L'Ancienne Etable

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 2

Overview

Surrounded by rolling fields and woodlands, L'Ancienne Étable is a masterclass in thoughtful restoration, where the humble charm of its agricultural past meets elegant, contemporary comfort. This former cow-shed has been transformed with care and finesse into a beautifully appointed retreat, offering a romantic escape in the heart of the French countryside with uninterrupted views stretching out across the open landscape.

Inside, the open-plan layout is welcoming, blending farmhouse character with modern touches. Original cow-byres add a distinctive nod to the building's heritage, now reimagined with flair. The living and sleeping space flows seamlessly into a fully-equipped kitchen, complete with a central island, perfect for long, relaxed breakfasts or evening aperitifs. Every detail has been carefully considered, from the plush seating and queen-size double bed to the air-conditioning and sleek shower room, creating a space that feels effortlessly stylish and wonderfully comfortable.

Step outside and you'll find even more to savour. The garden opens directly onto fields, with armchairs perfectly placed for soaking up the sun or simply gazing at the horizon. A covered terrace houses a hot tub and music speaker, inviting indulgent afternoons and romantic evenings under the stars. Table tennis adds a playful touch, while al-fresco dining is easy with the barbecue.

The location offers the best of both countryside charm and proximity. Set on the Charente-Dordogne border, you're just over half an hour from Angoulême and Ribérac, and within easy reach of Cognac's famous vineyards. Closer still are the charming villages of Montmoreau and Villebois-Lavalette, where you'll find artisan bakeries, café bars and bustling weekly markets.

Whether you're looking to unwind in privacy, explore the charms of southwestern France or simply revel in design-led comfort, L'Ancienne Étable offers a setting where every moment is beautifully considered.









Facilities

Cycling • Pure France • Walking/Hiking Paths • Air-Con • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Barn • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • TV • Table Tennis • Indoor Games • Hot Tub • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher

Interior & Grounds

Studio Interiors

- Open-plan living and bedroom area with sofa, armchairs, queen-size double bed, TV and Wi-Fi internet
- Open-plan kitchen with central island and stools, well-equipped including oven and hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, washing machine/dryer and dishwasher
- Shower room with WC, shower and sink

Outside Grounds

- Covered terrace with hot tub
- Alexia speaker
- Small table, chairs and barbecue
- Comfortable garden armchairs
- Table tennis
- Garden (leading out to open countryside)
- Parking
- Car-charging point









Location & Local Information

At the end of a no-through lane, L'Ancienne Étable offers lovely views of the rolling hills of the Charente countryside. Perfectly positioned near the Dordogne border, this rural setting invites guests to unwind and reconnect with nature, while remaining within easy reach of some of the region's most captivating towns and villages.

Just 12 minutes away by car, the charming village of Montmoreau offers all essential amenities, from a supermarket and *boulangerie* to relaxed café bars and restaurants. A short drive further brings you to Villebois-Lavalette, with its hilltop château and traditional covered market square.

