Le Castel Viel

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

At the end of a country lane, surrounded by rolling meadows and woodland, Le Castel Viel offers a characterful escape in the Dordogne. This beautifully restored stone farmhouse, complete with a traditional half-timbered pigeonnier, sits within a hectare of private grounds where olive trees sway gently beside the pool and birdsong carries on the breeze.

Inside, exposed stone walls and original beams frame spacious living areas designed for togetherness. The open-plan kitchen, with its farmhouse-style central island and Falcon range cooker, invites leisurely breakfasts and lively evening meals. From here, doors lead directly to a dining terrace, perfect for al fresco gatherings. The main sitting room is warm and inviting, with a wood-burning stove, Smart TV and Sonos sound system. Upstairs across two wings, five charming bedrooms offer restful retreats, including a romantic four-poster master double with its own bathroom.

The private pool lies at the heart of the garden, surrounded by sun loungers and views over the surrounding grounds. A brasero adds warmth to starlit evenings, while table tennis provides entertainment for all ages. Whether you're sipping local wine on the terrace or exploring nearby market towns, Le Castel Viel makes every moment feel unhurried.

Perfectly positioned between Bergerac and Périgueux, this is an ideal base for exploring the treasures of the Dordogne. A 15-minute drive away, Vergt offers charming eateries, bakeries and a weekly market, while Bergerac's harbour, riverside cafés and museums promise rich cultural days out. Le Castel Viel promises a stay full of character, beauty and lasting memories.



Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Pure France • Villa • Boat Trips • Go-Karting • Cycling • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Exclusive • <1hr to Airport • Ideal for Kids • Fishing • Recommended • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Chef/Cook Available • Pool Safety Feature • Parking Space • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • TV • Table Tennis • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Outdoor Games • Animal farm • Fire Pit • Water excursions/Boat trips • Forest park/High-rope course • Babysitting Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)







Interior & Grounds

House Interiors

Ground Floor

- Entrance and hallway
- Living room with sofas, Smart TV (with Sky TV), Sonos system, library and wood-burning stove. Doors open to front courtyard
- Open-plan kitchen-diner and lounge with central island, sofas and dining table. Kitchen well equipped including Falcon range cooker with hob and two ovens, microwave, two dishwashers, Smeg fridge-freezer, chiller drawers for drinks and wine fridge. Doors open to al-fresco dining terrace
- Shower room with WC, shower and hand basin

Upstairs (via one set of stairs)

- Bedroom 1 (low beams) with double bed and single bed

Upstairs (via main stairs)

- Mezzanine level (with washing machine, dryer and sink hidden behind doors)
- Bedroom 2 with double bed (low beams)
- Pigeonnier bathroom with WC, bath/shower and washbasin
- Bedroom 3 with two single beds
- Bedroom 4 with double bed
- Master bedroom 5 with four-poster double bed, beamed ceiling and en suite WC, bath/shower and twin hand basin

Outside Grounds (one hectare)

- Swimming pool (6x10m) with steps and safety alarm
- Poolside terrace and loungers
- Courtyard with terrace and seating area with stone benches and cushions
- Dining terrace (off the kitchen) with barbecue
- Brasero
- Table tennis
- Garden with lawn, mature plants and olive trees (with views on the surrounding meadows and woodland)
- Parking (several cars)









Location & Local Information

In the heart of the Dordogne, Le Castel Viel is located in the open countryside at the end of a no-through lane near the little hamlet of Saint-Martin-des-Combes, conveniently positioned between the historic towns of Bergerac and Périgueux. Whether you're seeking to explore the cultural gems of the Dordogne or simply unwind in pretty surroundings, this location promises the best of both worlds.

North of the Dordogne River, this is a rural setting dotted with little hamlets and traditional landscapes of woodland and countryside. A short drive brings you to the village of Campsegret (13km), home to a couple of restaurants and an electric vehicle charging point, close to Parc du Touron (9km), a little animal park that young children may enjoy. Meanwhile, the small town of Vergt (14km) provides a practical hub for day-to-day needs, offering a bakery, butcher, supermarket, pizzeria and a café-bar where you can enjoy a morning coffee or evening aperitif.

Less than half an hour away, Bergerac's picturesque harbour invites visitors to cruise the Dordogne River or hop aboard a miniature train to discover its timber-framed architecture and fascinating Tobacco Museum. Meanwhile, elegant Périgueux (35km) enchants with its Renaissance charm, bustling markets and vibrant dining scene.

For those with a passion for history, the extraordinary Napoleon Museum at the Château de la Pommerie (23 km) showcases a private collection of over 500 Imperial-era objects, housed in a grand 18th-century castle and accompanied by a serene arboretum. Further afield, explore the medieval strongholds of Château de Beynac and Château Castelnaud (around an hour by car), perched dramatically above the river or dive into prehistory at Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil (43km), not far from Lascaux's world-famous painted caves (60km), a mesmerising tribute to humanity's earliest artists.

Heading east instead, Sarlat-la-Canéda is the jewel of the Périgord Noir and lies just an hour away. Its cobbled streets, golden stone buildings, and atmospheric Saturday market overflowing with truffles and foie gras provide a taste of Dordogne's cultural and culinary heritage.









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergerac Airport (25km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Brive–Souillac Airport (117km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Bordeaux Airport (130km)**
Nearest City	**Périgueux (35km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Club Perigueux (37km)**

Nearest Restaurant	**Campsegret (11km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Vergt (13.5km)**
Nearest Town	**Vergt (14km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Bergerac (23km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Bergerac (22.5km)**
Nearest Village	**Campsegret (11.5km)**

What we love

- A beautifully restored Dordogne farmhouse with exposed stone walls, wooden beams and a charming half-timbered pigeonnier
- Spacious interiors made for togetherness, with a wood-burning stove, Smart TV, Sonos system and open-plan kitchen with Falcon range
- Relax beside the private pool surrounded by olive trees, birdsong and a hectare of wonderful grounds
- Gather around the brasero under the stars and enjoy leisurely meals on the outdoor dining terrace
- Ideally located between Bergerac and Périgueux with cultural gems just a short drive away

What you should know...

- The charming bedrooms are set across two wings of the house – please see the “Layout” tab for further details. Some bedrooms feature characterfully low wood beams.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 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:** 3.00 p.m.

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

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** 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:** Saturdays. All other days on request.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €250, payable to Oliver's Travels with the balance payment. 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?:** No.

- **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.

- **Internet access?:** Yes.

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** 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.