Chateau Belle Rive

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 18

Overview

This beautiful French château sits by the riverside in the Lot-et-Garonne region of south-western France, within a short stroll of a pretty village. Embrace the romanticism of its interiors before swimming in its heated swimming pool, then relax by the river's edge with a glass of local wine.

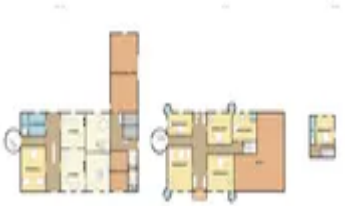
Dating back to the mid-19th century, Château Belle Rive makes a fine holiday home or an elegant venue for a French wedding across its six acres of grounds. The reception rooms are so inviting with a characterful lounge and cosy snug alongside the dining hall and superbly equipped kitchen featuring an impressive Lacanche range. Original features can be found throughout from stone floors and wood beamed ceilings to exposed brickwork and gorgeous fireplaces, as well as modern touches and stylish décor.

The perfect blend of old and new can be found across the seven bedrooms which sleep up to 18 guests, each room with its own personality and character. French beds and antique furnishings add an immense amount of charm, as do the rolltop baths which stand proudly in many of the bedrooms. For additional guests, a 2-bedroom cottage can be added to your booking on request, subject to a supplement.

Swim in the heated swimming pool and enjoy long lunches prepared in the fantastic poolside kitchen beneath the trailing vines. Take a stroll through the château's vast gardens, stop off in the chai for a game of pool and drink by the bar, or simply find a picturesque spot on a south-facing terrace overlooking the River Lot. A small jetty allows you to canoe or fish (with a licence) along the river in this truly idyllic setting.

Pick up locally grown fruit and vegetables from the









neighbouring farm shop or stroll down to the local village with its épicerie selling fresh croissants and bread each morning. A traditional restaurant-bar is attached to the village shop for lunches or evening meals out whilst there are many further places to eat in riverside villages and towns such as Castelmoron-sur-Lot and Villeneuve-sur-Lot.

In a region famed for its orchards and fertile farmland, enjoy the wonderful markets of nearby villages and towns (including a summer's Farmer's market on a Thursday evening in the local village). Try the tomatoes from Marmande, prunes from Agen, wine from Duras as well as strawberries, nuts, courgettes, melons and of course *foie gras*, *magret* and delicious cheeses.

Hire seasonal pedalos, canoes and kayaks in Castelmoron-sur-Lot, discover riverside beaches for summer swimming and visit picture-perfect villages such as Pujols, Penne-d'Agenais and Monflanquin.

You could even venture north to the Dordogne with Monpazier, Issigeac and Bergerac all around an hour away, whilst other days out include the undulating landscapes of the Gers, the Malbec producing vineyards of Cahors and even the world-famous wineries of Bordeaux, amongst many more highlights of south-western France.

Facilities

Private Pool • Romantic • Walk to Village • Walking/Hiking Paths • <1hr to Airport • Ideal for Kids • Horse Riding • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Cycling • Golf Nearby • Chateaux & Castles • Heated Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Chef/Cook Available • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Heritage Collection • Waterfront • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Games Room • Bicycles Provided • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Château Interiors

Main Floor

- Formal living room
- Second lounge/snug
- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped including Lacanche oven range
- Dining hall with doors leading to front façade and back garden
- Bedroom with double bed and two single beds. Shower room (next door)

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed, rolltop bath (with shower) in the bedroom and separate WC (in the tower)
- Bedroom with small double bed and two single beds, rolltop bath (with shower) in the bedroom and separate WC (in the tower)
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- Bedroom with double bed, rolltop bath (with shower) in the bedroom and separate WC (in the tower)

Second Floor

- Bedroom with double bed, en suite shower room and separate WC

Chai

- Games room with pool/snooker table and bar
- Can be used for events or dining (on request)

There is a 2-bedroom cottage within the grounds, available on request only and subject to an additional supplement, perhaps ideal for a nanny/au pair - it remains otherwise unoccupied.

