L'Ecole Des Vignes

Region: Southern Corsica **Sleeps:** 4

Overview

Experience the true beauty and serenity of Corsica at L'École Des Vignes, located in the rural heart of south-west Corsica with majestic views of the Cagna mountains.

Set on a vast estate producing award-winning wines and olive oils, this is a truly special and unique place. As you arrive you will be greeted by bountiful pomegranate and olive trees and be intoxicated by the scents of eucalyptus and *maquis*, Corsica's thick carpet of wild and fragrant herbs.

The *domaine* dates back to the mid-19th century and its history is one of true Corsican spirit and passion. After making his fortunes in Africa, the original wine-maker travelled back to his cherished homeland and created a '*Grand Jardin*' of olive groves, vines and fruit trees in this idyllic spot. Locals came to work there and a new hamlet was created, with the estate producing high-quality wines right through to the early 20th century.

After a period of neglect, the current owners fell in love with the domaine and its story and began in the 90s to restore it to its former glory. They spent years carefully re-planting the olive trees and vines whilst sensitively renovating the hamlet's former buildings such as the wine cellar, olive mill and *gendarmerie*. It's now once again a prestigious *domaine* which proudly respects the estate's rich heritage in this corner of natural paradise.

L'École Des Vignes, formerly the hamlet's old school, has been wonderfully transformed into a 2-bedroom holiday home with its own private pool and gorgeous terraced gardens looking straight out to the magnificent mountains. The interiors are beautiful with an air of rustic elegance and understated luxury across its living space, delightful kitchen and two pretty bedrooms with charming en suite









bathrooms.

Outside the infinity pool is surrounded by old terracotta tiles and a summer kitchen with barbecue allows you to prepare al-fresco meals whilst gazing at the amazing landscapes. Perhaps you'd prefer to take in the views from the outdoor salon, sipping wine from the *domaine* after spending time relaxing in the hot tub and *hammam*.

Each morning you will receive a basket of freshly baked bread and home-made pastries for breakfast and a chef can be arranged on request. The hospitable owners wish for you to be able to make the most of the seclusion of this special place without having to venture far – they even offer a shopping service and in the summer you can help yourselves to whatever may be growing in their vegetable garden. You will also be invited to tour the *domaine* and try some of the excellent wines and olive oils.

There's no doubt you will also want to visit some of this incredible island! From hiking and horse-riding through the mountains to swimming and snorkelling in the crystal-clear sea, this is an area of remarkable beauty. Plage de Roccapina, just 14km away, is considered one of the island's most idyllic beaches whilst the historic village of Sartène is a 20 minute drive via scenic winding roads. Spend the day in Bonifacio or discover beachside restaurants for leisurely lunches in Tizzano or La Tonnara.

L'École Des Vignes allows you to experience the very best of Corsica's natural beauty from your terrace with such amazing scenery, scents and sights surrounding you in this hidden paradise.

Facilities

Historical Sites • Walking/Hiking Paths • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • <1hr to Airport • Romantic • Horse Riding • Watersports • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips • Wine Tasting • Wellness • Ideal for Kids • Private Pool • Ideal for Teens • Maid Service Included • Cots (Cribs) • Wow Factor • Has Discount • Has Offer • Special Offer • Chef/Cook Available • Pets on Request • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis • Indoor Games • DVD • Hot Tub • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Sauna/Steam • Wine Cellar • Heating

• Caretaker/Owner on Site • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Yoga Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Board games • Breakfast Included • Meal delivery service • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Baby bath • Pushchair • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Villa Interiors (150m2)

- Lounge with fireplace, TV and DVD player
- Kitchen and dining area, well-equipped including dishwasher, oven, stove, microwave, fridge-freezer
- Laundry room
- Separate WC
- 2 x double bedrooms with en-suite shower room and WC

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (4m x 8m, depth: 1.38-1.6m) with safety alarm
- Outdoor lounge area
- Summer kitchen with barbecue, fridge and dishwasher
- Relaxation area with *hammam,* rest room and shower
- Outdoor hot tub (37°C)
- Terraced grounds/gardens
- Table tennis in the *domaine* (shared)
- Vegetable garden on *domaine* (for all guests to use, summer only)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi (satellite internet)
- Underfloor heating and cooling
- Board games
- Toys
- *Hammam* and rest room
- Table tennis (shared)

Location & Local Information

L'École Des Vignes is part of a highly-regarded estate producing wine and olive oil in a stunning area of south-west Corsica, around 20-minutes from the historic village of Sartène. Here you are surrounded by incredible natural beauty and majestic views of the Cagna Massif.

