Maison Des Douves

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

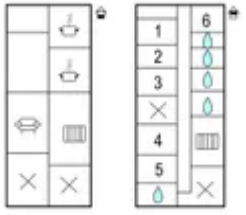
Step back in time to the 15th Century in this remarkable château set in 30 hectares of parkland, just north of the Dordogne river.

As you enter the grand hall, you will be greeted by a stained glass window depicting the family's coat of arms on the wonderful stone staircase. Throughout the château you can admire ancient tapestries, historic paintings and traditional features in every room, including the original kitchen which has been historically preserved. Six fascinating bedrooms full of period detail and four bright bathrooms ensure there is ample space for family and friends to experience this unique old-world atmosphere.

Outside you are surrounded by 30 hectares of parkland which feature an orangery, wonderful gardens and magnificent views across the open countryside. From June to September you can enjoy the inviting swimming pool and spend lazy afternoons relaxing in the sun before preparing a barbecue in order to feast with friends al-fresco on long summer evenings under the starry sky, soaking up the charming historic ambience.

In this rural setting it's about a five-minute drive to a little village with a bakery, shop and hotel-restaurant whilst the beautiful city of Bergerac is just under 30 minutes by car. Here you can discover the city's medieval centre, excellent restaurants and famous Maisons de Vins. Wine-lovers should also head to the charming hilltop wine-town of Saint-Émilion for another idyllic day out.

There are of course countless medieval villages to explore within half an hour such as lovely Limeuil, where the Vézère meets the Dordogne or picturesque village of Tremolat with its lovely viewpoint over the river. Not forgetting the unmissable city of Périgueux (35km) to the



north, famous for its amazing black truffles and amazing restaurants.

The Dordogne region is a true haven for nature and sports lovers from spectacular golf-courses to watersports at nearby lakes or canoeing down the river, not to mention the hiking and cycling opportunities nearby.

Facilities

Fishing • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • <1hr to Airport • Horse Riding • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Watersports • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Chateaux & Castles • Great Value • Special Offer • Ideal for Teens • Has Discount • Has Offer • Cots (Cribs) • Heritage Collection • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • DVD • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • Caves/Pre-historic site • Ruins • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Forest park/High-rope course • Badminton • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Chateau Interior (max. 10 adults + 2 children)

- Two spacious living rooms
- Dining room with table seating 10
- Kitchen, well equipped including fridge, freezer box, dishwasher and microwave
- 4 x double bedrooms
- 2 x twin bedrooms
- Bathroom with WC, bath and shower
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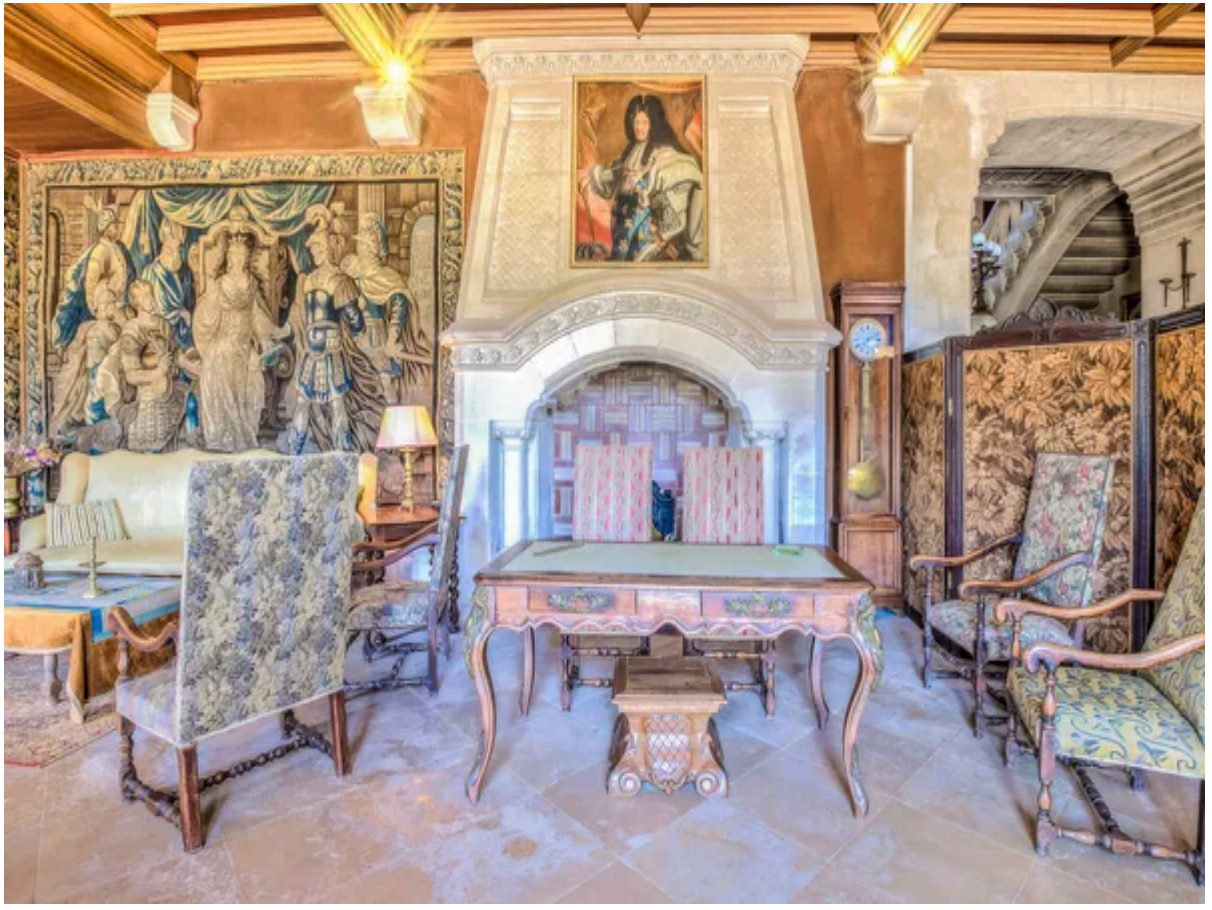
- Shower room with WC
- 2 x separate WCs

