Chateau Guygaudie

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Flanked by a sunflower meadow and three acres of wonderful walled grounds, Château Guygaudie radiates old-world French grandeur with a family-friendly spirit. From the moment you step through its imposing oak doors, the rich heritage of this elegant château unfolds, where antiques, silk furnishings and ancestral portraits speak of a fascinating past. Once home to Guy de Larigaudie, famed explorer and co-founder of the French scout movement, the château's legacy is woven into the very fabric of its design.

Inside, seven spacious bedrooms and five bathrooms, including four beautiful en-suite bedrooms with four-poster doubles, offer classic and stylish comfort for up to 12 guests. Across the château, period features have been carefully preserved, from antique French furnishings and rolltop baths to the Louis XIV card table in the drawing room. Families will appreciate thoughtful touches for little ones including a playroom, dressing-up box, games and DVDs alongside a variety of baby equipment to help you truly relax during your stay.

Outdoors, the heated swimming pool awaits (within a gated, walled terrace) alongside tropical-style plants and pergolas for warm summer evenings dining al-fresco. As you stroll across the mature landscaped garden, admire hundreds of flowers and shrubs before finding a peaceful corner for a morning coffee or evening apéritif. Meanwhile, the wooded area is perfect for family den building.

To enhance your stay even more, chef or cook services are available at an additional cost, from fresh pastries at breakfast to lunchtime buffets and high quality French dinners. Evening babysitting can be requested and you can pre-book mid-stay cleaning and laundry. Furthermore, wine tastings and other activities such as horse-riding, tennis, canoeing and sight-seeing can all be arranged via the on-site concierge.

Set just 4km from the historic market town of Ribérac, the château enjoys a picturesque position in the northern Dordogne's countryside. Ribérac's bustling Friday market is a sensory delight, bursting with local produce, artisan crafts and summertime street performances. Beyond, the Dronne River offers canoeing just minutes away by car, while Lac Jemaye's sandy beach, summer swimming and nature walks lie within a short drive.

Whether celebrating a special occasion or escaping with your family, Château Guygaudie is a place to reconnect, relax and spend quality time together in a stunning Dordogne setting.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Ideal for Parties • Ideal for Kids • <1hr to Airport • Horse Riding • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Chateaux & Castles • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Heated Pool • Saltwater Pool • Heritage Collection • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Games Room • DVD • Satellite TV • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Water excursions/Boat trips • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Forest park/High-rope course • Breakfast Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Children's videos/DVDs • Children's books • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Stair gates • Booster seat • Plastic crockery • Changing mat • Bottle steriliser • Baby monitor • Night lights • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

- Grand sitting/drawing room with sofas, chairs and Louis XIV card table
- Music room/library with music centre and book collection (in French and English)
- Children's sitting/playroom with pirate/princess seats, dressing-up box, large flat-screen high resolution satellite TV, DVD player, DVD collection and PlayStation (with games)
- Grand dining room
- Traditional kitchen and breakfast room (partly attached to kitchen) with table for 8 guests, highchairs and seat boosters

Upstairs

- Bedroom with four-poster double bed and en suite bathroom
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- Bedroom with four-poster double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with three single beds
- Bedroom with three single beds
- Family bathroom and WC
- Bedroom with two single beds

Adult beds feature orthopaedic mattresses and children's beds can have roll-out guards.

