

Villa Castan

Region: Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps: 6 - 15**

Overview

Stay in a contemporary villa with a private pool close to idyllic Saint-Cirq-Lapopie, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', only half an hour from the handsome town and Malbec-producing vineyards of Cahors.

Villa Castan is a spacious holiday home with eight bedrooms spread across its two wings, including a double bedroom and adapted bathroom suitable for guests with restricted mobility. All the bedrooms have king or queen-size double beds (five of which can be split into twins) making it ideal for an extended family holiday in the height of the summer. Outside of July and August, there is a special 6-person rental rate for lower occupancy so it could also be a great option for a couple or small group of friends.

As well as an open-plan lounge and dining area with a contemporary well-equipped kitchen, there is table football to keep all ages entertained and wide sliding doors opening out to a long terrace for al-fresco dining. The swimming pool is perfect for long summer days cooling off overlooking the garden – you can even catch a glimpse of Saint-Cirq-Lapopie's rockface from your poolside sun lounger.

The picture-perfect medieval village is 3.5km away, just on the other side of the meandering Lot River. Potter around its cobbled lanes, admire its artisan studios and art galleries, dine out in some lovely restaurants and you can even swim by the shores of the river in the summer. Discover canoeing and kayaking close by whilst keen walkers should follow the Le Chemin de Halage trail, partly beneath the rockface, to nearby Bouziès.

Visit the pre-historic caves of Pech Merle and the impressive Renaissance castle in the nearby village of Cénevières. Another wonderful day out is Cahors, home to elegant medieval houses, hidden gardens, a bustling twice-weekly market, a famous historic bridge and a wealth of vineyards producing some of France's finest wines.



Facilities

Villa/House • Modern • Great Value • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool •
Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet
• Air-Con • Pets on Request • BBQ • Washing Machine • Dishwasher •
Microwave • Coffee Machine • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV •
Wheelchair Access • Indoor Games • Table Football • Heating • Cot(s) •
High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location •
Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes
• Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites •
Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

- 1) 6-person rate (not available in July and August) - some bedrooms may be closed
- 2) 15-person rate - access to all bedrooms

Outside of July and August, there is also a lower occupancy rate for 7-14 guests - please contact us for a tailor-made quotation.

Villa Interiors (250m2)

- Open-plan lounge and dining area with doors sliding open to terrace
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, fridge, freezer, microwave, oven, toaster, filter coffee maker, Senseo coffee maker and kettle
- Lounge with TV

Right-wing

- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm, can be joined to make a king-size double)
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- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Utility room with extra fridge

Left-wing

- Games area with TV
- Bedroom (with access for guests with reduced mobility) with double bed (160x200cm)
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- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm, can be joined to make a king-size double)
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- Adapted bathroom (open shower, adapted shower chair, toilet with handle)
- Bathroom

Outside Grounds (3000m2)

- Swimming pool (5x10m, max. depth: 1.5m) with automatic disinfection system and safety cover



- Terrace with al-fresco dining area
- Barbecue
- Garden (not fenced)
- Parking area

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Air-conditioning
- TV
- Table football
- Ironing facilities
- Washing machine

Location & Local Information

Villa Castan is only 3.5km to Saint-Cirq-Lapopie, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', in the southern French department of Lot. Here you are surrounded by the landscapes of the Causses du Quercy Natural Regional Park, around half an hour from the historic town and vineyards of Cahors.

The holiday home enjoys a rural setting with a few other houses dotted around, just north of the Lot River. There is a little hamlet/village around 2km down the road with a tabac-boulangerie whilst large supermarkets can be found close to Cahors (30km). A handful of lovely restaurants and bars are in the village of Saint-Cirq-Lapopie.

Perched overlooking the Lot River, Saint-Cirq-Lapopie (3.5km) is an incredibly picturesque village which has attracted many artists over the years thanks to its beauty and charm. Head there early to get a parking space in one of the car parks on the outskirts of the village connected to the village via a footpath. Explore the narrow and sometimes steep medieval lanes of Saint-Cirq-Lapopie and admire the views from the highest point near the remains of the old fortresses. In the village centre many of the houses date back to the 13th to 16th century, some now home to artist studios and little galleries. In the summer head to the riverside beach for supervised swimming.

There is seasonal canoeing, kayaking and boat excursions along the Lot River in Saint-Cirq-Lapopie and Bouziès (4km) alongside the exciting Chemin de Halage walking trail, partly carved into the rockface. Heading east along the river come across the village of Cénevières (8km), home to the 13th century Château de Cénevières which you can visit, whilst the prehistoric Pech Merle caves (9km) are another great attraction of this area.

The handsome town of Cahors (30km) is a must-visit during your stay (and it is the best place to stock up in large supermarkets). As you explore the old town, follow the garden trail and come across pretty medieval houses, historic buildings and excellent restaurants. There is a bustling twice-weekly market and the town is surrounded by some of the finest Malbec-producing vineyards in France. Cahor's bridge, Pont Valentré, is one of France's UNESCO World Heritage sites.

In the other direction is Figeac (45km), an attractive town which is full of history and charm by the banks of the River Célé. Two more of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' can be found close to Figeac – Cardaillac (50km) and Capdenac (58km), both around an hour away by car.

Further afield, you could even venture south to the historic vineyards of Gaillac (84km), the perched village of Cordes-sur-Ciel (66km) and beautiful Albi



(90km), all three located in the 'Golden Triangle of the Tarn'.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Brive–Souillac Airport (85km)
Nearest Airport 2	Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (124km)
Nearest Airport 3	Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (134km)
Nearest Train Station	Cahors (30km)
Nearest Village	Saint-Cirq-Lapopie (3.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	In and around Saint-Cirq-Lapopie (Within 3.5km)
Nearest Shop	Small shops in and around the village (Within 3.5km)
Nearest Town	Cahors (28km)

What we love

- Stay cool in the summer months with air-conditioned interiors and a private swimming pool outside
- You can catch a glimpse of Saint-Cirq-Lapopie's rockface from your poolside sun lounger
- Indeed, the idyllic riverside village of Saint-Cirq-Lapopie is only 3.5km away
- As well as water-based activities, pretty villages and wonderful walks, visit the two historic towns of Cahors and Figeac

What you should know...

- The 6-person rate only applies outside of July and August. During this time it is also possible to request a rate for groups of 7-14 guests. Please contact us for a quotation.
- During July and August only the 15-person rate applies.
- One of the bedrooms and bathrooms is suitable for guests with restricted mobility – please enquire for more details if needed.
- 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 2 weeks before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 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?: Yes.
- 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. €150, 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.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- 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 payable locally (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: When lower/minimum occupancy is booked, some rooms may not be accessible and this remains at the owner's discretion. Please enquire should you require details.
- Other Ts and Cs: In July and August, the 15-person rate applies to all bookings (even with lower occupancy).
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that the price will be different for 7-14 guests (outside of July and August) – please enquire for an accurate quote.