

La Retraite

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 12

Overview

Experience the charm of the Dordogne at La Retraite, a delightful holiday home that effortlessly combines historic character and contemporary style in a superb setting just a short drive from the Dordogne river.

This old stone *maison* has been wonderfully renovated with so much of its original character from the beautiful floors and grand fireplace to the wood-beamed ceilings and exposed stone. Such features juxtapose perfectly with contemporary interiors, a sleek modern kitchen and discerning artwork across the home.

There are six comfortable bedrooms, many of them en suite including the master bedroom with its sunken bath and separate shower. Guests also benefit from a handsome piano in the living room and a court for tranquil games of pétanque outside.

As you rest on the sun-loungers by the inviting swimming pool, the views of the surrounding countryside are simply superb. Discover more landscapes of the Dordogne as you drive to the local village with its *boulangerie*, restaurants, weekly market and UNESCO World Heritage abbey, only 3km away.

A little further is the meandering Dordogne river where you can admire grand châteaux, visit idyllic villages and partake in canoeing, kayaking, boating, picnicking and strolling. Spend time in exquisite places such as Sarlat and Bergerac or explore historic bastide towns including Monpazier, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.



Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Villa • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Rural Location • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Boules/Petanque • <1hr to Airport • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Heating • Parking Space • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Go-Karting • Fishing • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (220m2)

Ground Floor (split-level)

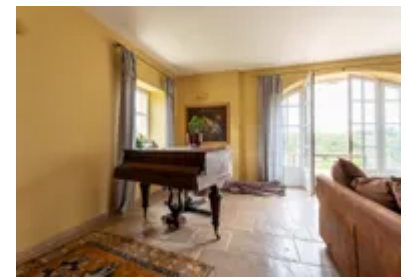
- Large split-level open-plan living-dining area with dining table, sofas, armchairs, piano and double doors leading to al-fresco dining terrace
- Kitchen, well-equipped including electric oven, induction hob, fridge-freezer and dishwasher
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed
- WC and sink
- Laundry room with washing machine and dryer

First Floor

- Master bedroom with double bed, TV and en suite bathroom with sunken bath and shower
- Bedroom with double bed, single bed (for child) and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite shower room
- Landing area with office space

Outside Grounds

- Heated infinity swimming pool (12x6m) with electric safety cover and wide steps
- Al-fresco dining area
- Gas barbecue
- Petanque court
- Garden (sloping grounds)
- Parking



Location & Local Information

Set in a very small hamlet, just a 5-minute drive from a local village and a little further to the Dordogne river, La Retraite enjoys a superb position in the heart of this charming region, less than an hour from Bergerac Airport.

Drive around 3km to the local village with its *boulangerie* and a couple of restaurants/cafes. Visit its 12th century abbey and cloister, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, and explore the flower-filled lanes, coming across delightful little shops and studios. There is a great market on a Wednesday morning.

Le Buisson de Cadouin (8km) is home to further amenities and restaurants and just north of the town is a great spot to hire canoes or kayaks along the Dordogne river. Limeuil (13km) is another idyllic village, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', where the Dordogne and Vézère rivers meet, whilst Trémolat (13km) is home to a Michelin starred restaurant.

There are so many other Dordogne villages to spend time in including Saint-Cyprien and its belltower, the riverside villages of La Roque-Gageac and Domme as well as some of the mighty castles such as Château des Milandes, Château de Beynac and, a little further, Château de Fénelon.