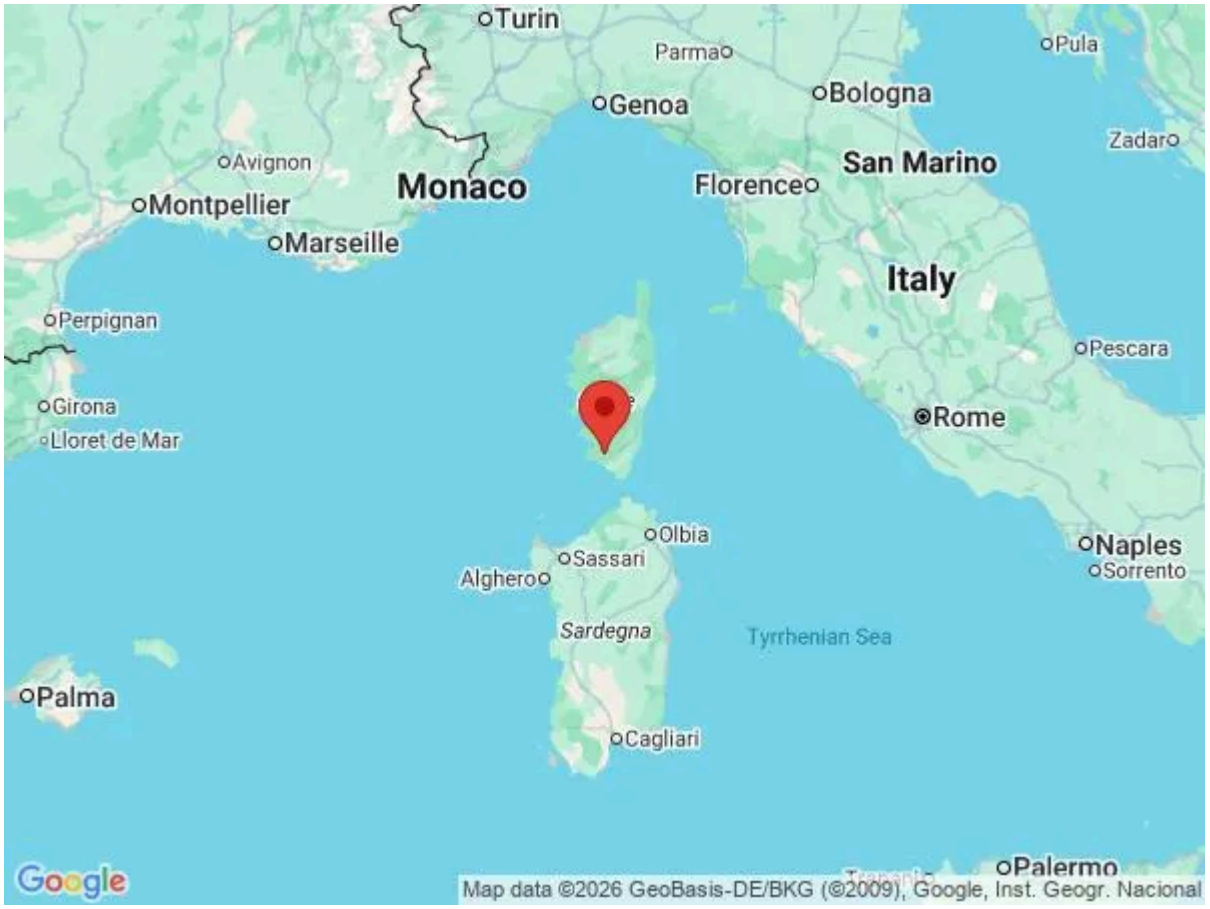
Take in the views when walking through the *domaine*, following sign-posted trails across the 1000 hectares of vineyards, olive groves, maquis-covered countryside and beyond.

Within a 5 to 10 minute drive there are a couple of restaurants whilst the nearest shops and supermarkets can be found in either Sartène or Pianottoli, both around 25 minutes away via the winding country roads.

