

# Chateau Des Lauzes

**Region:** Dordogne **Sleeps:** 16

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## Overview

This outstanding historic château, awarded five stars by the Périgord board, allows you to experience first-class facilities alongside the very best of Dordogne. Set in over 60 acres of glorious grounds of woodland, fields and even a lake, Château des Lauzes offers beautiful accommodation between the Vézère and Dordogne rivers with so much for everyone across its stylish interiors and vast estate.

The château dates back to the 17th-century and is typically Périgordian in style with its towers, windows and shutters; look out for the locally sourced limestone, *lauzes*, protecting the roofs. There's an air of fairy-tale charm as you wander around the grounds, gazing at the mesmerising château framed by ancient trees and splashes of summer colour from the terracotta pots, hanging baskets and gardens.

Inside, the historic ambience continues across the two wings, over which eight bedrooms are scattered. In the oldest wing, a sumptuous lounge by the open fire awaits and a dining room with space for every guest is wonderful for feasts prepared in the well-equipped kitchen. Five elegant bedrooms can be found in this wing including a grand master suite at the top of one of the towers with panoramic views from each of the four windows.

The second wing offers a further three bedrooms, some with pretty balconies or terraces as well as a large living room leading on to a delightful round terrace with remarkable valley views. Throughout both wings of the château, the newly renovated bedrooms have been thoughtfully styled with antique furnishings and pretty touches to create a grand yet homely ambience.

Yet this château isn't just about its history and Dordogne charm, the 21st century facilities will amaze you too. Downstairs there's an impressive cinema room; bring your own DVDs and Blu-rays or watch a film on Netflix - kids will love the twinkling lights on the ceiling! There's also an indoor hot tub and a brilliantly equipped gym.

Summers can be spent by the swimming pool, perhaps preparing lunch in the lovely Pool House and enjoying it under the gazebo in this gorgeous setting. Wander over to the lake with its own boat and skip over the bridge to the enchanting lake house on an island, a dedicated space for massages. Not to mention the many acres of fields and woodland; look out for old pine trees, chestnuts, weeping willows and the magnificent planes that greet you as you arrive.

With so many fantastic facilities set amongst such natural beauty, it will be hard to leave your stylish retreat. Yet you are so perfectly positioned for so many sights of the Périgord Noir. Within a 10-minute drive you can be on the banks of the Dordogne, hiring canoes or enjoying a riverside picnic, perhaps with produce picked up from the Sunday morning market in the local



medieval village, just 4km away.

Other amazing places to visit include archetypal riverside villages such as Domme, Beynac-et-Cazenac and La Roque-Gageac, some offering boat trips along the Dordogne, as well as the magnificent town of Sarlat-la-Canéda. The Vézère valley is also so close, as is the market town of Le Bugue and Les Eyzies with its pre-historic treasures.

The delightful château owners can guide you on some of the most wonderful highlights whether you're seeking history, nature or fine food and wine. However you spend your time, the beauty of the château and surrounding area is breathtaking.

## Facilities

Maid Service Available • Chateaux & Castles • Table Tennis • Spa/Massage • Romantic • Rural Location • Cots (Cribs) • DVD • Gym/Fitness Room • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Chef/Cook Available • Heritage Collection • Wellness • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Yoga Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Swings • Trampoline • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Hot Tub • <1hr to Airport • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Home Cinema • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## Château Interiors

### North Wing

#### *Ground Floor*

- Living room with open fireplace and doors opening up to sun terrace and patio
- Dining room with table for 18 guests and doors opening up to sun terrace
- Kitchen, well-equipped (including four Miele ovens)
- Guest WC (via a couple of steps)

#### *Tower (accessed via turret stairs)*

- Master bedroom with super king-size bed, living area and bathroom (on floor below) with WC, bath, separate shower, double marble vanity unit and a dressing room

#### *First Floor (main building)*

- Bedroom 2 with king-size double bed
- En-suite bathroom with bath, shower cubicle, hand basin and WC
- Bedroom 3 with two double beds (accessed via bedroom 2 or bedroom 4 only)

#### *Central Tower (accessed via turret stairs)*

- Bedroom 4 with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath with shower attachment, hand basin and WC
- Bedroom 5 with super king-size double bed (or two singles) and en suite bathroom with bath, shower attachment, hand basin and WC

### South Wing

#### *Upper Floors (over three floors)*

- Living area with doors leading to small round terrace
- Dining area
- WC
- Kitchen with doors leading to large terrace
- Bedroom 6 with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath, shower attachment, hand basin and WC. Door leading to small terrace (with stairs leading to lower gardens)
- Bedroom 7 with two single beds (or super king-size double) and an adjacent library
- Bedroom 8 with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath, shower attachment, hand basin and WC. Doors lead to small terrace with seating area

