

Mas De La Griotte

Region: Midi-Pyrenees Sleeps: 22

Overview

Stay in the bucolic surroundings of the Tarn countryside, in the 'golden triangle' of Gaillac, Cordes-sur-Ciel and Albi, and experience the authenticity of this stylish French farmhouse with such beautiful gardens and a swimming pool.

The rustic interiors are perfect for a holiday with family or friends with space for up to 22 guests across the ten pretty bedrooms. The soul of the home has to be the welcoming kitchen-diner, brilliantly equipped for creating feasts to be enjoyed around one of the vintage dining tables and wood-burning fire or outside alongside the summer scent of lavender, accompanied by good wine from a historic Gaillac vineyard nearby. Don't forget to see what may be growing in the organic vegetable garden too!

The living spaces are just as charming with comfortable sofas, antique furnishings and a fantastic TV snug next to the winery, even featuring the farm's old wine vats. Yet in the warmer months it is all about the outdoors with the salt-water swimming pool, plenty of space for lounging on sun-beds or in a hammock, the delightful summer kitchen and al-fresco terraces. All surrounded by picturesque views of the gorgeous Tarn countryside.

Book yourself into the award-winning French restaurant in the small local village just 2km away or find one of the many fine places to eat in nearby Gaillac, Cordes-sur-Ciel and Albi, also known as the 'Golden Triangle of Tarn'.

Discover wonderful walking and cycling trails, canoe or kayak along the Tarn near Albi or through the Ayeron gorges at idyllic Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val or drive to some of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' such as Castelnau-de-Montmiral, Puycelci and Bruniquel.



Visit historic wineries, peruse local farmer's markets and soak up the relaxing and slow-paced ambience of 'little Tuscany' in this glorious part of southern France.

Facilities

Canoeing/Kayaking • Ideal for Kids • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Walking/Hiking Paths • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Tennis Court • Horse Riding • Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • Great Value • Cots (Cribs) • <1hr to Airport • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Tumble Dryer • Satellite TV • Wine Cellar • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Board games • Xbox/Playstation/Wii • Trampoline • Bikes • Badminton • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Mas Interiors

Main Floor

- Entrance hall
- Living room with fireplace
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area with wood-burner
- Small snug
- Larger snug with wood-burner
- Winery
- Office with desk, monitor and printer
- Laundry room
- Reception room with vintage dining table (and stairs/ladder leading to non-accessible space).
- Kid's recreation room including adult bar area (next to summer kitchen/pool)

First Floor

- Bedroom with super king-size bed and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with twin beds and en suite bathroom
- Dorm style children's bedroom with three single beds and bunk-bed
- Bedroom with king-size double bed
- Bath/shower room
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite shower room
- Small bedroom with bunk-bed
- Adjoining bedroom (to bunk-bed room) with double bed and en suite shower room

Additional rooms in converted barn (accessible directly from the house)

- Bedroom with double bed, air-conditioning and en suite
- Bedroom with double bed and air-conditioning
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bathroom
- Large sitting room

Outside Grounds

- Heated salt-water swimming pool (5x10m, depth: 1.2-2m) with electric safety cover. Open approximately May to October
- Covered al-fresco dining and lounge areas
- Summer kitchen
- Barbecue
- Organic vegetable garden
- Badminton / short tennis
- Trampoline
- Bikes
- Tennis court

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Wood-burner (wood provided)



- Satellite TV (including English channels, Netflix and Apple TV)
- Playstation
- Nintendo Switch docking stand (for TV)
- Sonos sound system (x2)
- Board games
- Books
- Table tennis
- Trampoline
- Bikes
- Badminton/short tennis
- Pool table

Location & Local Information

Mas de la Griotte is located in the heart of the golden triangle of the Tarn department, surrounded by glorious landscapes of rolling hills, vineyards and cypress trees, only 19km from the small city of Albi.

A 2km drive will take you to a small rural village with an award-winning restaurant (book ahead) or head further to local villages for bakeries, grocery shops and traditional delis. Larger supermarkets can be found near Gaillac, around 10 to 15 minutes by car.

Gaillac (15km) itself is a beautiful place to visit, set on the River Tarn and famous for its excellent wines which are known across the world. Indeed, Gaillac wine production dates back to the Roman era and there are many wonderful wineries to visit as well as the town's *Maison des Vins*. The market on a Friday morning is a delight with locally produced fruit, vegetables, cheeses, flowers and artisan crafts. The Abbey Saint-Michel is another must-see during your time in this charming and historic town and look out for atmospheric events and festivities across the summer.

The second town in the glorious golden triangle is hilltop Cordes-sur-Ciel (14km), dating back to the 12th century with its narrow lanes, impressive Gothic buildings and magnificent perched setting. Followed by the amazing small city of Albi (19km), a UNESCO World Heritage site, with cobbled lanes filled with shops and restaurants, an enticing indoor market hall, gorgeous historic buildings including the rose-brick cathedral and idyllic spots by the Tarn river with many lovely city walks as well.

Then there's the many classified '*Plus Beaux Villages de France*' across this region such as Castelnau-de-Montmiral, Puycelci and Bruniquel, all within 30-40 minutes by car. The medieval town of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val (35km) is a paradise for water lovers, set in the gorges of the Aveyron river with some outstanding kayaking and canoeing opportunities, not to mention canyoning, horse-riding, climbing, mountain biking, hiking and more. Visitors



are also attracted to the town's bustling Sunday morning market.

The most active of guests will also enjoy the wonderful walking trails across the region and many great cycling routes (after all, the Tour de France often passes close by). Discover why this idyllic part of southern France is often referred to as 'French Tuscany' with its rolling hills, green valleys and forests as well as its authentic cuisine and welcoming locals.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulouse (81km)
Nearest Airport 2	Rodez (89km)
Nearest Village	Small rural village (2km)
Nearest Restaurant	Cahuzac-sur-Vere / Cordes de Ciel (8km / 13km)
Nearest Supermarket	Intermarche / Lidl (14km / 13km)
Nearest Tennis	Cordes-sur-Ciel (14km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Club Aigueleze (12km)
Nearest Town	Gaillac (15km)
Nearest City	Albi (19km)
Nearest Train Station	Marsac-sur-Tarn (12km)

What we love

- A rustic farmhouse with so much style from vintage furnishings to beautiful French antiques and paintings
- Relax with the aroma of summer lavender by the swimming pool
- Help yourselves to seasonal produce from the organic vegetable garden, then cook up a feast in the summer kitchen
- You're in the very heart of the 'Golden Triangle' of Tarn, also known as the 'Tuscany of France'
- A wine-lovers paradise with so many vineyards across the region – nearby Gaillac has produced wine since Roman times
- The historic city of Albi, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is incredibly beautiful

What you should know...

- Sleeping up to 22 guests, the "Layout" tab gives you details on sleeping arrangements in the bedrooms (two bedrooms have bunkbeds, for example).
- Please note that the 14-guest option is not available in high season.
- Book ahead if you would like to dine in the award-winning restaurant in the small local village.
- It's a lovely house for families – there are a couple of areas where small children will need to be carefully watched such as around the winery.
- Car hire is strongly recommended for ease in order to explore the surrounding area

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £750 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:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays of over 7 nights.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **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.
- **Other 2:** Please note that the 14-guest option is not available in high season.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to October. 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.