Le Sechoir

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

In the Dordogne countryside, where golden fields roll into wooded hills, Le Séchoir stands as a charmingly reimagined barn where heritage and contemporary design meet. Once a traditional tobacco-drying barn, this architect-designed conversion now offers comfort across two spacious levels, set within a hectare of grounds with a private swimming pool.

Sleeping up to 10 guests, natural materials and thoughtful details define the interiors. On the ground floor, open-plan living and dining spaces invite sociable gatherings, while the colourful kitchen makes holiday cooking a pleasure. A ground-floor double bedroom with en-suite bath and shower provides ideal access, while upstairs, three additional bedrooms cater perfectly for families or groups, each with ceiling fans and served by two well-appointed bathrooms (one en suite).

Step outside and the experience continues. The private, heated pool stretches twelve metres long, edged with a sun terrace and loungers ideal for languid afternoons beneath the Dordogne sky. Children will love the swings and table tennis, and all the family can gather on the shaded dining terrace for long meals prepared on the barbecue. There seems to be so much space to roam, dine and unwind in every direction.

Le Séchoir's location offers both rural seclusion and proximity to the region's most charming towns. The nearby villages of Salviac and Cazals provide daily essentials and friendly cafés, while Gourdon and Sarlat-la-Canéda, both less than half an hour away, offer a deeper dive into local culture, gastronomy and unmissable markets. Whether ballooning above the valley, canoeing along the Dordogne or exploring ancient cave art near Les Eyzies, adventure and history lie close at hand.

With three electrically-assisted bikes available on request, the rolling countryside becomes effortlessly accessible, opening up scenic routes at your own pace. Le Séchoir promises a stay that is deeply rooted in its rural setting.









Facilities

Pure France • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Cycling • Ideal for Kids • Historical Sites • Walking/Hiking Paths • Pets on Request • Heated Pool • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Barn • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Dishwasher • Microwave • Satellite TV • Ceiling Fans • Zoo • Water excursions/Boat trips • Forest park/High-rope course • Swings

Interior & Grounds

Barn Interiors

- Entrance hall
- Open-plan living-dining area with satellite TV, DVD, ceiling fans and Wi-Fi internet
- Kitchen with American-style fridge freezer, dishwasher, oven, hob and microwave
- Utility room with washing machine and ironing facilities etc
- Separate WC
- Bedroom 1 with double bed and ensuite bath, separate shower and sink

First Floor (via open-tread stairs)

- Bedroom 2 with double bed, ceiling fan and ensuite WC, bath/shower and sink
- Bedroom 3 with double bed, two single beds and ceiling fan
- Bedroom 4 with double bed and ceiling fan
- Separate bathroom with WC, shower and sink

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (12x4m, depth: max 1.5m)
- Poolside terrace and loungers
- Al-fresco dining terrace and barbecue
- 1 hectare of private grounds including large lawned garden
- Table tennis and swings
- Parking for 3 cars
- 3 x electrically-assisted bicycles (on request)









Location & Local Information

In the unspoilt countryside near the border of the Lot and Dordogne departments, Le Séchoir boasts a superb location for discovering the region's rich tapestry of sights and experiences. Within easy reach by car, the villages of Salviac (4.5km) and Cazals (7.5km) provide all the essentials, from traditional boulangeries and café-bars to grocery shops and inviting restaurants.

This rural setting is a perfect base for venturing into some of southwest France's most picturesque villages. Domme (18km), a striking bastide perched high above the Dordogne River, captivates with sweeping vistas and historic charm. Down below, the river winds gently through postcard-perfect scenery, ideal for days spent canoeing past honey-hued cliffs and riverside hamlets. A little further along, the enchanting village of La Roque-Gageac (20km) nestles beneath towering limestone cliffs, where guests can enjoy relaxed river cruises, lively cafés and even an adrenaline-fuelled round of paintballing.

