# Maison Des Pelerins

**Region:** Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 12

## Overview

Surrounded by the glorious landscapes of Gascony and with everything you could wish for in a holiday home, historic Maison des Pelerins is all about enjoying the slow pace of life that this captivating region is so famous for.

The history of this former farmhouse is fascinating – still referred to as 'the monastery' by locals, it was once thought to be a place for pilgrims to sleep on their way to Santiago de Compostela. Some original features from this period remain even though it was transformed into a farmhouse in the seventeenth century. Nowadays, it's an exceptional holiday home which has been renovated and restored in the most beautiful way.

The heart of the home is no doubt the spacious kitchen-diner, brilliantly equipped with two dishwashers, an Aga, American fridge-freezer as well as its smart kitchen island and even a snug with sofas and Smart TV with Sky TV. The living spaces are also superb such as the elegant sitting room and fireplace, the charming dining area with its wood-beamed ceiling or the library with doors leading out to the courtyard.

Upstairs, find five beautiful bedrooms, each one with its own personality and en suite bathroom. Outside in the courtyard is an annexe leading to a large sixth en suite bedroom with a Superking bed and its own lounge area as well as the seventh bedroom in an enchanting pigeonnier with a romantic king size bedroom and pretty downstairs bathroom.

Opposite, the games room annexe is a spacious area for playing pool or table tennis whilst outside the tennis court is perfect for the most active of guests. A large swimming pool, boules set as well as a Sonos music system are some of the features that make this maison such a









fantastic place to stay.

Enjoy your morning coffee and pastries looking out towards the Gascony countryside, whilst the courtyard is one of the lovely spots you can choose for al-fresco meals with family and friends. When in season, pick apples, pears, plums and figs from the orchard or find a quiet spot to sit and enjoy the mesmerising sunset in the evening.

It's a 10-minute drive to the nearest *boulangerie*, shop and restaurant or head a little further to the historic and characterful market towns of Fleurance and Lectoure. The three well-known French 'Plus Beaux Villages', Larressingle, Fourcès and Montréal, are also nearby for wonderful days out or head to Auch, the capital of Gascony, to be inspired by its cathedral and historic setting.

As you walk, cycle or simply drive through the stunning scenery of this alluring region, you will no doubt be following the footsteps of Comte d'Artagnan, always enjoying Gascony's exceptional cuisine and admiring its extraordinary beauty.

## Facilities

France250 • Walking/Hiking Paths • Exclusive • Horse Riding • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Cycling • Boat Trips • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Golf Nearby • Tennis Court • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Smart TV • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • Board games • Trampoline • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds









**Maison Interiors**

*Ground Floor (243m2)*

- Living room with fireplace
- Dining room with table for 8 guests and woodburning fire (disconnected to chimney)
- Library
- Drawing room
- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped including kitchen island, two dishwashers, Aga, gas oven and hobs, American style fridge-freezer, second fridge-freezer, ice-maker and table for 10 guests
- Next to kitchen, open-plan snug with 40 inch Smart TV with Sky TV connection, Netflix, Amazon etc (using guests' own account)
- Utility room
- Sonos sound system
- WiFi covering the whole house and the pool area

*First Floor (237m2) - fans are provided in each of the bedrooms*

- Master bedroom 1 with double bed and en suite bathroom with rolltop bath, large shower, two sinks and toilet. Bedroom connects (via glass doors) to a nursery with cot
- Bedroom 2 with super king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, basin and toilet
- Bedroom 3 with twin beds (can be joined as super king) and child's single bed. En suite bathroom with bath, two basins and toilet. There is a second door connecting this bedroom to the Nursery (and through to the Master bedroom to create a Family Suite)
- Bedroom 4 with four-poster bed and en suite bathroom with bath, overhead shower, two sinks and toilet
- Bedroom 5 with queen-size bed, countryside views and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, sink and toilet

*Separate Annexe I*

- Bedroom 6 with super-king bed, open-plan lounge area and en suite bathroom with shower

*Pigeonnier (two levels, next to the annexe)*

- Bedroom 7 with king-size bed (first floor) and en suite bathroom with bath (ground floor)

*Separate Annexe II*

- Games room with pool table and table tennis. Open space can be used for home workouts (equipment not provided).

