Domaine De La Rive

Region: Biarritz **Sleeps:** 21

Overview

Domaine de la Rive rests along the banks of the Adour River as a sanctuary of heritage, harmony and hospitality. This family-owned estate, lovingly held for four generations, brings together two distinctive residences to form one unforgettable retreat near the edge of the small historic city of Bayonne.

The first part of the estate is a traditional 19th century Basque home that radiates poetic charm, with five individually styled bedrooms inspired by local mythology and global cultures, sleeping up to 10 guests. Each room features a king-size double bed that can be configured as twins, along with its own en suite bath or shower room. Downstairs, cool tiled floors run through the inviting living spaces, where a characterful kitchen blends rustic charm with modern practicality. Outside, the south-facing stone terrace offers an idyllic setting for leisurely al-fresco meals. Outside of high season, it is possible to book this part of the property by itself (see the 10-person rate).

Just beside, a beautifully converted barn adjoining the house offers a bright, contemporary contrast for 11 guests, drawing on nature for its design inspiration. Here, another five welcoming bedrooms (and three bathrooms, two of which are en suite) provide comfort and flexibility, while the open-plan living space is the social heart of the home. French doors open onto a raised decked terrace overlooking the gardens and swimming pool, inviting guests to slow down and soak up the surroundings. Outside of high season, it is possible to book just two en suite bedrooms in this wing, alongside the traditional Basque house (see the 14-person rate).

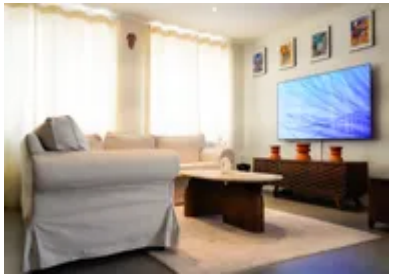
Set within 2.5 hectares of private parkland, days unfold between refreshing swims, tennis matches and games of pétanque. Families can enjoy the space with a range of outdoor games or simply wander the grounds where the wild edges meet forest trails and river views.

Just on the edge of the cultural hub of Bayonne, the estate is ideally placed to explore the coast, city and countryside. From the beaches of Anglet to Biarritz's lively streets and the traditions of Basque villages, the region is rich in culture and character. Domaine de la Rive offers a setting where memories are rooted in nature, story and time spent together.









Facilities

Wine Tasting • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Historical Sites • Surfing • Weddings • Cycling • Private Pool • Recommended • Air-Con • Tennis Court • Golf Nearby • Villa • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Special Offer • Has Offer • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Pets on Request • Heated Pool • Beach Nearby • Pool Safety Feature • Parking Space •

Wi-Fi/Internet • Waterfront • BBQ • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis • Tumble Dryer • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • Aquarium • Kid-friendly museum • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Yoga Classes Available • Transfers Available • Forest park/High-rope course • Board games • Badminton • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

1) Basque House only - 5 bedrooms: 10-person rate (not available in high season)
2) Basque House and 2 bedrooms in Converted Barn Wing - 7 bedrooms: 14-person rate (not available in high season)
3) Basque House and Converted Barn Wing -10 bedrooms: 21-person rate (obligatory in high season)

Basque House Interiors (270m2)

Main Floor

- Open-plan living and dining room with doors opening to garden and terrace
- TV lounge with small sofa-bed (120x200cm)
- Kitchen, fully-equipped

First Floor

- Bedroom 1 (28m2) with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split as twin), reversible air-conditioning and en suite shower room with Italian shower and WC
- Bedroom 2 (22m2) with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split as twin), reversible air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with bath and WC
- Bedroom 3 (33m2) with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split as twin), sofa-bed, reversible air-conditioning and en suite shower room with Italian shower and WC
- Bedroom 4 (28m2) with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split as twin), reversible air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with bath, shower and separate WC

Second Floor

- Attic Bedroom 5 (22m2) with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split as twin), reversible air-conditioning, bathtub (in the room) and en suite Italian shower and separate WC

Converted Barn Wing Interiors (180m2)

Main Floor

- Open-plan living room with large sofa and doors opening to raised al-fresco dining terrace overlooking the swimming pool
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped including breakfast bar and stools. Doors slide open to back terrace
- Open-plan dining area
- Laundry facilities with washing machine and dryer
- Bedroom 1 (23m2) with queen-size double bed (160x200cm), reversible air-conditioning, doors opening to terrace (with steps down to garden and pool area) and en suite shower room with Italian shower and WC
- Reversible air-conditioning

First Floor (via open-tread stairs, some sloping ceilings, split across two wings)

- Bedroom 2 (25m2) with queen-size double bed (160x200cm), reversible air-conditioning and en suite shower room with Italian shower and separate WC