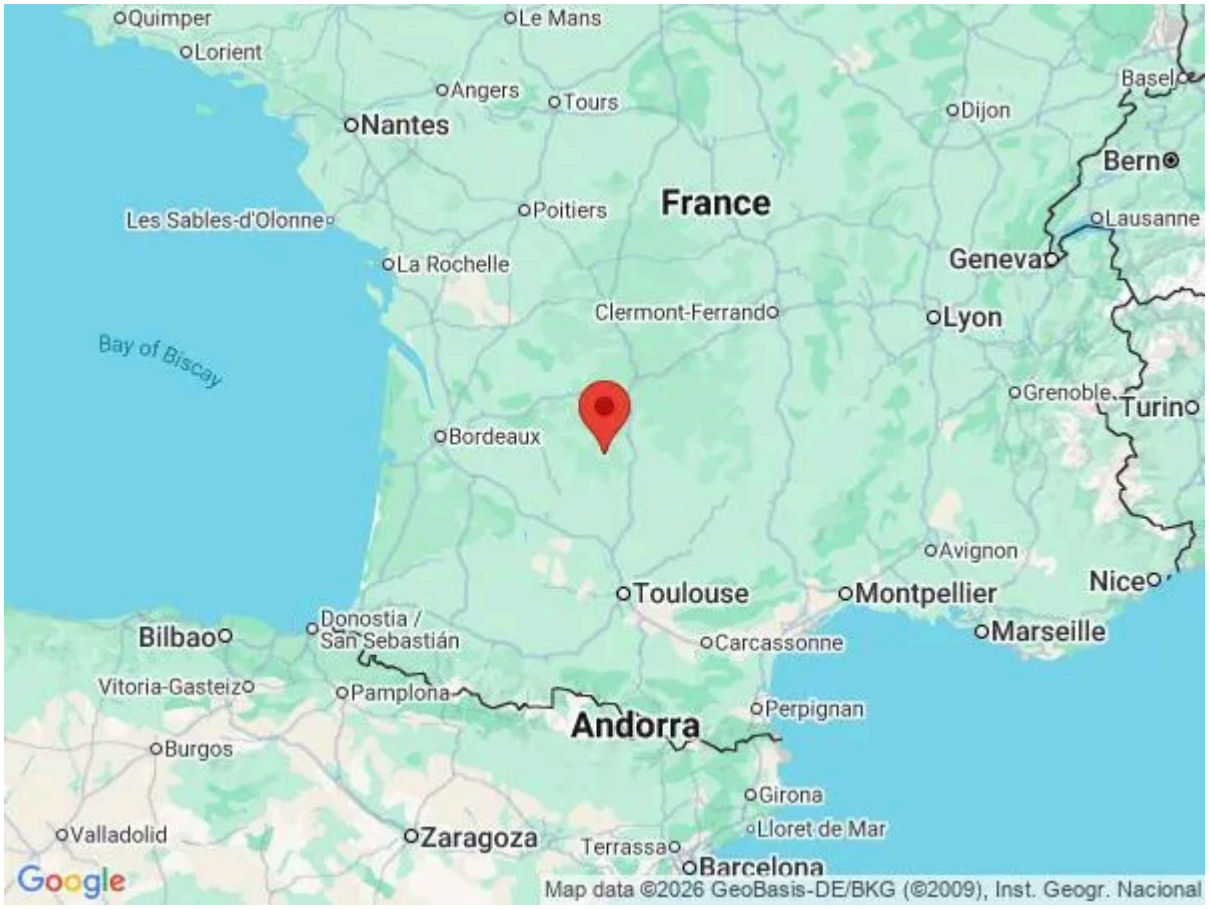
Nearby, the formidable castle at Castelnaud-la-Chapelle (22km) offers a powerful reminder of the area's medieval past, while the nearby Jardins de Marqueyssac (22km) invite visitors to wander leafy trails and soak up panoramic views.

A cultural highlight awaits in Sarlat-la-Canéda (28km), renowned for its golden-stone architecture, cobbled lanes, fine dining, and bustling Saturday market, one of the best in the country. For those willing to venture a little farther, Rocamadour (48km) rewards with its breathtaking cliffside setting and centuries-old pilgrimage heritage.

From leisurely walks through timeworn villages to tranquil paddles down the river or simply enjoying the relaxing pace of rural life, Le Séchoir is perfectly placed for an unforgettable French countryside retreat.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Brive–Souillac Airport (66km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (71km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Salviac (4.5km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Rochebois (23km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Salviac/Cazals (4.5km/7km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Salviac Tennis Club (4.5km)**









Nearest Town	**Gourdon/Sarlat-la-Canéda (17km/28km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gourdon (18km)**
Nearest Village	**Florimont-Gaumier (1.7km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Salviac (4km)**

What we love

- Once a tobacco-drying barn, this striking conversion blends rustic charm with modern design.
- Cool off in the 12m heated pool or unwind on the spacious terrace with views over the hectare of private grounds and countryside
- A fine base for exploring both the Dordogne and Lot countryside with both Sarlat-la-Canéda and Gourdon around half an hour away
- Hop on one of the e-bikes to discover the region's rolling hills, hidden trails, and peaceful pace

What you should know...

- Le Sechoir is one of three charming houses on the estate (including Lescalparède (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/lescalparede) and Campagne Cottage (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/campagne-cottage)), set in open countryside.
- If travelling with youngsters, supervision will be needed on the open-tread stairs.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €400 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?:** 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.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday.

- **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?:** Not allowed.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.

- **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 to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.

- **Pool towels included?:** Not included.

- **Pool opening dates?:** 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.