

Chateau Claria

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 16

Overview

In the beautiful landscapes of the Lot-et-Garonne, close to the Dordogne border, this 17th century family château welcomes up to 16 guests in charming surroundings.

It is said that the château was built in the late 1600s by a local duke who claimed it was for the lady he loved (and later married), the cousin of King Louis XIV. Even nowadays you can sense the château's rich heritage across every room with spacious interiors, high ceilings and other characterful features. Relax in the lounge, read quietly in the library/study and prepare feasts in the rustic kitchen (or arrange a chef to cook) whilst younger guests can play to their heart's content in the huge playroom upstairs with a puppet theatre, table-tennis table, board games and toys.

This is an authentic family home, furnished simply yet comfortably with six pretty bedrooms and four bath/shower rooms allowing this traditional French château to sleep up to 16 guests. It is ideal for an extended family or group of friends with different rooms for guests who seek a little solitude from time to time. Gather on the grand terrace in front of the château for al-fresco meals or by the glorious 16m long swimming pool below. The views towards the open countryside are wonderful.

Also part of the vast open grounds are three charmingly converted stables which are usually rented out separately (see Écuries Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/ecuries-claria/>)). If you wish to book both the château and the stables (for up to 32 guests in total), please see Domaine Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/domaine-claria/>).



This estate is on a country road which leads to a pretty village and lake around 1.5km away. It's a delightful place to explore with half-timbered houses, medieval lanes, a Renaissance castle as well as restaurants, some useful shops and a small Saturday morning Farmer's market. The lake is the perfect spot for a nature walk and sometimes fishing is allowed (with a permit).

Visit picturesque market towns across the Lot-et-Garonne such as Castillonès, Miramont-de-Guyenne and Villeréal as well as much-loved Monflanquin, officially classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. Canoe or kayak in the summer near Allemans-du-Dropt, try wines across the vineyards of Duras and potter around atmospheric local markets showcasing regional delicacies such as Agen prunes, Marmande tomatoes and Tonneins ham as well as walnuts, truffles and *foie-gras*.

The allure of Saint-Émilion and its famous vineyards also awaits, just over an hour away, or stay closer to home as you discover southern Dordogne. Take a boat trip along the Dordogne, visit picture-perfect villages such as Issigeac, Eymet and Monpazier and head to the vibrant markets of Sainte-Foy-la-Grande or Bergerac, both fine days out in this captivating part of southwestern France.

Facilities

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

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors (700m2, two storeys)

- 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.

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 Écuries Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/ecuries-claria/>))

Facilities

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



Location & Local Information

Château Claria is located in the Lot-et-Garonne department of southwestern France, close to the Dordogne border, around half an hour south of Bergerac.

Bordered by farmland and countryside, the château is set within the same open grounds as Écuries Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/ecuries-claria/>), just off a country road leading to a pretty village dating back to medieval times. It's a 1.5km drive or walk (no pavement) to the village with its restaurants, shops (including a bakery, grocery store and pharmacy), Saturday morning Farmer's market and a rather grand Renaissance château. Stroll along the characterful medieval lanes admiring half-timbered houses, then come across the picturesque lake, ideal for bird-watching, picnics or fishing at certain times of year (a permit is needed).

