Chateau De La Cour

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Stay in an immaculately restored 17th-century home surrounded by glorious landscapes close to French villages, atmospheric markets and idyllic rivers, perfect for exploring the regions of Lot-et-Garonne, Dordogne and beyond.

Centred around a charming courtyard with its private swimming pool, this estate is beautifully positioned amongst fields and nature. The decked terrace is a stunning spot for soaking up the sun whilst the covered dining area is ideal for atmospheric al-fresco feasts with family or friends. Pretty touches include raised flower beds and a tranquil fishpond, guests will also appreciate the jacuzzi and table tennis. The heated swimming pool is wonderful with two waterfall features from the wall behind.

So much work has gone into the renovation of the château in recent years and the main house is now ready to welcome six guests. Inside, admire the home's characterful yet chic interiors across the living and dining space which opens out to the covered terrace. The blend of traditional and modern furnishings is impressive whilst the stylish kitchen has been imported from Spain.

Upstairs, enjoy the views from the three double bedrooms, all of which are gracefully styled and each feature their own en suite bathroom. The master double even has two bathrooms, one with a bath, another with a shower in the tower, as well as a walk-in dressing room.

A *boulangerie* awaits in the local village, only 3km by car, whilst market towns are easily reached to pick up a wealth of locally produced delights – look out for delicious tomatoes in Marmande and Tonnein's famous ham. There are kayaking opportunities along the Lot and Garonne rivers as well as riverside beaches, perfect picnic spots,









lovely walks and endless vineyards producing some excellent wine.

Visit picture-perfect villages and towns such as Clairac, Villeneuve-sur-Lot and Pujols, sample the wines of Duras, drive to the Gers to enjoy yet more gastronomic gems and experience the fantastic Sunday morning market in Dordogne's Issigeac. You can also catch the train from Tonnein to Agen or Bordeaux for yet more wine, cuisine, culture and history in this alluring part of south-western France.

Facilities

Ideal for Kids • Pure France • Cycling • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Hot Tub • Heating • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









House Interiors

Ground Floor

- Open plan living and dining area with doors leading to covered terrace
- Kitchen
- Back kitchen with laundry
- Cloakroom and WC

First Floor

- Master bedroom with king-size double bed, walk-in wardrobe, bathroom with shower and second bathroom with bath
- Bedroom with double bed and bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed, connecting room with sofa and bathroom with shower

Outside Grounds (16,390m2)

- Heated salt-water swimming pool (11x4.5m, depth: 1.5m) with safety alarm. Open approximately May to end-September
- 4-person Jacuzzi
- Decked poolside terrace with sun-loungers
- Gazebo with day bed
- Covered al-fresco dining area
- Barbecue
- Fishpond
- Parking
- Electric gate

There are three parts of the estate – the other two houses have not yet been renovated and are therefore not rented out – watch this space for more information in the future.

Facilities

- Wi-Fi

- Table tennis
- Air-conditioned wine cave

Location & Local Information

In the Lot-et-Garonne department of south-western France, around an hour south of Bergerac, Château De La Cour enjoys a beautiful and private rural setting surrounded by fields and nature. The nearest village is 3km by car and is home to a *boulangerie*, pharmacy and butchers whilst restaurants can be found dotted across other local villages and towns around a 10 to 15-minute drive away.

