

Écuries Claria

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 16

Overview

Close to the Dordogne border, only 1.5km from a beautiful medieval village and small lake, Écuries Claria is a set of three dwellings which were once 17th century stables. They have been sensitively renovated to create a charming holiday home with swimming pool in the Lot-et-Garonne, sleeping up to 16 guests.

In an L-shape, each of the three stables features a lounge-dining room and small open-plan kitchen, well-equipped including the all-important espresso machine, alongside an attractive terrace and barbecue. Enter through an impressive hallway with a huge door - this leads to Stables I and II, both with three bedrooms (two doubles and a twin) and two bathrooms (one en suite). Both Stables I and II can be interconnected via their lounges if you wish. Stables III and its two bedrooms, one bathroom completes this holiday abode.

All three dwellings have been designed to accentuate their character with rustic flooring and old wood beams. There's an air of charming simplicity across the décor and furnishings creating a restful and authentic ambience.

Guests can gather by their very own swimming pool with a poolside terrace and sun loungers surrounded by safety gating (as per French regulations). The garden is glorious with splashes of summer colour, lavender and green space. Also part of the open grounds is neighbouring Château Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/chateau-claria/>) (which is usually rented out separately or the owners may be staying there). If you wish to book both the château and stables (sleeping 32 guests in total), please see Domaine Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/domaine-claria/>).



The estate is set on a country road leading to a delightful little village only 1.5km away with restaurants, useful shops, a small Saturday morning Farmer's market and an impressive Renaissance castle. Stroll around the pretty lake with its picnic benches, look out for birds and other wildlife or partake in a spot of fishing at certain times of year (a permit will be needed).

The beauty of the Lot-et-Garonne is on your doorstep with gorgeous market towns such as Castillonès, Miramont-de-Guyenne and Villereal all within easy reach as well as Monflanquin, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. Canoe or kayak along the river near Allemans-du-Dropt, sample wines in the vineyards around Duras and savour delicious regional produce such as Agen prunes steeped in Armagnac, tomatoes from Marmande, Tonneins ham, walnuts, truffles and *foie gras* of course.

You could even venture to the UNESCO World Heritage vineyards of Saint-Émilion, just over an hour away, or stay slightly closer to home as you explore the southern part of Dordogne with picture-perfect villages (Issigeac, Eymet and Monpazier, for example) and handsome towns - Sainte-Foy-la-Grande and Bergerac are both by the banks of the Dordogne and make a superb day out, especially on market day!

Facilities

Wine Tasting • Cycling • Boat Trips • Tennis Nearby • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Coffee Machine • Weddings • Fishing • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Walking/Hiking Paths • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Walk to Village • Rural Location • Cots (Cribs) • Private Pool • Chef/Cook Available • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Theme park • Forest park/High-rope course • Catering Available • Babysitting Available • Pool Safety Feature • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Property Interiors (three separate dwellings)

- Entrance hallway leading to Stables I and Stables II

Stables I Interiors (6 guests, 125m2, single storey)

- Open-plan lounge and dining area
- Open-plan small kitchen including Nespresso machine
- Terrace and barbecue
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bathroom with bath, shower sink and WC
- Separate WC

Stables II Interiors (6 guests, 135m2, two storeys)

- Open-plan living and dining area (can be connected to Stables II)
- Open-plan small kitchen including Nespresso machine
- Terrace and barbecue
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bathroom with bath, shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with twin beds (upstairs)
- Separate WC

Stables III (4 guests, 100m2, two storeys)

- Open-plan lounge and dining area
- Open-plan small kitchen including Nespresso machine
- Terrace and barbecue
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bathroom with shower and sink
- Separate WC
- Bedroom with twin beds (upstairs)

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (10x5m, depth: 1.5m) with safety fencing. Open approximately April to October
 - Poolside terrace with sun loungers
 - Individual terraces with table and chairs
 - Barbecues
 - Large garden/grounds (unenclosed)
 - Driveway and parking (shared with Château Claria)
- (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/chateau-claria/>)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Security cameras (outward facing)



Location & Local Information

In the Lot-et-Garonne, a short drive from the Dordogne border, Écuries Claria is located close to a pretty village and lake around half an hour south of Bergerac.

Surrounded by farmland and countryside landscapes, Écuries Claria is set in the same open grounds as the impressive Château Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/chateau-claria/>), situated just off the country road leading to the local village. You can reach the characterful village in around 1.5km by car or on foot (no pavement) where you will find a *boulangerie*, restaurants, small grocery store, pharmacy and other amenities. Walk through the village admiring half-timbered houses, medieval lanes and the old Renaissance château. A small Farmer's market takes place on a Saturday morning and showcases delicious local delights (also look out for night markets in the height of the summer). The lake is very picturesque, perfect for gentle walks, bird-watching and even a spot of fishing when allowed (with a licence).