- Bedroom 3 (17m2) with queen-size double bed (160x200cm) and reversible air-conditioning
- Bedroom 4 (14m2) with three single beds (90x200cm each) and reversible air-conditioning
- Bedroom 5 (12m2) with two single beds (90x200cm each) and reversible air-conditioning
- Shared bathroom with bathtub, shower cubicle and separate WC
- Hallway with small sofa-bed (120x200cm)

Estate's Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (10x5m, depth: 0.9-1.6m) with electric safety cover. Open approximately April to end-October and heated approximately May to end-September
- Poolside terrace with sun beds and garden furnishings
- East and west-facing terraces (accessed via former barn) for al-fresco dining
- South stone terrace (accessed via Basque House) for al-fresco dining
- Barbecue and plancha
- Tennis court
- Boules pitch
- Table tennis
- Badminton, volleyball, Mölkky and other outdoor games/leisure equipment
- River frontage
- Low stone wall between part of the grounds (in front of the Basque house) and river
- 2.5-hectare wooded park

Other Facilities

- Reversible air-conditioning (bedrooms only throughout)

Location & Local Information

By the banks of the Adour River, Domaine de la Rive enjoys a superb position just outside the historic heart of Bayonne. This prime location promises natural beauty alongside easy access to a rich tapestry of cultural and coastal delights in the Basque region of southwestern France.

Despite being on the edge of the city, the house is set in 2.5 hectares of parkland with occasional passing deer, hedgehogs and other wildlife – follow the little path to discover walks through the surrounding forest (the owners advise you to wear boots and avoid the long grasses). Car hire is strongly encouraged to be able to make the most of the region, yet there is a bus stop around a 15-minute walk away (via a sloping lane) with buses to Anglet's main beach via Bayonne railway station and city centre. For car drivers, the estate is very well connected to the A63, allowing you to easily reach a range of wonderful destinations to both the north and south (the A63 motorway passes by the edge of the estate - you may hear some traffic depending on the wind direction although the estate is surrounded by dense forest and there is double glazing).

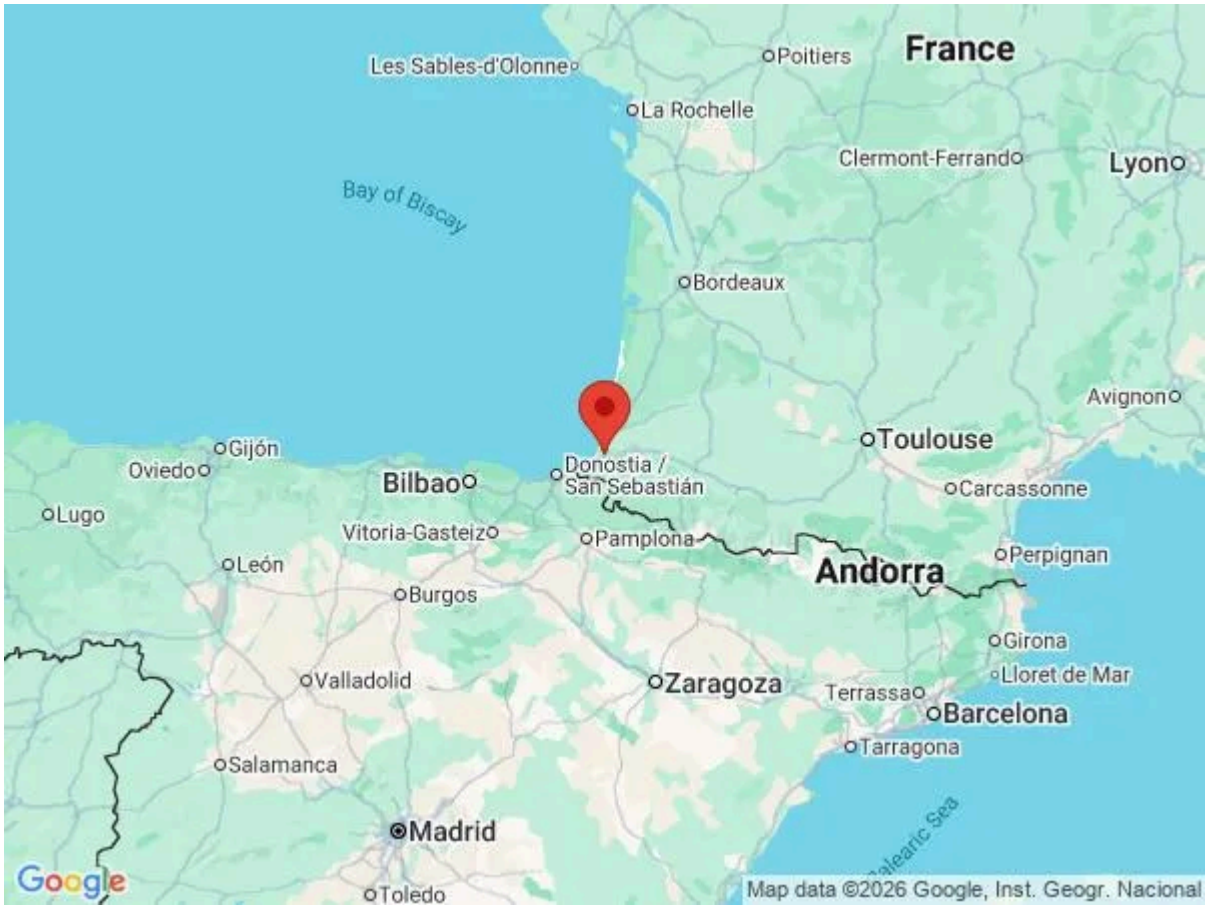
Not far away, Bayonne's cultural treasures await discovery. Step into the Musée du Chocolat (2km) for a delicious journey through local confectionery heritage, or admire the Gothic splendour of the Cathédrale Sainte-Marie (4km). The Musée Basque (3.5km) provides a captivating insight into local traditions, while the Fêtes de Bayonne (mid-July) and Foire au Jambon (usually around Easter/April) offer unforgettable immersion into the area's festive spirit.

