

# Maison Maronniere

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 15

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## Overview

Looking out towards vines, enjoy long lunches beneath the shady tree accompanied by good local wine as children play in the vast garden. This beautiful historic house in the Dordogne welcomes up to 15 guests with its heated swimming pool, idyllic grounds and stylish interiors.

The owners have created an exceptional holiday home which exudes traditional French charm alongside contemporary interior design. As is typical in a chartreuse, the living spaces and three spacious double bedrooms are on the ground floor whilst there are two bedrooms upstairs beneath the huge wood beams, one double and another dorm-style room with eight single beds (four of which can be joined as two double beds).

Throughout much of the home, exposed stone walls, tiled floors and many other original features juxtapose a blend of modern and vintage furnishings alongside impressive new bathrooms. The living room with its grand fireplace leads through to a dining area with a library of old books. The traditional country kitchen will charm the keenest of cooks – embrace the home's rich heritage as you prepare delicious feasts using fresh ingredients from local markets.

There is such a relaxing ambience outside – this is what holidays in southwestern France should be all about! Set in two hectares of grounds overlooking vineyards, swim in the heated swimming pool, chill out in the hot tub, then relax with friends on the outdoor lounge next to the *pigeonnier*. There is a long table for al-fresco dining in picturesque surroundings and even a children's play area.

Come across the winery and auberge-restaurant within walking distance in a little hamlet passing vines, farmland and rural French countryside en route. Discover local walks and cycle rides as you explore the gentle landscapes of this part of the Dordogne and Gironde. Just a 15-minute drive away is medieval Sainte-Foy-la-Grande by the banks of the Dordogne river, home to one of the region's biggest and best markets on a Saturday morning.

As well as visiting vineyards and markets, other highlights of the area include Saint-Émilion and Bergerac, both historic gems within half an hour by car. There's summer swimming in a local lake with a sandy beach around 10km away as well as canoeing and kayaking opportunities along the Dordogne and



L'Isle rivers.

For a fantastic day out, hop on the train to Bordeaux to explore this grand city famous for its food, wine and history. You could even venture further west by car to admire the surfing beaches and dunes of the Atlantic coastline, try the wines of Margaux and Pauillac on the Médoc peninsula or stop off near Arcachon for oysters as the sun sets over the bay.

## Facilities

Villa/House • Great Value • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Saltwater Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Hot Tub • <1hr to Airport • Washing Machine • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Table Tennis • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • 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

## Maison Interiors

- Lounge and open-plan dining area
- Country kitchen, well-equipped
- Bedroom with double bed, fireplace and bathroom with bath, shower and separate WC
- Bedroom with double bed (180cm, can be split into twin), sofa-bed, fireplace and bathroom with bath, shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (180cm, can be split into twin), sofa-bed and open bathroom with separate WC

*Upper Floor (via steep staircase from living room)*

- Large dorm-style bedroom with two double beds (can be split into singles) and four single beds
- Bathroom with shower, bath and WC
- Bedroom with double bed

## Outside Grounds

- Salt-water swimming pool (10x5m, depth: 1.5m) with safety alarm. Can be heated on request
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers
- Hot tub
- Al-fresco dining area
- Outdoor lounge
- Large garden (two hectares)
- Children's play area and trampoline



## Location & Local Information

In the Dordogne region, not far from the Gironde border, this historic house enjoys vineyard views from its picturesque setting just a 15-minute drive from the riverside market town of Sainte-Foy-la-Grande. The two nearest airports are Bergerac (35km) and Bordeaux (80km) whilst Gare de Libourne (38km) has direct TGV train arrivals from Paris.

There is a French auberge (book ahead) in the tiny local village/hamlet around 650m away passing vineyards, countryside and windmills as you cycle or walk along the country road (no pavement). This is a superb area for wine-tasting with vineyards and wineries so near – try the local Montravel rosé surrounded by glorious valley views at the local wine château.

Other wine regions within easy reach include Pomerol, Bergerac, Bordeaux and, further afield, the Médoc peninsula with Pauillac and Margaux within a 90-minute to 2-hour drive away. Of course, Saint-Émilion (31km) is a great highlight of this region, loved not just for its UNESCO World Heritage vineyards but also the enchanting hilltop town itself with its medieval lanes, Romanesque churches and amazing catacombs.

This area is also famed for its fantastic markets scattered across local villages and towns. The Saturday morning market in medieval Sainte-Foy-la-Grande (11km) is said to be one of the best in the region whilst other atmospheric markets take place in Castillon-la-Bataille (19km), Bergerac (31km), Libourne (40km) and the picture-perfect village of Issigeac (50km), to name just a few.

Canoe or kayak along the Dordogne River near Pessac-sur-Dordogne (12km), enjoy nature walks, hiking routes and amazing cycling through vineyards, orchards and idyllic landscapes of south-western France. Nearby Lac de Gurson (10km) offers supervised swimming and paddle boarding in the height of the summer.

As well as spending the day in the grand city of Bordeaux (less than an hour by train from nearby Vélines), you could drive as far as the Atlantic coast for surfing near Lacanau (124km), climbing the Dune du Pilat (147km) or simply enjoying oysters overlooking Arcachon Bay, just over a 90-minute drive away.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (35km)</b>
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Nearest Airport 2	<b>Bordeaux Airport (80km)</b>
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Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare de Vélines/Libourne (6.5km/38km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Tiny rural village/hamlet (500m)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Auberge in local village/hamlet (650m)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Carrefour Contact - Vélines (7.5km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Sainte-Foy-la-Grande (11km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Club de Saint Méard de Gurçon (5km)</b>

## What we love

- The vineyard views are glorious from this beautiful and stylish historic home
- The extensive grounds feature a private swimming pool, hot tub, various idyllic terraces and a children's play area
- Between Bergerac and Saint-Émilion, it's a paradise for wine lovers – try the local rosé and red wine from the local winery a short stroll away
- Experience the Saturday morning market in medieval Sainte-Foy-la-Grande, said to be one of the best in the region
- Canoe or kayak along the Dordogne or make the most of the local walking, hiking and cycling opportunities through the gorgeous landscapes

## What you should know...

- This beautiful house sleeps up to 15 guests across five bedrooms – four doubles (some with sofa-beds on request) and a dorm-style bedroom that sleeps 8 people!
- 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).
- Please note that by French law the maximum capacity is 15 guests (even though there are beds for 16 guests).

# 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.
- 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).
- End of stay cleaning included?: No. €195, 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.
- 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?: Well behaved pets may be accepted - on request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair can be requested.
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