**Outside Grounds**

- Swimming pool (12x7m, depth: up to 2m) with electric pool cover and

lockable gates. Open approximately May to September
- Courtyard
- Various areas for al-fresco dining
- Weber gas barbecue
- Tennis court
- Boules set
- Orchard

# Location & Local Information

Surrounded by fields of sunflowers in the heart of the Gers region, Maison des Pelerins has over twelve hectares of land and is reached via a long and private drive. It is just over a kilometre to the small quiet village of La Sauvetat with a small grocery shop and where you can order bread. It is around a ten-minute drive to the picturesque village of St Puy with a small Spa supermarket and restaurant.

There are larger supermarkets and a wider choice of amenities in Fleurance (13km), a bastide town with a lot of character and an atmospheric market on a Tuesday morning, a brilliant way to introduce yourselves to some of the gastronomic delights of Gascony. Lectoure (17km) is another great market town with some delightful shops whilst food-lovers will also appreciate Condom (19km), a historic town on the River Baise.

There is a wealth of idyllic medieval villages to visit as well as undulating landscapes of hills, woodland and summer sunflowers to admire – it's no surprise that Gascony is also known as the 'little Tuscany of France'.

Three of the region's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' are within easy reach - Larressingle (24km), Fourcès (30km) and Montréal (35km). Even closer, the flower-filled village of La Romieu (20km) is also an enchanting place to visit which can be combined with a stroll around the beautiful botanical gardens at Les Jardins de Coursiana.

Another way to discover the region's great natural beauty is by cycling, walking or horse-riding through the gorgeous scenery or hire canoes along the River Baise in Beaucaire. In July and August, spend time at the *Base de Loisirs* in Castéra-Verduzan with its lake, swimming, pedalos, water slides and inflatable course. If you prefer golf, the 18-hole Golf De Fleurance is around a 20-minute drive away.

A little further afield, spend the day exploring Auch (31km), the historic capital of the region, with its grand cathedral resting high up above the Gers river. Agen (50km) is










another fine trip out or head south to Marciac (65km), an impressive town known for its art, music and theatre, especially around the time of the summer jazz festival in late July and August.

As well as the extraordinary cuisine of the Gers, from duck, goose and *foie gras* to white garlic, melons and even kiwi fruit, Gascony is also Grand Armagnac country and there are many producers to visit for tours and tastings.

## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | **Toulouse (94km)** |
| Nearest Airport 2 | **Bordeaux (176km)** |
| Nearest Golf | **Golf De Fleurance (16km)** |
| Nearest Restaurant | **Bistro in next village (6.5km)** |
| Nearest Shop | **Bakery/small supermarket (6.5km)** |
| Nearest Supermarket | **Fleurance (14km)** |
| Nearest Tennis | **Private tennis court (On-site)** |
| Nearest Town | **Fleurance (13km)** |
| Nearest Train Station | **Agen (50km)** |
| Nearest Village | **La Sauvetat (1.5km)** |

# What we love

- This historic home has been beautifully restored to the most wonderful standard with high-end features
- Set in 13 hectares of glorious grounds, guests will adore the al-fresco dining courtyard, swimming pool and private tennis court
- Enjoy fields of sunflowers in the height of the summer and pick fruit from the orchard when in season
- Visit historic market towns and idyllic medieval villages including Larressingle, Fourcès and Montréal, three of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'

# What you should know...

- The sixth and seventh bedrooms are separate to the main house – one is in a ground-floor annexe whilst the seventh bedroom and bathroom are across two floors of the charming pigeonnier.
- Due to the rural nature of the property, there is no phone reception, nevertheless there is a good WiFi signal.
- Please note that due to steep steps from the terrace to the annexe and pigeonnier bedrooms are not suitable for young children.
- There are two cots and highchairs available so if you are travelling with more than 2 infants or young children please enquire before booking.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £1000 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?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed weekly.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. If your party has more than two infants (under 3 years old) or more than ten adults travelling, please mention this at the point of booking so the owners can advise on best room configuration. Please note that the pigeonnier and annexe are unsuitable for children.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.

- **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:** Mid-stay clean for bookings of 7+ nights

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

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to 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.