

Orchard Farmhouse

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 8

Overview

Orchard Farmhouse is an authentic 18th-century retreat where the rhythm of rural Dordogne life unfolds at its most charming. Steeped in heritage yet renovated for modern comfort, the house opens into 1.75 acres of lawns and fruit-laden orchards, where you can help yourself to cherries, plums or apricots. From the elevated terrace, evenings are spent watching golden light spill across the open countryside, glass in hand and the soft murmur of rural life just beyond the garden.

Inside, character beams and exposed stone walls evoke the building's storied past, balanced by inviting interiors that flow from two relaxed sitting rooms to a sociable farmhouse kitchen and four generously sized bedrooms. Three of the bedrooms are air-conditioned for warm summer nights, and families will appreciate the flexibility of two bathrooms and ample communal space. From the kitchen, step straight out onto the terrace, ideal for alfresco breakfasts or lingering suppers with views over the garden and pool.

The grounds are a joy to explore, from the shaded boules court to the private swimming pool surrounded by loungers. There's table tennis, table football and even a pinball machine, perfect for leisurely afternoons. It's a place designed for shared moments, easy laughter and time that gently stretches.

Just five minutes by car, the riverside town of Lalinde offers shops, cafés and a twice-weekly market, while the wider region invites discovery. Glide down the Dordogne by kayak, visit medieval bastide towns like Monpazier or venture as far as Sarlat-la-Canéda. Bergerac's historic harbour and celebrated vineyards are within easy reach, as are the château-dotted hillsides and storybook villages of the Périgord.

Whether gathering with family or seeking a restorative escape, Orchard Farmhouse captures the essence of relaxed French country living in a setting that is as timeless as it is welcoming.

Facilities

Pure France • Golf Nearby • Go-Karting • Air-Con • Fishing • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Ideal for Kids • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Barn • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • TV • Table Tennis • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Dishwasher • Microwave • Table Football • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque



Interior & Grounds

Farmhouse Interiors

- Kitchen and dining room with fireplace and CD player, kitchen well-equipped including dishwasher, electric oven, gas hob, fridge-freezer and microwave. Door opens to dining terrace
- Bedroom 1 with two single beds and air-conditioning

First Floor (via kitchen stairs)

- Bedroom 2 with double bed and air-conditioning
- Bedroom 3 with double bed and air-conditioning
- Separate WC
- Shower room with shower and twin sinks

Lower Ground Floor (via kitchen stairs)

- Living room with TV, DVD player and Wi-Fi. Door opens to garden terrace
- Bathroom with large, corner bath, separate shower and twin sinks
- Separate WC
- Second living room
- Bedroom 4 with double bed and terrace access
- Utility room with washing machine and ironing facilities

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (10x5m, depth: 1.2-1.5m) with steps
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers
- Elevated dining terrace with views over garden, pool and open countryside
- Covered areas with table tennis, bar football and weight bench
- Barbecue
- Boules court
- Private grounds (7000m²/1.75 acres) with lawns and fruit trees (cherries, almonds, apricots, hazelnuts, plums)
- WC (near pool)
- Private parking for 2 cars

Other Facilities

- Air-conditioning (three bedrooms only)



Location & Local Information

Just a 4km drive from the historic riverside town of Lalinde, Orchard Farmhouse offers a quintessential slice of rural France on the edge of a little hamlet, ideally located between the vibrant towns of Bergerac and Sarlat-la-Canéda. Whether you're picking fruit off the garden's trees or setting off to explore the region's treasures, this setting promises charm and convenience in equal measure.

Just 1km from the farmhouse is a welcoming auberge serving regional cuisine, while the nearby village of Couze (4.5km) offers a bakery and a highly regarded restaurant. Lalinde (4km), once a fortified bastide town, is a delightful place to wander, with its traditional market, riverside setting and range of local shops, cafés and restaurants.

For broader amenities, Bergerac (25km) boasts a picturesque harbour, timber-framed architecture and a rich wine-making heritage. Visitors can enjoy a scenic boat ride along the Dordogne or hop aboard the miniature road train to explore the old Bastide town.

