

La Vue du Berger

Region: Biarritz Sleeps: 12

Overview

Situated in a beautiful rural setting in the Pyrénées-Atlantique, just a short drive from the beautiful town of St Jean de Luz, this charming traditional farmhouse offers guests a peaceful haven from which to explore this first-class holiday destination.

Surrounded by acres of luscious meadows, and views of the ocean beyond, La Vue du Berger offers up to 12 guests the opportunity to relax and unwind in total comfort. Tasteful modern décor abounds throughout the villa, with neutral tones giving a fresh sense of style. Greeted by a vast open plan living space, you'll enjoy a superb dining area bathed in natural light through its many French windows, and a delightful living area with plenty of comfortable seating and doors opening onto the marvellous terrace with stunning ocean views. A well-equipped kitchen with a breakfast bar is located just through the main living space also benefiting from doors onto the terrace area.

The 6 bedrooms are all attractively finished with contemporary furniture and modern artwork. The lovely master suite, located on the ground floor, offers guests some privacy away from the other dwellings, with an ensuite bathroom. The other bedrooms can all be found upstairs, some of which also enjoy ensuite bathrooms and balconies looking out onto the luscious green fields or glistening ocean.

The vast 7000m² of pretty garden and country meadows that encompass the property, present a thoroughly picturesque setting where you'll be able to relax in total privacy. In addition, the large terrace area is a fantastic space in which to entertain, or simply enjoy a quiet morning coffee enjoying the stunning vista that this villa offers. With a shaded seated area as well as a large dining space you can enjoy those stunning panoramic views at any time day or night. Just a few steps down, banked by an abundance of bright flora, you'll find a wonderful heated outdoor pool to cool off in, on those warm afternoons.

The immediate area outside of the villa provides plenty of opportunity to explore by foot the wonderful rural surroundings, and rugged coastline. Whilst only 7km away you'll find the pretty seaside town of St Jean de Luz, a less touristy town than Biarritz with much of its vibrancy and some fantastic family focused beaches.

The medieval town of Hendaye is 7km south of the villa, on the Spanish border, sporting the impressive Château Abbadia which is well worth a visit. Its 3 km long sandy beach offers something for everyone, including families and



surfers alike.

Facilities

Wow Factor • Modern • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (600 sq. m)

Ground Floor

- Open plan lounge and dining area with French doors onto the terraced area
- Well-equipped kitchen including dishwasher, oven, fridge, freezer, microwave, kettle, Nespresso machine and washing machine and dryer, with French doors onto the terrace area
- Master bedroom with double bed, dressing room, and ensuite bathroom with bath and shower and separate WC

Basement

- Laundry room

Upstairs

- Study
- Double bedroom (160cm), with mountain view, bathroom with shower and WC
- Double bedroom (160cm), ocean and mountain views, bathroom and separate WC
- Double bedroom (140cm), ocean view with *private* balcony, bathroom and WC
- Double bedroom (140cm) plus 2 single beds, ocean view and balcony
- Single bedroom (one single bed)
- Bathroom with separate WC

Outside Grounds (7000 sqm)

- Heated Swimming Pool (14x5m) with electric shutter
- Sun-loungers
- *Plancha*-style barbecue
- Shaded terrace dining and seating area
- 3/ 4 parking spaces inside the grounds
- Electric gate

Facilities

- Heating
- Wi-Fi
- 4 TVs
- Satellite reception
- DVD Player
- CD player
- Home alarm



- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

Villa La Vue du Berger offers a truly rural setting just moments from the dramatic Atlantic coastline, with the shadows of the Pyrénées providing the perfect backdrop. The immediate area around the villa is lush countryside, fantastic for exploring by foot, with stunning coastal hikes just a few minutes' drive away. You're ideally placed directly in between the pretty bustling towns of Hendaye to the south and St Jean de Luz to the north, both accessible in under a 10 minutes' drive.

The sprawling medieval town of Hendaye 7km south, sits on the Spanish border, where you'll find plenty to amuse the whole family. Split into two, the medieval Basque old town is situated on a hilltop, boasting some fantastic views, beautiful Basque style architecture, and windy lanes in which to explore the local shops and restaurants. You can also access the impressive Château Abbadia on the outskirts of town, which is well worth a visit. Down below in the peninsular you have a large bay with a modern marina and sailing club, and a beautiful 3 km stretch of white sandy beach along the Atlantic coast. So, whether you're spending an evening high rolling in the marina casino, enjoying a surf lesson on one of its 4 beaches, or even taking a boat trip over to Spain, you'll find an abundance of activities in this lovely town.

