

# Maison Contralto

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 8

## Overview

With the meandering Dordogne River right on your doorstep, Maison Contralto offers a relaxing stay in the heart of southwestern France's pastoral countryside.

The modest home has been lovingly restored by the passionate owners with refined style and quirky character and sleeps up to 8 people in 4 comfortable bedrooms. Expect a splash of colour throughout, with modern décor adding a captivating contrast to the old beams and local art. Inside, guests can find a homey living area with a dining corner that connects to a fully equipped kitchen, offering everything you need to prepare delicious home-cooked meals. The direct access to the terrace promises a magnificent view over the nearby truffle fields and the rolling hills of the Dordogne and Lot valleys. In addition, all four bedrooms are equipped with double beds and present a cheerful place where to take your afternoon naps and moments of slumber.

The outside grounds are simply impressive: there is a large private pool with a tiled terrace and garden furniture inviting you to enjoy your morning coffee in the sun. Furthermore, facilities include a spacious garden with trees and shrubs, as well as a neatly manicured lawn perfect for ball games, homemade picnics and tracing the stars across the night sky as the sun falls behind the horizon.

A pleasant 15-minute walk brings you to Moncalou, the closest local village with a couple of amenities such as a restaurant, winery and a patisserie shop, while more villages are dotted around the pastoral landscape too. Some of these include places such as Salviac, or Domme, Vitrac, La Roque-Gageac and Beynac-et-Cazenac to name a few – all unique and captivating in their own way.

A little further afield, spend the day in Sarlat-la-Canéda – a medieval town with a beautiful central church, an indoor food market and winding streets made for relaxing strolls.

Alternatively, discover towns such as Gourdon, located a 20-minute drive away. Its notable sights let you travel back into the old days, and include charming castles, a 14th-century church and magical gardens with an abundance of greenery.



Nature lovers will love the array of walking and hiking trails located all around, as well as activities such as kayaking, canoeing, fishing and paddle-boarding. Those looking to get lost should head to Causses du Quercy Natural Regional Park – a stunning natural park full of woodland, vantage points and fauna and flora.

## Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior (140m2)

### Ground Floor

- Kitchen equipped with a fridge, freezer, oven, hob, dishwasher, microwave, kettle, toaster and coffee machine
- Living/dining room with sofas, TV, dining table and chairs
- 3 x bedrooms with double beds
- Bathroom with a shower/bath and WC

### First Floor

- Small sitting room with sofas and TV
- Bedroom with a double bed
- Bathroom with a shower/bath and WC

## Outside Grounds (2500m2)

- Pool with steps (10m x 14m, max. depth: 1.4m)
- Pool terrace with outdoor furniture
- Barbecue
- Parking

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- TV
- Washing machine
- Iron



## Location & Local Information

A land of oak forests, murmuring rivers, great gastronomy and fortified towns where Maison Contralto is situated offers the most idyllic location for your typical French holiday. Also known as the Dordogne and Lot department, this prosperous area has something for every type of traveller.

The closest village, Moncalou can be reached in just 15 minutes by foot and has a restaurant, winery, dessert shop and a vantage point with a tall tower construction offering panoramic views of the surrounding farmland full of dipping hills, vineyards and orchards. If you need fresh groceries and ingredients to cook your own meals, then head to the supermarket, located a 10-minute drive away.

The natural backdrop of the Dordogne River hosts an array of stunning villages and towns, many of them classed as France's Plus Beaux Villages. Some of these include for example Saint-Amand-de-Coly, with the famous Lascaux caves nearby or the 13th-century bastide village of Monpazier, as well as Domme – famous for its fortifications and a bustling Place de la Halle market with stalls overflowing with pâté, truffles, walnuts, cheeses and fine wines. It's also the right place where to start exploring the river and the wealth of activities that come with it, such as kayaking, boat tours and trails set amidst the greenery with medieval castles dotted along the way.

If your heart longs for some hustle and bustle, why not head to one of the larger towns to explore museums, galleries and the region's flourishing dining scene? Gourdon is located only a 20-minute drive away, and has magical castles Butte du château and Château de Gourdon, as well as Église Saint-Pierre – a 14th-century church with stained glass windows worth checking out.

However, when it comes to truly exploring the region's famed gastronomy, you should visit Sarlat-la-Canéda, the capital of the Perigord Noir. Its maze of narrow medieval streets and characterful squares with fountains and crumbling stone buildings hides first-class restaurants, bistros and family-owned shops stocking everything from foie gras and the famous Perigordian truffle to walnuts, goat's cheese and confits alongside great wine.

Even bigger in size, Montauban is a handy 1.5-hour drive away and is located on the banks of the Tarn River. Almost the entire city and its central squares are built using a pink stone found in the region, and there are plenty of amenities such as ice cream parlours, restaurants, bars and shops where to spend your day. Culture aficionados can admire the architecture or visit the city's museums such as the Musée Ingres Bourdelle, Le Musée des Jouets and Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle Victor Brun.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Brive–Souillac Airport (58km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (75km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Moncalou (1.5km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(1.5km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>(6km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>(6km)</b>

## What we love

- Enjoy unspoiled views of the truffle fields and the Dordogne and Lot hills from the stunning terrace
- The quirky home is full of art and design, with beautiful wall decorations designed by the owner coupled with fine furniture from Roche Bobois
- The home is just a short drive away from the Dordogne River and its wealth of pretty villages
- Being a short driving distance away from many notable villages and towns, Maison Contralto is an excellent base for trips to castles, medieval markets and incredible natural landscapes

## What you should know...

- Maison Contralto is within walking distance of the nearest village and restaurant, however the road leading to these does not have a pavement. A car is recommended to best explore the region.
- Children may need to be supervised when using the open-tread staircase.
- 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: €500 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one week 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: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Energy costs included?: 150kWh included per week. Excess charge extra, payable locally.
- Linen & towels included?: Extra €12.50 per person, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.
- Pool towels included?: No.
- End of stay cleaning included?: No. €125, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment. 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.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €50 per pet per week will apply.
- 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.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax Included.
- 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.
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- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.