Atelier Shambhala

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 2

Overview







Atelier Shambhala is an artistic and cosy home close to the banks of the Dordogne River. This is a perfect base for a break surrounded by apple orchards, pretty hamlets, historic villages and vineyards.

This 2-person romantic apartment has been lovingly decorated and furnished to a high standard throughout. Downstairs you will walk in to an open-plan space with a living area alongside a modern fully-fitted kitchen and dining table. The airy home has wooden and tiled floors and is painted in neutral tones whilst there is artwork throughout which is fitting as this building is known as the art studio!

You can find the gallery bedroom and en suite shower room upstairs via the feature staircase, the perfect place to recharge after a busy day exploring.

Walk out into the walled garden to enjoy a long soak in the jacuzzi, dine al-fresco or just unwind on the sun loungers. Head out of the gate and stroll down to the banks of the Dordogne where there is river access for swimming or fishing and a little garden with a stone table and benches.

It's only 2km to the local village with a handful of restaurants with outdoor terraces, a tabac shop with useful amenities as well as the possibility of hiring canoes or kayaks for sailing along the Dordogne. The river itself is a wonderful attraction to have so close, why not pack a picnic and a good book for a quiet afternoon lying on the grassy banks. Alternatively, take a long walk or hire bikes and look out for local flora and wildlife.

The river acts as a boundary for two stunning areas of south-west France - the Dordogne and Gironde. While staying at the Atelier you can experience the landscapes, cultures and cuisines of both of these regions. The owners can help organise art courses or wine tastings at local vineyards which are great ways to enjoy the gorgeous natural surroundings.

Charming Gensac is only 4km away, a picture-perfect medieval village with historic buildings, ruins and a church which hosts summer concerts. As well as a small weekly fruit and vegetable market, the village is also home to a shop, restaurant and bakery.

Slightly further afield, visit historic Castillon-la-Bataille with its famous battle re-enactments in the height of the summer or experience one of the region's largest and most beautiful markets in medieval Sainte-Foy-la-Grande, again on the banks of the Dordogne.

For a wonderful day out, sample wine in the vineyards close to Bergerac or you could even spend time in the magnificent city of Bordeaux, well worth the drive of just over an hour.

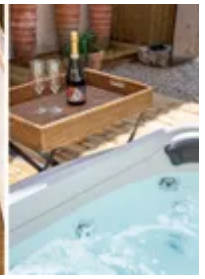
Facilities

Walk to Village • France250 • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Not for little ones • Cycling • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Watersports • Horse Riding • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Romantic • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Maid Service Available • Pets on Request • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Decorated for Christmas • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • Hot Tub • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Heating • Wine-Tasting Available

Interior & Grounds











Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living area
- Open-plan kitchen-diner with oven, induction hob, fridge, freezer, dishwasher, coffee machine, kettle and breakfast bar/dining area

First Floor

- Mezzanine level with gallery bedroom with double bed (180cm, can be split into twins) and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Outside Grounds

- Outdoor jacuzzi
- Decked terrace with sun loungers (x2)
- Al-fresco dining table and two chairs
- Barbecue
- Shared river access (accessed via steps, a very short walk from the house)
- Access to small riverside garden area with bench and stone table (reached via above shared steps)
- Off-road parking (one car)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning/heating unit (covers living/kitchen space and mezzanine bedroom)
- TV
- Outdoor jacuzzi
- Washing machine
- Dryer

