# **Maison Floral**

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 8

## **Overview**

Be surrounded by calming nature at this traditional French home in the upper Dordogne valley close to some of the region's prettiest villages and only minutes from wonderful restaurants and markets as well as canoeing, kayaking and boat trips along the Dordogne.

In a rural hamlet perched above the Dordogne River, set in four hectares of meadows and woodland with grazing cows, you can truly relax during your stay at Maison Floral. There are six comfortable and good-sized bedrooms - the owner accepts a maximum of 8 guests so you can all make the most of the inviting space.

Sit back with family or friends in the living room, play snooker in the games lounge and prepare delicious meals in the well-equipped kitchen – regional specialities include cheese, truffles, chestnuts, walnuts, strawberries and other seasonal delights. There is such a warm and welcoming ambience with traditional yet comfortable furnishings. What's more, updates have recently been made and the bedrooms have been redecorated by the house's long-standing and dedicated owners.

It's a real treat to have your very own indoor swimming pool, housed in a barn-style annexe reached via glass doors from the garden. Relax on the sun loungers in the verdant garden, play badminton and boules, cook on the Weber barbecue and enjoy al-fresco meals. The rural landscapes surrounding the house are glorious with views over the valley and countryside.

The picture-perfect village of Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne is less than 10 minutes away by car. By the river's edge, explore its picturesque lanes in its historic centre and admire half-timbered houses, charming shops and riverside restaurants. It's a popular spot for fishing







enthusiasts and there are also opportunities for canoeing and kayaking. Gastronomes will adore the Wednesday morning market (and one on Monday evenings in the height of the summer) and note that there's a Michelin starred restaurant in the next village.

To prove just how lovely this part of France is, there are several classified 'Plus Beaux Villages' within half an hour including Loubressac, Autoire, Curemonte and Collonges-la-Rouge. Rocamadour is another incredible highlight of the region, around 40 minutes by car, and even closer are the fascinating and famous Gouffre de Padirac.

Or simply explore the beauty of the upper Dordogne valley by boat – traditional gabarre vessels depart Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne for a short tour along one of France's most famous and beautiful rivers.

### **Facilities**

Villa • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Canoeing/Kayaking • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Boat Trips • Golf Nearby • Historical Sites • Fishing • Tennis Nearby • TV • Cycling • Table Tennis • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Indoor Games • Rural Location • Pool/Snooker • Games Room • Caves/Pre-historic site • Water park • Babysitting Available • Children's books • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Indoor Pool • Badminton • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • Dishwasher • Microwave • Outdoor Games • Heating • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# **Interior & Grounds**

### **House Interiors**

### Main Floor

- Entrance and hallway
- Open living room and fireplace
- Dining area leading to open-plan kitchen, fully-equipped including double American style fridge-freezer, electric range oven, dishwasher and microwave. Doors lead to terrace
- Bedroom 1 (15.7m2) with twin beds (90x200cm each) and open en suite bathroom with shower and sink
- Bedroom 2 (13.4m2) with double bed (160x200cm) and bathroom
- Bedroom 3 (13.3m2) with twin beds (90x200cm each)
- Separate WC
- Games room with full-size snooker table

### Upstairs

- Mezzanine gallery
- Bedroom 4 (16.3m2) with double bed (160x200cm) and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom 5 (14m2) with single bed (90x200cm)
- Bedroom 6 (13.4m2) with twin beds (90x200cm each)
- Family bathroom with bath/shower
- WC
- Laundry room

### Ground Level Swimming Pool Annexe

- Indoor heated swimming pool (12x6m) with safety alarm and secure entrance doors. Open approximately June to end-September. Heated up to approximately 28C
- Shower room and separate WC (next to pool)

#### **Outside Grounds**

- Al-fresco dining terrace with awning
- Weber charcoal barbecue
- Boules set
- Badminton set
- Table tennis
- Large garden (sloping in parts)
- Open grounds leading to meadow/woods (sometimes with grazing cows)
- Parking

### Other Facilities

- Fans in bedrooms









## **Location & Local Information**

In the upper valley of the Dordogne River, Maison Floral is in the Corrèze department of France, close to the Lot border. Brive–Souillac Airport is only 45 minutes by car or Limoges, Bergerac and Toulouse airports are also worth considering. The nearest train station is Gare Puybrun (5.5km) with departures to Brive-la-Gaillarde (and connections to Paris).

