castillon de Bataille (July and August). The home of the philosopher Michel Montaigne is only 10 minutes away, and there are fine Gallo-Roman mosaics to be seen in the neighbouring village of Montcaret.

The traditional French hamlet location is a peaceful centre from which to explore the region, with excellent amenities close by.

The local village of Pessac is a lazy walk along the Dordogne where you can take a coffee, drink and pick up fresh croissants and papers while enjoying the beautiful countryside, vineyards, apple orchards and walnut groves. When you reach the village there is a small supermarket, *boulangerie*, tobacconist, hair salon and two restaurants. Slightly further out you have Castillon and Sante Foy that have larger supermarkets and various markets throughout the week which specialise in local produce.

The nearby Chateau Bauduc, favoured by Gordon Ramsay and Rick Stein, is a must for wine connoisseurs and offers a programme of tours and tastings, with private visits by arrangement. Wine tours of the many local vineyards are a wonderful chance to sample world-renowned names. Chateau Monbazillac is at Bergerac and St Emilion, Cahors and others are all nearby, offering a chance to sample outstanding wines on the soil where the grapes are grown.

To accompany the wines are many famous traditional cheeses, truffles,



mushrooms, duck and goose delicacies such as foie gras. The wealth of gourmet produce makes this area a paradise for foodies, who will be delighted by the local markets of Castillon, Sante Foy and Libourne. This passion for fine produce is reflected in the many excellent restaurants throughout the region.

Kid's Activities:- Zoo de Bordeaux 1 hr- Water Park Bordeaux 1 hr- Aquarium du Perigord Nord Le Bugue 1hr 25 min- Chateua Bridoire 40 min

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bergerac/Bordeaux (45mins/1h 15mins)
Nearest Village	Pessac-sur-Dordogne (1km)
Nearest Train Station	Veline (8km)
Nearest Tennis	Pessac-sur-Dordogne/Veline
Nearest Shop	Pessac-sur-Dordogne
Nearest Supermarket	(2km)
Nearest Golf	Chateau Vigiers/Castillon la Bataille/St Emilion
Nearest Restaurant	Pessac-sur-Dordogne (1km)
Nearest Beach	Lac de Gurcon/La Canau (25mins/1h)

What we love

- Petite Shambhala is a fabulous place for a romantic honeymoon
- There are local wines, champagne and limited-edition labels designed by the owner available for sale – what a great souvenir to take back home
- The beautiful natural stone and oak floors
- Enjoy picnics on the bench beneath the fig tree in the owner's riverside garden
- Riverside strolls, swimming, fishing and canoeing are a great way to be part of life on the river
- Elie Faure, a renowned art historian, used to live in the house next door to [Villa Shambhala](#) and many other artists were regulars in the area – it is not surprising that the owner, also an artist, fell in love with this area
- The owner's welcome pack of local wine and homemade products

What you should know...

- One of the en-suite bathrooms just a few steps from the bedroom, just across the small landing.
- 5-night autumn and winter stays are possible for an indulgent getaway to this exciting region of France.
- The owner has three homes within this lovely hamlet - Petite Shambhala, [Villa Shambhala](#) (sleeps 8) and [Atelier Shambhala](#) (sleeps 2). The private off-road parking area is shared between these properties.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £500 charged to client's credit card one month before and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: After 4.00 p.m. Please note that early check-ins are possible by prior arrangement only and that extra fees apply.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m. Please note that late check-outs are possible by prior arrangement only and that extra fees apply.
- 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 (including clean oven, clean barbecue and all rubbish removed). Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of £75 per pet per week will apply.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights (or 5 nights from October to mid-April).
- Changeover day: Saturday (all other days on request).
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Included. However charging of electric vehicles is not included. There is a convenient charging station in the nearby town just 1.5km away.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Other Ts and Cs: For insurance purposes, all exterior doors and windows must be locked when away from the property. The owner of the property will not accept responsibility for any loss, damage or consequential losses due to theft or any other security related incidents.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.