

Maison Joutard

Region: Aquitaine Sleeps: 10

Overview

Located in a small hamlet, Maison Joutard is a handsome, detached country residence set within a full acre of private grounds. With a lawned garden made for sunny games and an enclosed, heated swimming pool, this is a place where outdoor living flourishes. A shaded terrace with a dining table makes long lunches and slow evenings a daily ritual, and children can play in the generous green space beyond.

Inside, the house has been thoughtfully arranged across two floors, sleeping up to 8 guests and an additional two children (age 8 or under). The kitchen is spacious and sociable, with a large American-style fridge freezer and plenty of room around the dining table. The two living areas offer flexibility and comfort, whether you're curled up with a film, hosting a board game night or watching UK TV via satellite. There are two bedrooms on the ground floor, one double and one with bunk beds for younger children, plus three more on the upper floor, including a king-size ensuite and two twin bedrooms.

Perfectly positioned for exploring the Charente region, Maison Joutard is tucked into the heart of Barbezières, around 45 minutes from Cognac and Angoulême. Stock up in the market town of Aigre, only 10km by car, whilst there is a bakery even closer just a 5-minute drive away. Further afield, day trips might lead you to the beaches of the Atlantic coast, the vineyards of Cognac or the otherworldly exhibits of Futuroscope.

Whether lazing beside the pool, feasting al-fresco or discovering the flavours and landscapes of south-western France, Maison Joutard offers an easy-going setting for families to reconnect and make new memories.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Pure France • Villa • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Ideal for Kids • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • Parking Space • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • DVD • Dishwasher • Microwave • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Board games • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Fenced Grounds



Interior & Grounds

House Interiors

- Living room with TV (with UK satellite channels), DVD and Wi-Fi internet
- TV room with TV, DVD and board games
- Kitchen with dining area with table and chairs, oven and hob, American-style fridge-freezer and microwave
- Utility room with washing machine and dishwasher
- Bedroom 1 with double bed
- Bedroom 2 with bunk-bed (suitable for children up to age of 8 years only)
- Shower room with WC, shower and sink

First Floor

- Bedroom 3 with king-size double bed and ensuite WC, shower and sink
- Bedroom 4 with two single beds
- Bedroom 5 with two single beds
- Bathroom with WC, bath/shower and sink

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (10x5m)
- Sun terrace and loungers
- Covered dining and living area
- Barbecue
- One acre of private grounds with large lawned garden
- Private parking



Location & Local Information

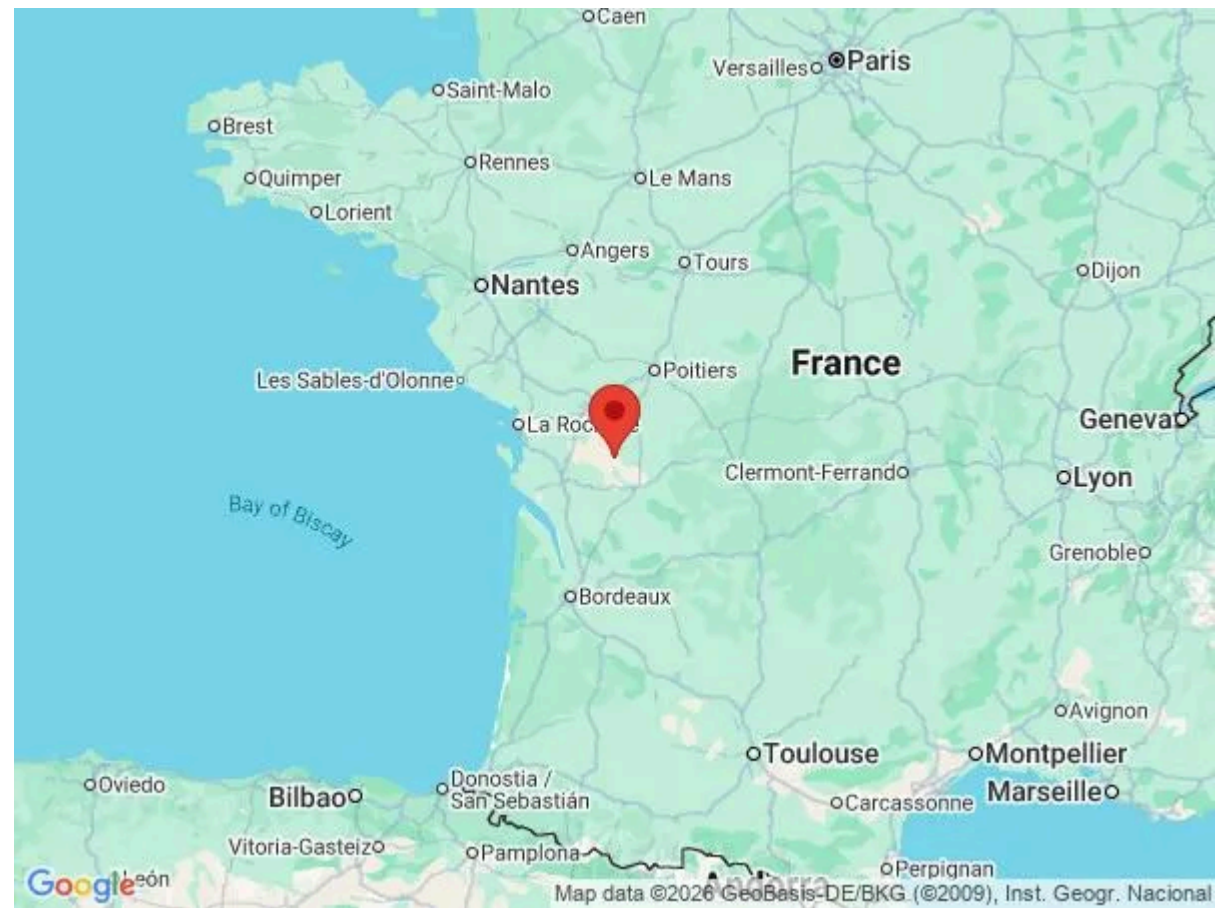
Located in the small hamlet of Barbezières, Maison Joutard enjoys an authentic location in rural Charente, not far from the Charente-Maritime border. Around 40km north-west of Angoulême, the beautiful surroundings promise a truly relaxing escape, yet local amenities and attractions are always within easy reach.