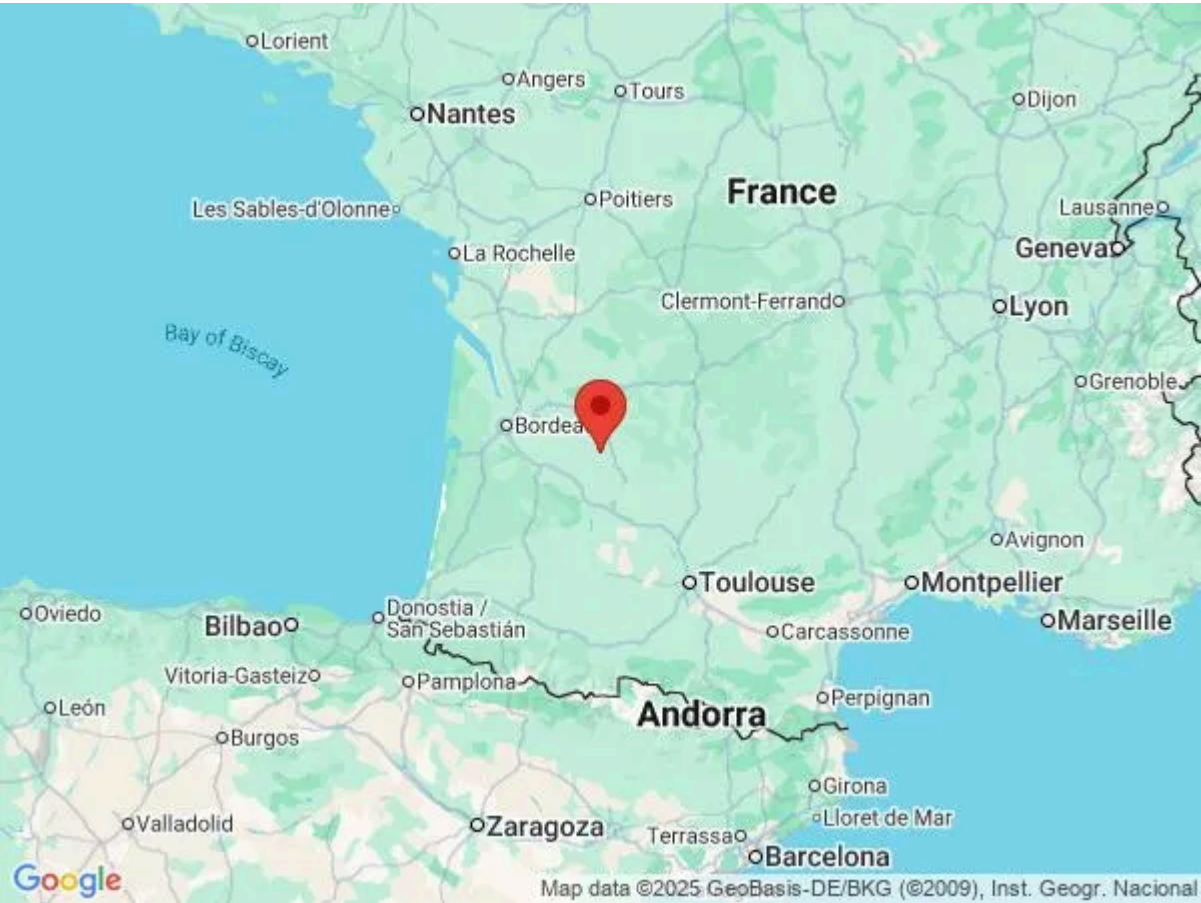
Drive to Miramont-de-Guyenne or Castillonès for larger supermarkets and further amenities, both historic towns with charming weekly markets (Castillonès' is on a Tuesday morning, Miramont-de-Guyenne's on a Monday). Close to Miramont-de-Guyenne is Lac du Saut du Loup for more attractive nature walks and fishing opportunities.

There are plenty of good walks in the area - the owner will give you a guide to some, as well as cycling routes (bike hire is available in the local village). Canoeing and kayaking is possible in Allemans-du-Dropt or along the Dordogne and Lot rivers.

Heading slightly north to the Dordogne department, nearby Eymet (9km) on the Dropt River is a picturesque 13th century bastide town with a wonderful Thursday morning market. Other unmissable villages to discover include Issigeac (20km), Villeréal (26km), Monflanquin (31km) and Monpazier (40km), all historic gems with beautiful houses, atmospheric markets and inviting restaurants.

Then there's the vineyards around Duras (28km), Bergerac (30km) and beyond as well as the sweet wines of Château de Monbazillac just south of the Dordogne River. Wine connoisseurs may also wish to travel as far as Saint-Émilion (72km), a picture-perfect hilltop town with historic vineyards that have been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Meanwhile, Bordeaux (120km) and its wineries are within two hours by car.

Food lovers will appreciate being so close to many markets in local villages and bastide towns across the Lot-et-Garonne, Gironde and Dordogne including those in Sainte-Foy-la-Grande (37km), Marmande (32km) and Bergerac (35km) as well as Agen (63km), famed for its prunes steeped in Armagnac. Other delicious produce includes tomatoes, strawberries, asparagus, melons, walnuts, hazelnuts, truffles, cepes, ham and France's famous *foie gras*.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bergerac Airport (28km)
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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

- An authentic French family château with a rich heritage that dates back to the late 1600s
- Perfect for an extended family or friends with different rooms to escape to
- Families will adore the vast play room upstairs with a puppet theatre, ping-pong, board games and toys
- Gather on the large château terrace outside for al-fresco feasts or swim in the glorious swimming pool set within the verdant grounds
- A picturesque medieval village is only 1.5km away with restaurants, a weekly market as well as a Renaissance castle and small lake
- Such a fine location for exploring the Lot-et-Garonne, Gironde and Dordogne – canoe along rivers, visit picture-perfect villages and try some of France's excellent gastronomy and wine

What you should know...

- Château Claria is part of the same open grounds as Écuries Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/ecuries-claria/>) (three separate dwellings which are usually rented out separately). The château and stables are in different parts of the garden and they each have their own swimming pool (see the photo of the two properties near each other). They can be rented separately (see Écuries Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/ecuries-claria/>)) or together (see Domaine Claria (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/domaine-claria/>)). Please also see Domaine Claria for reviews.
- Families are warmly welcomed and there is a huge play/games area upstairs. If staying with young guests, please note that the 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 swimming pool). Children should be carefully supervised outside.
- Please note that short stays are available on request - please enquire for more details.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €4000 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, Écuries 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. Château Claria is part of the same open grounds as Écuries Claria (three separate dwellings which are usually rented out separately). Château Claria and Écuries Claria can also be rented together – see the separate listing for Domaine Claria. 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).

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

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €200, 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.