Maison Gavroche

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

A superbly renovated and stylishly appointed five-bedroomed farmhouse villa on the outskirts of Castillonnès, Maison Gavroche welcomes up to 10 guests to the beautiful countryside. Well-suited to couples, families or groups of friends, this blend of rustic chic and elegance will enchant you as soon as you arrive.

This traditional home has been given a magnificent contemporary flourish, with expert reconfiguration and extensions making the best of the building's original charm and features. There's meticulous attention to detail here regarding the quirky furniture choices and the overall style in a villa that's brimming with character.

Five bedrooms enjoy chic furnishings, gorgeous beds and colourful wall art, some also featuring air-conditioning. All five bathrooms (two en suite) are immaculately equipped, with free-standing bathtubs or showers.

The kitchen-diner is wonderfully equipped alongside beautifully-made cabinets and worktops. An elaborate island acts as the room's centre-piece, while the dining table and wood-burning stove retain elements of the building's rural heritage. The kitchen opens up on two sides – there's easy access to the shaded outdoor dining table, where you'll enjoy gathering for barbecued meals at all hours, along with *portes-fenêtres* that lead directly to the fantastic poolside terrace.

There's a delightful outdoor lounge with shaded loungers at the edge of your heated pool, with a shower to freshen up under after a swim, ready for a al-fresco meals under a glorious sunset.

You'll be within walking distance of all the amenities you'll need in Castillonnès, and only a short drive from some of the most beautiful towns southwest France offers. The area is awash with superb wineries, restaurants and vibrant street markets, with a world-class golf course not far away. The Dordogne riverside town of Bergerac is reachable in under half an hour, a chic blend of traditional French rural life with a modern touch – much like Maison Gavroche.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Wine Tasting • Walk to Village • Private Pool • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Ideal for Kids • Cycling • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Heated Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • <1hr to Airport • Parking Space • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Barn • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis • Dishwasher • Satellite TV •

Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Villa interior

Ground floor (split-level)

- Entrance hall
- Lounge with sofas/arm chairs, TV (with satellite channels via Starlink), CD player and Wi-Fi hub
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area with dining table, range oven and hob, dishwasher, large fridge-freezer, separate drinks fridge. Doors open to dining terrace and swimming pool area
- Utility room with washing machine and drying rack
- Bedroom 1 with a super king-size double bed, air-conditioning and views over the front of the property
- Private shower room next door to bedroom 1
- Master bedroom 2 with super king-size double bed, small seating area, air-conditioning, French doors to garden terrace and mezzanine level with double sofa-bed. En suite bath/shower room
- Bedroom 3 with super king-size double bed, double aspect, air-conditioning and French doors opening to garden. En suite bath/shower room
- Bedroom 4 with twin beds, garden view and French doors opening to covered terrace
- Shower room and separate WC (off entrance hall)

First Floor

- Bedroom 5 (beneath eaves) with double bed, portable air-conditioning unit and en suite bathroom

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (10 x 5m) with electric shutter cover
- Sun deck with sun loungers and parasols
- Poolside covered seating area and dining area for 8 guests
- Poolside lighting
- Poolside shower and WC
- Covered dining area (by kitchen) with table for 8 guests, Chesney dual fuel log burner and grill and separate charcoal barbecue
- Tree-lined driveway
- Table tennis and pétanque
- Car port (two cars)

Other Facilities

- Air-conditioning (only featured in Bedrooms 1 and 2 only plus a/c portable unit in Bedroom 4)

Location & Local Information

Maison Gavroche is situated just outside Castillonnès, a compact and pretty bastide town in the Lot-et-Garonne dating back to the thirteenth century. You'll find all the essentials required for your stay. There are also independent stores and a weekly market on Tuesday mornings. Typical of the region's historic towns, there are delightful walks to enjoy, and look out for summer night markets and other village festivities. You can reach the village by following a footpath across an adjacent field to join the road leading to the village centre.

Crossing the Dordogne border, Eymet is just a twenty-minute drive west, another of the area's wonderfully preserved bastide towns. An early start on Thursday is rewarded with the chance to explore the varied and colourful wares at the town's weekly open-air market. From fresh fruit, vegetables and artisanal breads to clothing and accessories, you'll find a wealth of terrific local produce and goods. The central Place de la Bastide hosts the atmospheric Marche Nocturne on Tuesday evenings during July and August. Terrific street food, late openings at the town's cafés and a tempting array of stalls all add up to make a delightful evening out in this vibrant town.

A twenty-minute drive brings you to Bergerac and the chance to enjoy authentic Dordogne town life, with medieval, half-timbered buildings lining the squares and streets of the picturesque old town north of the river. There are plenty of restaurants, open-air cafés, and a selection of boutique-style shops. You can join boat trips throughout the day, taking you along a picturesque route through the town and the countryside. Contrary to popular belief, the town has no connection with Cyrano de Bergerac, but those with a nose for a good wine certainly won't be disappointed by a visit to the home of Monbazillac, Pacharment and Saussignac. A beautifully preserved, twelfth-century cloister in the old town is home to the Maison de Vins de Bergerac, an exhibition showcasing the town's rich winemaking heritage. You'll be spoiled for choice when sampling the fabulous labels of southwest France, with many wineries to discover around Bergerac, offering vineyard and cellar tours.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergerac Airport (23km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bordeaux Airport (140km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(180m)**
Nearest Shop	**(250m)**

Nearest Supermarket	**(1km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Villeneuve sur Lot (23km)**
Nearest Beach	**La Salie (200km)**
Nearest City	**Bordeaux (130km)**

What we love

- Interior design enthusiasts and those looking for a unique stay in the beautiful Dordogne/Lot-et-Garonne region will delight in the attention to detail here
- The outdoor living spaces are as comfortable and well-designed as the villa's super-stylish interior
- How wonderful to be able to stroll to Castillonnès with its shops, restaurants and weekly market
- You'll only be a short distance from the region's most stunning towns and in the heart of its picturesque countryside

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is only featured in Bedrooms 1, 2 and 3. Bedroom 5 (upstairs) has a portable a/c unit.
- Guests need to be able to manage several steps across this renovated farmhouse's split-levels, and please note that one of the bedrooms has a mezzanine level.
- We strongly recommend car hire during your stay, especially if you want to explore the region.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £1250 paid 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?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement may apply (payable locally).

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. A cot and highchair are available, subject to an additional cost. 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.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. However, 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.

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- **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.

- **Other 3:** Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms upon booking confirmation.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included from approximately May to September, extra charges may apply outside of this period. 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 from approximately May 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.