

La Maison Des Harmonies

Region: Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

The owners of this wonderfully converted 4-bedroom farmhouse in Gascony have opened their doors to allow discerning holiday makers to exclusively experience the character and beauty of their home and swimming pool, located within a glorious estate with views of the undulating Gers countryside.

Just a short cycle ride or drive to Marciac, home of the famous summer jazz festival, the main house at Maison des Harmonies combines historic charm with contemporary design. Once a farmhouse in the 1700s, a 21st century sculptor brought the building back to life taking great care to preserve its heritage whilst adding architecturally unique features such as the modern staircase and mezzanine level. The home's current owners took over the project just a few years ago, landscaping the glorious grounds to create an idyllic retreat steeped in history.

Enter the 4-bedroom farmhouse through the impressive entrance hall which leads straight through to an elegant dining area and cosy lounge with French windows opening out to the covered terrace. A high-ceilinged classic yet modern kitchen also awaits with a stylish kitchen island and Wi-Fi controlled pellet burner to create an ambience of warmth, alongside an adjoining TV lounge. Upstairs, beneath the eaves, find four delightful bedrooms, each one named after famous singers, alongside three en suite shower rooms and a family bathroom. We especially love the master bedroom with its king-size double and large window allowing light to flood in to the room.

Sit beneath the covered terrace for al-fresco meals with family and friends or take a stroll across to the gorgeous swimming pool and its raised dining terrace with the most idyllic vistas towards the gentle hills of Gascony, a region known as the 'Tuscany of France'. Find a pretty spot for a glass of Armagnac or wine from nearby vineyards (Saint Mont and Madiran are half an hour away) and take a walk around the large natural pond within the one-hectare estate.

It's just 5km to reach the charming town of Marciac – why not make the most of the estate's two electric bikes and grab croissants and fresh bread in the morning. As well as its huge main square, weekly market, atmospheric cafes and welcoming restaurants, Marciac is renowned for the 'Jazz in Marciac' festival that takes place over three weeks from late July and attracts big-name artists and visitors from across the world.

Meanwhile, enjoy long walks, cycling and horse-riding through the Gers countryside, visit some of the region's historic market towns and picture-perfect villages, or venture south to Tarbes and Lourdes in the Hautes-Pyrénées in the true heart of southern France.



Facilities

Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Historical Sites • Cycling •
Hairdryer • Villa • Washing Machine • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby •
Fishing • Wine Tasting • Maid Service Available • Rural Location • Cots
(Cribs) • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Private Pool • Bicycles Provided •
Animal farm • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Water
excursions/Boat trips • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Amusement park •
Transfers Available • Board games • Children's books • Pool Safety
Feature • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Stair gates • Ideal
for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Dishwasher • Smart TV • Working
Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s)
• Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities
• Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Farmhouse Interiors (295m2)

Ground Floor

- Entrance hall with staircase
- Lounge with open fireplace and doors leading to covered terrace
- Dining area
- Kitchen, well-equipped including kitchen island, American fridge, double oven, dishwasher, pellet burner (Wi-Fi connected) and doors leading to covered terrace
- TV lounge
- Cloakroom

First Floor (via contemporary curved staircase)

- Landing overlooking entrance hall below
- Mezzanine area with desk overlooking kitchen below
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed
- Family bathroom with bath tub, sink and WC

Some of the double bedrooms feature low ceilings and dormer/small windows

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (8.5x4.5m) with safety alarm. Open approximately May to end-September
- Raised poolside covered dining terrace
- Poolside covered drinks terrace
- Covered terrace for al-fresco dining
- Landscaped grounds (one hectare) with places to relax
- Large natural pond with 120m long path around the pond
- Terrace overlooking the pond
- Electric adult bikes (x2) belonging to the estate

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Fans (bedrooms)
- Smart TV
- Small library
- Board games
- Children's books and toys
- Electric adult bikes (x2)
- Washing machine and dryer