Other pleasant walks can be found nearby (the owners can provide a guide of walking tours) as well as cycling routes (bike hire is in the local village). There is summer canoeing within a short drive near Allemans-du-Dropt (17km).

There are larger supermarkets just outside Miramont-de-Guyenne (11km) and Castillonès (13km). The bastide town of Castillonès is charming with its rich heritage and bustling Tuesday morning market whilst historic Miramont-de-Guyenne is another pretty place to discover with a Monday morning market, close to the attractive Lac du Saut du Loup fishing lake.

Crossing into the Dordogne, Eymet (9km) is yet another attractive bastide town that dates back to the 13th century. Pick up fresh bread and picnic items from the Thursday morning market, then wander to the banks of the Dropt for lunch by the river. Other beautiful villages to discover include Issigeac (20km), Villereal (26km), Monflanquin (31km) and Monpazier (40km), some of which are officially classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

Wine-lovers can visit nearby vineyards and wineries to sample local wines or spend time in the historic towns of Duras (28km) and Bergerac (30km), both known for their wine heritage. Taste the sweet wines of Château de Monbazillac or venture a little further to the world-famous vineyards of Saint-Émilion (72km), a UNESCO World Heritage site. Further afield, the wine city of Bordeaux (120km) and its surrounding vineyards is less than two hours by car.

Meanwhile, gastronomes have a seemingly unending choice of markets to choose from each morning from local villages to larger towns such as Marmande (32km), Sainte-Foy-la-Grande (37km), Bergerac (35km) and Agen (63km). Local produce includes tomatoes from Marmande, Agen prunes and Tonneins ham alongside strawberries, asparagus, walnuts, hazelnuts, truffles and of course foie gras.

Local Amenities



Nearest Airport	Bergerac Airport (28km)
Nearest Airport 2	Bordeaux Airport (124km)
Nearest Train Station	Marmande/Bergerac (32km/35km)
Nearest Village	Medieval village (1.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	In the village (1.5km)
Nearest Shop	Grocery store and other shops in the village (1.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	(11km)
Nearest Town	Miramont-de-Guyenne/Castillonès (11km/13km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Vigiers (28km)
Nearest Tennis	Local village (1.8km)

What we love

- Once 17th century stables, these three dwellings have been charmingly restored to sleep up to 16 guests
- There's an air of authenticity with rustic floors and characterful wood beams alongside simple modern comforts
- Sit out on your stable's terrace or gather by the glorious swimming pool
- A beautiful medieval village is only 1.5km away, home to a Renaissance château, pretty lake and weekly Farmer's market
- A wonderful base for exploring the Lot-et-Garonne and Dordogne – canoe/kayak along rivers, visit bastide market towns and savour some of France's fine gastronomy and wines

What you should know...

- Écuries Claria sleeps up to 16 guests across three separate dwellings, each with their own lounge, dining and kitchen area. Please see the 'Property Layout' for details.
- Écuries Claria is part of the same open grounds as Château Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/chateau-claria/>) (which is usually rented out or the owners may be staying there). The château and stables are in different parts of the garden and they each have their own swimming pool. They can be rented separately (see Château Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/chateau-claria/>)) or together (see Domaine Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/domaine-claria/>)).
- Indeed, one of the photos shows the proximity of the two homes (with Château Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/chateau-claria/>) on the left).
- Please note that short stays are available on request - please enquire for more details.
- Please see Domaine Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/domaine-claria/>) for reviews.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3000 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 6.00 p.m.

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

- **Energy costs included?:** Up to €100 per week energy usage is included. After this, the cost of additional energy is billed and payable directly to the owner based on meter readings (which are taken on arrival and when you depart).

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

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** A cot and highchair can be requested in advance. The estate (including the neighbouring rental, Chateau Claria) has four baby travel cots and at least two highchairs. Please bring your own cot linen. Small weddings and special events (max 32 guests) are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties are not allowed. Please note Écuries Claria sleeps up to 16 guests across three separate dwellings. Please see the 'Property Layout' for details. Écuries Claria is part of the same open grounds as Château Claria (which is usually rented out separately or the owners may be staying there). They can also be rented together – see the separate listing for Domaine Claria.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday (July/August) or flexible at other times.

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €210, payable locally by bank transfer. This is for a standard changeover clean. 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 - short stays available on request, please enquire for more details.

- **Heating costs included?:** Please see 'Energy Costs' above for details.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable directly to the owner by bank transfer (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Pool towels included?:** No, please bring your own.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately April to October. 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.