

# Maison du Partage

Region: Burgundy Sleeps: 17

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## Overview

In the rolling hills of beautiful Burgundy, this wonderful six bedroom holiday home welcomes families or groups of friends looking for a relaxing stay in tranquil surroundings.

The owners have renovated this mid 19<sup>th</sup> century house with great style as you can see from the carefully chosen furnishings, both antique and contemporary, the bright bathrooms and the rustic yet well-equipped kitchen. Throughout the house traditional features such as wood beamed ceilings and original fire-places contrast with modern bright décor bringing light into the rooms. In the bedrooms space has been utilised cleverly with mezzanine levels and small but useful shower rooms alongside a more spacious en-suite bathroom. Sleeping up to 17 guests, the ground floor living space allows family and friends to take breakfast in the conservatory, chat on the sumptuous sofas or dine in the elegant dining area or outside under the starry sky.

The glorious gardens offer serene views and privacy in very tranquil surroundings. Kids can play by the swing and slide or kick a ball around on the vast lawns and the swimming pool is a delightful place to cool off or bathe in the summer sun on the poolside terrace. Dip into the outdoor jacuzzi or simply relax in the gardens whilst the kids are busy playing table tennis. The al-fresco terrace is the perfect place to catch up on warm evenings over long meals with good local wines and fine food from local markets.

The *maison* is just a five minutes drive from the local village where you will find a well regarded restaurant and there are other places to eat scattered across the surrounding countryside. The nearest town, Saint-Sauveur-en-Puisaye (10km), has pretty shops and art galleries and is well known for being the home of the famous writer Colette. A town museum is dedicated to her work and there are some lovely hiking trails in her name.

Exploring further afield will take you to charming villages and market towns such as Sancerre or Chablis with their fine wines, Briare on the banks of the Loire or the famous hilltop town of Vézelay. The spectacular cities of Auxerre, Nevers and Orléans can be visited within a day or you may prefer to spend your time exploring magical castles, discovering idyllic vineyards or taking a boat trip down the Loire or Yonne rivers.

With hikes, mountain biking and horse-riding nearby, as well as other family activities such as tree-top adventures, castles and farms, it's up to you to decide how active or relaxed you wish to be in this slow-paced yet delightful



part of Burgundy.

## Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Internet • Pets Welcome • Hot Tub • BBQ • Ideal for Parties • Stag/Hen Allowed • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Working Fireplace • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Maison Interior (3 levels) -320m2

- Living room with fire-place
- Dining room
- Two additional living areas
- Well equipped kitchen including gas hob, electric oven, microwave, fridge-freezer, dishwasher, coffee machine, kettle, mixer, toaster and juicer
- Laundry room
- Quad room with four single beds plus en-suite shower and wash-basin (some of the beds are on a mezzanine level with steep ladder style steps)
- Triple room with single bed and double bed plus en-suite shower and wash-basin (the single is on a mezzanine level with steep ladder style steps)
- One double bedroom with en-suite bathroom with bath, shower, WC, wash-basin and hairdryer
- One double bedroom with en-suite shower room with wash-basin
- Three double bedrooms
- Family shower room with double wash-basin, shower and WC

## Outside Grounds

- Private heated swimming pool (size:12mx6m/depth: 2m) with safety fence and alarm system. Open from May to end of September.
- Outdoor Jacuzzi
- Garden
- Conservatory / winter garden
- Kids' play area
- Three terraces including al-fresco dining terrace
- Portable BBQ
- Private car parking for up to five cars

## Facilities

- Oil central heating
- Fireplace
- Wi-Fi
- Satellite TV (Dutch channels)
- Table tennis
- Washing machine and dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Vacuum cleaner



## Location & Local Information

Maison du Partage is set in a hilly, rural and wooded area in the Yonne department in western Burgundy, 10km from the little town of Saint-Sauveur-en-Puisaye. You are also near the borders of the Cher, Nièvre and Loiret departments, each one with charming villages and market towns, fascinating art and history and fine wines to sample. This part of Burgundy offers undulating landscapes of woodlands, vineyards and small lakes as well as the Loire and Yonne rivers only a short drive away.