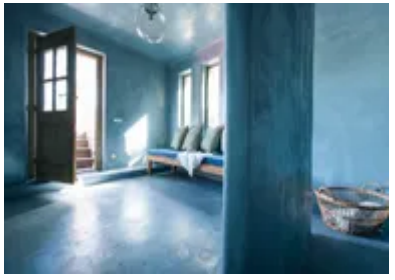
Sartène is an enchanting village surrounded by wonderful landscapes. Explore the old town, discover pretty shops and dine in traditional restaurants with picturesque terraces. The Saturday morning market is a particular delight where you will find locals selling Corsican honey, cheeses, cured meats as well as fruit and vegetables (there are also smaller markets on a Tuesday and Thursday from late June to August). The newly opened Musée Départemental de Préhistoire is a must for those interested in Corsica's fascinating pre-historic remains (this region is where many of the hundreds of menhirs can be found).

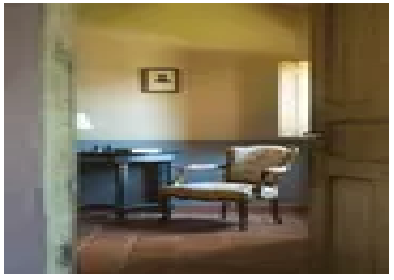
Beach-lovers will adore this corner of south-west Corsica, especially the most beautiful Plage de Roccapina with its white sand and turquoise sea, perfect for snorkelling. From here you can follow a maquis-covered trail across to the lesser known Spiaggia di Erbaju – both beaches are incredible! Pack your picnic and sun-hats as there are no facilities on these two glorious beaches.

You can also visit the lovely coastline around the gulf of Figari and Pianotolli, around 25km away, or head a little further south to La Tonnara where there's a great choice of watersports such as wind-surfing, kite-surfing and jet-









ski. Tizzano (with an excellent beachside restaurant) and Campomoro can also be found further north towards Propriano.

A boat trip is another fantastic way to discover the south-western coast – take an organised tour, a fishing trip or even hire your own skipper for the day. If you are interested in diving then there are a couple of diving schools close by that are suitable for a variety of abilities and will take you out to some outstanding sites.

This is also a paradise for those who love walking – one of the most well-known hikes to the top of 'l'Omu di Cagna' departs from nearby Giannuccio (or the most experienced hikers can even walk there from the *domaine*). For horse lovers, two equestrian centres in the region offer rides near the sea and mountains.

Bonifacio is another magical place to spend the day. Explore its steep citadel on top of limestone cliffs, admire the mesmerising sea-views, discover pretty little shops and cafes and enjoy a leisurely lunch by the marina.

Boats depart from Bonifacio to the idyllic and remote Lavezzi Islands, wonderful for those who love walking and swimming in wild surroundings.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Figari Airport (35km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Ajaccio Airport (87km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(14km)**
Nearest Beach	**Plage de Roccapina (14km)**
Nearest Village	**Sartène (13km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**(13km)**

Nearest Supermarket	**Sartène (13km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Propriano/Bonifacio (26km/45km)**
Nearest Golf	**Murtoli (12km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Padel Club G4 (24km)**

What we love

- This is a taste of the 'real Corsica' and a unique place to escape to and unwind in a place of natural beauty.
- You are surrounded by vineyards, olive groves, fruit orchards and the intoxicating scent of *maquis*.
- Relax in the *hammam* or hot tub and feel life's stresses go away...
- Breakfast is delivered each day – a basket of delicious home-made pastries and bread, a chef can also be arranged to cook for you and there is a shopping service
- A complimentary tour of the estate is included - sample some of their award-winning wines and oil, which you can purchase from the winery's boutique
- One of Corsica's most stunning beaches, Plage de Roccapina, is only 14km away.
- Visit the delightful village of Sartène with its wonderful restaurants, little shops and charming weekly market.

What you should know...

- The grounds of L'École Des Vignes are on terraced levels, making the most of the amazing mountain views.
- There is an additional shower in the *hamman*/relaxation area for your convenience.
- The *domaine's* access road is unsurfaced but maintained on a regular basis.
- In addition to the domaine's cellar boutique, there are a total of three holiday homes on the estate - if travelling with friends or another family you could also book the beautiful 3-bedroom Le Moulin Des Vignes (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/corsica/le-moulin-des-vignes/) - the two are separated by stairs and paths.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 3.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.

- **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.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday high season. Flexible during all other periods.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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.

- **Other Cleaning:** Daily maid service included.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in high season. 3 nights during all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. Pool heating is available from approximately end-April to mid October. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.

- **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.