Location & Local Information

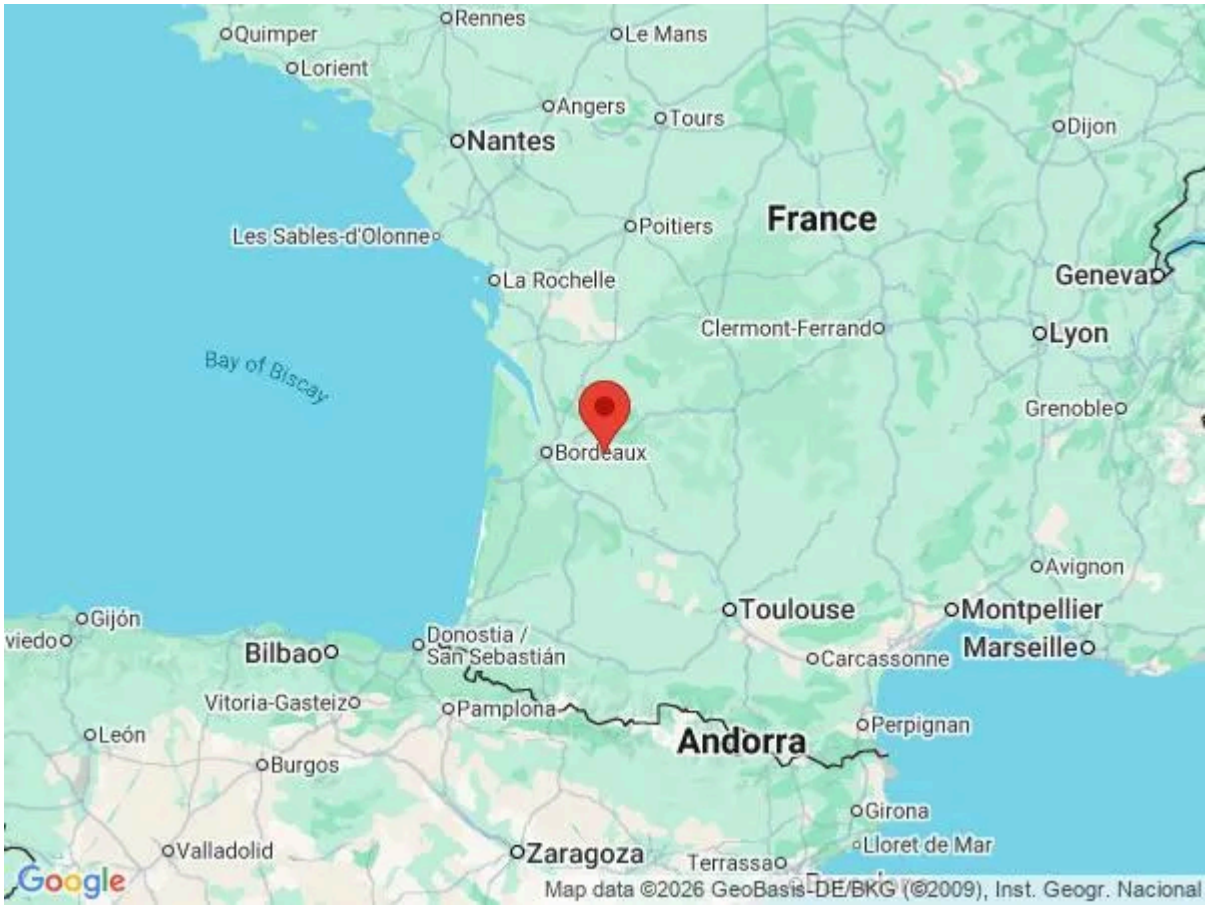
Located in a rural hamlet on the banks of the beautiful Dordogne, Atelier Shambhala is an idyllic spot for a getaway in the south of France. Nearby you can discover the charms of historic villages, visit vineyards or drive to the lively cities of Bordeaux and Bergerac.

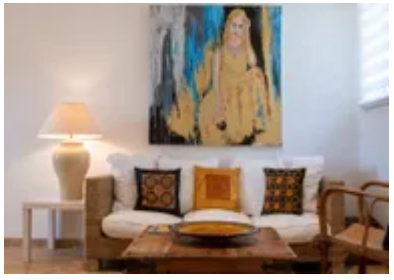
This area really lends itself to getting outdoors and spending time in nature. Within 2km of the villa you can try kayaking or canoeing on the river, walk through apple orchards or hire bikes for a day of cycling. If you would prefer to take in the scenery while sipping on a glass of local wine then why not visit a vineyard for a tour and wine tasting, this can be arranged locally with the owners.