In a rural hamlet, this traditional French house is perched on a hillside above the Dordogne River – the vast open grounds and a road below separate you from the steep banks of the river. The views of the surrounding countryside are glorious. Maison Floral's sloping garden opens out to woods and a meadow (belonging to the property) where cows often graze.

There are seasonal canoeing and kayaking opportunities along the Dordogne in a 5 to 10-minute drive near Bretenoux and Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne as well as summer boat trips from Beaulieu. The nearest tennis club is in Bretenoux and there is a 9-hole golf course at Golf Club De Montal (18km). Discover horse-riding in Bilhac around 10 minutes by car.

Puybrun (5km) is the nearest village with a good range of amenities (bakery, butchers, groceries and pharmacy etc) as well as occasional festivities. In the other direction is Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne (6km), a very photogenic medieval village by the banks of the Dordogne with cafes, bars and restaurants.

The main market takes place in Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne on a Wednesday morning and there are other markets on two Saturdays and Friday mornings a month. In the height of the summer, the Monday evening market is especially atmospheric and look out for the strawberry festival in May! Keen gastronomes note that Cueillette is a Michelin starred restaurant around a 10-minute drive away whilst there are two other Michelin starred establishments easily reached.









Furthermore, you are well placed to visit some of France's classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*' across the region including Loubressac (16km), Autoire (18km), Curemonte (20km), Turenne (30km) and Collonges-la-Rouge (27km).

Other famous historic highlights of the area includes Rocamadour (32km), a UNESCO World Heritage site and an amazing day out. Even closer is the Gouffre de Padirac (19km), the fascinating caves that you can explore on foot and by boat.

### **Local Amenities**

Nearest Airport	Brive-Souillac Airport (40km)
Nearest Airport 2	Limoges Airport (145km)
Nearest Airport 3	Bergerac Airport (166km)
Nearest Train Station	Puybrun/Bretenoux-Biars (5.5km/8.5km)
Nearest Village	Puybrun/Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne (5km/6km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local villages (Within 6km)
Nearest Supermarket	Intermarché SUPER Altillac (7km)
Nearest Town/City	Brive-la-Gaillarde (46km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Club De Montal 9-hole (18km)
Nearest Tennis	Bretenoux Biars Tennis (8km)

# What we love

- A traditional and beautifully maintained French holiday home in the upper Dordogne valley
- The indoor swimming pool is a wonderful way to spend your time together open the sliding doors to see the flower-filled garden
- Perched above the Dordogne river, there are canoeing and kayaking opportunities within a very short drive
- Nearby Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne is such a picturesque medieval village by the river with charming markets, shops and restaurants
- There are so many 'Plus Beaux Villages' to visit whilst Rocamadour and Gouffre de Padirac are both easily reached

# What you should know...

- Even though there are six bedrooms, Maison Floral accepts a maximum of 8 guests.
- The beautiful, sloping grounds are unenclosed and open to meadows and woodland (belonging to the property) where you may see cows grazing.

# **Terms & Conditions**

- Security deposit: €750 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: One dog may be allowed, on request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €75 will apply (payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment). Dogs are not allowed in the pool, upstairs nor on any furnishings (including beds).
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair can be requested. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- Changeover day: Sunday. All other changeover days on request.
- End of stay cleaning available?: No. €175.00, payable to the owner via Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment. 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?: Not allowed.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- 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 locally in cash on arrival (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately June to end-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.