Daily essentials are just a short drive away, with a traditional boulangerie in Verdille (4km) for morning bread and pastries. The nearby market town of Aigre (10km) offers a supermarket, bar, restaurants and a popular pizza takeaway, while further dining options can be found in the surrounding villages within a 20-minute radius. For larger shopping trips, head to Rouillac (18km) or Ruffec (31km), where you'll find well-stocked supermarkets and weekly markets brimming with local produce.

Maison Joutard is also a perfect base for discovering the region's proud heritage of Cognac production. Within 40 minutes, you can tour iconic houses such as Hennessy, Martell and Courvoisier, many offering engaging experiences including boat rides and tastings. Closer to home, the surrounding countryside is dotted with independent distilleries where you can sample Pineau des Charentes, the region's sweet, fortified aperitif.

Further afield, the renowned Vallée des Singes (59km), home to over 450 primates roaming in large enclosures, makes for an unforgettable day out, while Futuroscope (107km), with its futuristic rides and immersive attractions, is well worth the 90-minute drive.

When it's time to unwind, several leisure lakes lie a short drive away, many with cafés and supervised swimming spots open in the summer months. For riverside picnics and child-friendly adventures, Le Rejallant (33km) and Parc François (35km) in Cognac offer open-air playgrounds, paddling areas and shaded woodland walks, all adding to the magic of this welcoming corner of south-west France.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Limoges Airport (130 km)
Nearest Airport 2	Poitiers-Biard (90 km)
Nearest Airport 3	La Rochelle Airport (110 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Aigre (10 km)
Nearest Beach	Plan d'eau des Gours (Lac). La Rochelle (7 km/ 112km)
Nearest City	Poitiers (100 km)



Nearest Golf	Golf de Cognac (34 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Aigre (10 km)
Nearest Shop	Ferme de Crève Coeur (10 km)
Nearest Tennis	Verdille (5 km)
Nearest Town	Rouillac (20 km)
Nearest Town/City	Angoulême (40 km)
Nearest Train Station	Luxé (21 km)
Nearest Village	Verdille (3 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Carrefour Contact Aigre (10 km)

What we love

- Set within an acre of private grounds, with a lawned garden ideal for sunny games and outdoor relaxation
- Enjoy al-fresco feasts on the shaded terrace, followed by dips in the enclosed, heated pool
- Two living areas and a spacious kitchen make gatherings easy and sociable for the whole group
- Discover nearby Charente gems – from Aigre's market town charm to Cognac's famous vineyards
- Just 45 minutes from Angoulême or venture further afield to the Atlantic coast and Futuroscope

What you should know...

- This lovely house sleeps up to 8 guests across four bedrooms, plus an additional two children (up to the age of 8) in the fifth bedroom with a bunk-bed. Please see the "Layout" tab for details.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels 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.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** No.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** This house 8 guests across four bedrooms, plus an additional two children (up to the age of 8) in the fifth bedroom with a bunk-bed. Please see the "Layout" tab for details. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.
- **Internet access?:** Yes.