Villa Du Chateau

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 14







Overview

Beneath the imposing silhouette of the medieval Château de Duras, Villa du Château offers a rare chance to stay in the historic heart of south-west France, where centuries-old architecture meets laid-back countryside charm. With its vaulted ceilings, old staircases, exposed stone and undulating views over the hills from the upper terrace, this characterful 6-bedroom home exudes warmth, space and personality, inviting guests to enjoy the rhythm of rural French town life.

At the heart of the house, the wood-beamed lounge flows onto a raised terrace, perfect for long al-fresco lunches overlooking the Lot-et-Garonne landscapes. Inside, spacious living areas and six charming air-conditioned bedrooms, four of them with en-suite bathrooms, create the ideal layout for up to 14 guests.

Outside, guests are drawn to the large garden dotted with cypress trees and centred around the 12-metre swimming pool. A shaded summer kitchen with gas barbecue, table tennis and relaxed dining space makes summer living feel effortless from morning coffee to sunset aperitifs.

Step out and you're soon in the heart of Duras, a vibrant village just five minutes on foot, where boulangeries, cafés and wine bars spill onto cobbled streets. Wander the weekly market, stock up on local delicacies, or sample regional wines from surrounding vineyards, including Saint-Émilion, Monbazillac and Sauternes. For those seeking day trips, the Dordogne Valley is within easy reach, offering world-famous prehistoric caves, cliffside dwellings and beautifully preserved bastide towns.

For those who enjoy history, local flavours and a house with true character, Villa du Château is an inviting base for unforgettable holidays.

Facilities

Romantic • Pure France • Villa • Wellness • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Fishing • Wine Tasting • Cots (Cribs) • Pets on Request • Wow Factor • Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • Instagrammable • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis • Dishwasher • Microwave • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • Board games • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors

- Living-dining room with sofas, Smart TV, WI-Fi and table with benches. Doors open to the courtyard and elevated dining terrace
- Kitchen with island and table, well-equipped including oven, microwave, fridge-freezer, Nespresso machine and dishwasher. Doors open to courtyard
- Bedroom 1 with double bed, air-conditioning, courtyard access and open-plan ensuite bathroom with WC, bath/shower and sink
- Bedroom 2 with double bed, air-conditioning and ensuite bathroom with WC, shower, sink and washing machine

First Floor (via partially open-sided staircase)

- Bedroom 3 with two single beds (or double) and air-conditioning
- Bedroom 4 with double bed, TV and air-conditioning
- Bathroom with WC, bath/shower, separate shower and two sinks
- Bedroom 5 (via low doorway) with two single beds (or double), air-conditioning and ensuite shower room with WC, shower and sink
- Bedroom 6 with four single beds, air-conditioning and ensuite shower room with WC, shower and sink

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (12x6m)
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers
- Covered summer kitchen with dining area, oven, microwave and fridge
- Gas barbecue
- Table tennis
- Lawned garden with cypress trees
- Elevated terrace (off the dining room) with al-fresco dining area overlooking the pool area below
- Boules court









Location & Local Information

In the Lot-et-Garonne countryside, the charming town of Duras offers the quintessential French escape, only a 40-minute drive from Bergerac Airport.

Just a short stroll from the heart of the village, guests will find all essential amenities – from a traditional boulangerie and welcoming cafés to a butcher, pharmacy and grocery store. The neighbouring Château de Duras stands as the village's crown jewel, a majestic 12th-century fortress that tells tales of centuries past. Wine lovers won't want to miss the nearby Maison des Vins, celebrating the region's exceptional vintages. Come summer, the cobbled streets come alive with night markets, live music, and al fresco feasting under the stars.

The rolling countryside surrounding Duras is sprinkled with characterful bastide towns like Monségur (9km) and Eymet (20km), known for their lively weekly markets and pretty squares lined with arcaded buildings and cafés. Explore antique stalls, savour artisan goods, or simply enjoy a slow lunch in the sun.

Venture a little further and you'll find medieval gems like Issigeac (43km) and Monpazier (66km), two of the Dordogne's best-preserved fortified villages. Their narrow, flower-filled lanes and half-timbered houses invite leisurely discovery, especially on bustling market days.