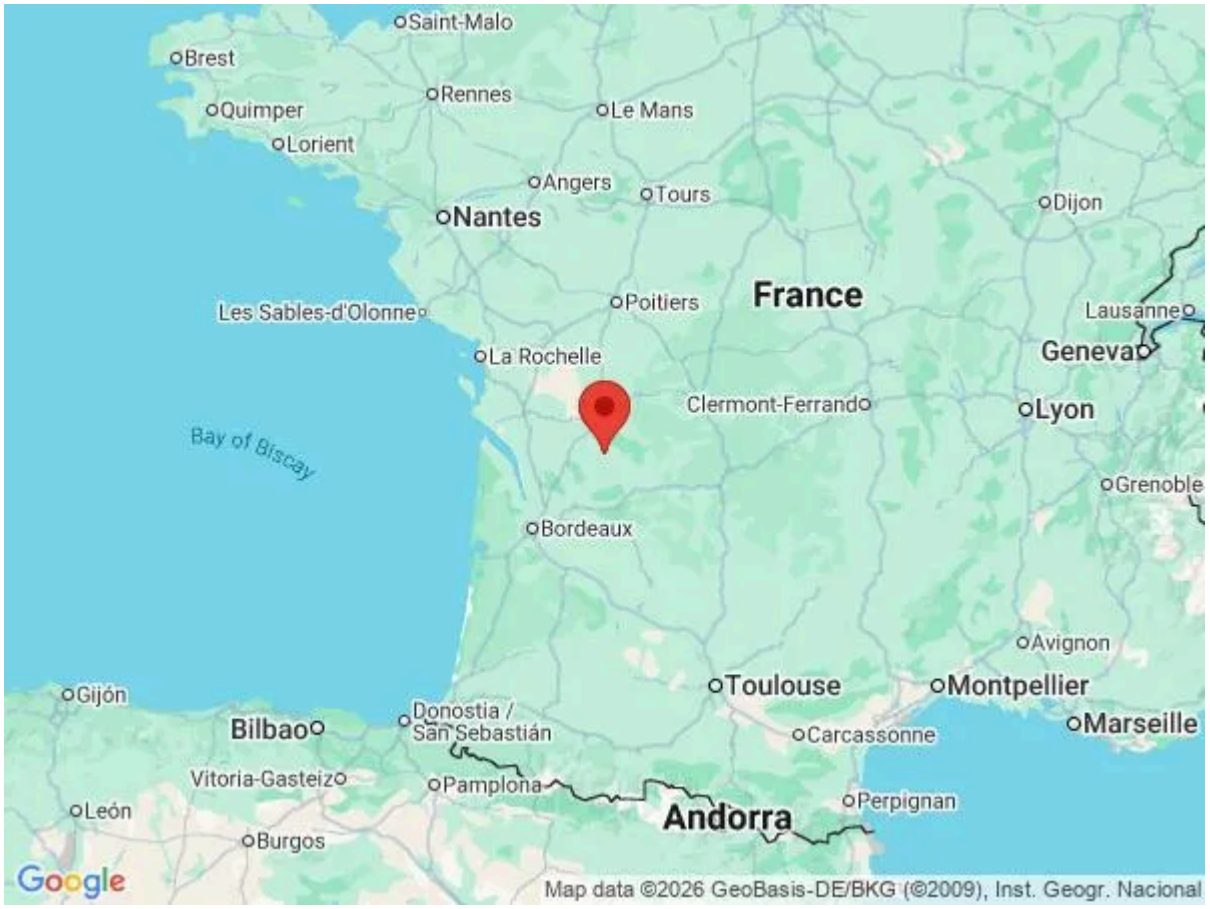
For a deeper taste of local life, head to Ribérac on a Friday morning, where one of the region's largest markets overflows with fresh produce, regional delicacies and vibrant local character. The nearby village of Verteillac also makes for a delightful day out, with a handful of shops and regular brocantes.

For riverside charm, Aubeterre-sur-Dronne, officially listed among the Plus Beaux Villages de France, is just over half an hour away. Its stunning monolithic church and leafy village square, lined with cafés and artisan boutiques, are perfect for a relaxed afternoon. Continue your explorations to Brantôme en Périgord, often called the "Venice of the Périgord", where riverside restaurants and ancient abbeys create an irresistible blend of culture and beauty.

City lovers will enjoy day trips to Angoulême, just over half an hour by car, famed for its comic strip heritage and atmospheric old town, or further afield to Cognac, where prestigious distilleries offer tastings and tours. Périgueux tempts with Roman ruins and a lively old quarter, while Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site, promises fine wine and timeless elegance under 90 minutes away.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (88km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Limoges Airport (110km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Bordeaux Airport (121km)**
Nearest City	**Angoulême (31km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Saint-Malo (513km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf d'Aubeterre 9-hole (17km)**









Nearest Restaurant	**Montmoreau (10km)**
Nearest Town	**Ribérac (29km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Angoulême TGV (32km)**
Nearest Village	**Montmoreau (10km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Super U et Drive (10km)**

What we love

- A beautifully restored former cow-shed blending rustic charm with elegant, contemporary design
- Open-plan living with stylish interiors, air-conditioning and a farmhouse-style kitchen with central island
- Relax in the private hot tub under a covered terrace, complete with countryside views and outdoor music
- Enjoy al-fresco dining, table tennis and outdoor seating overlooking open fields
- Close to the Charente and Dordogne border, wonderful days out include Aubeterre-sur-Dronne and Brantôme en Périgord
- Also within easy reach of Angoulême, Ribérac and the renowned vineyards of Cognac

What you should know...

- This wonderful home sits at the end of the owner's main residence next door.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 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:** 1.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** No.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 3 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.
- **Internet access?:** Yes.