#### *Basement*

- Cinema room
- Hot tub with changing room and shower
- Gym with music system (bluetooth), treadmill, spinning bike, cross trainer,



- weight set, resistance bands and exercise balls
- WC

### **Outside Grounds**

- Swimming pool (12mx6m, depth: 1m-2.1m) with safety alarm. Open approximately May to end-September. Pool heating planned for 2023, enquire for details.
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers, tables and chairs
- Poolside gazebo with lounge chairs
- Pool House with shower, WC, kitchen area, fridge, gas hob, oven and microwave
- Barbecue
- Kids play area with swing and trampoline
- Table tennis
- Golf buggy (for up to 4 people) to take you around the grounds
- Lake (no fishing)
- Lake house (for massages) with outdoor seating area (via bridge over to an island on the lake)
- Gardens, fields and forest (over 60 acres, including connecting hiking and cycling paths)

### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Satellite TV (including English channels)
- Cinema room (DVD/Blu-ray or Netflix)
- DVD collection
- Gym equipment
- Indoor hot tub
- Massage room
- Golf buggy
- Table tennis
- Swing and trampoline
- Washing machine and dryer



# Location & Local Information

Set in over 60 acres of vast grounds featuring fields, forests and a small lake, Château des Lauzes enjoys an incredible location in the heart of the Périgord Noir, between the Vézère and Dordogne rivers. There are walking and mountain biking trails in the estate which lead to other paths in the neighbouring countryside.

Despite this rural location, you are near two villages, the nearest being 3.5km with a couple of good restaurants and a bakery.

The other village, 4km away, is set on the hillside above the Dordogne river. Explore the old town, dating back to the 12th century, wandering around the steep lanes and perhaps stopping off for a coffee in a charming café or a spot of lunch. This medieval village has an interesting history and there is lots of beautiful architecture to admire as well as amazing valley and river views from the top. There's a lovely market on a Sunday morning which shouldn't be missed. There are also supermarkets and shops in a commercial area around the village which are useful amenities to have so close, just a ten-minute drive away.

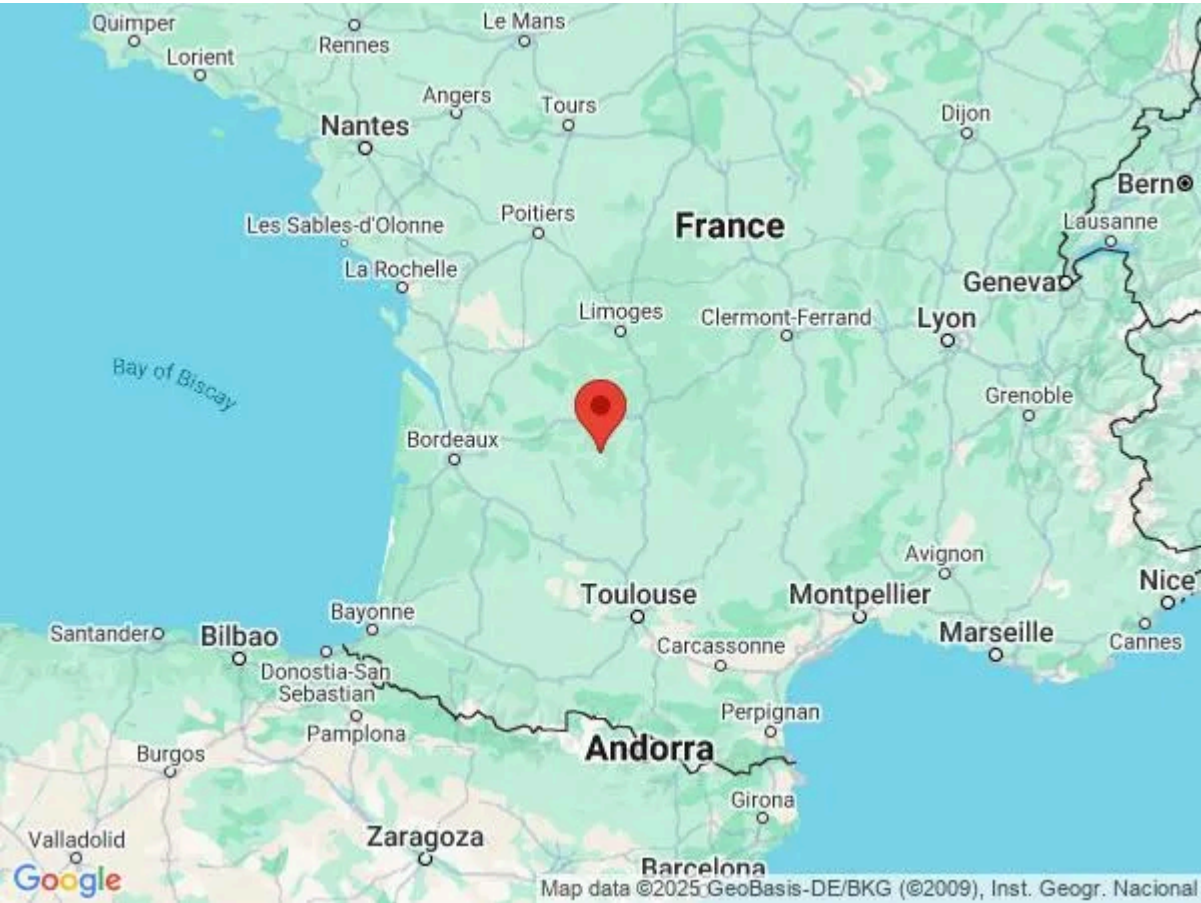
Within ten minutes you can also be on the banks of the Dordogne river, hiring canoes and kayaks or simply sitting by the riverside with a picnic of regional delights picked up from a local market. There are boat trips along the Dordogne river, departing from some of the idyllic riverside villages such as Beynac-et-Cazenac (14km) and La Roque-Gageac (19km).

