L’Escapade Au Lac

Region: Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Surrounded by woodland and gazing out over the beautiful waters of Lac Vert, L’Escapade au Lac is a countryside retreat where lakeside charm, privacy and play come together effortlessly. This characterful cottage in the heart of the Lot invites guests to unwind in an unspoiled natural setting just moments from the lake's lively summer scene.

Blending rustic charm with modern comfort, this holiday abode is set over two floors and designed with relaxed gatherings in mind. The main living space features an open-plan lounge and dining area that flows onto a large, elevated terrace with panoramic views across the lake. A fully equipped kitchen and a double bedroom with king-size bed complete the upper level, while the lower ground floor hosts two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside, an idyllic terrace surrounds the private pool, while table tennis and woodland trails promise entertainment and exploration.

From morning swims in the lake to sunset drinks on the terrace, the guest experience here is deeply connected to the outdoors. Just a short stroll leads you to the other side of Lac Vert for its vibrant offerings in the height of the summer: beach volleyball, tennis, children's play areas, lakeside dining and an aquapark for energetic afternoons. Canoes, pedalos, paddleboards and walking trails mean every day can unfold in a different way. When it’s time to stock up or dine out, the little village of Catus is within easy reach, offering essential amenities and local flavour.

Perfectly positioned between the historic towns of Cahors and Gourdon, this location unlocks some of south-western France's finest cultural and culinary treasures. Spend a day wine tasting in Cahors, exploring medieval lanes in Gourdon, or venturing a little further to the famed Dordogne River and Sarlat-la-Canéda's gastronomic markets.

Whether you're seeking lakeside adventure or a slower pace surrounded by birdsong and dappled woodland light, L’Escapade au Lac offers a stay shaped by nature, comfort and discovery.









Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Pure France • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Fishing • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Pets on Request • Ideal for Teens • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Cottage • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis • Dishwasher

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors

Upper Floor

- Entrance hall
- Open-plan living-dining area with TV, Wi-Fi, SONOS speaker, dining table and doors leading to elevated terrace overlooking the lake
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped including oven and hob, dishwasher, fridge freezer an wine fridge
- Bedroom 1 with king-size double bed and door opening to terrace
- Bathroom with bath/shower and sink
- Separate WC

Lower Ground Floor

- Bedroom 2 with king-size double bed
- Bedroom 3 with two single beds
- Bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Washing machine

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (6x4.35m)
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers and al-fresco dining table
- Elevated terrace with seating area
- Table tennis
- Private grounds (four acres, mainly woodland)
- Private drive and parking









Location & Local Information

In the rolling countryside of the Lot region in southern France, this charming house overlooks the waters of Lac Vert in Catus. It is set in four acres of grounds (mainly woodland) in the open countryside, and the shores of the lake can be reached within a five-minute walk.

Lac Vert offers a wealth of wonderful activities such as long walks and lakeside picnics. In the height of the summer, the area comes alive with a swimming area and small blue-flag beach, aquapark, pedalo and canoe hire, various sports (beach volleyball, basketball, tennis) and fishing (with a permit). Most of the summer activities take place on the other side of the lake (10 to 15 minutes on foot).

The nearby village of Catus (1.6km) is around a 20-minute walk away (or short drive). Here, you'll find all the essentials: a well-stocked Spar supermarket, a local restaurant, a tabac (with bakery), a take-out pizza spot and a weekly market on a Tuesday morning. For more extensive shopping and local flavour, head to the historic towns of Cahors (17km) or Gourdon (30km), where bustling markets, wine outlets and vibrant town squares await. Cahors in particular is renowned for its Malbec wines and striking Valentré Bridge.

