Maison Vintage

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

Overview

Steeped in history and with so many wonderful features, this 18th-century town house is for guests seeking French flair and authenticity, located in the heart of the traditional and sought-after Gascon town of Condom.

Dating back to the 1760s, Maison Vintage has been brought back to life in recent years having undergone a remarkable restoration. As you wander through this champagne-themed mansion, admire the oak floorboards, parquet flooring and other original features. Alongside the house's grandeur, there's a great sense of eclecticism with a collage of French antiques, *objets d'art* and North African touches – just step into the elegant salon with its grand piano and soak up the creative vibe.

Set over four floors, the impressive stone staircase leads to the beautiful suites and bedrooms with ample space for up to 12 guests. Each room is individually styled, some featuring romantic roll top baths, others with classic French beds as well as distinctive furnishings and décor. At the very top, a large 2-bedroom suite with its own spacious bathroom benefits from air-conditioning and views over the rustic rooftops of Condom towards the artistic Saint-Michel church.

You will be welcomed with a bottle of French champagne and there is no better place to enjoy this than the gorgeous private courtyard. Feeling like a hidden oasis with an abundance of vintage French charm, sit back in the shade by the summer kitchen before taking a dip in the inviting plunge pool. An upper terrace is yet another atmospheric spot, perhaps the perfect place for an afternoon tea of canapés and pastries accompanied by a G&T and bubbly, all of which can be arranged by the hospitable owners.









Delicious breakfasts can be served on request alongside other catering packages to make your stay as memorable and special as it can be. That said, you needn't travel far to experience some of Gascony's fine gastronomy – there are excellent restaurants, *boulangeries*, cafes and the twice-weekly market so close to your home. Within 300m you could be sipping a glass of locally distilled Armagnac overlooking Condom's Cathédrale Saint-Pierre or enjoying a summer boat trip along the Petite Baïse.

Venturing further afield, discover the beauty and slow pace of life of the Gers region, coming across vineyards, summer sunflowers and idyllic villages such as Larressingle, Fourcès and Montréal, all within a 10 to 20-minute drive.

Head off for long walks and cycle rides, hire canoes or kayaks along the river and visit yet more attractive market towns such as Auch, Lectoure and Fleurance. Look out for *foie gras*, *magret*, goat cheese and other locally sourced delights, then bring them back to your stylish holiday home for joyful feasts in such characterful surroundings.

Facilities

Boat Trips • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Romantic • Ideal for Kids • Cycling • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Chef/Cook Available • Cots (Cribs) • Quirky (Unique) • Ideal for Teens • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Instagrammable • Walk to Restaurant • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Smart TV • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Transfers Available • Breakfast Available • Babysitting Available • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds





Maison Interiors (340m2)

Ground Floor

- Entrance
- Salon (26m2) with grand piano, sofas and a wireless Wi-Fi 4k video projector with screen
- Library with TV and hidden bar
- Games room with table football, fireplace and mini wine fridge. Doors open out to a covered terrace and outdoor kitchen
- Utility room with washing machine and fridge-freezer

First Floor

- Kitchen, well-equipped with 2 dishwashers, gas hobs, 3 x electric ovens, Nespresso machine, kettle, toaster, 2 fridges, walk-in pantry, table and chairs. Doors open out to upper terrace
- Dining room with table and chairs for 12 people
- Separate private bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom (30m2) with queen-size double bed (160cm), open plan bathroom with roll top bath, sink and WC

Second Floor

- Bedroom (30m2) with vintage French double bed (150cm), and open plan area with roll top bath and en-suite shower room with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom (24m2) with queen-size double bed (160cm)
- 2-bedroom suite (40m2) with air-conditioning in both rooms. Bedroom with French double bed (140cm), seating area and en-suite shower room with shower, sink and WC. Second bedroom with single bed (90cm)

Top Floor

- 2-bedroom suite with air-conditioning and church/rooftop views (70m2). Bedroom with single bed (90cm) and seating area, leading through to bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm). Bathroom with roll top bath, sink and WC