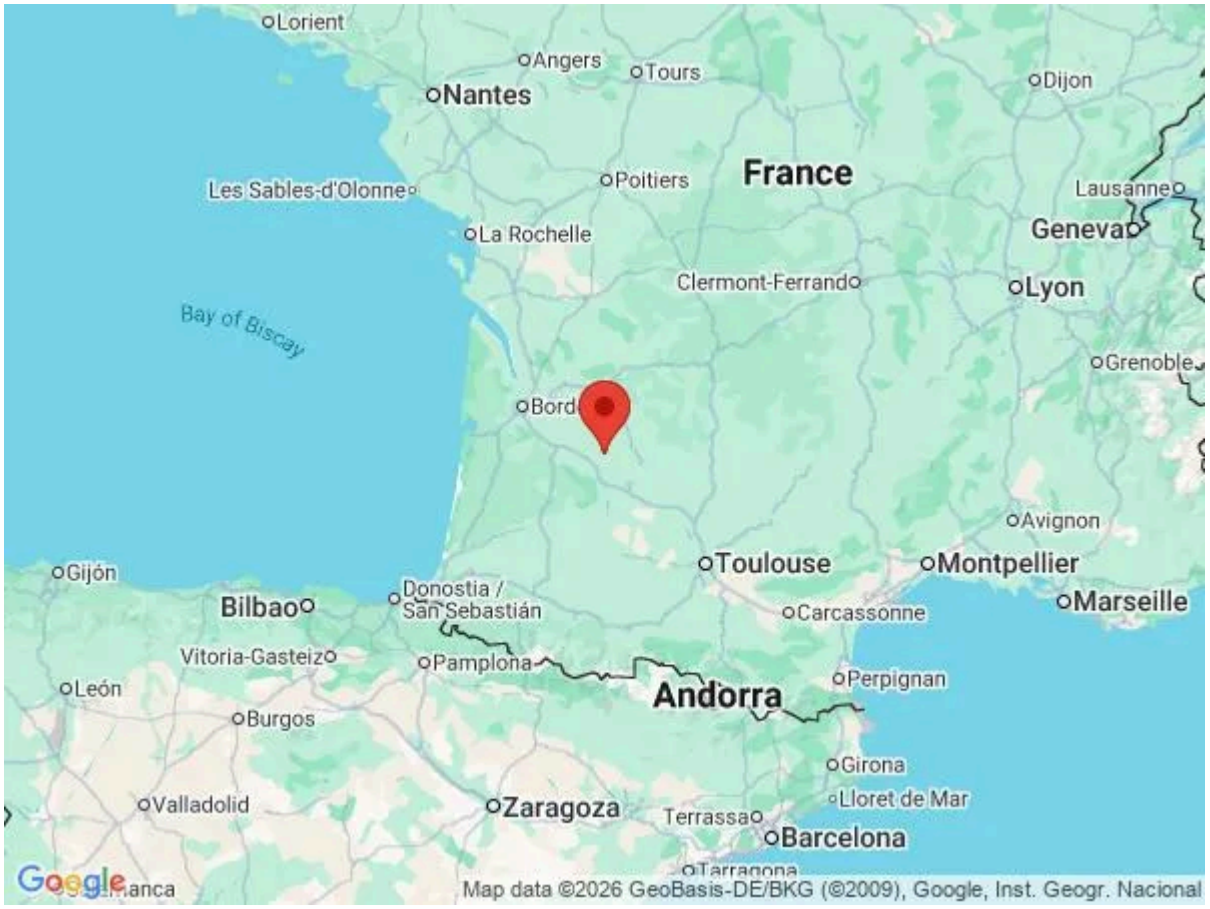
Nearby Tonneins (11km) is an attractive town on the banks of the Garonne with useful amenities including supermarkets alongside historic buildings, picturesque views by the riverside and kayaking opportunities. Visit the bustling market on a Saturday or Wednesday morning and be sure to sample some of the town's famous ham. Trains depart the railway station towards Bordeaux (one hour) and Agens (25 minutes).

Marmande (16km) is another pretty town and loved for its wonderful market – it's a great fruit and vegetable producing region, especially tomatoes. Parc De La Filhole sits near the banks of the Garonne, perfect for woodland walks, riverside picnics as well as playgrounds, mini-golf and other sporting activities (the park also hosts a large rock festival in late June/early July).

Heading east towards the River Lot, discover gorgeous villages such as Castelmoron-sur-Lot (22km) and Villeneuve-sur-Lot (37km), look out for further canoeing and kayaking opportunities, cycling trails and some stunning hikes – the hilly walk between Villeneuve-sur-Lot and Pujols, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', is incredible.

As well as atmospheric Farmer's markets across nearby villages and towns selling a wealth of seasonal produce and local specialities, check for night markets in the height of the summer where locals and tourists join to feast on good food and wine often accompanied by live music. The wine of this region is excellent too from the vineyards producing Côtes du Marmandais to the wineries around Bordeaux further north. Not forgetting Duras (33km) and the villages, markets and vineyards of the Dordogne - Issigeac (42km) hosts a fantastic Sunday morning market and the wineries near Bergerac (54km) are easily reached.

The small city of Agen (52km) is a lovely day out with plenty for all ages from boat trips along the Canal de Garonne and some fantastic parks to historic sights, restaurants and shops selling Agen's famous prunes steeped in Armagnac. Idyllic Nérac (47km) is also under an hour away, a medieval village full of charm on the Baïse river, whilst the exquisite triangle of Gers villages (Fourcès, Larressingle and Montréal) are just over an hour by car.









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (52km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bordeaux Airport (111km)**

Nearest Train Station	**Tonneins (11km)**
Nearest Village	**(3km)**
Nearest Shop	**Bakery/butchers/tabac in local village (3km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Local villages/towns (10-15 minute drive)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Tonneins (10km)**
Nearest Town	**Tonneins/Marmande (11km/16km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Marmande (14km)**
Nearest City	**Agen/Bergerac (52km/54km)**
Nearest Beach	**Arcachon (154km)**

What we love

- The perfect blend of old and new, this 17th-century château has been immaculately restored
- Make the most of the heated swimming pool and hot tub in a pretty courtyard setting
- Such a private and rural location, yet only 3km from the local village's *boulangerie*
- A paradise for wine and food lovers with so many market towns and vineyards to discover
- A fine base for exploring the delights of Lot-et-Garonne as well as visiting the Dordogne, Gers and even the grand city of Bordeaux

What you should know...

- There are three parts of the estate surrounding the pool – the other two houses (the outside of which can be seen in some of the photos) have not yet been renovated. Watch this space for more information in the future when we hope to be able to offer further bedrooms.
- The beautiful gardens feature a long fishpond.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1,000 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.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €60 will apply (payable locally).

- **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:** Flexible.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €300, payable locally. 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:** 6 nights in peak season (July to early-September & Christmas/New Year), 4 nights in mid season (April to Jun & early September), and 2 nights during other periods.

- **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.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **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.