The Piglet Barn

Region: France **Sleeps:** 4

Overview

The Piglet Barn is a beautifully converted holiday home, where the pace of life slows and days begin with birdsong and a stroll to the village boulangerie. This high-quality barn conversion sits on the edge of Vouvant, one of France's prettiest villages, known for its medieval heart, ancient ramparts and artisan charm. Whether collecting warm croissants for breakfast, browsing the galleries or dining al fresco in the village square, everything is within walking distance.

Inside, the barn is bright and spacious, with an airy open-plan layout framed by beams and a soaring double-height ceiling. Patio doors invite natural light and lead directly to the dining terrace and garden beyond. The living area is thoughtfully furnished for comfort, with UK TV channels and Wi-Fi keeping you connected. A well-equipped kitchen makes self-catering simple, and the large family shower room adds a sense of ease. With a double bedroom and a twin room, the space is perfectly suited for a couple or small family seeking calm and convenience in equal measure.

Outside, the grounds open to two acres of woodland, perfect for shady picnics on warm summer days. The 10-metre swimming pool is flanked by loungers and parasols on the sun deck. Pool and beach towels, along with bath-robes, are all provided to make packing lighter.

The Piglet Barn offers a superb base to explore this often-overlooked corner of western France. The nearby towns of La Châtaigneraie and Fontenay-le-Comte provide excellent local amenities, while the wild beauty of the Marais Poitevin and the excitement of Puy du Fou are both within an easy drive. Kayaking and lakeside picnics await in Mervent, just 15 minutes away, whilst the glorious Atlantic shores are just over an hour by car.

Whether you're seeking days of adventure or leisurely countryside charm, The Piglet Barn offers a relaxed and well-placed setting for an unforgettable Vendée escape.









Facilities

Walk to Village • Pure France • Boat Trips • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Golf Nearby • Wine Tasting • Ideal for Teens • Shared Pool • Parking Space • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Microwave • Satellite TV • Zoo • Theme park • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers

Interior & Grounds

Barn Interiors

- Open-plan living and dining area with sofas, wood-burning stove, TV (with UK channels) and table. Patio doors open to terrace and garden
- Open-plan side kitchen with oven and hob, fridge freezer, microwave, washing machine
- Bedroom 1 with double bed
- Bedroom 2 with two single beds
- Shower room with WC, shower and sink

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (10x5m, depth: 1.8m)
- Poolside deck with sun loungers and parasols
- Dining terrace with barbecue
- Large garden (leading to open countryside including 2 acres of woodland)
- Private parking

The swimming pool may occasionally be shared by the charming owners who live on site.









Location & Local Information

Step into the charm of medieval Vouvant, where winding cobbled lanes weave between flower-draped houses, artists' studios, and remnants of fortified walls, crowned by the storied Mélusine Tower.

The Piglet Barn is set in the open countryside, yet just a 3-minute drive (or less than 15 minutes on foot along a country lane) to Vouvant where you will find everyday essentials: a bakery, grocery shop, café-bar, and welcoming restaurants. Take part in a daily guided tour to uncover the village's layered past, where legends echo through its buildings and natural surrounds. A nearby hiking path offers a scenic adventure across the La Mère river via the unique chain ferry, the Bac à chaîne.

Ideally situated for both relaxation and exploration, Vouvant lies just 15 minutes from La Châtaigneraie (12.5km), a hub for shopping, dining and forested walks, with excellent local fishing spots. Don't miss the bustling market in Fontenay-le-Comte (15km), where you can delve into the town's elegant Renaissance history.

Closer still, Mervent (8.5km) invites nature lovers to kayak on serene waters or visit Natur'Zoo de Mervent, a verdant park home to over 300 animal species. For a magical escape, the nearby Marais Poitevin, just 20 minutes away, is a tranquil wonderland of leafy canals, towpaths and flat cycling routes, often nicknamed the "Green Venice" of France.

Those in search of excitement will relish a trip to Puy du Fou (46km), where award-winning performances bring centuries of French history to life in spectacular fashion.

And for beach lovers, the golden shores of La Tranche-sur-Mer (75km), Les Sables-d'Olonne (100km), or the idyllic Île de Ré (80km) are all within easy reach, promising unforgettable days by the sea amid picturesque landscapes and charming coastal towns.









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**La Rochelle (70km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Nantes Atlantique Airport (111km)**
Nearest Beach	**La Tranche-sur-Mer (75km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Saint-Malo (299km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Club du Bocage Bressuirais (45km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Vouvant (850m)**
Nearest Shop	**Vouvant (850m)**
Nearest Town	**La Châtaigneraie (12.5km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Cerizay (34km)**
Nearest Village	**Vouvant (850m)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Super U et Drive, La Châtaigneraie (11km)**

What we love

- A charming little 2-bedroom cottage perfect for a couple or small family
- The pool is a great size with its spacious decking and sun loungers
- Enjoy al-fresco meals beside the barbecue or walk to local restaurants in the picture-perfect village of Vouvant
- How wonderful to have open countryside around you (perfect for a picnic in the woods) yet still be a short stroll from village amenities
- A great base for exploring – this region is fantastic for history and nature lovers with forest walks, river kayaking, boat trips through wetlands and such a rich heritage
- Puy du Fou, one of Europe's most famous theme parks, is only 45 minutes away

What you should know...

- The charming English property owners live next door in private accommodation. They may occasionally use the swimming pool.
- Even though you can walk to the village, we still strongly recommend bringing/hiring a car to explore the surrounding region – there is plenty of parking available.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €750 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?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** The English property owners live next door in private accommodation. They may occasionally use the swimming pool. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other days on request.
- **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.