

Maison Cosette

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 14

Overview

Surrounded by glorious countryside vistas and within easy reach of some of southwest France's prettiest towns, this superbly renovated farmhouse is the ideal choice for groups of up to twelve adults heading to the Dordogne region.

The hugely charming, seven-bedroomed Maison Cosette's location holds strong appeal for all types of visitors – the country setting is reminiscent of a warmer, sunnier version of England's Cotswolds, making it a tempting option for those craving a break that's more horizontal than just laid-back. It's equally ideal for visitors keen to explore the sights and flavours of the Dordogne too, with picturesque hillside and riverside towns close by - all steeped in history and boasting more than their fair share of fantastic restaurants, boutiques and wineries.

Maison Cosette offers a charming blend of traditional country living in the stone floor tiles, whitewashed walls and exposed timber features, with no shortage of modern comfort and refinement too. The open plan lounge-diner is perfect for relaxing with your fellow guests, with a farmhouse-style dining table and large, comfortable sofas in front of a wood-burning stove. In addition to the fireplace, the villa is equipped with central heating, with thick, stone walls and window shutters helping to keep the inside just as comfortable during warmer months.

You don't ever feel detached from the idyllic countryside surroundings, which flow nicely into the outside grounds. There's a large veranda, adjacent to the kitchen, with a huge table that's just perfect for serving a relaxed, family-style supper, against a backdrop of a vibrant sunset. You'll enjoy taking your morning coffee and pastries here too, but it surely won't be long before temptation draws you down to the sun-kissed poolside terrace. Draw back the shutter on your 10m, heated pool and let the day begin. The pool house has table tennis and a television, with large beanbags to relax on inside or out. Fine meats and fresh, delicious vegetables are in plentiful supply in the Dordogne region, so poolside barbecues are a great way to spend the afternoon here.

Gastronomes will want to stock up on ingredients at one of the nearby towns' morning markets, as the super-stylish kitchen at Maison Cosette is a real foodie's playground. The thoughtful renovation of this villa has placed firm focus on delivering a sociable experience for all who visit, as well as a fantastic indoor-outdoor flow. Both of these aspects are exemplified by the



kitchen design, with large patio doors to the veranda and bags of space for everyone to get involved with preparing meals. You'll have the use of a fabulous range cooker and family-sized fridge-freezer, as well as a range of superb appliances, while the striking island in the centre of the room features a double sink and breakfast bar.

Upstairs, you'll find well-appointed bedrooms to sleep up to fourteen guests (twelve adults and two children), along with five bathrooms. There's flexibility for different types of groups too, with three of the rooms' beds interchangeable between twins and doubles. The beautifully decorated children's bedroom features twin, low-level cabin beds, while two of the double rooms have en-suite bathrooms.

As well as the obvious attraction of some of France's most attractive towns and villages being close by, you're sure to be tempted by a simple stroll or hike around the green hills and sleepy country roads. There's a world-class, twenty-seven-hole course within a short drive too, so it's definitely one for golfing groups to consider.

A superb independent winery is also just five minutes' walk from the front door of Maison Cosette, hosting evening tastings during the summer, with weekly markets in the local towns showcasing the very best of the region's famous produce.

Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Saltwater Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets on Request • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • DVD • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- Lounge/diner with fireplace, television, dining table
- Kitchen with range oven, dishwasher, microwave, fridge-freezer, electric coffee machine
- Small lounge with television and DVD player
- WC
- Laundry

First Floor

- Bedroom with queen-sized bed
- Bedroom with twin beds (can be converted into a queen-sized bed)
- Bedroom with two cabin beds (suitable for small children only)
- Bedroom with queen-sized bed (can be converted into twin beds), en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bedroom with queen-sized bed (can be converted into twin beds)
- Bedroom with king-sized bed, en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bathroom with shower
- Bathroom with shower
- Bathroom with bathtub and shower
- Office with printer

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (10m x 5m) with shutter cover
- Barbecue
- Pool house with table tennis, television and DVD player
- Covered veranda with large dining table
- Sun loungers with parasols