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (72m), open June to the end of September
- BBQ
- French boules
- Badminton net and rackets (x4)
- Table tennis
- Orangery
- Formal lawns
- Parkland (30 hectares)
- Parking on site for 4 cars

Facilities

- CD player / Hi-Fi system



Location & Local Information

Maison des Douves is set in 30 hectares of parkland with far reaching views across the countryside, just north-east of Bergerac and north of the Dordogne River. The nearest small village with any facilities is St. George de Montclard (4km) where you will find a bakery and small convenience store whilst larger supermarkets can be found near Vergt (13km) to the north or towards Bergerac.

Beautiful Bergerac (21km) is just under half an hour by car, where you can explore its medieval architecture, pretty boutiques and high-end restaurants as well as the unmissable Maisons de Vins. Wine-lovers can also sample some sweet wines at nearby Château de Monbazillac (27km) just south of the Dordogne river or head to the charming hilltop wine-town of Saint-Émilion (80km) for an idyllic day out.

Heating east along the Dordogne, there are countless medieval villages to explore in the surrounding region such as the picturesque village of Tremolat (25km), near the Cingle de Tremolat viewpoint and lovely Limeuil (32km), where the Vézère meets the Dordogne. Here you can paddle by the river beach or enjoy some fine views from Parc Limeuil after wandering through the delightful village. In addition, head to La Roque Gageac, Château de Beynac or Castelnaud-la-Chapelle for idyllic days out by the Dordogne River, all just over an hours drive.

Not forgetting some of the unmissable larger towns and cities such as sophisticated Périgueux (35km), famous for its amazing black truffles and Sarlat (65km) with its maze of medieval narrow streets, lovely squares and amazing restaurants.

Local Amenities

Nearest Restaurant	**(3.5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**(12km)**

Nearest Shop	**Bakery and small convenience store (4km)**
Nearest Village	**Saint-Martin-des-Combes (2km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Bergerac (21km)**
Nearest Airport	**Bergerac/Brive/Bordeaux (24km/ 117km/130km)**
Nearest Golf	**(16km)**

What we love

- This traditional château is for those who wish to slip back into the past with each room being full of history and period detail
- The 30 hectares of parkland surrounding the château includes a summer swimming pool, an orangery and formal lawns
- Idyllic villages along the Dordogne such as Tremolat and Limeuil are just over half an hour away
- The beautiful wine city of Bergerac is under 30 minutes by car, or head north to unmissable city of Périgueux with its gastronomic delights

What you should know...

- For added convenience during your stay, the property owner lives on site, but remains discreet.
- The property accommodates 12 guests: 10 adults and 2 children
- 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

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €800 charged to client's credit card/taken in cash by the owner before or upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** Between 4.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

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

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** No. €12 per guest, payable locally.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed. Two cots and two high chairs can be provided free of charge, on request.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Advertised rates are for a maximum of 10 adults + 2 children. Please note that there will be an increased security deposit for youth groups aged 21 and under. Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are not allowed. 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. The helpful but discreet owner lives on site.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €100, payable locally. 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?:** Not allowed.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.

- **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:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs £1-£10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Pool opening dates?:** Pool is open approximately early June to late 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.