

# Podien Cottage

Region: Aquitaine Sleeps: 4

## Overview

Nestled on the working vineyard Côtes de Blaye, lies Podien Cottage. Once the workers' cottage, the cottage has been restored and filled with modern luxuries to make this stay effortless.

An open-plan kitchen, dining and lounge area is on the first floor, with wonderful views over the vineyard. The kitchen has all the appliances you need for your stay. A circular dining table sits in the centre of the room surrounded by four wooden chairs. The lounge is on the opposite side of the kitchen and has a large sofa with cushions for you to relax into. Next to the lounge is a tall stone wall with a traditional stove and fireplace to keep you warm on winter nights.

Both bedrooms are located on the ground floor. Both are spacious rooms with homey details such as a patterned headboard, long mirrors and paintings hung on the walls. Each has an ensuite bathroom with a walk-in shower. One ensuite has a washing machine on hand if needed and a stand-alone bath in the other. The bedrooms both have double beds, however if a family are staying, one of the double beds can be converted into two singles.

The working vineyard Côte de Blaye is in the Bordeaux region and provides the perfect backdrop to your holiday. Outside lies a newly built patio terrace with a long swimming pool to one side against the terrace wall. The wall provides privacy from the vineyard and local village. Sun loungers surround the pool for you to relax under the sun. The terrace also has outdoor seating and a BBQ area, set up for long summer evenings watching the sunset while cooking a delicious meal together. Make sure you bring marshmallows to toast on the outdoor fire pit, ideal for gathering together and keeping warm under the stars.

Podien Cottage is on the village side of the vineyard, with an uninterrupted view of the vines and estuary in the backdrop. The cottage is a short walk from the village tennis courts, which you are invited to use. The local village has all your essentials, including a village boulangerie, a small grocery shop, a butcher and a pharmacy. On a Sunday morning the village hosts oyster stalls on the main street.



## Facilities

Private Pool • Saltwater Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • BBQ • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • 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*

- One bedroom with double bed
- One bedroom with double bed that can convert into two single beds.

### *First floor*

- Kitchen
- Dining table
- Family bathroom

### **Outside grounds**

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

### **Facilities**

- Wifi
- Air conditioning
- Smart TV
- Sofa bed
- Laundry facilities
- Cot and highchair
- Parking
- Toaster
- Stovetop
- Oven
- Kitchenware
- Electric kettle
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Microwave
- Refrigerator



## Location & Local Information

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

The working vineyard is called Côte de Blaye, a Bordeaux vineyard and a unique location for your holiday. The grape vines are in clay-limestone soil, typical of the region and 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, giving a broader range. Take a wine tour to see the production of the wine, witnessing the process from grape to bottle.

