

# Maison Acacia

Region: Aquitaine Sleeps: 12

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## Overview

The French poet Jean Cayrol spent many years at this village home; perhaps you, too, will find inspiration in the enchanting walled garden. Maison Acacia is in the heart of a small Gironde village, a wonderful location for visiting the many beautiful market towns along the Dordogne River and the world-famous vineyards of Saint-Émilion and beyond.

The historic 17th-century main home (built of yellow honeystone) includes two additional residences—guests can retire to private quarters, then join one another to dine on the terrace beside the secluded, heated swimming pool. This characterful villa carries a sense of relaxed elegance; unfussy yet comfortable furniture brings country relaxation into the village.

Just a short drive from the Dordogne River, this tiny hilltop village, with its narrow rows of medieval houses and gardens, will utterly charm you and a local restaurant is just a few steps away. A couple of bikes are provided for leisurely cycle rides across the surrounding countryside - you could even venture as far as the riverside town of Castillon-la-Bataille, around 6 km away, with its wonderful Monday morning market.

Other highlights of the area include hilltop Gensac, with its surrounding vineyards, and Pessac-sur-Dordogne, with its riverside walks and summer canoeing/kayaking opportunities. Not to mention the UNESCO World Heritage site of Saint-Émilion, which has been producing some of the world's best wine since Roman times, only 18 km by car.

Furthermore, less than an hour's drive will take you to Bordeaux, the heart of the eponymous wine region. Indeed, following either the Dordogne or the Garonne



Rivers toward Bordeaux will lead you to wineries and châteaux by the dozen and allow you to soak up the natural beauty of this glorious region in southwestern France.

## Facilities

Golf Nearby • Villa • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Private Pool • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Special Offer • Maid Service Available • Has Discount • Great Value • Ideal for Teens • Chef/Cook Available • Heated Pool • <1hr to Airport • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Dishwasher • Working Fireplace/Woodburner

# Interior & Grounds

## Main House Interiors

### Main Floor (some steps)

- Living room with fireplace and door opening to garden
- Dining area with fireplace and table for up to 16 guests
- Kitchen and breakfast room, well-equipped including dishwasher and washing machine
- Bedroom with door leading to garden and en suite shower room

### Upstairs

- Bedroom with en suite bathroom

## Annexe (overlooking pool)

- 2 x bedrooms with double bed and WC
- Shared shower room

## Independent Gite (via separate entrance from the road)

- Living and kitchen area overlooking Magnolia courtyard
- 2 x bedrooms upstairs
- Shared bathroom

## Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (8x4m) with safety alarm and gate
- Covered al-fresco dining area
- Portable and in-built barbecue
- Covered outdoor lounge area
- Summer lounge with pool table, table tennis and kitchen (dishwasher and washing machine)
- Courtyards/garden (steps and some different levels)
- 2 x bikes (in garage)



## Location & Local Information

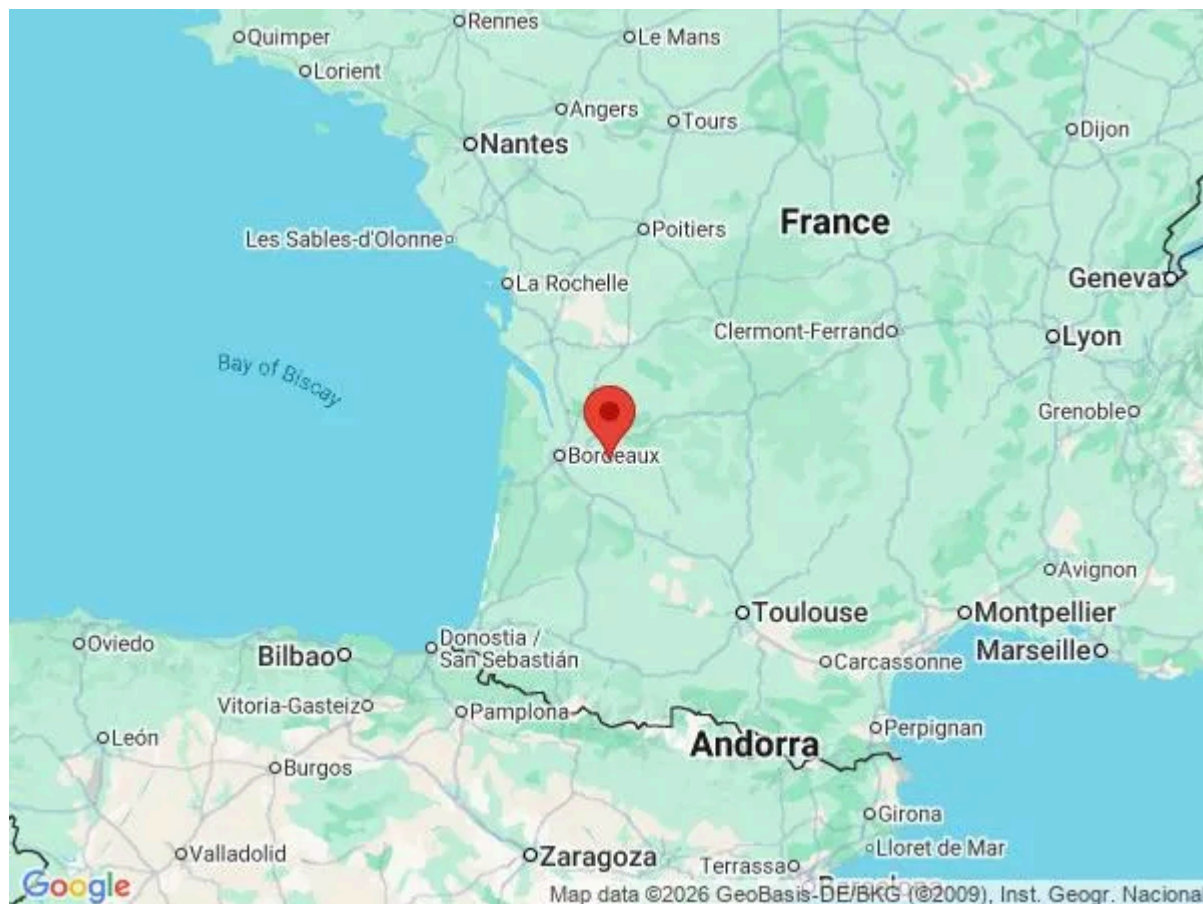
Maison Acacia is in the heart of a tiny village in the Gironde region of south-western France, less than a 10-minute drive to the historic market town of Castillon-la-Bataille and only 18km to Saint-Émilion and its world-famous vineyards. Both Bergerac Airport (50km) and Bordeaux Airport (66km) are within easy reach.