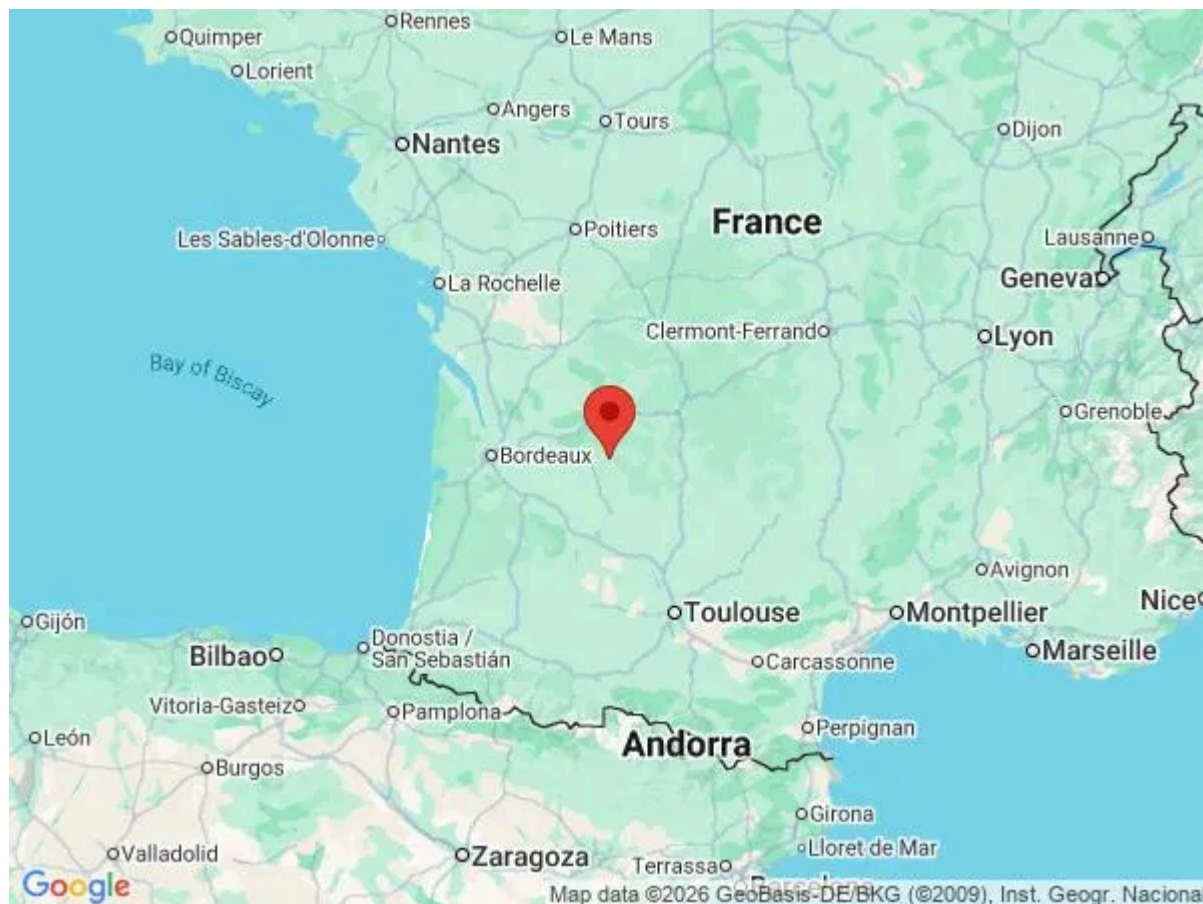
The Dordogne River winds its way through a landscape dotted with jewel-like villages. Limeuil (21km), where the Vézère meets the Dordogne, offers stunning views and river swimming, while Trémolat (15km) is a hidden gem with exceptional dining and panoramic lookout points. Canoeing or kayaking along the Dordogne River is one of the most rewarding ways to experience the area, allowing visitors to glide beneath limestone cliffs and past walnut groves at their own pace.

The region is also famed for its collection of Plus Beaux Villages de France, with Monpazier (23km) and Issigeac (15km) offering two striking examples nearby. Both are vibrant with weekly markets and steeped in medieval charm. History enthusiasts will also enjoy Château Lanquais (7km), complete with cannonball-scarred walls and a fascinating wooden staircase, and the elegant Château de Monbazillac (27km), surrounded by vineyards producing the region's famed sweet white wine.

A day trip to Sarlat-la-Canéda is a must (53km). Just an hour's drive from Orchard Farmhouse, this extraordinary town offers a step back in time with its cobbled lanes, honey-coloured stone buildings and bustling Saturday market filled with seasonal delights like truffles, ceps and *foie gras*.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (23km)
Nearest Airport 2	Brive-Souillac Airport (90km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Saint-Malo (633km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Caen-Ouistreham (711km)



Nearest Golf	Golf Du Château Les Merles (11km)
Nearest Restaurant	Auberge-restaurant (1km)
Nearest Shop	Lalinde (4km)
Nearest Supermarket	Intermarché Super Lalinde (4.2km)
Nearest Tennis	Lalinde Tennis Club (6km)
Nearest Town/City	Bergerac (25km)
Nearest Train Station	Lalinde (4.6km)
Nearest Village	Lalinde (4km)

What we love

- Embrace the warm and characterful interiors with exposed stone and wood beams
- The elevated terrace is a stunning spot for al-fresco meals on warm summer evenings as the sun sets
- Help yourself to fruit from the orchards when in season – there's cherry, apricot, plum, hazelnut and almond trees
- Families will love the table football, boules court, ping-pong and pinball machine
- The pretty village of Lalinde by the banks of the Dordogne is just a 5-minute drive away
- Such a perfect base for exploring the Dordogne – gems include Issigeac, Monpazier and the historic town of Bergerac within half an hour

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in three bedrooms only.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €200 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:** Air-conditioning is featured in three bedrooms only. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday in July and August. Flexible during all other periods.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights (short-breaks may be possible on request outside end June-end August).
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.
- **Internet access?:** Yes.