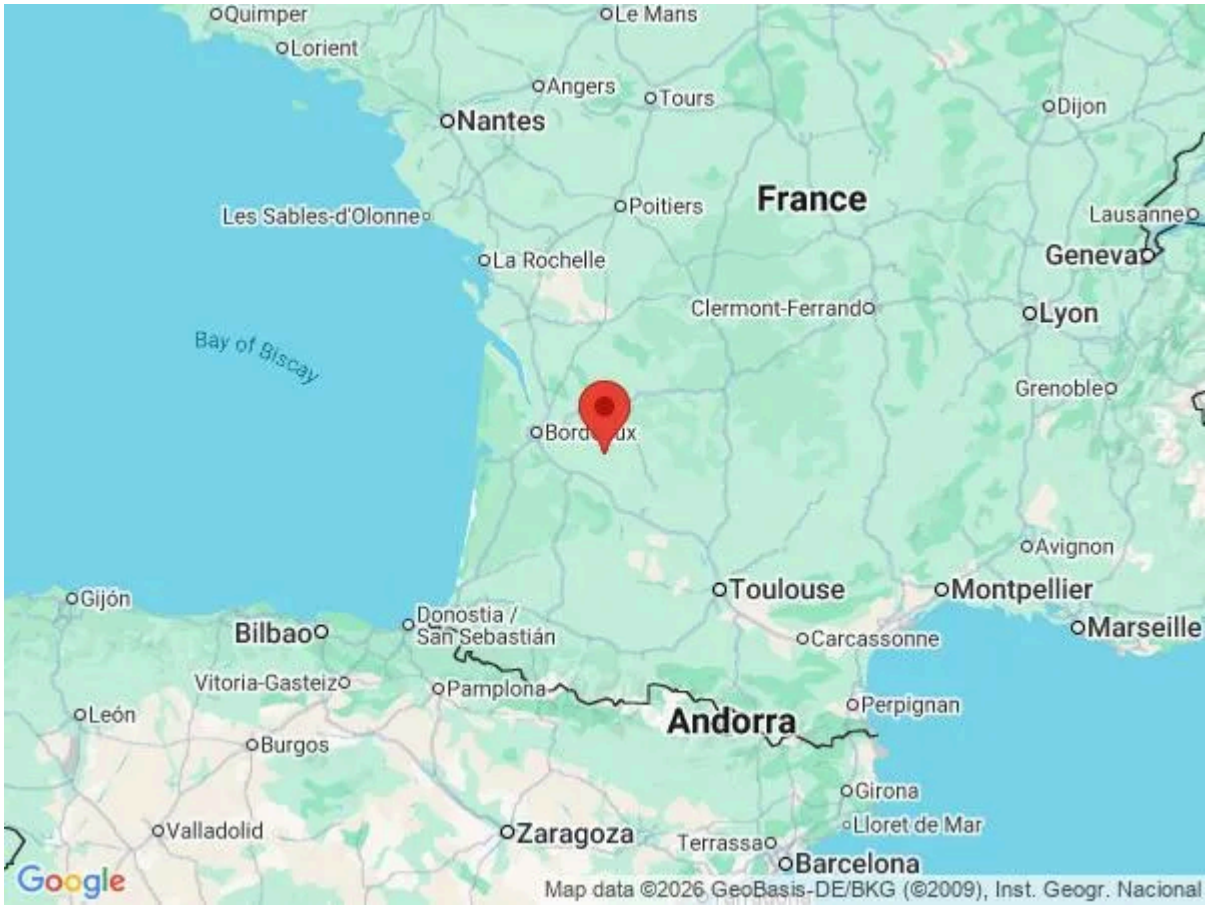
Sainte-Foy-la-Grande (22km), perched on the Dordogne River, is famed for its vibrant Saturday market, while the historic town of Bergerac (40km) draws visitors with its old quarter, antique fairs and Monbazillac wines.

For a truly special day out, a visit to Saint-Émilion (44km) is a must. This historic hilltop village is a feast for the senses – a labyrinth of limestone lanes, grand wine châteaux and atmospheric cellars offering some of the finest tastings in the world, surrounded by UNESCO-listed vineyards known across the world.

With its relaxed pace, cultural richness and proximity to Bordeaux and the Atlantic coast for yet more superb day trips (Arcachon is around two hours by car), Duras is not only a destination in its own right but also a gateway to some of southwest France's most captivating sights.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (EGC) (40 km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bordeaux-Mérignac Airport (BOD) (110 km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (TLS) (180 km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**(1 km)**









Nearest City	**Bordeaux (110 km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Halte nautique du Mas-d'Agenais (29 km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golfe des Vigiers (14 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(1 km)**
Nearest Shop	**(1 km)**
Nearest Town	**Marmande (25 km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Marmande (25 km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Sainte-Foy la Grande (19 km)**
Nearest Village	**Duras (1 km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**(2 km)**

What we love

- Stay in a beautifully restored historic home just steps from the historic Château de Duras
- So many original features from wood beams and vaulted ceilings to exposed stone walls and characterful furnishings
- Admire sweeping countryside views as you enjoy al-fresco meals on the upper terrace
- Spend long summer days beside the swimming pool or preparing meals in the shaded summer kitchen
- Just a short stroll to Duras' charming weekly market, cafes and wine bars
- Explore nearby vineyards and iconic wine regions or venture to the Dordogne for canoeing and boat trips

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.
- Guests should expect charming historic interiors with old stairs (some partially open-sided), wood beams, low windows and other characterful features (small children should be supervised).
- If planning to stay in mid-July, please note that a loud techno music festival usually takes place at the castle next door each year around 14th July (with fireworks and celebrations).
- Even though you can walk to the centre of Duras, a car is essential to be able to fully explore the surrounding region.
- Three-month rental possible any time from November until February. Please enquire.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1,000 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?:** 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.

- **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.