

Maison Guignol

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 10

Overview

Whether visiting vineyards, pottering around markets, swimming in the local lake or canoeing along the Dordogne, Maison Guignol is a charming holiday home with a gorgeous garden and swimming pool, perfect for your relaxing holiday in the Dordogne and Gironde regions of south-western France.

This stylish Dordogne *maison* welcomes up to 10 guests across its main house and connecting annexe. On the edge of a rural Dordogne village, wander to the *boulangerie* and bring back fresh bread each morning bread to enjoy on your picturesque terrace. Gather in the chic open-plan lounge with its exposed stone and tiled floor juxtaposing modern features including a Smart TV with Netflix and Bluetooth music speaker. The kitchen-diner is just as impressive whilst there is an inviting ground floor bedroom with a super king-size double alongside a bathroom with a designer bath tub.

The striking steel staircase leads up to a mezzanine landing where two guests can sleep, next to a double bedroom beneath the eaves. A separate annexe sleeps four more guests across an impressive double/twin bedroom with an en suite shower room and sauna, and stairs leading to a loft mezzanine-style bedroom.

Outside, the hot tub is surrounded by verdant plants and the heated swimming pool awaits at the end of the garden with a shallow '*plage*' area and decked terrace. Relax with a glass of local Montravel wine on the outdoor lounge by the olive tree whilst there are two al-fresco dining areas for delicious meals using fine produce from nearby markets. There is plenty of space to play or simply swing in the hammock on the garden lawn.

Discover the lake within a short drive with its sandy beach and picnic areas, a lovely place for nature walks as well as summer water-based activities and supervised swimming in July and August. You will find canoeing and kayaking along both the Dordogne and L'Isle rivers within a short drive as well as idyllic cycling routes and walking trails passing orchards, vineyards and other glorious landscapes.

Visit the wonderful Saturday morning market in Sainte-Foy-la-Grande, spend the day exploring the historic town of Bergerac and be enchanted by hilltop Saint-Émilion and its world-famous vineyards. A wealth of other Dordogne, Gironde and Lot-et-Garonne villages and market towns await or venture west



and spend the day in the grand city of Bordeaux or admiring the surfing shores and dunes of the incredible Atlantic coast.

Facilities

Villa/House • Modern • Great Value • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Hot Tub • Walk to Village • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Washing Machine • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Sauna/Steam • Indoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Main House Interiors

- Open-plan lounge with sofa, open fire, Smart TV (with Netflix) and Bluetooth speaker
- Open-plan kitchen-diner, fully-equipped
- Master bedroom with super king-size double bed (200x200cm)
- Bathroom with designer bath, double sink, walk-in shower and separate WC

Upstairs (via steel open-tread stairs)

- Mezzanine landing (overlooking lounge below) with twin beds (can be joined as a double)
- Bedroom with double bed (can be two singles)

Annexe House Interiors (own entrance or connecting door to main house)

- Bedroom with double bed (can be split as twin), infra-red sauna and en suite bathroom with shower and WC. Stairs lead up to upper loft-floor (low wood beams) mezzanine bedroom with two single beds (can be joined as double).

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (8x4m, depth: 1.5m with shallow plage area) with safety alarm
- Poolside terrace and sun loungers
- Outdoor jacuzzi
- Wooden terrace with al-fresco dining table, outdoor lounge and views
- Covered terrace with table and chairs
- Barbecue
- Garden and lawn
- Swings
- Private parking



Location & Local Information



Maison Guignol is on the edge of a small rural village in the Dordogne, not far from the Gironde border and around a 20-minute drive north of the Dordogne River. If flying, the nearest airports are Bergerac Airport (40km) and Bordeaux Airport (80km) whilst a fast train service from Paris arrives at Libourne (32km). Car hire is necessary in this part of rural southwestern France.

The house is close to a park with a small football pitch and ping-pong table and there is a tennis court in the village centre. You can easily stroll to the heart of the village in around 400m with its pretty church and bakery/village shop (closed Mondays) for bread, fruit/veg, basic groceries and pizzas (as well as oysters and roast chickens on a Sunday). The owners will give you recommendations for local restaurants within a short drive and a large supermarket can be found just outside Montpon-Ménéstérol (8km). Visit Montpon on a Wednesday morning to experience its vibrant weekly market.

