

# Domaine Claria

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 32

## Overview

This 17th-century French château and renovated stables sit in vast grounds with two swimming pools, in the Lot-et-Garonne, only 1.5km from a medieval village with an impressive castle and pretty lake.

Dating back to the late 1600s, the main château is said to have been built by a local duke for the woman he loved (and later married), a cousin of King Louis XIV. Its rich heritage remains with high ceilings, spacious rooms and many original features. It feels like an authentic family home, simply yet comfortably furnished, with six pretty bedrooms sleeping up to 16 guests. Arrange a cook to prepare meals as you relax in the salon while children play upstairs in the large games room with toys, ping-pong, board games and a little puppet theatre. The château terrace is a grand spot for al-fresco meals, whilst the 16m swimming pool sits proudly in the garden below with wonderful open views of the Lot-et-Garonne countryside.

The neighbouring 17th-century stables have been charmingly restored to sleep a further 16 guests across three dwellings. In an L-shape, each has its own open-plan lounge, dining and small kitchen area. Stables I and II each have three bedrooms and two bathrooms (one en suite) whilst Stables III has two bedrooms and a bathroom. All exude rustic charm and simplicity with characterful décor, furnishings and a restful ambience.

There is a second swimming pool near the stables, and each stable dwelling has its own terrace and barbecue. Look out for splashes of summer colour, trees and lavender across the glorious open grounds.

The domaine sits on a country road leading to a picturesque village just 1.5km away. Discover half-timbered houses, medieval lanes, a weekly Farmer's market and a handful of restaurants and shops. Admire the



Renaissance castle before strolling by the gorgeous lake with picnic benches.

Appreciate the beauty of the Lot-et-Garonne as you visit bastide market towns such as Castillonès, Miramont-de-Guyenne, Villeréal and Monflanquin. Canoe or kayak along the Dropt and Lot rivers and browse atmospheric markets for delicious local produce (tomatoes from Marmande, Tonneins ham, Agen prunes steeped in Armagnac and more).

Wine-lovers can head to the vineyards of Duras, Château de Monbazillac and even Saint-Émilion, or spend time exploring the Dordogne with nearby Eymet only 9km away alongside idyllic Issigeac and Monpazier. Finally, soak up the splendour of Bergerac's old town and architecture before taking a traditional gabarre vessel along the Dordogne for a truly relaxing day out.

## Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Chateaux & Castles • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Ideal for Kids • Weddings • Walk to Village • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Great Value • Special Offer • Has Discount • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • <1hr to Airport • Pool Safety Feature • Parking Space • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Games Room • Indoor Games • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Zoo • Caves/Pre-historic site • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Theme park • Forest park/High-rope course • Catering Available • Board games • Babysitting Available • Badminton • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Baby bath • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Château Interiors (700m2, two storeys, 16 guests)

- Hallway
- Living room (58m2)
- Dining room
- Kitchen, well-equipped including Nespresso machine, kettle, toaster, electric oven, gas hob, dishwasher and fridge
- Billiard room (with steps to cellar)
- Library/study
- 3 x bedrooms with double bed and single bed
- 2 x bedrooms with double bed
- Bedroom with three single beds
- 4 x bathrooms (two en suite) with bath and/or shower
- Large upstairs games room/lounge (250m2)

*Two of the bedrooms are en suite and on the ground floor.*

## Château Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (16x6m, depth: 0.9-2.8m) with safety fencing. Open approximately April to October
- Large elevated terrace with dining table and chairs (low stone walls)
- Barbecue
- Large garden/grounds (unenclosed)
- Badminton set
- Driveway and parking (shared with the stables)

## Château Facilities

- High-speed Wi-Fi
- Fireplace
- Portable fans
- TV
- Board games and toys
- Puppet theatre
- Books
- Badminton set
- Table tennis
- Security cameras
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine and dryer (in cellar)

## Écuries 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)

#### **Écuries 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 the château)

#### **Écuries Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Security cameras (outward facing)

## Location & Local Information

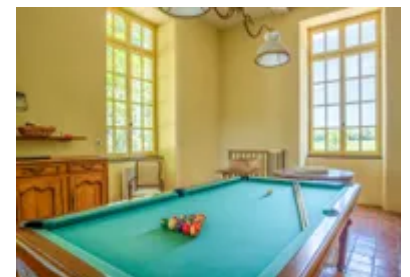
Domaine Claria enjoys a rural setting bordering farmland and countryside landscapes in the beautiful Lot-et-Garonne, close to the Dordogne border around half an hour south of Bergerac.