Outside Grounds

- Courtyard with above ground plunge pool (3.5x2m, depth: 0.8m) featuring a safety alarm. Plunge pool open approximately May to end-September
- Covered terrace with al-fresco dining/lounge area and summer kitchen with Plancha, fridge and sink

- Upper terrace (via courtyard stairs/kitchen) with canopy, sun loungers and table and chairs for up to 12 people

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Central heating
- Air-conditioning (top-floor suite only)
- Fans (bedrooms)
- TV with Netflix and English channels
- Bluetooth speakers
- Bathrobes
- Hairdryers
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

In the heart of Gascony, Maison Vintage is located in the historic town of Condom, close to the banks of the Petite Baïse river, in the wonderful Gers department of southern France.

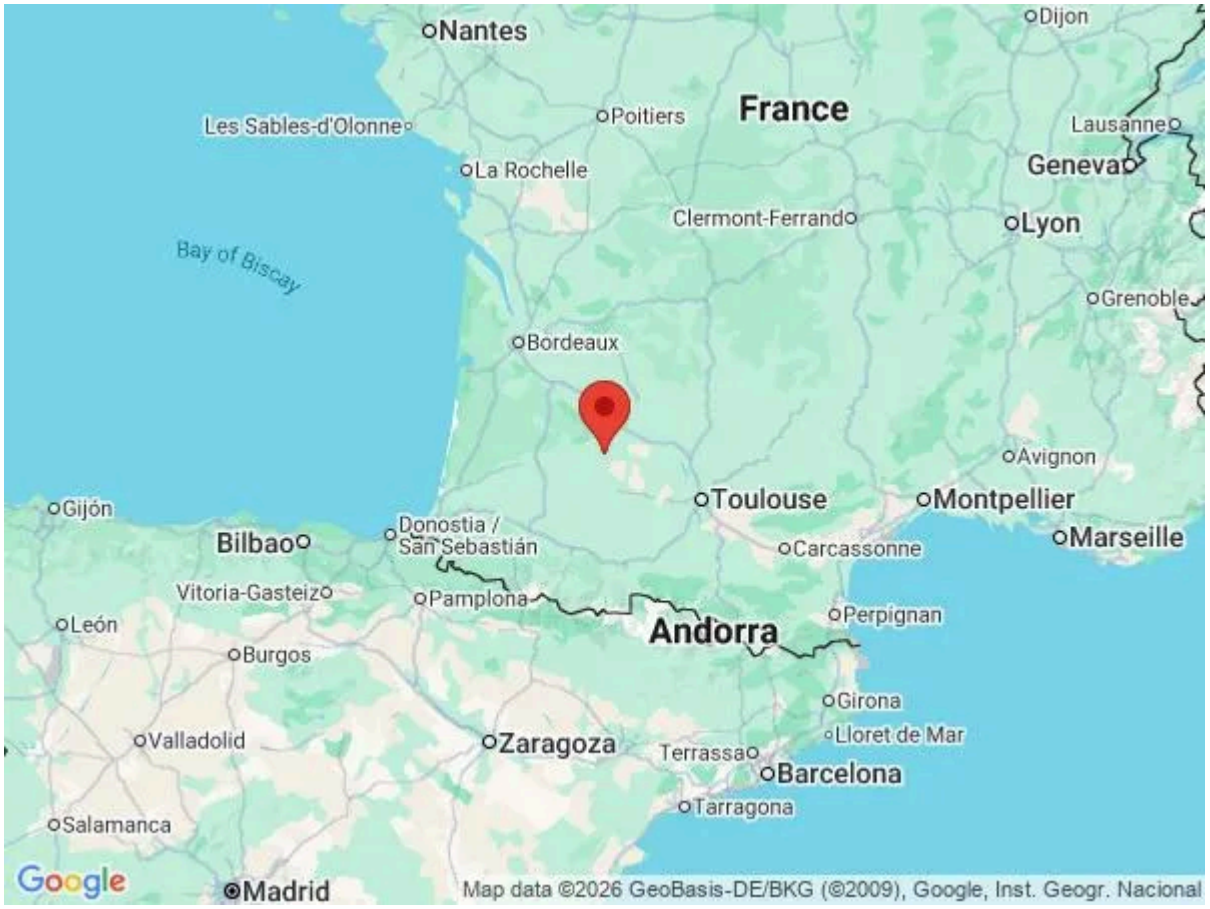
Despite the tranquil ambience of your private courtyard, step out of your front door and you are in the bustling town, a few steps from restaurants, bars, bakeries and more. Wander 300m and find yourself at the magnificent Cathédrale Saint-Pierre de Condom and the brilliant statue of the four musketeers.

