

Chateau Des Figuiers

Region: Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

This 12th century château in Gascony is set in 40-acre grounds with glorious views of rolling hills, vines and typical landscapes of the Gers. Sit out on your terrace with a glass of wine from the estate's vineyard, play tennis on your very own court and cool off in the swimming pool on warm summer days. It's also wonderful being just a short walk from a fortified historic village.

Admire the old gatehouse as you approach Château Des Figuiers, then be enchanted by the old tower and huge entrance door as you approach this historic abode. The ground floor is home to a traditional salon with a huge fireplace, sofas and a dining table whilst there is a smaller living room with a Smart TV (bring your own devices to plug in), DVD player and library with lots of books to choose from. Enjoy fresh baguettes and pastries on the wooden kitchen table accompanied by good coffee.

Historic stone steps spiral up the tower to the first floor where there are three doubles, a twin bedroom and three bathrooms (two en suite). All four bedrooms have their own desk in case you need to work at home or simply be inspired by the Gascon landscapes as you draw or write.

In the summer months (May to September), there's additional accommodation across two other buildings including a medieval bergerie annexe and two additional bedrooms (one for children). During this period, Château Des Figuiers is able to sleep up to 12 guests.

Pass the château's vineyard, fruit trees and statues as well as the walled gardens with shady spots for al-fresco lunch beneath the dappled light of the tree and relaxation across the lawn and terraces. Old stone steps lead towards the private tennis court and a swimming pool surrounded by sun loungers and wild gardens. There's table tennis near where the wine is stored and a pretty vine-clad pergola for barbecued feasts above the swimming pool.

It's no wonder the owners have been holidaying here for over 30 years – it is their genuine holiday home that they so love. It's around a 5-minute drive or 20-minute walk to a little fortified village with a bakery, butchers, grocery store, restaurant and bar as well as a lovely weekly market.

Located between historic Auch and Condom, discover other wonderful market towns close by such as Castéra-Verduzan, Vic Fezensac and Fleurance, and venture to picture-perfect villages including Larressingle, Fourcès and Montréal, all within half an hour.

Pass undulating scenery of summer sunflowers, vines and rolling hills as you cycle or hike through the glorious countryside, come across gastronomic restaurants serving fine local cuisine, sample Armagnac across vineyards and embrace the slow pace of life in the region referred to as the 'Tuscany of France'.



Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Washing Machine • Chateaux & Castles • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Tennis Court • Wine Tasting • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Cots (Cribs) • Indoor Games • Table Tennis • Rural Location • Walk to Village • Bicycles Provided • DVD • Private Pool • Heritage Collection • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Château Des Figuiers sleeps up to 8 guests in the main house (all year round) plus 4 additional guests (May to September only) when adding the additional buildings.

Main House Interiors

- Entrance hall
- Grand salon with three sofas, original working fireplace and large dining table. French windows lead outside
- Smaller sitting area with TV, books, desk and door leading to small terrace
- Kitchen, well-equipped
- Laundry (adjacent building)

First Floor (via stone spiral staircase)

- 3 x bedrooms with double bed
- Bedroom with two single beds
- En suite bathroom
- En suite bathroom with walk-in shower
- Separate family bathroom with freestanding bath
- WC

Bergerie Annexe (separate building, available May to September only)

- Bedroom with double bed, desk with views, chairs and fireplace
- Bathroom with shower
- Small terrace with table and chairs

Additional Bedrooms (separate building, available May to September only)

- Ground-floor bedroom with two large single beds and en suite bathroom
- First-floor quad bedroom with bunk-beds sleeping 4 (for children only)

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (approx 8x4m) with safety alarm. Open approximately May to September



- Poolside sun loungers
- Vine-clad pergola with table and benches for al-fresco dining
- Barbecue
- Dining table on lawn beneath the trees
- Other areas for drinks or relaxation
- Walled gardens with lawns and trees
- Tennis court and equipment
- Table tennis
- Bikes
- Sculptures and statues
- 40-acre grounds (with steps)
- Working vineyard
- Old gatehouse, wine-maker and other buildings

Other Facilities

- TV (bring your own firestick or similar to connect)

Location & Local Information

Château Des Figuiers is set within 40 acres of grounds in the Gascony countryside just a 20-minute drive north of the historic town of Auch.