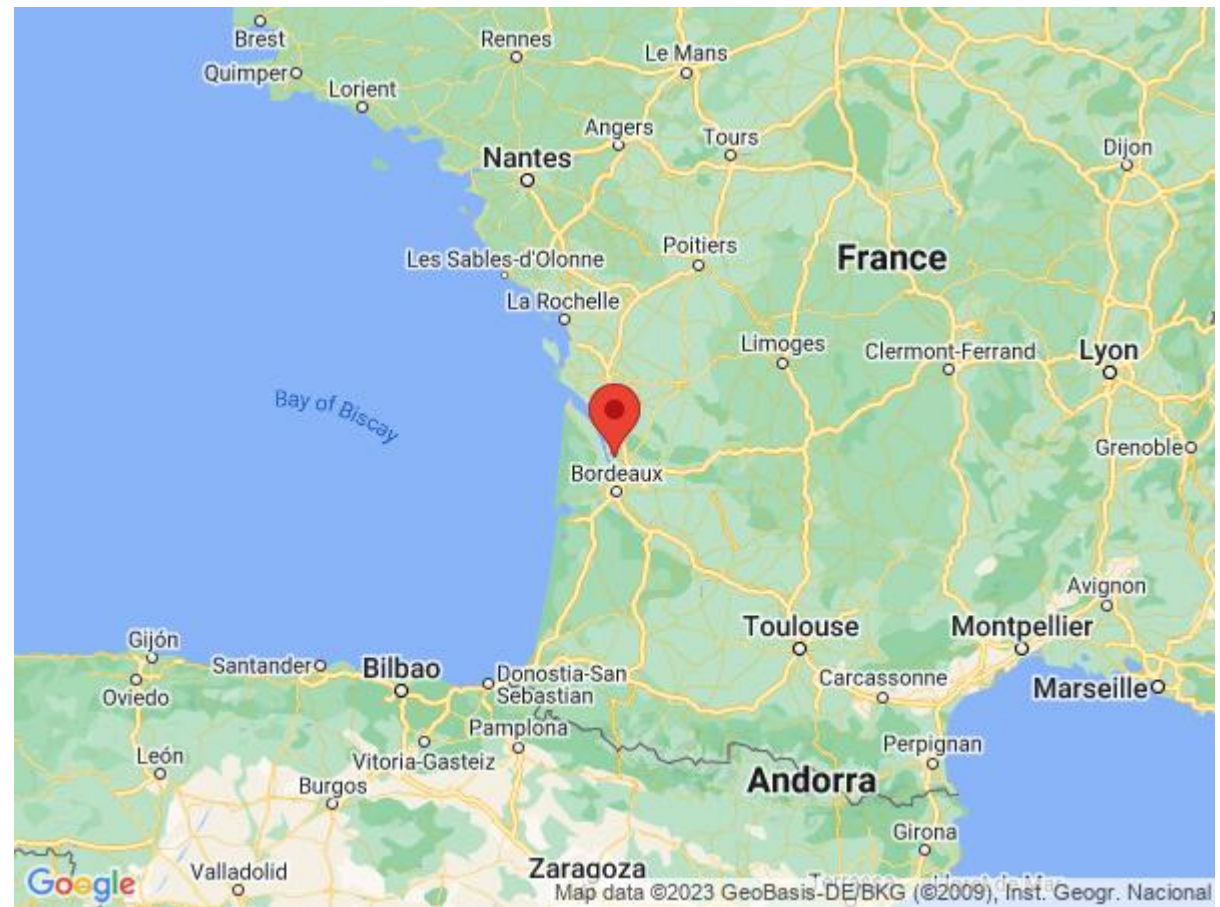
The grounds of the villa are also home to Two Origins Distillery, producing whiskey. The name derives from combining the company's heritage; French and Irish. Two Origins Distillery produces a unique whiskey that combines the French taste with the traditional whiskey techniques of Ireland: the triple-distilled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

From the villa, there are many clear cycle paths for you and your family to enjoy, stretching from Blaye to Estauliers. Blaye is your local town, home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Citadelle de Blaye. Located on the waterfront, overlooking the estuary Gironde. 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 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 café, restaurants and shops for you to refresh yourself with, all a bike ride from the villa.

Travelling slightly further away, take a day to visit the picturesque St. Emilion, a medieval village located in the famous Bordeaux wine region. Surrounded by vineyards, St. Emilion has two thousand years of history found in beautiful architecture and monuments. Golden bricks shine 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	<b>Bordeaux (52.3km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Berson (Walking distance)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Blaye (8km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>St. André de Cubzac (20.5km )</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Several restaurants in Blaye and Bourg (8km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Leclerc Blaye (6.5km)</b>

## What we love

- We loved exploring the local area, especially Blaye and other local towns. The history of the region is just incredible and there was plenty to do.
- The working vineyard was fascinating. It was cool to see the process of how to make wine.
- The swimming pool was perfect to cool off after a morning exploring the region. And the perfect temperature for a late night swim!
- The views from the first floor were amazing.

## 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 vineyard is a working vineyard and has machinery in use. Parents with small children may want to keep an eye on them as you go out the villa's garden into the vineyard.
- The villa's layout is quite the opposite to a traditional home. The living area is on the first floor and the bedrooms are on the ground floor.
- The local town Blaye is 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: 2 nights.
- Changeover day: Fridays June-end of September, and Christmas. Flexible during other periods.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not allowed.
- Pets welcome?: 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.