Manoir Tournesols

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

It's a true privilege to be able to stay at Manoir Tournesols, an artistic and incredibly beautiful house set in enchanting gardens close to the border of Lot-et-Garonne and Gironde, surrounded by landscapes of summer sunflowers, orchards and organic vineyards.

Once an early 19th-century coaching inn for pilgrims, the restoration of this elegant *manoir* is one-of-a-kind. Its owners have poured their heart and soul into this home and have created a unique retreat for guests who appreciate exquisite interior design and artistic style – it's even been featured in the likes of Vogue and Elle.

Each of the five gorgeous bedrooms has been inspired by the owners' travels near and far – admire vintage furnishings, chinoise wallpaper, hand-painted tiles, impressive artwork, characterful *objets d'art* as well as handcrafted king-size mattresses, high-end bed linen, welcoming robes and organic toiletries in each of the five bathrooms, three of which feature romantic rolltop baths.

The four-acre garden has been rewilded to create a magical ambience whether lazing by the heated swimming pool overlooking the lavender or relaxing in the wood-fired hot tub in a secret corner. Stroll past pomegranate, cherry, apricot, pear and walnut trees, see what may be growing in the vegetable garden and look out for free-roaming chickens alongside red squirrels and butterflies. Sit by the stone koi pond perhaps accompanied by a glass of wine from the manoir's wine cellar, followed by an al-fresco feast prepared by the barbecue and pizza oven.

This part of France is all about charming bastide towns, pretty villages, vineyards, orchards, local produce markets and atmospheric *marches nocturnes* in the height of the summer – a true paradise for food and wine lovers alike.









Visit the award-winning *boulangerie* in nearby Monségur by the Dropt valley, hire bikes to cycle along the Canal Latéral's *voie verte*, appreciate the beauty of the Garonne River from Meilhan-sur-Garonne and enjoy seasonal canoeing and kayaking opportunities.

Visit the wineries and grand château in Duras, try the delicious tomatoes from Marmande and soak up the ambience of the fantastic Saturday morning in Sainte-Foy-la-Grande by the banks of the Dordogne. Venture to idyllic Saint-Émilion, Bergerac or Bordeaux for a grand day out or, within a 90-minute drive, you could be sampling white wine and oysters by the Atlantic coast at Arcachon Bay.

Facilities

Wine Tasting • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Romantic • Private Pool • Wellness • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Walking/Hiking Paths • <1hr to Airport • Heated Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Manor • Instagrammable • Pool Safety Feature • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Spa/Massage • Tourist Towns & Villages • Hot Tub • Wine Cellar • Heating • Babysitting Available • Tennis rackets • Baby bath • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Manoir Interiors

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Ground Floor

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen, well-equipped
- Utility room
- Access to wine cellar

First Floor

- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with free standing bath and shower (over bath)
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- Bedroom with king-size double bed and adjacent bathroom with free standing bath and shower (over bath)

Outside Grounds (four acres)

- Heated swimming pool (9x4m, depth: 1.5m) with safety alarm. Open approximately June to September
- Wood-fired hot tub
- Pizza oven and barbecue
- Terrace for al-fresco dining
- Koi pond
- Chicken coop (and roaming free)
- Vegetable garden and fruit/nut trees
- Massage room
- Rewilded garden
- Driveway and parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Fans
- Wood-fired hot tub
- Wine cellar
- Massage room
- Tennis rackets

- Organic toiletries
- Use of robes and slippers

Location & Local Information

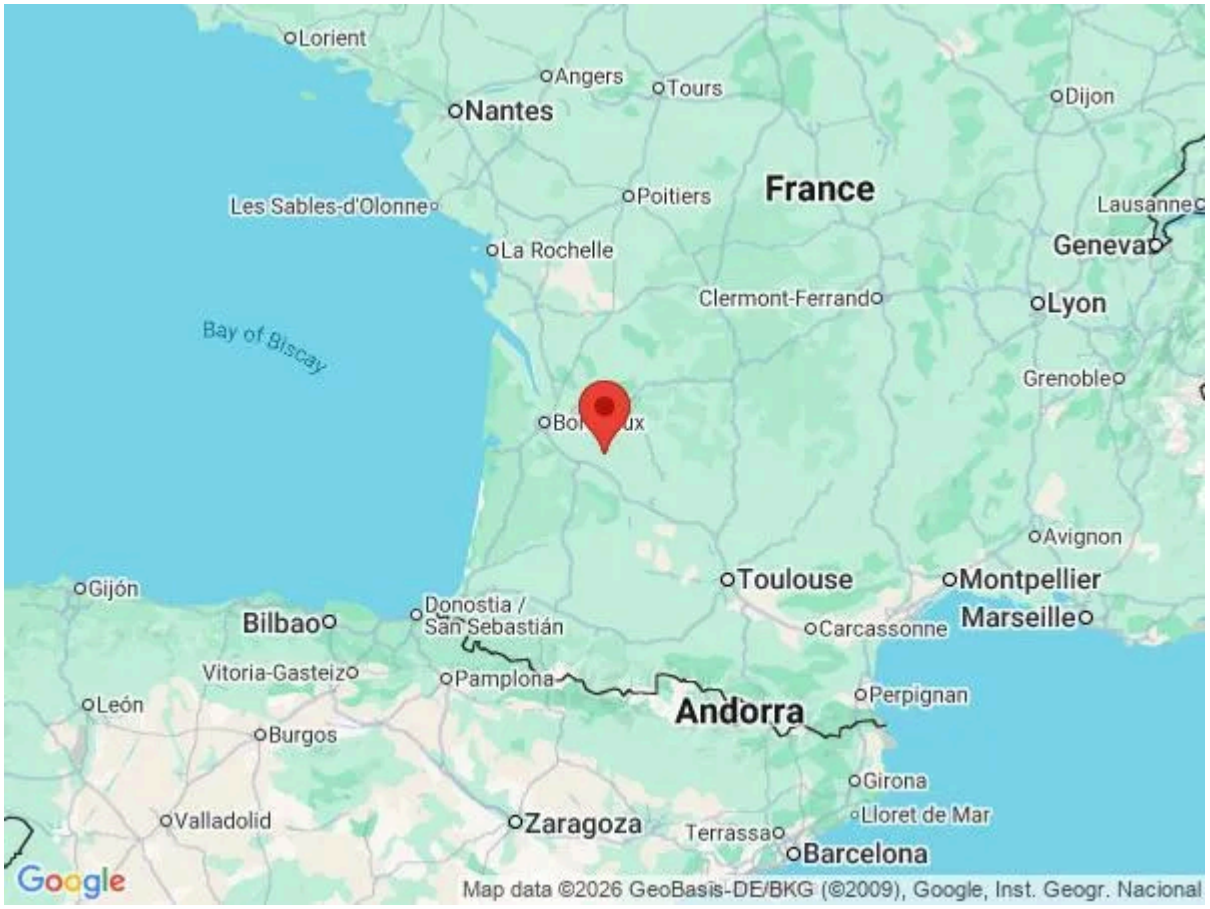
In the Lot-et-Garonne department, close to the border with Gironde, Manoir Tournesols is surrounded by landscapes of orchards, corn fields, vineyards and summer sunflowers. This region is known as the 'orchard of France' thanks to the abundance of fruit and vegetables grown here which can be sampled in local restaurants and bought at produce markets dotted around local towns and villages.