Explore Condom's medieval lanes, stop off in a café-bar to sample locally distilled Armagnac, and soak up the ambience of the twice-weekly market near the cathedral, looking out for some of Gascony's highly regarded *foie-gras* and *magret*, delicious goat cheeses and seasonal fruit and vegetables such as garlic, melons and kiwi fruit. Condom is home to several excellent restaurants and has a fine reputation for its gastronomy.

Walking just a few minutes south of the town, head to the large riverside park for picturesque walks, picnics and a small children's play area. If you fancy a spot of canoeing or kayaking along the Baïse, drive south to Beaucaire around 15km away where excursions can be arranged.

The Gers countryside with its rolling hills and meadows is waiting to be explored. Embrace the slow pace of life and come across pretty bastide villages, fortified towns and impressive historic sites, not to mention so many atmospheric markets selling delicious produce of the region. Look out for night markets (*le marché nocturne*) in Gascon villages that often take place in the height of the summer – expect live music, good wine, and locally sourced food.

Other characterful market towns include both Lectoure (23km) and Fleurance (32km) whilst Auch (43km), the historic capital of Gascony, is home to the impressive Tour d'Armagnac and Cathedrale Saint-Marie. Idyllic villages









not to be missed include Larressingle, Fourcès and Montréal, all within a 10 to 20-minute drive from Condom.

Part of the Santiago de Compostella pilgrimage route, there are some lovely walking trails around Larressingle and Montréal, or discover other hiking routes through fields of sunflowers, vineyards, and farms. Of course, there are also opportunities for cycling, horse-riding, summer water-based activities and even hot-air balloon rides.

Meanwhile, music lovers should check out the dates for the famous Jazz Festival in Marciac, around an hour away, which usually takes place in late July/August (jazz concerts take place throughout the year).

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (117km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Pau-Pyrenees Airport (117km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Bergerac Airport/Bordeaux Airport (125km/158km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare d'Auch TGV (45km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Condom (Within a short walk)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Intermarché Super Condom (1km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Tennis Club de Condom (1.6km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Guinlet (28km)**

What we love

- Expect French vintage charm and beautiful bedrooms in this champagne themed *maison*
- The courtyard garden is a corner of paradise with its plunge pool and gorgeous summer kitchen
- On arrival, a welcome pack and bottle of champagne will be waiting for you!
- All sorts of wonderful catering can be arranged from indulgent breakfasts to afternoon teas with French pastries, canapés, G&Ts and bubbly!
- In the heart of the historic town of Condom, experience authentic Gascon gastronomy and fine local wines within a short stroll
- Explore the enchanting region of Gers with idyllic villages such as Montréal, Fourcès and Larressingle within a short drive

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in the second floor bedroom suite and top floor bedroom suites only.
- It is worth hiring a car to be able to explore the region or you could prearrange airport transfers and a private driver. Public car parking is available in Condom, a short walk from the house.
- If travelling with youngsters, please take particular care on the open-tread stairs and upper terrace outside.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.

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

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes including bathrobes. Linen is changed for stays of more than one week.

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Air-conditioning is featured in the top-floor bedroom suite only.

 Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.

- **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?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 3 nights during Christmas and New Year. 2 nights during all other periods.

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

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required). Please pay to owner on arrival in cash or by bank transfer.

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

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