If you need to pick up some groceries or want to dine out in the evening then the the local village is a lazy 2km walk along the Dordogne, while the village of Gensac is 4km by car. In Gensac there is a small selection of restaurants which offer outdoor dining with a view, there is also a grocery shop, bakery and historic sites such as castle ruins. In summer the village comes alive and you will discover a programme of concerts held in the local church.

The town of Castillon-la-Bataille (11km) has a wider range of restaurants and shops. People also flock here due to its history as the famous Battle of Castillon, the last battle in the Hundred Years War was fought here in 1453. There is lots to see and do in the town and some of the key attractions include the impressive town hall, the 18th-century Saint-Symphorien church and the museum. There is even a riverside lawn beach in Castillon-la-Bataille where you can sunbathe and try out summer watersports. If you are a history lover then you may enjoy watching the large-scale re-enactment of the battle of Castillon which is held twice a week throughout July and August. Why not grab dinner in a little family run restaurant before settling down to watch the show. With 400 actors and staggering sets involved it is said to be an amazing performance.

Another lovely place to visit is famous Saint-Émilion, a









picturesque medieval village surrounded by vineyards which have been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This village is the oldest wine-producing area in the Bordeaux wine region and wine has been produced here since Roman times. You can find out more about the history of wine production and see more of the town by booking on to a tour with a knowledgeable guide. If you would prefer to wander around yourself then you will find countless squares lined with incredible architecture dotted around the maze-like cobbled streets. Make sure to visit the vast 12th century Monolithic Church which was carved from one piece of stone, the bell tower of the church also offers panoramic views of the valley. Saint-Émilion is also a great place to visit for dinner as it is packed with amazing restaurants. Be aware that many of the best restaurants such as the Michelin starred Logis de la Cadene are often booked up in advance so this should be arranged before you visit to avoid disappointment. If you would rather try some simple local cuisine then grab some fresh bread and cheese from the brilliant markets and have a macaroon for dessert, they have been made here since 1620!

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergerac/Bordeaux (40km/72km)**
Nearest Village	**Pessac-sur-Dordogne (1.7km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Veline (6km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Pessac-sur-Dordogne/Veline**
Nearest Supermarket	**(2km)**
Nearest Golf	**Chateau Vigiers/Castillon la Bataille/St Emilion**
Nearest Restaurant	**Pessac-sur-Dordogne**
Nearest Beach	**Lac de Gurcon/La Canau (16km/116km)**

What we love

- Atelier Shambhala is a beautifully decorated 2-person studio filled with fascinating art, perfect for a romantic break near the Dordogne
- Step outside to discover a fantastic walled garden with a jacuzzi and pretty decked terrace for al-fresco lounging or sun-bathing
- Guests can also take advantage of riverside access just a very short stroll away
- The home is located in a serene hamlet on the Dordogne, within 2km to a riverside village with a shop and restaurants
- Spend the day sampling wines at local vineyards or travel further afield to Bergerac and even Bordeaux

What you should know...

- Atelier Shambhala is available for adults only. The bedroom can be made up as a king-size double or twin beds depending on what would suit you best.
- There is an air-conditioning unit which covers the living/kitchen space and mezzanine bedroom - it also acts as heating in the winter.
- Walking distance to a village/restaurant however please note that some parts of the route do not have pavements

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £500 charged to client's credit card 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?:** Included. However charging of electric vehicles is not included. There is a convenient charging station in the nearby town just 1.5km away.

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

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of £75 per pet per week will apply.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. For insurance purposes, all exterior doors and windows must be locked when away from the property. The owner of the property will not accept responsibility for any loss, damage or consequential losses due to theft or any other security related incidents. The bed can either be a double bed for a couple or 2 single beds for a parent and child. However the villa is not suitable for little children or babies.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **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.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.

- **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:** 4 nights.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes - there is an air-conditioning/heating unit which covers the living/kitchen space and mezzanine bedroom.

- **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 towels included?:** Yes (for the jacuzzi).