

Villa Gabaye

Region: Aquitaine Sleeps: 10

Overview

Nestled amongst the working vineyard Côte de Blaye, comfortably sleeping ten guests, is Villa Gabaye. A refurbished chateau built with stone walls, Villa Gabaye has five bedrooms and all the space you need to settle into your holiday.

On the ground floor lies the main living area with a kitchen, lounge, and dining table. The kitchen is fully equipped and has all the essentials to cook delicious family meals together. Wicker chairs surround the dining table, perfect for gathering and planning the next day's adventures.

From the dining table, open the wide patio doors and go out to a small patio furnished with wooden furniture and comfortable cushions. A pergola above provides shade from the sun, cooling you down as you sit and take in the view, smelling the roses climbing up the wall beside you.

Spread across the villa are five bedrooms with double beds, sleeping ten guests. The bedrooms each contain wooden floors, wooden furnishings, bold coloured walls, and plenty of storage for you to unpack. The master bedrooms have ensuite bathrooms attached, adding privacy to your stay. The villa also has spacious family bathrooms with stand-alone bathtubs and walk in showers.

Outside, you have a private garden to enjoy the French sunshine. Surrounded by greenery, you will all love gathering around the heated plunge pool on a sunny afternoon. You will also find an outdoor shower in the garden, the perfect way to cool off after sunbathing.

Sit on the main terrace, to the back of the villa and enjoy evenings watching the sunset while cooking a delicious meal in your BBQ area. The working vineyard Côte de Blaye is in the Bordeaux region and provides the perfect backdrop to your holiday. As a working vineyard, you will be able to witness the full production of wine, from grape to bottle. Spend an hour walking through the vines and chatting to the owners, asking questions on the process, and discovering what makes the wine from Bordeaux so unique.

The villa also has bikes for you and your family to use and explore the local area. From the villa there are many clear cycle paths for you and your family to enjoy, stretching from Blaye to Estauliers.



Facilities

Modern • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens •
Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Electric Car Charger • Hairdryer • Ground Floor
Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Table Tennis • DVD • Working
Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys •
Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby
• Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns &
Villages

Interior & Grounds

Interior grounds

Ground floor

- Kitchen
- Dining table
- Large lounge/TV room
- Independent toilet
- One large bedroom with double bed + en-suite bathroom with shower and bath

First floor

- Three bedrooms with double beds
- One bedroom with twin beds
- Two family bathrooms
- Independent toilet

Outside grounds

- Private plunge pool surrounded by sun loungers and parasols
- Outdoor shower
- Covered outdoor seating and dining area
- Barbecue
- Private garden

Facilities

- Air conditioning
- Wifi
- Satellite Television
- Sofa bed
- Laundry facilities
- Cot and highchair
- Parking
- Toaster
- Stovetop
- Oven
- Kitchenware
- Electric kettle
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Microwave
- Refrigerator
- Iron
- 4 bikes with helmets and locks



Location & Local Information

Nestled on a working vineyard in the Bordeaux region, in the southwest of France lies Villa Gabaye; one of three luxury villas nestled between the vines.

The working vineyard is called Côte de Blaye, a Bordeaux vineyard, and a unique yet classical location for your holiday. The grape vines are in clay-limestone soil, typical of the region. Traditionally, the vineyard produces Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Cabernet Franc. In recent years, the vineyard has diversified and now grows white grapes to produce Roussanne, Semillon and Chardonnay, offering a broader range. Take a wine tour to see the wine being made, observing this intriguing process from grape to bottle.

The grounds of the villa are also home to the Two Origins Distillery, producing whiskey. The name derives from the company's dual French and Irish heritage. Two Origins Distillery produces a unique whiskey that combines the French taste with the traditional whiskey techniques of Ireland; the triple-distilled cask-aged Irish whiskey.

From the villa, there are many fun cycle paths for you and your family to enjoy, stretching from Blaye to Estauliers. Take a morning cycle down to Blaye using the bicycles at the villa. Blaye is your local town, home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Citadelle de Blaye. The town is located on the waterfront, overlooking the Gironde estuary. Designed by the celebrated French military engineer Vauban, Citadelle de Blaye is a fortress offering panoramas over the Gironde estuary. Built in the 17th century, the citadel of Blaye had 1.5km of ramparts, over 30 hectares of fortifications and 1,500 soldiers occupying the fort!

Spend some relaxing time strolling through its narrow streets and meet the craftsmen, restaurateurs and shopkeepers who dwell in the once-fortified fortress. Tours are also available for those who want to delve deeper into history and enter the underground passages below the surface. The town of Blaye also offers cafés, restaurants, and shops for you to enjoy, and all just a bike ride from the villa.

Travelling slightly further afield, take a day to visit the picturesque village of St. Emilion, a medieval gem located in the famous Bordeaux wine region. Surrounded by vineyards, St. Emilion has two thousand years of history emanating from its elegant architecture and monuments. Its golden bricks shimmer in the sunlight as you wind through the village, exploring historic vineyards, cafes, and shops.

Spend an afternoon feeling refreshed and head to the coast. The southwest of France is home to the Aquitaine coastline, the longest sandy coastline in



Europe, stretching 230 kilometres!

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bordeaux (57.3km)
Nearest Village	Cars (2.4km)
Nearest Town	Blaye (2.7km)
Nearest Train Station	St André de Cubzac (25.6km)
Nearest Restaurant	I Gusti Della Mama (400m)
Nearest Supermarket	Leclerc Blaye (1.3km)

What we love

- We loved exploring the local area, especially Blaye and other local towns. The history of the region is simply incredible and there was plenty to do.
- The working vineyard was fascinating. It was fascinating to see the process of how to make wine.
- The heated plunge pool provided the perfect way to cool off after a morning exploring the region. And the perfect temperature for a late-night swim!
- I loved having my morning coffee on a deck chair, looking out over the local vineyard – simply blissful!

What you should know...

- Please note that the plunge pool does not have a cover, so younger children should be supervised at all times.
- The plunge pool in the garden is heated, so you can even enjoy it on a cooler evening.
- The vineyard is a working vineyard and has machinery in use. Parents should keep an eye on small children in and around the location of the villa.
- The local town of Blaye is only a 5-minute drive away and a 15-minute bike ride.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €200 charged to client's credit card two weeks before arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4pm.
- Departure time: 10am.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. 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.
- Heating costs included?: Included in rental price.
- Energy costs included?: Included in rental price.
- Internet access?: Wifi internet access included in rental price.
- Minimum stay: 3 nights.
- Changeover day: Saturdays June to end of September and Christmas. Flexible during other periods.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not permitted.
- Pool opening dates?: Approximately May to end of September. (Please note that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming)
- Pool heating charge?: Included in rental price. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.