For lovers of sea and surf, the Anglet coastline offers vast beaches and a scenic promenade, while nearby Biarritz (13km) charms with its Belle Époque architecture and bustling market. To the north, Capbreton (22km) and Hossegor (26.5km) are renowned for their waves and lively beach scenes.

Discover traditional Basque villages like Bidart (17km) or venture further to Ainhoa and Sare (both 31km), listed among France's most beautiful. Golfers will appreciate nearby courses such as Golf de Chiberta and Makila Golf Club, while hikers can explore scenic coastal paths stretching towards Hendaye. With the Spanish border just over half an hour away, Domaine de la Rive is ideally placed for exploring the best of the Basque Country.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Biarritz Airport (10km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**San Sebastian Airport (41km)**
Nearest Beach	**Plage De La Chambre D'Amour, Anglet (10km)**
Nearest City	**Bayonne (3.5km)**









Nearest Ferry Port	**Bilbao/Santander (169km/249km)**
Nearest Golf	**Makila Golf Club/NAS Golf Chiberta (11km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(Within 3.5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**(1.6km)**
Nearest Tennis	**In the grounds (0km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Bayonne (4km)**

What we love

- Stay in a characterful Basque estate with two charming residences – one traditional, one contemporary – perfect for groups, families and multi-generational stays
- Relax by the pool, enjoy long lunches on terrace or wander 2.5 hectares of beautiful parkland bordering the Adour River
- Make the most of outdoor leisure with a tennis court, pétanque, volleyball, badminton, table tennis and more – there's space and fun for everyone
- A range of services can be arranged including a private chef and yoga classes
- Only a short drive from the historic heart of Bayonne, with easy access to Biarritz and the beaches of Anglet - ideal for culture, coast and countryside adventures
- Discover gems across the region like the Train de La Rhune, pretty Basque villages, surf schools and summer festivals, all within easy reach

What you should know...

- The estate sleeps up to 21 guests across two self-contained, adjoining dwellings. There are five bedrooms in one part (the Basque House), sleeping up to 10 guests. The other wing (the Converted Barn) sleeps up to 11 guests in five bedrooms. Please see the "Layout" tab for full details.
- The occupancy of the entire *domaine* is obligatory during high season.
- The 10-person rate (available outside high season only) includes the Basque House only. In this case, the other part (the Converted Barn wing) will be closed to guests.
- The 14-person rate (available outside high season only) includes the Basque House plus two en suite bedrooms in the Converted Barn wing. All other bedrooms will be closed to guests.
- There are sofa-beds for additional guests, on request only – please enquire.
- Air-conditioning (reversible) is featured in bedrooms only.
- This beautiful estate is by the edge of the river – careful supervision of children is necessary.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2,000 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels as a pre-authorisation and refunded after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes. Changed once for stays over 14 nights.

- **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 on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **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.

- **Other Cleaning:** Mid-stay clean for stays over 14 nights included.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Other 2:** Air-conditioning (reversible) is featured in bedrooms only. Please also note that guests are advised to take precautions against mosquitoes and ticks, including avoiding long grass and wearing boots.

- **Other 3:** The occupancy of the entire domaine (21-person rate) is obligatory during high season. The 10-person rate (available outside high season only) includes the Basque House only. In this case, the other part (the Converted Barn wing) will be closed to guests. The 14-person rate (available outside high season only) includes the Basque House plus two en suite bedrooms in the Converted Barn wing. All other bedrooms will be closed to guests.

- **Minimum stay:** 5 nights in July and August, otherwise 3 nights (2026). 7 nights year round in 2027.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included (the pool is only heated approximately May to end-September). Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** France Visitors Tax is included.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately April to end-October and heated approximately May to end-September (see T&C above about heated pools). Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.