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (10x6m) with safety fencing and alarm
- Covered terrace with summer kitchen (fridge-freezer, dishwasher, paella pan and griddle), bar and dining area
- Gas barbecue
- 200m river frontage
- Small jetty (with lockable gate)
- Fishing boat (licence required) and canoe
- Table tennis
- Bikes
- Pond/fountain
- Parkland (six acres) with mature trees

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Pool/snooker table
- Table tennis
- Bikes
- Canoe
- Fishing boat (licence required)

Location & Local Information

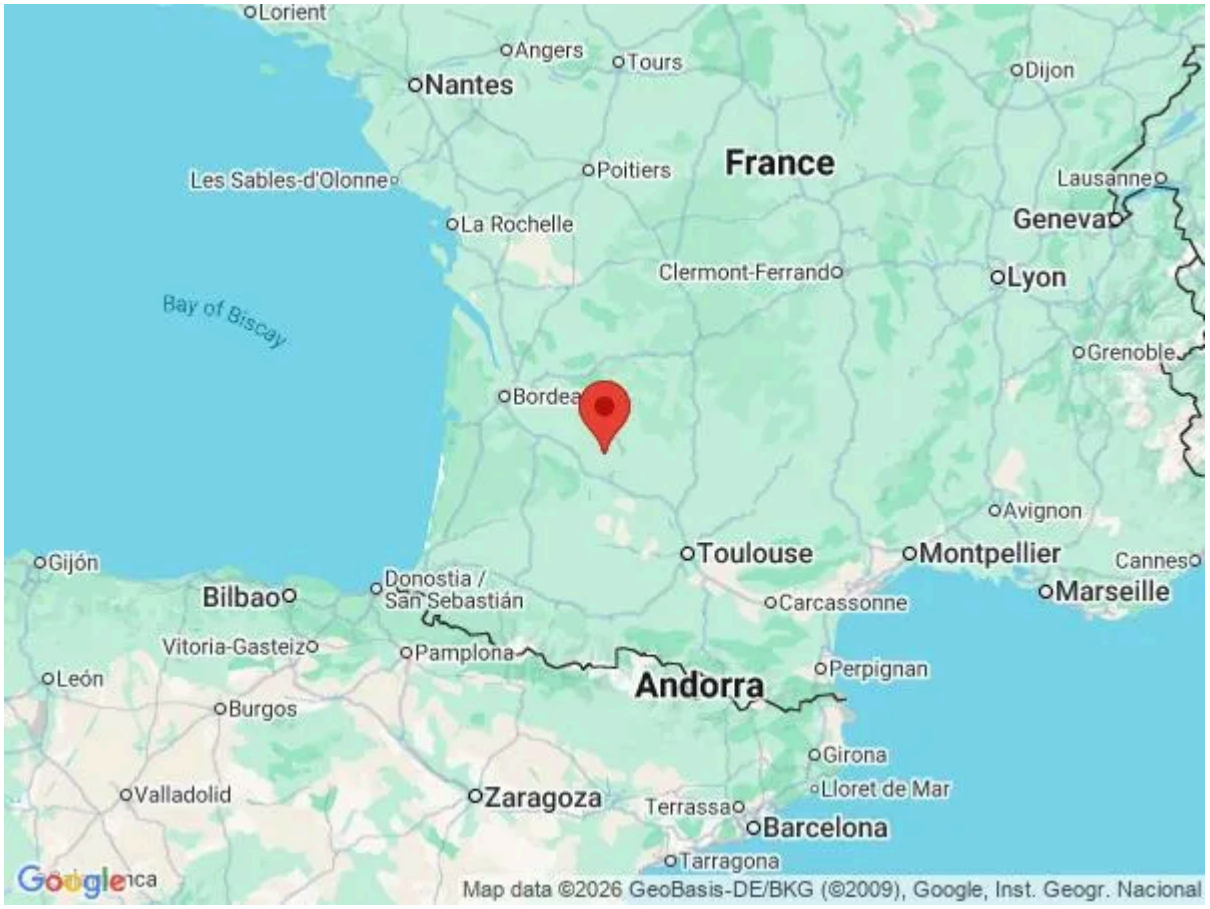
An idyllic setting by the banks of the Lot River with 200m of river frontage (including a small jetty, rowing boat and canoe), Château Belle Rive is in the Lot-et-Garonne department of south-western France, within walking distance to a pretty village and only 4km from Castelmoron-sur-Lot.