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Two baby cots
- Two high chairs
- Washing machine



Location & Local Information

Eymet is just a twenty-minute drive away, one of the area's wonderfully preserved bastide towns. An early start on Thursday is rewarded with the chance to explore the varied and colourful wares at the town's weekly open-air market. From fresh fruit, vegetables and artisanal breads, to clothing and accessories, you'll find a wealth of terrific local produce and goods. If you prefer a more measured start to your mornings, the central Place de la Bastide hosts the atmospheric Marche Nocturne on Tuesday evenings during July and August. Terrific street food, late openings at the town's cafés and a tempting array of stalls all add up to make a delightful evening out in this vibrant town.

Sainte Foy La Grande is a port town on the south bank of the Dordogne, and can be found just twenty minutes north of Maison Cosette. Just over the border in the Gironde region, this town has been key to the Sainte-Foy-Bordeaux wine trade over the years, as part of the route transporting casks to Britain and the Netherlands. As well as offering a great choice of spots to grab a bite to eat, a range of charming shops and terrific riverside views – there's even a paddling beach to cool your feet on a hot summer's day – you won't have to travel much further to discover one of French winemaking's most iconic buildings. The spectacular Château Michel de Montaigne offers guided tours of the castle and its grounds, tastings of the estate's wines, and the chance to take away a bottle or two of your favourites.

Golfers enjoying a break at Maison Cosette will be just a twenty-minute drive from the spectacular twenty-seven-hole course at Château des Vigiers. With a magnificent lakeside backdrop of oak woods, vineyards and plum trees, the three diverse nine-hole courses are an absolute joy for linksmen of all handicaps, with a particularly stunning view of the castle at the ninth on the 'Le Lac' course. There's a six-hole academy course too, along with driving ranges, training bunkers and practice greens to sharpen your chipping and putting before heading out on one of the picturesque courses. Club and cart rental is available, as well as the chance to treat yourself at the club shop. Visitors can book ahead and enjoy a well-earned meal at one of Golf des Vigiers' two restaurants, with traditional and gourmet cuisine available.

Head north from Maison Cosette and you'll reach Bergerac in around half an hour by road. You'll enjoy a taste of authentic Dordogne town life here, with medieval, half-timbered buildings lining the squares and streets of the picturesque old town, north of the river. There are plenty of restaurants and open-air cafés to choose from, along with a selection of boutique-style shops. From the car park at the bottom end of the old town, you can join boat trips throughout the day, taking you along a picturesque route through the town and out into the countryside. The modern area is equally welcoming, with a range of more modern stores offering plenty to tempt the visiting shopper.

Contrary to popular belief, the town has no connection with Cyrano de



Bergerac, but those with a nose for a good wine certainly won't be disappointed by a visit to the home of Monbazillac, Pacharment and Saussignac. A beautifully preserved, twelfth-century cloister in the old town is home to the Maison de Vins de Bergerac, an exhibition showcasing the town's rich winemaking heritage. You'll be spoiled for choice when it comes to sampling the fabulous labels of southwest France too, with a plethora of wineries to discover, offering vineyard and cellar tours – some are even within walking distance of Maison Cosette!

What we love

- This villa stylishly blends authentic French country living with contemporary comforts and smart décor
- It's in an idyllic location, but you're still within a short distance of some of the region's prettiest towns
- A fabulous winery is just five minutes' 2km away!
- Golfing enthusiasts will delight in the proximity of a 27-hole course

What you should know...

- The villa's heated, saltwater pool has a cover but, as there's no fence, smaller children should be supervised when outdoors.
- All seven bedrooms are on the upper floor, so this villa may not be suitable for those with mobility issues.
- Please note that this villa is suitable for a maximum of 12 adults as one of the bedrooms is suitable for children only.
- The stunning countryside location necessitates car hire, should you wish to get out and about during your stay.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £1000 paid to the owner 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.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Friday. All other changeover days on request.
- 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.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. 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 rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax is included.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair are available, subject to an additional cost.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- 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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