

Villa Bémol

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 9

Overview

A gorgeous holiday home which exudes French character alongside contemporary flair, Villa Bémol enjoys a picturesque setting within 7km of the heart of Rocamadour, one of France's most significant tourist destinations and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

There's a sense of calm as you gaze out to the rural views from your walled garden and heated swimming pool. The covered terrace is a pretty spot for reading or socialising in the shade whilst there is ample room for al-fresco dining, making the most of the barbecue.

The interiors are welcoming with an open-plan lounge and kitchen-diner, perfectly equipped with everything you may need. An en suite ground floor bedroom awaits whilst upstairs you will find three further doubles with queen-size beds and air-conditioning, as well as an impressive shower room. Throughout the cosy villa, admire charming features such as exposed stone walls and wood beams alongside modern style and comfort.

Set just off a country road in a tiny village, it's amazing to be just a 10-minute drive to the famous small town of Rocamadour, built into the cliff edge in the vast Causses du Quercy Regional Natural Park. A historic pilgrimage site, explore its narrow lanes and climb the many steps, including the iconic grand escalier, as you admire the town's arched gates, religious buildings and stunning château. Enjoy meals out in one of the town's restaurants, many with terraces with incredible valley views.

Other highlights of the area include the amazing caves and underground river at Gouffre de Padirac, the swinging monkeys of La Forêt des Singes and the fantastic animal park near Gramat, an attractive local town with a vibrant twice-weekly market. Water lovers can drive to the Dordogne River for summer canoeing and kayaking only half-an-hour away, or venture further south towards the artistic village of Saint-Cirq-Lapopie by the banks of the Lot River.

You are also perfectly placed for visiting some of the picture-perfect villages and grand châteaux of the Dordogne including Domme, La Roque-Gageac and Château de Beynac all within an hour, not forgetting the beautiful town of Sarlat-la-Canéda known for its exquisite architecture and fine Périgord cuisine.



Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids
• Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • <1hr to
Airport • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV
• Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space •
Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Horse Riding •
Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns &
Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (165m2)

Ground Floor

- Open-plan lounge and kitchen-dining area with doors to the terrace. Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, fridge and freezer, toaster, microwave, oven, filter coffee machine and kettle
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and adjoining bathroom with shower

First Floor (via open-tread stairs, sloping ceilings)

- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and air-conditioning
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and air-conditioning
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm), sofa-bed (1 person) and air-conditioning
- Bathroom with shower

One of the doubles can be converted into a twin. There are two WCs in this property

Outside Grounds (800m2)

- Heated swimming pool (3.5x10m, depth: 1.5m) with safety cover
- Covered terrace for al-fresco dining/relaxation
- Enclosed garden
- Barbecue
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (upstairs bedrooms)
- Heating
- Fireplace
- Satellite TV
- Washing machine and dryer
- Ironing facilities



Location & Local Information

Villa Bémol is under 7km from Rocamadour, France's most important pilgrimage site and a UNESCO World Heritage site, located in the Lot department of southern France.

Just off a country road in a little village, it's around a 10-minute drive up to Rocamadour with its shops, café-bars and restaurants, some with terraces looking out over the valley views. It's cliffside setting is spectacular, built on three levels with steep lanes and many steps including the famous 'Great Staircase' which pilgrims used to climb on their knees. Visit the town's arched stone gates, religious buildings and imposing castle. There's no wonder the town is one of France's most popular tourist destinations.

This part of the Causses du Quercy Regional Natural Park offers a wealth of outdoor adventures across its impressive and varied landscapes. This includes part of the diverted GR65 pilgrimage hiking trail, of course, as well as rock-climbing, horse-riding and water-based adventures further south along the Lot River near the artistic village of Saint-Cirq-Lapopie (50km). Slightly closer to home, find canoeing and kayaking along the Dordogne near Saint-Sozy or Floirac, both around half an hour away.

There are numerous caves across the region as well, including the iconic Gouffre de Padirac (23km) where you can tour the caves by boat or on foot, and the limestone caves of Grottes de Lacave near the Dordogne River. Children and adults alike will adore spotting monkeys amongst the trees at La Forêt des Singes, just outside Rocamadour, whilst animal-lovers will also enjoy a trip to Parc Animalier de Gramat around 12km away.

Gramat (10km) itself is an attractive town to visit and hosts a vibrant twice-weekly market at the 19th century Place de la Halle. Meanwhile, other pretty Lot villages to consider include Autoir and Loubressac, both around 25km by car and classified as two of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. In the other direction, the honey-coloured stone houses of historic Gourdon (24km) are a delight to discover.

Crossing over into the Dordogne department, come across gems such as Domme (41km) and La Roque-Gageac (48km), two more of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' with their beautiful position by the Dordogne. Head to the famous castles of Château de Beynac and Château des Milandes, both within an hour, whilst the exquisite town of Sarlat-la-Canéda (48km), known for its stunning architecture and fine gastronomy, is also easily reached.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Brive–Souillac Airport (44km)
Nearest Airport 2	Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (110km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Gramat (10km)
Nearest Village	Tiny rural village (Short walk)
Nearest Restaurant	In and around Rocamadour (Within 7km)
Nearest Supermarket	In and around Gramat (10km)
Nearest Town	Rocamadour/Gramat (7km/10km)
Nearest Golf	Résidence Souillac Golf & Country Club (31km)

What we love

- It's wonderful to be less than 7km from Rocamadour!
- Such lovely rural views from the garden and heated swimming pool
- The interiors blend old and new with characterful features alongside contemporary flair
- Visit some of the many Dordogne gems within an hour including Sarlat-la-Canéda, La Roque-Gageac and Domme

What you should know...

- The villa sleeps nine guests across four double bedrooms and one sofa-bed in one of the first-floor bedrooms.
- Air-conditioning is featured in the three first-floor bedrooms only.
- As you can see from the photos, contemporary open-tread stairs lead to the first-floor bedrooms and bathroom.
- 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.
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €300 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Changeover day: Sunday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 2023: 7 nights. All other durations on request. 2024: 14 nights during July, August and September. 7 nights during all other periods.
- Energy costs included?: 300kWh included per week. Excess charge extra, payable locally.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: No. €120, payable locally. This is for a standard changeover clean. 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 rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Linen & towels included?: Extra €12.50 per person, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.
- Pool towels included?: No.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pool opening dates?: Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.
- Pool heating charge?: Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
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- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.