The villa is just outside a tiny village which has an excellent restaurant. Saint-Sauveur-en-Puisaye (10km) has further restaurants, a supermarket and other town facilities you would expect as well as antique shops and art galleries. Here you can visit the house lived in by the famous female writer, Colette, who was born in the late 19th Century. The town also has a museum dedicated to her and her work and there are two hiking trails dedicated to her from the museum. Also nearby you can visit Château de Ratilly (10km) with its working pottery productions and an interesting history dating back to the 11th Century.

Just north of the Maison is the town of Saint-Fargeau (20km) with its remarkable castle open from Spring to Autumn, sometimes featuring special events such as re-enactments. There's also a lovely farm nearby in Saint-Fargeau, Ferme du Château, open at the weekends, where visitors can get hands on with the animals, a brilliant place for families. Kids will also love the nearby Parc Naturel de Boutissaint (17km) where you can see many animals in their natural surroundings. Another local attraction is Guedelon (13km) where you can watch a 13th century castle being built using only authentic tools and locally sourced materials, taking many years. Finally, don't miss the Saturday morning market in nearby Toucy (22km) which has been voted Burgundy's most picturesque market!

There's a great range of activities in the local area with beautiful hikes, canoeing on nearby lakes or rivers (Lac du Bourdon is 20km away), horse-riding nearby and some brilliant opportunities for cycling and mountain biking. Tree-top adventurers should head to Nature Adventure (16km) with all sorts of activities on offer including paintballing.

The capital of the Yonne department is Auxerre (42km), on the Yonne River, is a protected Historic Town in France with an impressive town centre with its towering cathedral and churches, attractive squares and cafes, medieval narrow streets full of ancient houses and its 15th Century clock tower. Combine with a visit to Chablis (60km), a pretty village with some of the region's most famous wines.

Wine-lovers will appreciate being under an hour to Sancerre (50km), a



picturesque village with more than 300 vineyards or wine caves in the surrounding area where you can often sample and buy the white wines of this region. If wine isn't your thing, the local goat's cheese is also held in high esteem!

Back in Yonne, the famous and charming hilltop town of Vézelay (47km), on the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela, has been loved by Christians, writers, artists, historians and lovers of Romanesque architecture. Visiting the 12th century Basilica is a must and afterwards stroll through the beautifully preserved streets full of colourful flowers in the summer months. Walk the circular route around Vézelay with access to some of the highest points and stunning views of the surrounding Burgundy countryside.

Heading across to the Loiret department, explore close to home in the stunning gardens of Château de la Bussière (52km) or the attractive town of Gien (66km) on the Loire River with its weekly market. Briare (52km), also a market town, is where the Loire River crosses with the Canal de Briare with lovely riverside walks, boat and canal trips and wonderful flower filled streets in the late spring and summer. You can also take a day trip to the home of Joan of Arc, Orléans (107km), with its stunning medieval centre and cathedral.

Alternatively, head over the border to the Nièvre department, following the Loire south to Nevers (72km), a city full of art and history on the banks of the river, well known for its pottery and you can visit open workshops in the summer months. Combine with a trip to Apremont-sur-Allier (90km), one of France's Plus Beaux Villages with its attractive gardens.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 paid via bank transfer to the owner 4 weeks before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: Between 4.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. unless otherwise agreed.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, excluding pool towels.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: €15/day, on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Changeover day: Friday in July and August. Flexible during all other periods.
- Pets welcome?: €50 per booking and by prior arrangement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Tax: Mandatory tourist tax of €1,50 pp/pn, to be paid locally upon arrival
- Other Ts and Cs: Stag/hen parties and other celebrations are permitted on request only and subject to prior agreement from the owner. Please note that the maximum number of guests cannot be exceeded. Weddings are not permitted.
- Other Ts and Cs: 1 cot and 1 high chair are provided free of charge. Additional highchairs/cots are available on request at an extra charge of €15,00 per item.
- Other Ts and Cs: No. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Other Ts and Cs: 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: The pool is open from May to end of September, subject to weather conditions.