

La Chaumiere

Region: Sarlat **Sleeps: 7**

Overview

Set in a little village just south of the Dordogne, this charming home with its own delightful swimming pool and lovely gardens is the perfect place for a relaxing stay in this wonderful part of southern France.

Situated next to a 14th century church, this former vicarage is in a tranquil setting in this sleepy village. There are lovely countryside views, creating a calm ambience in the glorious gardens which are filled with roses and terracotta pots of geraniums alongside the beautifully manicured lawns. Enjoy leisurely lunches or long summer evenings by the barbecue and pool house or laze by the dazzling heated swimming pool.

Wander up the stone steps to La Chaumière's main entrance and you will find your comfortable surroundings in this beautifully restored 16th century home. The welcoming living room has been furnished in style with period pieces throughout and you can appreciate its history with wood-beamed ceilings, exposed stone walls and a warm open fireplace. A large dining table with medieval high-backed chairs offers the perfect place to enjoy a feast with loved ones or in the summer head out to the shady terrace looking out towards the gardens and swimming pool.

Despite the traditional atmosphere, all mod-cons are provided in the well-equipped yet beautifully rustic kitchen as well as across the home with Wi-Fi, music systems, TVs and a DVD player allowing guests to feel right at home. There are four pretty bedrooms, including three on the top floor with air-conditioning which are particularly impressive with their tall wood-beamed sloping ceilings, wooden floors and en-suite shower rooms.

A short drive will take you to nearby St. Julien de Lampon or Souillac for shops, restaurants and a weekly market. In this glorious area you can explore the lovely villages of Lot such as Gourdon with its honey coloured houses or the spectacular Rocamadour, built on the edge of a cliff.

Not forgetting the lovely Dordogne river where you can hire canoes or explore some of the region's most idyllic riverside villages such as Domme, La Roque Gageac and Castelnau-la-Chapelle. Another must is the glorious medieval town of Sarlat to the north, with its vibrant Saturday morning market and amazing restaurants often specialising in *Foie Gras* or truffles.



The whole region is a true haven for nature and sport lovers alike from horse-back riding and tennis to mountain-biking and golf, not to mention the number of hiking and fishing opportunities in the area. La Chaumière really does have a fantastic location with the delights of the Dordogne and Lot ready for you to explore.

Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Internet • Air-Con • Pets Welcome • Walk to Village • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • All Bedrooms En-Suite • DVD • Working Fireplace • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

House Interior

Ground Floor (via steps from driveway and gardens)

- Living-dining room with stone fireplace and large dining table
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, microwave, fridge/freezer
- Bedroom with double bed and TV. Ensuite bathroom

First Floor

- 2 x twin bedrooms with ensuite shower rooms
- Single bedroom with ensuite shower room

Outside Grounds

- Private heated swimming pool (5x10m)
- Pool house
- BBQ
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Gardens

Facilities

- Air-conditioning (first-floor bedrooms only)
- Heating
- Wi-Fi
- TV and DVD player
- Music system
- Safe



Location & Local Information



La Chaumière is set in its own private grounds next to a 14th century church in a small village in the Lot department, close to the Dordogne river. Surrounded by vast woodland and with wonderful countryside views, there's a calm ambience here and it's a very relaxing place to stay. The village has a hotel-restaurant (usually only open in summer months).

You'll find a bakery, butchers, restaurants, cafes and a lovely weekly market in nearby St Julien de Lampon (10km) or head over the river to Souillac (10km) for a greater choice of large supermarkets. Be sure to visit the impressive Abbey Sainte-Marie in Souillac and even better combine with a trip to the atmospheric market on a Friday morning.

Head south to Gourdon (16km) with its honey stone coloured houses set beautifully on the hill and lovely warren of little streets. Beautifully preserved Rocamadour (32km) is another amazing place to visit, built on the edge of a cliff with the river at the bottom of the gorge.

The Dordogne department also hosts a wealth of beautiful villages and towns, many of them classed as France's *Plus Beaux Villages* such as pretty Saint-Amand-de-Coly (40km), with the famous Lascaux caves nearby or the 13th century bastide village of Monpazier (60km).

Sarlat (26km) is one of the area's most famous towns with its maze of medieval narrow streets, lovely squares and amazing restaurants plus a famous market on a Saturday morning.

Other magical day trips include idyllic Domme (25km) high above the Dordogne river with its amazing caves, La Roque Gageac (30km), a perfect picture postcard village backed by steep cliffs and Castelnaud-la-Chapelle (35km) just across the river.

Visit the topiary gardens at Eyrynac (24km) which opens up on Monday evenings in the summer for picnics and dance or Les Jardins de Marqueyssac (33km) set high above the river which also open on Thursday evenings in the summer when you can explore by candlelight.

The whole region is a true haven for nature and sport lovers alike offering a wide array of outdoor activities, from horse-back riding and tennis, mountain-biking, golfing and canoeing along the river, not to mention the number of hiking and fishing opportunities in the area. Children will love exploring prehistoric caves and parks and historic castles or even a magnificent hot air balloon ride across the stunning region. The more adventurous may enjoy tree-top activities in the forests near Sarlat.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Brive–Souillac/Bergerac (31km/97km)
Nearest Ferry port	Ouistreham, Caen (640km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Souillac (10km)
Nearest Village	In a village
Nearest Restaurant	In the village (open summer months only) (5-min walk)
Nearest Town/City	Souillac/Sarlat-la-Canéda (10km/26km)
Nearest Supermarket	Souillac (10km)
Nearest Golf	Résidence Souillac Golf & Country Club (20km)

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 paid on arrival to the owners in cash in Euros (Pounds Sterling on request only) and refunded on departure subject to full inspection. Please note that access to the villa will not be possible without this payment.
- Arrival time: 1.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Pool heating charge?: No. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels.
- Pets welcome?: Yes, on request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Minimum stay: 4 nights in low season, 7 nights in mid and high seasons.
- 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.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Other Ts and Cs: Stag/hen parties are not permitted. Weddings and other special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Other Ts and Cs: Air-conditioning is featured in the three first-floor bedrooms only
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs approximately between €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).