Reached via a country lane (which turns into an unmade track as you approach the château's gatehouse), it's around a 5-minute drive or 20-minute walk (no pavement) to the local fortified village that dates back to the 12th century. The village is home to a restaurant, boulangerie, butchers, tabac, bar, pharmacy and small supermarket with a decent selection of wine. On Wednesday morning a market takes place on the village square, a lovely way to stock up on local fruit, vegetables, cheese and other traditional products of the Gers.

This is the Gers countryside, also known as the 'Tuscany of France' with rolling hills, vines and fields of summer sunflowers. Discover the landscapes on foot, bike or horseback or simply drive past idyllic scenery as you explore picture-perfect villages and medieval towns.

Nearby Castéra-Verduzan (8km) is home to the refined restaurant, Le Florida Gascony, as well as a lovely weekly market whilst Vic Fezensac (15km) is famed for its bull-fighting heritage and annual music festival at the end of July. Meanwhile, experience the characterful towns of Fleurance (25km), Condom (28km) and Lectoure (30km) on market days and dine out in other wonderful Gascon restaurants across the region.

The trio of 'Plus Beaux Villages' are just over half an hour by car – Larressingle, Fourcès and Montréal. Closer to home soak up the historic charm of the tiny village of Lavardens (7km), home of Château De Lavardens with its art exhibitions and restaurant.

The historic capital of the Gers department is Auch (21km) perched above the Gers River with its grand cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage masterpiece, alongside medieval architecture, vibrant markets and picturesque streets. Stroll through the historic district, admire the iconic statue of d'Artagnan and stop off on a café terrace for a glass of Armagnac in this beautiful and historic town



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (94km)
Nearest Airport 2	Tarbes-Lourdes-Pyrénées Airport (97km)
Nearest Golf	Golf d'Eauze Grand Armagnac (41km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (1.5km)
Nearest Shop	Bakery, butchers and small supermarket (1.5km)



Nearest Tennis	Private court on site (0km)
Nearest Town	Castéra-Verduzan (8km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare d'Auch (22km)
Nearest Village	Small historic village (1.5km)

What we love

- This characterful Gers château is full of history and dates as far back as the 12th century
- Set in 40-acre grounds, the views of rolling hills and vineyards are idyllic – Gascony is called the 'Tuscany of France'
- As well as the swimming pool, there's a private tennis court, table tennis and beautiful lawns and terraces for shady meals and relaxation
- The château even has its very own vineyard – you will be given the opportunity to try the wine during your stay
- It's lovely to be able to stroll to the local village for morning bread and pastries, groceries, a lively bar, restaurant and a weekly market
- Look out for other wonderful Gers markets in nearby towns including CastéraVerduzan, Vic Fezensac, Fleurance and Auch

What you should know...

- From May to September, Chateau Des Figuiers sleeps up to 12 guests across three separate buildings (the main house and annexes).
- Please see the 'Layout' tab for details. It may also be possible to add further children to your booking (as one of the annexe bedrooms is for children only) - please enquire.
- From October to April, only the main house is available sleeping a maximum of 8 guests (the price reflects the lower capacity during this time).
- Guests needs to be safely able to manage the steep old stone spiral staircase (dating back to the 12th century) as well as steps across the grounds down to the pool and tennis court.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £800 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:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes (see below re. heating).
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 14 nights.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. A cot and a highchair can be requested. From May to September, Chateau Des Figuiers sleeps up to 12 guests across three separate buildings (the main house and annexes). Please see the 'Layout' tab for details and note that one of the annexe bedrooms is for children only. From October to April, only the main house is available sleeping a maximum of 8 guests (the price reflects the lower capacity during this time).
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes and mid-stay cleaning for stays of more than 14 nights also included. However, 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?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Only included May to September. There may be a charge outside this time - please enquire.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax Included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to 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.