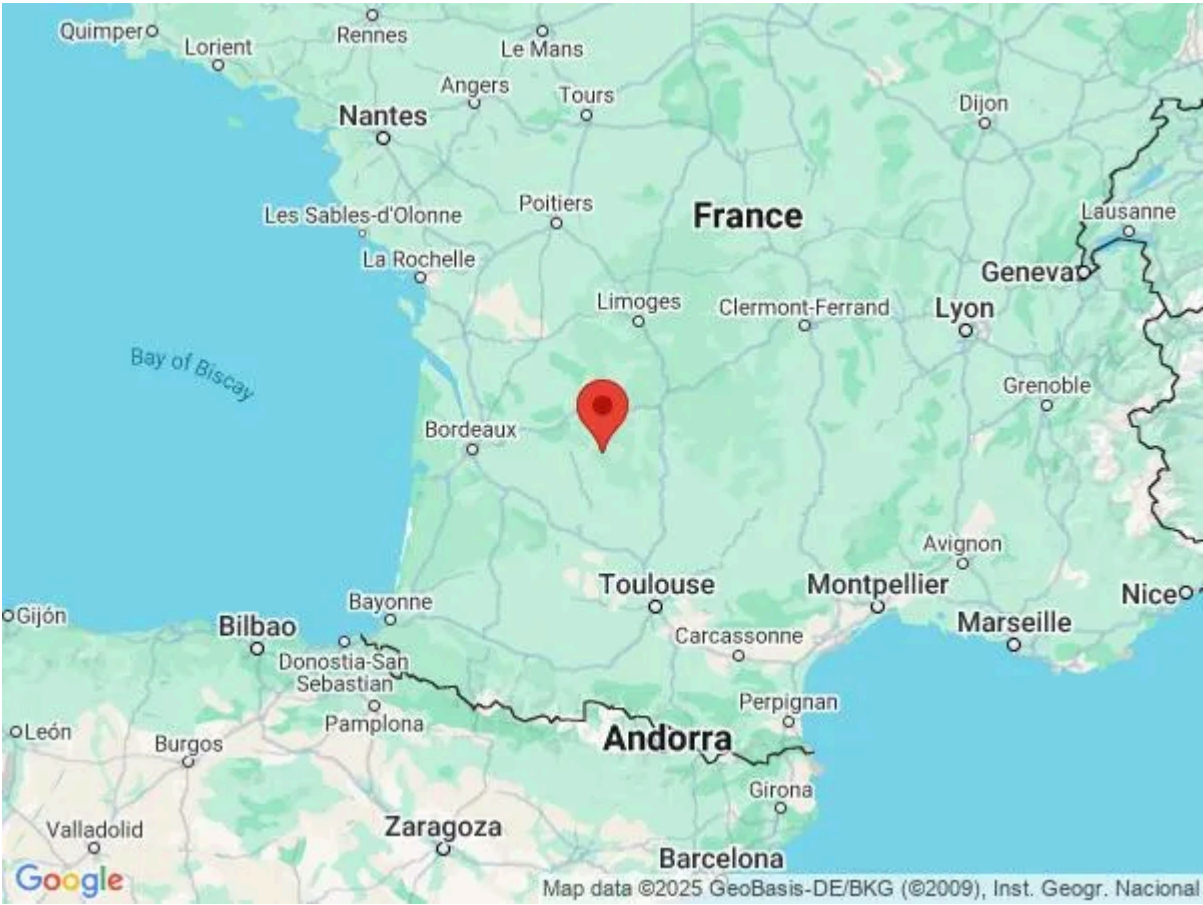
Spend the morning discovering the wonderful markets of Sarlat-la-Canéda (44km), followed by an exquisite lunch in one of the fine restaurants of this gastronomic town whilst wine-lovers will want to head to Bergerac (35km) with its historic centre and surrounding vineyards.

Issigeac (25km) is another market village not to be missed on a Sunday morning whilst nearby Monpazier (19km) is beautiful and also one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

The wondrous Vézère valley is also within easy reach – the famous town of Les Eyzie is just half an hour away, home to the Musée National de Préhistoire. Le Bugue is an attractive market town with plenty to keep children entertained, not just canoeing along the Vézère river but also all sorts of family friendly theme parks and attractions near the town.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bergerac Airport (37km)
Nearest Airport 2	Brive–Souillac Airport (80km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare du Buisson (9km)
Nearest Village	Small village (3km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (3km)



Nearest Supermarket	Small supermarket in Le Buisson-de-Cadouin (9km)
Nearest Town	Le Bugue (18km)
Nearest Golf	Golf à la Ferme (9km)

What we love

- Old-world Dordogne character meets contemporary yet charming style
- The sweeping views of the countryside from the infinity pool are wonderful
- The local village, just a 5-minute drive away, has a *boulangerie*, restaurants, a weekly market as well as an abbey with UNESCO World Heritage status
- This is a superb location for exploring the Dordogne and Vézère valleys with world-famous villages, châteaux and caves close by

What you should know...

- 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.
- Due to the nature of the stone walls in many houses across the Dordogne, Wi-Fi can be patchy in some rooms and should only be used for holiday use rather than streaming etc.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 charged to client's credit card 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?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner. 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 like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible (excluding Sunday).
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes, standard changeover clean included. 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.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations available on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes. Included in low season. From end of May to end of September, heating is on request and at a supplement.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable on booking confirmation (typically costs €2-€10 per adult per night). Exact cost will depend on number of adults travelling and duration, and will be advised at the time of booking.
- **Pool towels included?:** 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.