Wander down to the local village for your morning croissants and bread from the village épicerie and find a traditional bar-restaurant next door, both around 900m away. There is also a farm shop just down the lane from the château selling seasonal fruit and vegetables whilst the village hosts a Thursday evening Farmer's market in the height of the summer.

Soak up the ambience of further delightful markets in Castelmoron-sur-Lot (4km) on a Wednesday morning and Villeneuve-sur-Lot (16km) on a Tuesday and Saturday morning as well as others in places such as Marmande, Nérac, Agen, Cancon, Duras and plenty more villages and towns. Indeed, the Lot-et-Garonne is known for its fertile farmland and countryside - look out for tomatoes from Marmande and Agen prunes as well as locally grown strawberries, melons, nuts, asparagus, courgettes, good regional wines and a wealth of poultry, *foie gras*, *magret* and cheeses.

There are many activities across this part of south-western France from summer canoeing and kayaking along the Lot River to wonderful walks, cycle rides, tennis, golf and so much more. Discover other water based activities in July and August across *base de loisirs* dotted across the Lot-et-Garonne such as Lac de Lougratte (27km), Casteljaloux (50km) and by the river near Marmande (37km). There is also supervised summer swimming in the Lot River in Castelmoron-sur-Lot (4km) and Clairac (15km).

In terms of pretty villages, Pujols (15km) is classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' and hikers will appreciate the walk up to the village from Villeneuve-sur-









Lot. Penne-d'Agenais (27km) is an idyllic spot perched above the river whilst further north you will find the French bastide town of Monflanquin, another beautiful spot. Crossing over to the Dordogne department, visit Monpazier and Issigeac, both within an hour, or appreciate the beauty and history of Bergerac (61km) and take a river cruise along the Dordogne River.

Even more amazing days out include the idyllic villages and landscapes of the Gers (Larressingle, Montréal and Fourcès are just over an hour away), handsome Cahors (85km) with its Malbec producing vineyards, the UNESCO World Heritage vineyards of Saint-Émilion (93km) and even the grand city of Bordeaux (124km) with its world-famous wineries.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergerac Airport (56km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bordeaux Airport (128km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (153km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Penne/Agen (26km/35km)**
Nearest Shop	**Village shop (900m)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Bar-restaurant (attached to village shop) (900m)**
Nearest Village	**Small riverside village (900m)**
Nearest Town	**Castelmoron-sur-Lot (4km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**U Express (4km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Castelnaud (19km)**

What we love

- There's such an air of elegance and romanticism across this French château, ideal for holidays with family and friends or a beautiful wedding venue
- The château's riverside setting is idyllic with south-facing terraces and gardens overlooking the Lot River
- With a small jetty on the river's edge, make the most of the château's canoe and fishing boat or find water-based activities and summer swimming in nearby Castelmoron-sur-Lot
- Stroll to the local village for your morning croissants and enjoy a meal out in the village bar-restaurant
- Embrace the many markets and farm shops of the Lot-et-Garonne showcasing locally produced fruit, vegetables, cheeses and wine

What you should know...

- The château sleeps up to 18 guests (and two cots) across seven bedrooms. There is also a 2-bedroom cottage within the grounds, available on request only and subject to an additional supplement, perhaps ideal for a nanny/au pair (rest assured it remains otherwise unoccupied).
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
- 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.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 12.00 p.m.

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

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

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.

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- **Changeover day:** Saturday. 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.

- **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.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included from approximately May to September, additional 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 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.