The house is located in a little hamlet and just a couple of minutes away on foot is a tennis court that is free to use for guests (the *manoir* has rackets available to borrow).

The nearest bastide town is Monségur (8km), a charming place overlooking the Dropt valley. There's an award-winning *boulangerie* here as well as restaurants, a weekly food market and a night market in the height of the summer, a superb experience where local food and wine is served accompanied by live music. You can also find summer canoeing and fishing opportunities along the Dropt River, not to mention some picturesque walking routes.

Other pretty market towns include Duras (15km), famed for its wine, summer night market and impressive château, and Sainte-Foy-la-Grande (32km) by the banks of the Dordogne which hosts one of the largest and most beautiful markets on a Saturday morning. Still in the Dordogne but a little further afield, Issigeac (52km) is classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' and its Sunday morning market is loved by locals and visitors alike.

Closer to home, discover characterful villages and historic towns such as La Réole (13km), Castelmoron d'Albret (18km) and Eymet (30km) as well as Marmande (14km), known for its tomatoes. Enjoy walks by the Garonne River alongside summer canoeing and kayaking excursions and soak up the ambience of the summer night market in the idyllic hillside village of Meilhan-sur-Garonne. Cyclists of all ability should follow the *voie verte* by the Canal Latéral,









passing relaxing scenery en route.

Wine-lovers have a choice of wonderful vineyards both near and far and shouldn't miss a trip to the gorgeous hilltop village of Saint-Émilion (53km), surrounded by its historic vines which are classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Bergerac (55km) and Bordeaux (80km) can also be visited for a fantastic day out or venture west and you could be sipping white wine accompanied by oysters near Arcachon (136km) on the Atlantic coast or sampling the fine wines of Margaux (116km) on the Médoc peninsula.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (54km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bordeaux Airport (89km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Marmande (19km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Monségur (8km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Sainte-Bazeille (7.5km)**
Nearest Tennis	**In the hamlet (Short walk)**
Nearest Town	**Monségur (8km)**
Nearest Train Station	**La Réole (12km)**

What we love

- A unique and artistic manoir with acclaimed interior design and beautiful artwork, as featured in Vogue, Elle and The Sunday Times
- As well as the heated pool surrounded by lavender, relax in the wood-fired hot tub tucked away in the corner of the enchanting four-acre garden
- Look out for vintage furnishings, hand-painted tiles and rolltop baths across the exquisite en suite bedrooms
- This region is known for its vineyards, produce markets, orchards and summer *marchés nocturnes* – a true paradise for gourmands and wine-lovers alike
- Visit pretty bastide towns and riverside villages and spend the day in Saint-Émilion, Bergerac or Bordeaux

What you should know...

- Manoir Tournesols sleeps a maximum of 12 guests in total - up to 10 adults plus two additional children/babies using camp beds or cots which can be provided on request - please enquire.
- Please note that no more than four children (including babies) can stay at any one time. A cot, highchair and baby bath can be requested.
- Please supervise children across the house and gardens, especially by the prickly plants and koi pond.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €850 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection. Two cots, two highchairs and a baby bath can be requested at the time of booking.

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

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

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes except the wood-fired hot tub - wood is provided for one session and after this there is a cost for additional wood (approximately €20 per session).

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

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. Manoir Tournesols sleeps a maximum of 12 guests in total - up to 10 adults plus two additional children/babies using camp beds or cots which can be provided on request - please enquire. Please note that no more than four children (including babies) can stay at any one time. A cot, highchair and baby bath can be requested.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible in 2026, Friday during July and August 2027. 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.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only and only on the terrace (not in the garden due to the risk of fire).

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights during peak season. 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.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.

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

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