The nearest beach to the villa can be found in the small seaside resort of Ciboure, the birthplace of the composer Maurice Ravel and home of artist Henri Matisse. Ciboure will charm visitors with its old town full of stone and timber-framed houses, its picturesque fishing port and its bustling Sunday morning market. The beach is fantastic for swimming and sunbathing, watching the boats come and go under the watchful eye of Fort Socoa in the distance.

If you're after the hustle and bustle of a vibrant coastal town without having to navigate round the many tourists that frequent Biarritz, St Jean de Luz will provide everything you could want just 7km north of the property. Originally a small fishing port at the mouth of the River Nivelle, it later became a fashionable resort for well-to-do French, English and Spanish tourists in the late 19th century. Now you'll find a quintessential Basque seaside town – complete with atmospheric narrow streets, a lively harbour and a sparkling sandy beach. Try some fresh seafood at La Boete, one of the many seafood restaurants in the streets surrounding the Port, stumble across a local orchestra performing in Place Louis XIV, enjoy one of many kid's clubs along the Grande Plage beach or for the more experienced surfer head north to Acotz beach. With quad bike excursions, hikes and golf being just a few more activities you can try in St Jean de Luz, you'll never get bored, and with a number of relaxing spa's in town you can recover in luxury.

Further north, around a 20-minute drive away, you'll find the lively town of Biarritz, an elegant seaside resort dating back to the 19th century when



aristocracy built their summer residences along this part of the coast, including the well-known Hotel du Palais, built by the wife of Napoleon III on the famous Le Grand Plage.

You will find some superb restaurants in the Port des Pecheurs, the former fishing port, where ordering some beautifully fresh seafood is a must. A lovely atmosphere can be found around the Port Vieux where you'll discover a tiny sheltered beach loved by locals and the town's main shopping street, Rue Port Vieux. Beautiful Art Deco buildings can be appreciated all around the town and especially along the beach, including the casino (also home to a theatre and swimming pool) and the Aquarium which is a must for sea-lovers or families.

The fantastic picturesque villages inland should not be overlooked, with the majestic Pyrénées on your doorstep you have a great selection, including two of France's Plus Beaux Villages; pretty Ainhoa (30km) and Sare (22km), where you can take the old wooden train up to the summit of La Rhune, one of the most dominant peaks of the Pyrénées, where there are some restaurants with incredible views as well as hiking opportunities.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Biarritz (25km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Saint Jean de Luz - Ciboure (5km)
Nearest Town/City	Ciboure/St Jean de Luz/Hendaye (5km/7km/7km)
Nearest Restaurant	Ciboure (5km)
Nearest Supermarket	(1.5km)
Nearest Beach	Ciboure (4km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de la Nivelle (6km)

What Oliver loves...

- This traditional farmhouse is bursting with character, while not compromising on comfort
- The spectacular views from the property over the lush countryside towards the Atlantic Ocean are stunning
- The property benefits from 7000 sqm of green meadows and pretty gardens, making you feel thoroughly secluded and able to enjoy uninterrupted peace and quiet
- With the foothills of the Pyrénées mountains on your doorstep, the beautiful Basque villages inland can be reached with ease.
- The villa is just 7km from the vibrant town of St Jean de Luz, with its family friendly beaches
- The Basque coastline is a mecca for surfers; the fantastic beaches of St Jean De Luz, Bidart and Biarritz, are all under a 20-minute car journey away.

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
- It is advisable to hire a car to explore the fabulous coastline and the beautiful countryside inland

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2500 paid to the owner by bank transfer two weeks before arrival and refunded three weeks after departure at the very latest, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Included. 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, including pool towels.
- Energy costs included?: Included.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights except in July & August when it's 2 weeks.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Pool heating charge?: Extra €100 per week outside of July and August, paid locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Other Ts and Cs: Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms upon booking confirmation.
- Other Ts and Cs: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for civil liability as well as cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay. A copy of this policy may be requested by the owner before or upon arrival.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are not permitted.
- 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.