Outside Grounds

- Heated salt-water swimming pool (10x3m) within a walled and gated area with lock (key provided)
- Large terrace with pergolas for al-fresco dining with subdued lighting, outdoor lounge and tropical planting
- Other dining/seating areas across the grounds
- Portable barbecue
- Two historic wells (one with original 19th century pump, the other with 16th century stone)
- Three acres of walled grounds including garden with shrubs and roses, lawned areas, woodland and bamboo forest

Other Facilities

- Video/audio monitoring of pool area (relayed on flatscreen in kitchen area, can be switched off if necessary)

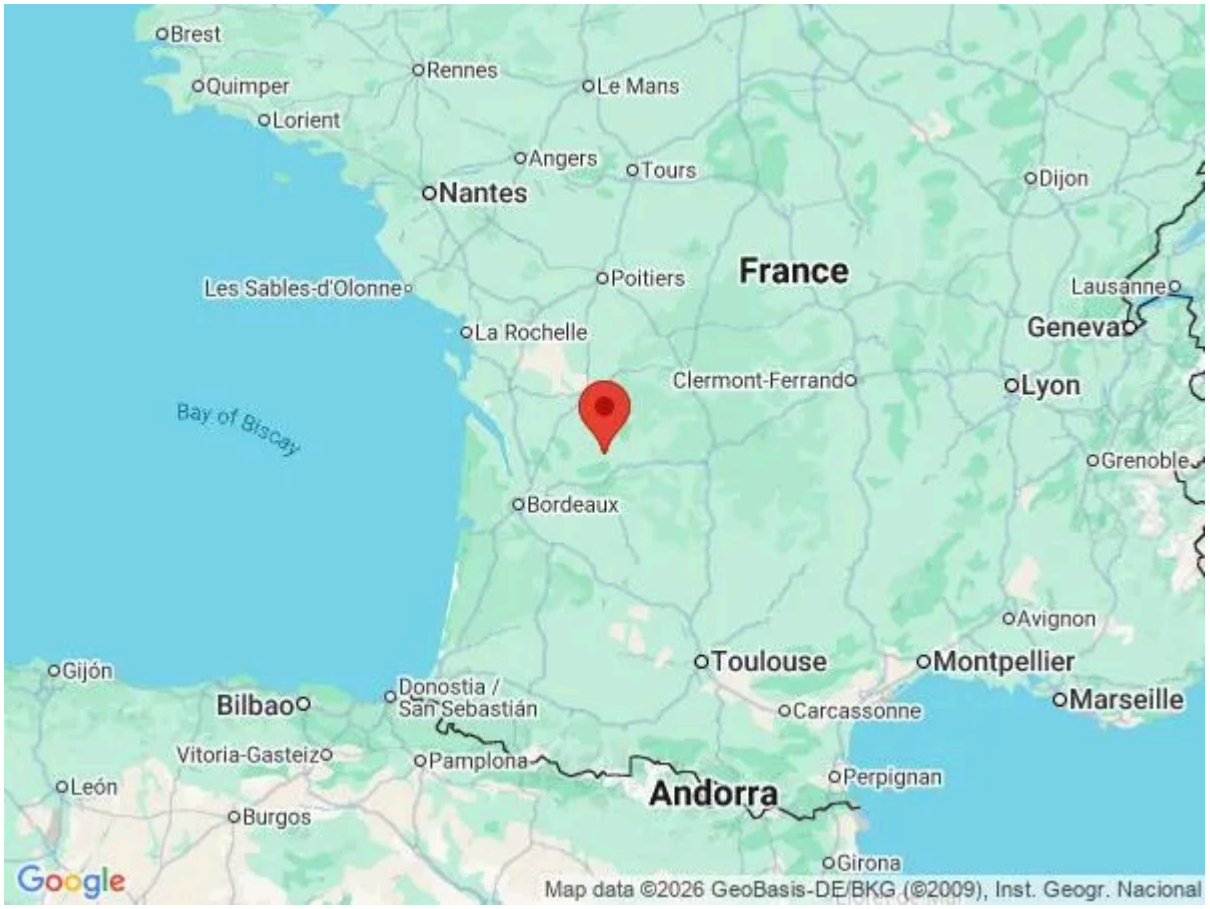
Location & Local Information

In the rural heart of the northern Dordogne, Château Guygaudie offers guests a welcoming countryside retreat just 4km from the charming market town of Ribérac, perfect for families and friends seeking historic charm, relaxation and adventure. The château was once the home of Guy de Larigaudie, an explorer and co-founder of the French scout movement – there's a museum in the local village dedicated to his life's work.