The Vézère river is also a wonderful spot for canoeing with Le Bugue (12km) just fifteen minutes by car (visit on a Tuesday morning for market day!). Not to mention the amazing pre-historic attractions across the Vézère valley, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage sites. The village of Les Eyzies is only 8km away with its Musée National de Préhistoire.

There are also many fascinating caves in the area to explore - the most famous being pre-historic Lascaux, 30km away, with others even nearer such as the Gouffre de Proumeyssac (10km).

Not to mention the Dordogne's awe-inspiring châteaux, some of which are possible to visit such as Château de Beynac (16km) and Château des Milandes (14km) with its wonderful gardens. Garden lovers should also visit Les Jardins de Marqueyssac (17km) or the incredible Jardins du Manoir d'Eyrignac (33km).

Sarlat-la-Canéda (20km) is known for its beautiful architecture, excellent restaurants and wonderful markets. Some of the France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' are also nearby such as Domme (24km), Saint-Amand-de-Coly (37km) and Monpazier (35km).



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Bergerac (53km)</b>
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Nearest Airport 2	<b>Brive-Souillac (55km)</b>
Nearest Airport 3	<b>Bordeaux (159km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>(3.5km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(3.5km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Bakery in local village (3.5km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Carrefour (5km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Sarlats-la-Canéda (20km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf de la Forge (13km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>(6km)</b>

## What we love

- A true Dordogne experience in a stunning 17th century château which has been transformed into a beautiful holiday home with the most stylish interiors
- It has recently been awarded 5 stars by the Périgord tourist board
- Exceptional 21st century features include a cinema room, indoor hot tub, swimming pool
- The estate of over 60 acres includes gardens, fields, forests, a lake with its own summer house for massages as well as hiking and mountain biking trails
- The location couldn't be better – a rural retreat yet only a 10-minute drive to the Dordogne river and within easy reach of famous riverside villages such as Beynac-et-Cazenac, La Roque-Gageac and Domme
- The Vézère valley with its pre-historic attractions, many UNESCO World Heritage sites, is also on your doorstep and Les Eyzies only 8km away

## What you should know...

- The three tower bedrooms in the North Wing are accessed via steep and curving turret stairs.
- Indeed, this château offers immense character with lots of steps both inside and out as well as open terraces around the building, some with amazing valley views.
- A maximum of 16 guests are allowed at this chateau. This includes a maximum of 8 children (under 18), and no more than 2 children aged 3 and under.
- The hospitable yet discreet owners live on the estate in a lodge which is out of sight.
- Final guest numbers are required one month before arrival. No additional guests will be allowed unless previously agreed with the owner. Any breach of this rule will result in the guests being asked to leave.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 9.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes and changed mid-stay for stays of more than one week.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Stag/hen parties are not permitted. Quiet and non-intrusive owners live in a lodge on the estate, they will be very happy to help. Final guest numbers are required one month before arrival. No additional guests will be allowed unless previously agreed with the owner. Any breach of this rule will result in the guests being asked to leave. A maximum of 16 guests are allowed at this chateau. This includes a maximum of 8 children (under 18), and no more than 2 children aged 3 and under.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday from June to September. All other changeover days in other periods on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes and mid-stay clean included for stays of more than one week. Please note 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?:** No.
- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights or 4/5 nights in May and October (on request). 7 nights only in 2023. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Extra €1500 per week, on request (payable locally).
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to end-September. 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.