The small village is home to a tabac and much-loved restaurant within a very short walk. It's centred in an area rich with historic small towns, picturesque villages and beautiful châteaux. Visit riverside Castillon-la-Bataille (6.5km) on a Monday morning for its atmospheric market and look out for impressive historic enactments of the battle of Castillon on Friday and Saturday evenings in the height of the summer (tickets can usually be purchased in advance). Also by the banks of the Dordogne, Sainte-Foy-la-Grande (24km) is a characterful town famed for its Saturday morning market, one of the most beautiful in the region.

Another favourite spot nearby is the hilltop village of Gensac (9.5km). Walks and cycle tracks radiate across vineyards in all directions and you don't need to go far to make some lovely new discoveries. Meanwhile, look out for canoeing and kayaking along the river as well as gorgeous walks near Pessac-sur-Dordogne (11km).

Of course, one of the main highlights of the region is Saint-Émilion, a breathtaking medieval gem brimming with history, charm, and world-renowned vineyards. Wander its cobbled streets, discover the awe-inspiring Monolithic Church, and soak in panoramic views from the King's Tower. Wine lovers can indulge in exquisite tastings at prestigious châteaux surrounding the hilltop town, while gastronomes delight in gourmet dining. Explore the mysterious underground catacombs, or simply unwind in the picturesque squares.

There are yet more wonderful restaurants, good shops and vibrant markets in the town of Libourne (24km) whilst Bergerac (48km) and Bordeaux (59km) are other grand



days out for food enthusiasts, historians and wine-lovers alike.

You can even reach the Atlantic coast within a 90-minute drive whether sampling oysters at the bay of Arcachon, climbing Europe's highest sand dune, Dune du Pilat, or experiencing the surfing waves around Lacanau (picking up some Médoc wine at the prestigious châteaux of Pauillac or Margaux en route).

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Bergerac Airport (50km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Bordeaux Airport (66km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Saint-Malo/Caen Oustreham (576km/654km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Castillon (6.8km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>In the village/hamlet (0km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>In the village/hamlet (Short walk)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Lidl/E.Leclerc (7km/8km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Castillon-la-Bataille/Saint-Émilion (6.5km/18km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Bordeaux (59km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Château des Vigiers (34km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Lège-Cap-Ferret (115km)</b>

## What we love

- Whether relaxing by the swimming pool, dining al-fresco, reading in a courtyard or retiring to your private quarters, this village house is full of historic charm and authentic character
- We love the summer lounge with table tennis and pool table
- It's lovely to be able to stroll to the village restaurant just a few steps away
- Don't miss the Monday morning market in Castillon-la-Bataille, a historic town by the banks of the Dordogne less than a 10-minute drive away
- A fine location for wine-tasting from the nearby vineyards of Gensac to prestigious wine châteaux near Saint-Émilion and Bordeaux

## What you should know...

- Maison Acacia sleeps up to 12 guests across six bedrooms – two in the main house, two in an annexe overlooking the pool and two in a gite (with its own separate entrance from the road).
- It's a well loved genuine home; the owners respectfully ask that you care for it as if it were your own.
- This home is not suitable for children under 12.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 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?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that the house is not suitable for children under the age of 12. Special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Weddings, stag/hen parties are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Friday. 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.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. 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:** Included.
- **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.