Location & Local Information

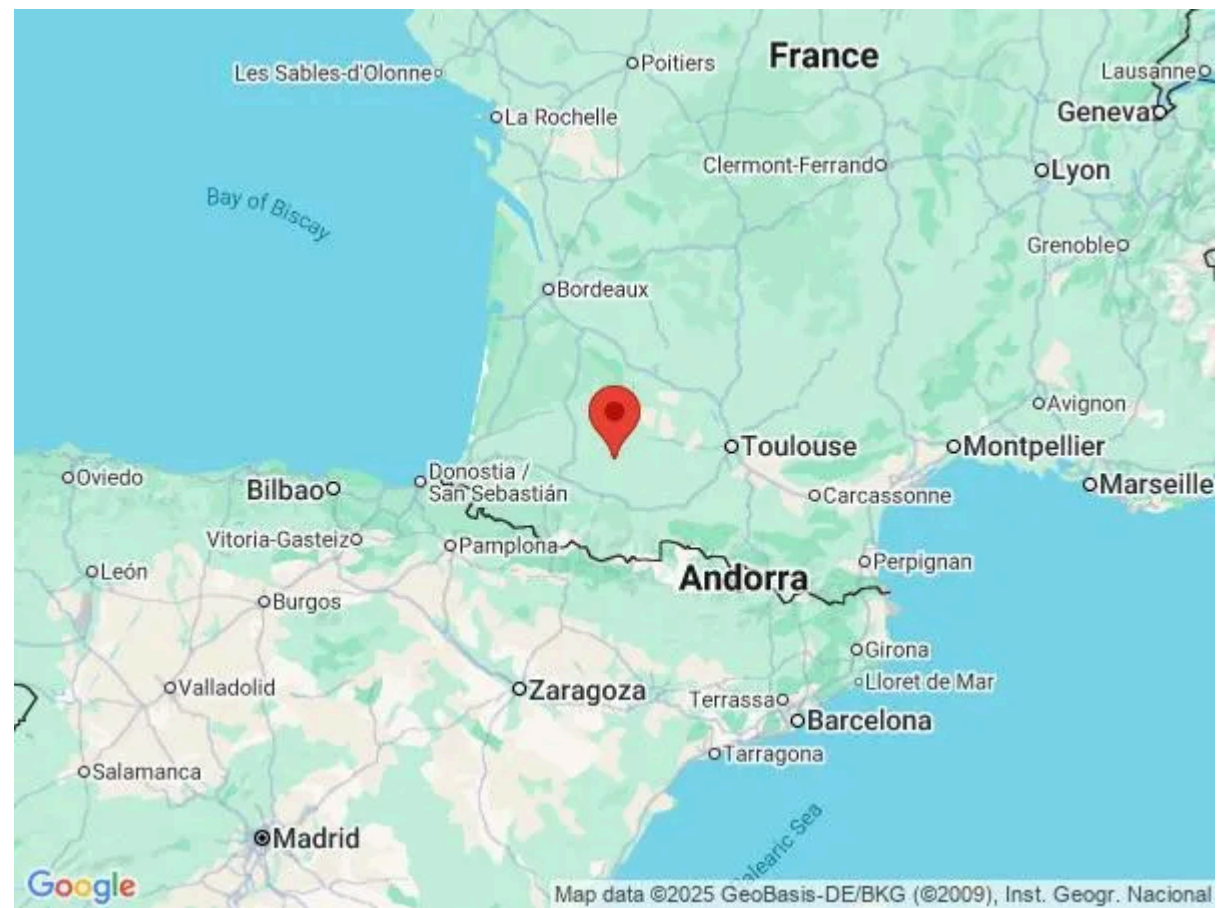
La Maison des Harmonies is set within a one-hectare estate with the most beautiful views of the Gers countryside in a region also known as the Tuscany of France. Just 5km away is the charming town of Marciac, famous for its annual jazz festival that attracts musicians from across the world.

You can make the most of La Maison des Harmonies' two electric bikes and cycle to Marciac or it's just a 5-minute drive to reach its historic centre. The fortified town dates back to the 13th century and is home to cafes, restaurants, a pharmacy and a good-sized supermarket as well as a vibrant market on a Wednesday morning. The famous jazz festival usually takes place from late July to mid-August – the festival is over forty years old and the town has welcomed big names in the past such as Ray Charles and Dizzy Gillespie. Lac de Marciac (7km) lies just to the north with its nature walks, carp fishing and summer pedalo hire.

The much-loved Golf du Château Pallanne is only 13km away whilst wine-lovers note that the vineyards of Saint Mont and Madiran can be reached within half an hour to forty minutes. There are various walking and hiking routes, cycling trails and horse-riding opportunities to discover, all wonderful ways to truly appreciate the undulating scenery of Gascony and beyond. Heading south, the most adventurous guests can easily reach the foothills of the Pyrenees.

Driving into the Hautes-Pyrénées, admire stunning views towards the mountains when visiting Tarbes (35km) on the Adour River, home to the especially impressive Jardin Massey, a 19th century landscaped park, and the Cathédrale Notre Dame de la Sède. Horse enthusiasts should head to the French National Monument, Haras National de Tarbes, whilst the covered market will delight gastronomes on a Thursday morning.

The fascinating network of caves can be found at Grottes de Bétharram (70km), just over an hour away, perhaps



combined with a trip to Lourdes (58km) which welcomes millions of visitors every year.

Back in the Gers, Auch (52km) is the historic capital of Gascony and a 'City of Art and History', also the gateway to other gems of this region such as the historic market towns of Fleurance, Lectoure and Condom. If you can find the time, venture to the trio of Gers villages, Larressingle, Montréal and Fourcès, all classified as three of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' and reached in just over an hour by car.

Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | Tarbes–Lourdes–Pyrénées Airport (45km) |
| Nearest Airport 2 | Pau-Pyrenees Airport (62km) |
| Nearest Train Station | Gare de Tarbes (35km) |
| Nearest Town | Marciac (5km) |
| Nearest Restaurant | Marciac (5km) |
| Nearest Supermarket | U Express et Drive (6.5km) |
| Nearest Golf | Golf du Château Pallanne (13km) |
| Nearest Tennis | Tennis Club Marciacais (5km) |

What we love

- Having been sensitively restored, this 18th century 4-bedroom farmhouse exudes authentic character alongside high-end design and comfort
- We love the beautiful Gascony views from the swimming pool and landscaped grounds – take time to walk around the estate gazing out towards the Pyrenees
- Marciac is famous for its summer jazz festival which attracts musicians from across the world
- A great base for exploring the undulating landscapes of the Gers and the foothills of the Pyrenees – you could even venture to the Atlantic coast and Spain for an amazing day out!

What you should know...

- It's a gorgeous house for families – a cot, highchair, stairgate and children's books/toys can be provided on request. Please do supervise young children on the upstairs landing/mezzanine and also outside across the grounds, especially by the natural pond, swimming pool and poolside raised terrace.
- There is an adjacent smaller villa next door to the estate (this is not included in the rate). This will not be rented out separately but there is a possibility that the hospitable but very kind owners may be present.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £2000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 3.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 11.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays of more than 14 nights.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. There is also a smaller house on the estate next to the farmhouse. Please note there is a possibility that the hospitable yet discreet owners may sometimes be staying in this smaller villa next door.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. Other changeover days are on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes and mid-stay cleaning for stays of more than 14 nights also included. 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?:** No.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights (5-night stays may be possible, on request, as long as they do not cross over the Saturday).
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **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?:** 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.