A short drive or cycle ride brings you to Ribérac (4km), a historic market town famed for its vibrant Friday morning market, one of the largest and most colourful in the region. Here, stalls brim with local produce, artisan cheeses, fresh-baked goods and handmade crafts. During the summer months, the market comes alive with family-friendly entertainment, from jugglers and balloon artists to re-enactments of medieval crusades. The town also offers municipal tennis courts, a seasonal watersports centre by the river, a choice of supermarkets and a good selection of restaurants.

Adventurers of all ages will delight in the wealth of outdoor activities close to the château. Just five minutes away, you can enjoy canoeing on the Dronne River, horse riding from a nearby equestrian centre or cycling through scenic lanes. For lakeside fun, head to the beautiful beach at Le Grand Étang La Jemaye (14km) with shaded picnic spots, supervised summer swimming, canoe and paddleboard hire as well as walking trails.

For leisurely day trips, the surrounding region offers rich cultural and natural discoveries. Explore the hilltop village of Aubeterre-sur-Dronne (21km), home to a dramatic monolithic cathedral and pretty riverside beach with summer canoeing. Discover the magical riverside town of Brantôme en Périgord (35km), often dubbed the 'Venice of the Dordogne', where you can wander beneath rock-hewn abbeys, sample gourmet cuisine or enjoy a leisurely boat trip. Or venture to Périgueux (35km), the Dordogne's capital, with its Roman ruins, bustling shops, atmospheric markets and elegant old quarter.



Whether it's swimming in forest-fringed lakes, cycling through sunflower-strewn fields or dining al fresco under the stars, Château Guygaudie promises a quintessential French escape full of charm, activity and characterful beauty.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (58km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bordeaux Airport (132km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Ribérac (4km)**
Nearest Beach	**Lakeside beach at La Jemaye (14km)**
Nearest City	**Périgueux (36km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Saint-Malo (520km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf d'Aubeterre/Golf Club Perigueux (19km/31km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Ribérac (4km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Intermarché SUPER Ribérac (3km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Tennis Club de Ribérac (4.5km)**
Nearest Town	**Ribérac (4km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Périgueux (35km)**
Nearest Village	**Saint-Martin-de-Ribérac (900m)**

What we love

- This period French château retains so much of its original charm – admire its antiques, four poster beds, silk furnishings and ancestral portraits.
- Families are warmly welcomed – little ones will love the playroom with its dressing up box and toys whilst older children can relax with a film.
- Spend long summer days beside the gated swimming pool and dining al-fresco beneath the garden pergolas.
- The mature grounds are a joy with many flowers, shrubs, woodland (for den building) and many idyllic corners.
- Pre-arrange continental breakfast, buffet lunches and a range of superb activities from wine-tasting and tours to tennis, horse-riding canoeing and so much more.
- How wonderful to be just 4km from Ribérac, famed for its Friday morning market, one of the best in the Dordogne.
- Some of region's prettiest towns and villages are within easy reach, including Brantôme en Périgord, Aubeterre-sur-Dronne and Périgueux.

What you should know...

- Please note that the caretaker lives on-site.
- With ample advanced notice, cook or chef services are available at an additional per person cost - please ask for menus and prices (the use of any external caterers is not permitted).
- The owner kindly asks for parental supervision of any small children visiting the château and to be respectful of its historic interiors.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £2500 paid to the owner before arrival and refunded after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** After 5.30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings and any other special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
 Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
 Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
 Chef or cook service can be provided on request and subject to an additional charge - please request well in advance before your holiday. The use of any external caterers is not permitted.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday during peak periods. Flexible during all other periods.

- **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.

- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in July and August. 3 nights in all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Extra €100 per day, paid locally.

- **Pool heating charge?:** Extra €40 per day, paid locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

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

- **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.