The château and its converted stables are set within vast unenclosed grounds just off a country road leading to a picturesque village. You can drive or walk (no pavement) to the village in around 1.5km where you will find a handful of useful shops (grocery store, bakery, pharmacy), restaurants, an impressive Renaissance castle and a charming Farmer's market on a Saturday morning. Take a stroll along the medieval lanes admiring half-timbered houses then stop off on a bench by the pretty lake popular with nature lovers and fishing enthusiasts (a permit is needed).

Bike hire can be arranged in the village, there are tennis courts there too whilst canoeing and kayaking can be found along the Dropt River near La Sauvetat-du-Dropt (13km)/ Allemans-du-Dropt (17km) or along the Dordogne and Lot rivers.

There are good sized supermarkets near the local historic towns of Miramont-de-Guyenne (11km) and Castillonès (13km) as well as bustling markets (Tuesday morning for Castillonès and Monday morning for Miramont-de-Guyenne). Close to Miramont-de-Guyenne, find more fishing opportunities at Lac du Saut du Loup as well as nature walks and a play area.

Driving north to the Dordogne department, Eymet (9km) is an attractive bastide village near the Dropt River with an atmospheric Thursday morning market. Other gorgeous villages across the Dordogne and Lot-et-Garonne include Issigeac (20km), home to an especially lovely market on a Sunday morning alongside Villeréal (26km) and the famous bastide towns of Monflanquin (31km) and Monpazier (40km), both classified as two of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.



Discover wine-tasting around Duras (28km), Bergerac (30km) and Château de Monbazillac (23km) or venture further afield to the UNESCO World Heritage vineyards of Saint-Émilion (72km), an enchanting hilltop top with a rich heritage. Meanwhile, the grand city of Bordeaux (120km), so famed for its wines and history, is less than two hours away by car.

This location is also ideal for keen gastronomes with wonderful restaurants, delightful markets and even summer night markets all showcasing the best produce of this region. Larger markets take place in Marmande, Sainte-Foy-la-Grande and Bergerac, all within a 40-minute drive. Depending on the season, look out for Agen prunes, truffles, cepes, tomatoes, strawberries, asparagus, melons, walnuts, ham and of course the country's iconic *foie gras*.

## Local Amenities

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

## What we love

- Dating back to the 17th century, stay in an authentic French family château and its renovated stables with two swimming pools set across its vast grounds
- An ideal holiday for an extended family or friends with so many different spaces
- Families will love the château's large play area with a puppet theatre, table tennis, board games and toys
- A pretty medieval village, castle and lake are only 1.5km away with restaurants and a Saturday morning Farmer's market
- Explore the Lot-et-Garonne, Gironde and Dordogne as you canoe/kayak along rivers, visit vineyards and potter around bastide market towns and idyllic French villages

## What you should know...

- The *domaine* sleeps up to 32 guests across the main château (16 guests) and the stables (three separate dwellings sleeping another 16 guests). Please see the 'Property Layout' for further details.
- They can also be booked separately - see Écuries Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/ecuries-claria/>) and Château Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/chateau-claria/>).
- Families are warmly welcomed and there is a huge play/games area upstairs in the château. If staying with young guests, please note that the château's cellar steps are not suitable for children and care should be taken by the traditional low windows upstairs.
- Furthermore, children (and adults alike) are not allowed to sit or step on the very low walls of the main terrace (above the château's swimming pool). Children should be carefully supervised outside across the unenclosed grounds.
- Short weekend stays are available on request - please enquire for more information.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €7000 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 €200 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:** 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.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday (July/August) or flexible at other times.
- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €410, payable locally via bank transfer. 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.
- **Other 2:** A cot and highchair can be requested in advance. The estate has four baby travel cots and at least two highchairs. Please bring your own cot linen.
- **Other 3:** Please note that children (and adults alike) are not allowed to sit or step on the very low walls of the main terrace (above the château's swimming pool).
- **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.