

# La Maison Soleil

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 4

## Overview

On the hillside just above the tiny village of Paunat, just a short walk away from one of the best restaurants in the area, is the beautiful La Maison Soleil.

Recently renovated with great care, this characterful house offers the perfect combination of traditional features alongside contemporary style. You'll find beamed ceilings and a wood burner in the cosy living room with French windows leading straight out to the glorious gardens. Exposed stone features in the quirky dining room, which has its own office space on an open mezzanine, the perfect place to find some peace and quiet! The rustic kitchen is lovely and features all the modern conveniences you would expect to prepare your feast of French delights.

The two ground floor bedrooms are light and airy with their own stylish walk-in showers and picture book windows. As you wander outside you can read a book on a bench overlooking the gardens, have your morning coffee listening to the birds, sit by the pergola to take in the views or relax by the small but dreamy swimming pool with the gentle sounds of the stream below. It's the perfect place for a couple, two or three friends or maybe even those looking for a romantic honeymoon.

This is a great location near both the Vézère and Dordogne rivers, an area full of pretty medieval villages, fine wines, truffles, vibrant local markets, canoeing on the rivers and unspoilt views of stunning countryside. There's an excellent restaurant within a short walk in Paunat, a lovely village with a little stream, 1000 year old abbey and wonderful countryside views around or head to the town of Le Bugue (8km) on the Vézère riverside which has a fantastic market on a Tuesday. The pretty Dordogne village of Limeuil is also within a short drive and an enchanting place to visit.

Other magical trips out should include sampling the delicious black truffle in the city of Périgueux, heading east to the exquisite town of Sarlat or simply exploring some of France's *Plus Beaux Villages* along the Dordogne such as La Roque Gageac, Beynac and Castelnaud-la-Chapelle. Not forgetting the beautiful city of Bergerac with its unmissable *Maisons de Vins*.

Whether you are a lover of fine foods, exquisite scenery or just looking for a romantic and relaxing break away, La Maison Soleil is a picture-perfect place for your stay in the magnificent Dordogne.



## Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers

• Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant •

<1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Heating

• Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural

Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding

• Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities •

Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

# Interior & Grounds

## House Interior

- Sitting room with wood burner and French doors opening up onto terrace
- Well equipped kitchen, including dishwasher and microwave, with doors leading to terrace
- Dining room
- Office (on open mezzanine level with steep open stairs leading from the dining room)
- Master bedroom with king-size bed, walk-in shower and WC
- Twin/double bedroom with walk-in shower and WC



## Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (5mx3m) with security cover
- Terrace
- Garden furniture
- BBQ
- Gardens

## Facilities

- Internet
- TV with some English channels
- DVD
- Nespresso coffee machine
- Library
- Washing machine and dryer



# Location & Local Information

The Dordogne is known as the valley of 1000 chateaux with endless pretty medieval villages, fine wines, truffles, local markets and spectacular valleys and rivers. Both the Vézère and the Dordogne rivers offer great kayaking, canoeing and unparalleled views of the countryside.

The house is on top of the hill in the lovely village of Paunat which has a little stream, pretty church, a 1000 year old abbey and wonderful countryside views around. The village's restaurant is within a short walk and has an excellent reputation. Just down the road, a further 4km away, is beautiful Limeuil. This is where the Vézère meets the Dordogne and you can paddle by the river beach or enjoy some fine views from Parc Limeuil after wandering through the delightful village.

Nearby Le Bugue (8km) is a charming market town on the Vézère riverside with narrow winding streets to explore and beautiful buildings to admire. Visit on a Tuesday to experience the bustling market day, then hire canoes on the river or enjoy lunch in one of the many lovely restaurants. The pretty Dordogne village of Tremolat (6km) is also within a short drive and another enchanting place to visit, featuring the Michelin starred restaurant *Vieux Logis*.

The Dordogne and Vézère rivers host a wealth of beautiful villages and towns, many of them classed as France's Plus Beaux Villages such as glorious Monpazier (30km), a bastide town dating back to the 13th century. To the north you have the sophisticated small city of Périgueux (44km), famous for its amazing black truffles and to the east should visit Sarlat (40km) with its maze of medieval narrow streets, lovely squares and amazing restaurants. Not forgetting beautiful Bergerac (38km) to the west with its medieval architecture, narrow streets of boutiques and great restaurants as well as the unmissable *Maisons de Vins*.

Other magical day trips include the Lascaux caves, just outside Montignac and the famous Dordogne villages of La Roque Gageac, Château de Beynac and Castelnau-la-Chapelle.

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 in the area. Older children will love the nearby waterparks, visiting the Aquarium du Perigord Noir, exploring prehistoric caves and historic castles or even a magnificent hot air balloon ride across the stunning region. The more adventurous may enjoy go-karting just south of Périgueux or tree-top activities in the forests near Sarlat.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Village	<b>Paunat/Limeuil</b> (300m/4km)
Nearest Town/City	<b>Le Bugue/Monpazier/Bergerac</b> (8km/30km/38km)
Nearest Airport	<b>Bergerac/Brive/Bordeaux</b> (40km/121km/161km)
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Le Bugue</b> (8km)
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(300m)</b>

## What we love

- Hear the sounds of the stream and admire the country views from the lovely contemporary swimming pool
- With two bright bedrooms, each with their own walk-in showers, it's a perfect place for two couples or even honeymooners
- There's a lovely restaurant in the village of Paunat, just 300m walk away
- The famous Dordogne towns and cities of Sarlat, Périgueux and Bergerac are all easily reached for stunning day-trips

## What you should know...

- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking
- The house is not suitable for children under the age of 12
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner
- The dining room has a steep staircase leading to an open mezzanine office area
- Although there's a restaurant within walking distance, car hire is essential in order to explore this wonderful region
- Due to the lovely traditional thick stone walls the Wi-Fi can be patchy in some rooms and should only be used for holiday use as the speeds may be too slow for streaming

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 charged to the clients' credit card prior to arrival.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes. Included in low season. From end of May to end of September, heating is on request and at a supplement.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and mid-stay clean on Monday included for stays of two weeks or more. 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. Other days may be possible on request in mid-season (end of May-mid July & September, approximately) for bookings of 7+ nights only.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Pets welcome?: No.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes. Mid-stay linen change on Monday also included for stays of two weeks or more.
- Pool heating charge?: No. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Other Ts and Cs: The house is not suitable for children under the age of 12.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are not permitted.
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- Other Ts and Cs: High chairs and cots are available for hire at a cost of €25 for each item per week (limited availability, to be pre-booked).
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable on booking confirmation (typically costs €2-€5 per adult per night). Exact cost will depend on number of adults travelling and duration, and will be advised at the time of booking.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.