Indeed, there are so many wonderful markets across the Dordogne, Gironde and beyond. One of the region's largest and most beautiful markets takes place in Sainte-Foy-la-Grande (18km), a medieval town by the banks of the Dordogne, whilst other local markets to consider include Saint-Seurin-sur-l'Isle (15km) and Castillon-la-Bataille (20km). There is a lively food scene in Libourne (33km), Bergerac (35km) and Bordeaux (75km) of course, not to mention so many opportunities for wine-tasting across the Montravel, Pomerol, Duras, Bergerac and Bordeaux wine regions.

Another great highlight of this area is Saint-Émilion (27km), a must-visit for wine lovers with its historic vineyards, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, and its enchanting village centre with such a rich heritage and maze of fascinating catacombs.

For leisurely days admiring the surrounding nature, visit the glorious lake around 4.5km away for wildlife walks, shady picnics and relaxing on its sandy lakeside beach. In July and August look out for paddle-boarding, canoeing and supervised swimming. Discover more canoeing and kayaking along the Dordogne River near Sainte-Foy-la-Grande or slightly closer to home near Montpon-Ménéstérol by the banks of the L'Isle. Keen cyclists and walkers can experience a range of routes and trails passing vineyards, orchards and other idyllic landscapes of the Dordogne and Gironde.

Bordeaux is another great day out, easily reached by train from Montpon or Vélines. Heading further west, venture to the Atlantic coast in less than two hours whether you are hoping to climb Dune du Pilat (135km), surf around the shores of Lacanau (124km) or simply enjoy a lunch of oysters and white wine overlooking the incredible scenery at Arcachon Bay.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (40km)
Nearest Airport 2	Bordeaux Airport (80km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare De Montpon-Ménésterol/Libourne (8km/32km)
Nearest Village	Small rural village (Short walk to village centre)
Nearest Shop	Bakery and village shop (Within 400m)
Nearest Restaurant	Other local villages/towns (3-8km)
Nearest Town	Montpon-Ménésterol (8km)
Nearest Supermarket	Intermarché Hyper (9km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Club de Saint Méard de Gurçon (12km)
Nearest Tennis	Village tennis court (Within 400m)
Nearest Beach	Lakeside beach at Lac de Gurson (4.5km)

What we love

- We love the eclectic blend of contemporary style alongside exposed stone, tiled floors and the old fireplace
- Such a pretty garden with its heated swimming pool, outdoor hot tub and delightful terraces for al-fresco dining
- It's great to be able to stroll to the village for freshly baked bread from the *boulangerie* and a village shop
- A beautiful lake with a sandy beach is just over 4km away, perfect for nature walks and picnics alongside summer swimming and watersports
- A fine location for wonderful market towns and excellent vineyards including Saint-Émilion in less than half an hour
- Canoe or kayak along the Dordogne River in the medieval riverside town of Sainte-Foy-la-Grande, famed for its Saturday morning market

What you should know...

- The house sleeps up to 10 guests across the main house and an annexe - please see the 'Property Layout' for full details including mezzanine levels, open-tread stairs and other unique features.
- Air-conditioning and pool heating are available on request at an extra charge – as with all electricity, pay at the end of your stay based on consumption (using the meter readings before and after your stay).
- The village's restaurant-bar is currently closed but there is a great bakery/village shop for essentials and fresh takeaway food (closed Mondays).

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 paid via bank transfer 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.
- Energy costs included?: No. Electricity (including air-conditioning and pool heating) will be charged on consumption by meter reading on arrival and departure, paid locally.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: No. €120, payable in advance to the owner. 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.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable to the owners in advance (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- 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?: Yes, pool heating is on request and subject to a cost - electricity will be charged on consumption by meter reading on arrival and departure, paid locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights (July/August) or 2 nights at other times.
- Changeover day: Saturday (July/August) or flexible at other times.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair can be requested.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings and stag/hen parties are not allowed. Other celebrations or special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please check the 'Property Layout' carefully with details on bedroom types, mezzanine levels and other features.