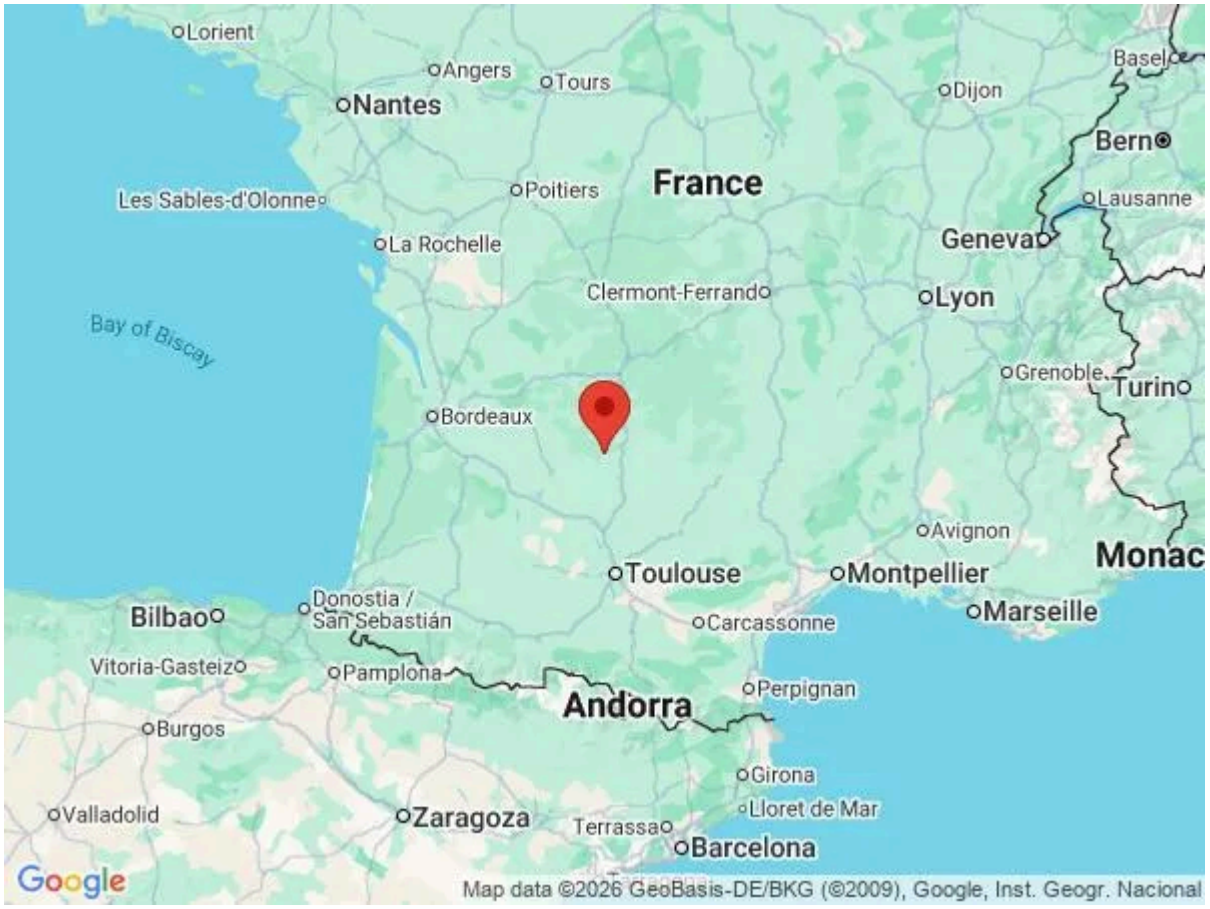
This region is rich in riverside charm and medieval heritage. Follow the winding Lot River to discover enchanting villages like Puy-l'Évêque (23km), where timber-framed houses and riverside cafes invite you to linger. One of the crown jewels of the area is Saint-Cirq-Lapopie (48km), perched high above the river and often cited as one of the most beautiful villages in France. Meander through its cobbled streets, lined with artisan boutiques and dramatic views. Even further afield, Rocamadour (52km) is an incredible day out.

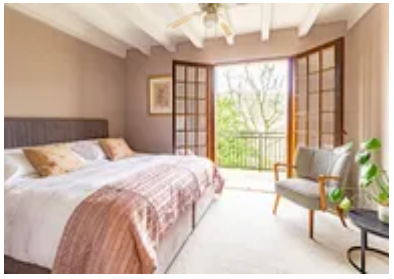
For a taste of the Dordogne's splendour, a 55-minute drive brings you to Sarlat-la-Canéda (50km), a beautifully preserved medieval town brimming with character. Nearby, the cliffside villages of Domme (37km) and La Roque-Gageac (42km) offer breathtaking views over the Dordogne River, while further south, bastide villages like Monpazier (48km) and Villefranche-du-Périgord (29km) transport you back to the time of fortified towns and bustling market days.

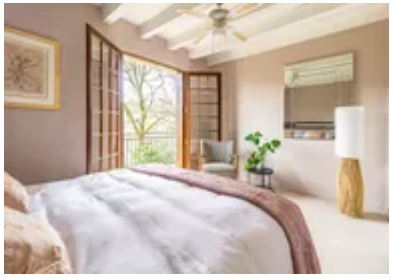
Whether you're here to soak up the beauty of Lac Vert, explore storied towns or paddle down tranquil rivers, this location promises a magical blend of natural beauty, cultural richness and laid-back French charm.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Brive–Souillac Airport (81km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (86km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (126km)**









Nearest Beach	**Lakeside beach (600m)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Bilbao (461km)**
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Nearest Restaurant	**Catus (1.6km)**
Nearest Shop	**Catus (1.6km)**
Nearest Tennis	**By the lake (600m)**
Nearest Town	**Cahors (17km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare de Cahors (16.5km)**
Nearest Village	**Catus (1.6km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Spar supermarché (1.6km)**

What we love

- Set in four acres of wooded grounds, this beautiful house enjoys gorgeous views over the shimmering waters of Lac Vert
- Gaze at the lake from the elevated terrace or relax beside the private pool, surrounded by nature
- On the opposite side of the lake (a short walk away) discover a wealth of lakeside summer activities (aquapark, play areas, canoe hire, pedaloes and more)
- It's also possible to stroll to the local village for groceries and take-away pizza
- Between Cahors and Gourdon, ideal for wine tasting, medieval sights and market day delights
- You are also well located for wonderful days out across the Dordogne

What you should know...

- The activities around the lake are seasonal and some have minimum height and/or age restrictions – contact us if you need more information.
- Guests need to be able to safely manage steps across the grounds and inside the house.

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?:** 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 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.