Le Prieure Esperance

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Le Prieure Esperance is a 17th century stone Presbytery sitting just above the Dordogne river, neatly restored inside and out to create an overall atmosphere of warmth and peace. Offering unspoilt views of the French countryside, guests can breakfast under the rising sun on their own private terrace before taking a morning dip in the large heated pool, or strolling amongst the lovingly manicured gardens.

The subtle mix of medieval and oriental inspired soft furnishings and exposed original oak beams and stonework give the interior a unique, yet homely feel that instantly puts visitors at ease. The grand stone fireplace only adds to this effect, as the centre piece of a large modern dining room. All spacious bedrooms are complete with flawless en-suite bathroom facilities.

In the courtyard of the villa there is a private, detached 17th Century chapel which can be used as a non-religious multifunctional space. It is heated/air-conditioned and has a "HK Lucas Performer" music system (compatible with media devices, I-phone etc) which allows guests to enjoy their choice of music in high definition and with excellent acoustics.

This is a holiday rental that oozes sophisticated luxury, from the silver dining cutlery to the un-chlorinated salt water pool, yet maintains a quaint rustic charm that is in line with that of the entire Dordogne region.

If you'd rather relax and fully enjoy a catered evening at the villa, two wonderful private chefs are at your disposal as well as a waitress service. You can even choose whether to eat in the chateau, chapel or al fresco! Enjoy your meal while you settle into this unique venue and start to immerse yourselves into the charming French lifestyle!









Facilities

Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • <1hr to Airport • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Romantic • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Private Pool • Weddings • Ideal for Kids • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Marquee Hire Permitted • Has Discount • Has Offer • Special Offer • Maid Service Available • Heated Pool • Chapel on Site • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Outdoor Ceremony • Saltwater Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Indoor Reception Available • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Indoor Games • DVD • Smart TV • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Transfers Available • Breakfast Available •

Board games • Babysitting Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Pool inflatables • Stair gates • Pushchair • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds

Main Floor (via stone steps)

- Lounge with an open fireplace and TV
- Dining area with grand stone fireplace
- Kitchen, well-equipped including oven, microwave, induction hob, dishwasher, fridge-freezer,
- Summer kitchen, well-equipped including oven range, microwave, fridge, dishwasher and ice machine
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x190cm) and bathroom with multi-jet shower

Mezzanine Upper Level

- Bedroom with two double beds (140x190cm each), TV and bathroom with bath and separate shower
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x190cm), TV and bathroom with Italian shower

Please note the above two bedrooms share one WC

Garden Level

- Suite with large double bed (200x200cm), separate lounge with TV and bathroom with bath and shower

Outside Grounds

- Salt-water heated swimming pool (5x10m) with safety railings/gate and electric pool cover, open approximately mid-May to mid-September (earlier/later opening may be possible, only on request)
- Poolside terrace and al-fresco dining area
- Barbecue/electric plancha
- Courtyard with fountain
- Private 17th century chapel (reception/music room)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Air-conditioning
- Smart TV with Now TV box (for UK streaming services)
- DVD player
- Music system (chapel)
- Table tennis
- Children's games/toys
- Workstation and printer
- Telephone (loca/national calls)
- Laundry room with washing machine/dryer

The hamlet also features a separate two-storey annexe with a simple bedroom/shower room which can be used for two extra guests if needed – please enquire for pricing and availability.









Location & Local Information

In the idyllic Périgord countryside, Cottage Esperance is part of a small hamlet/estate less than 2km from the banks of the Dordogne, an ideal location for visiting Sarlat-la-Canéda, Domme, La Roque-Gageac and other gems of this captivating region.

A hiking trail passes by the front of the house and, thanks to the glorious scenery surrounding the hamlet, there is also public viewing point a little further away near the annexe. The magnificent Château de Fénelon is easily reached whilst a small village, with a Thursday morning market, is just 4.5km away.

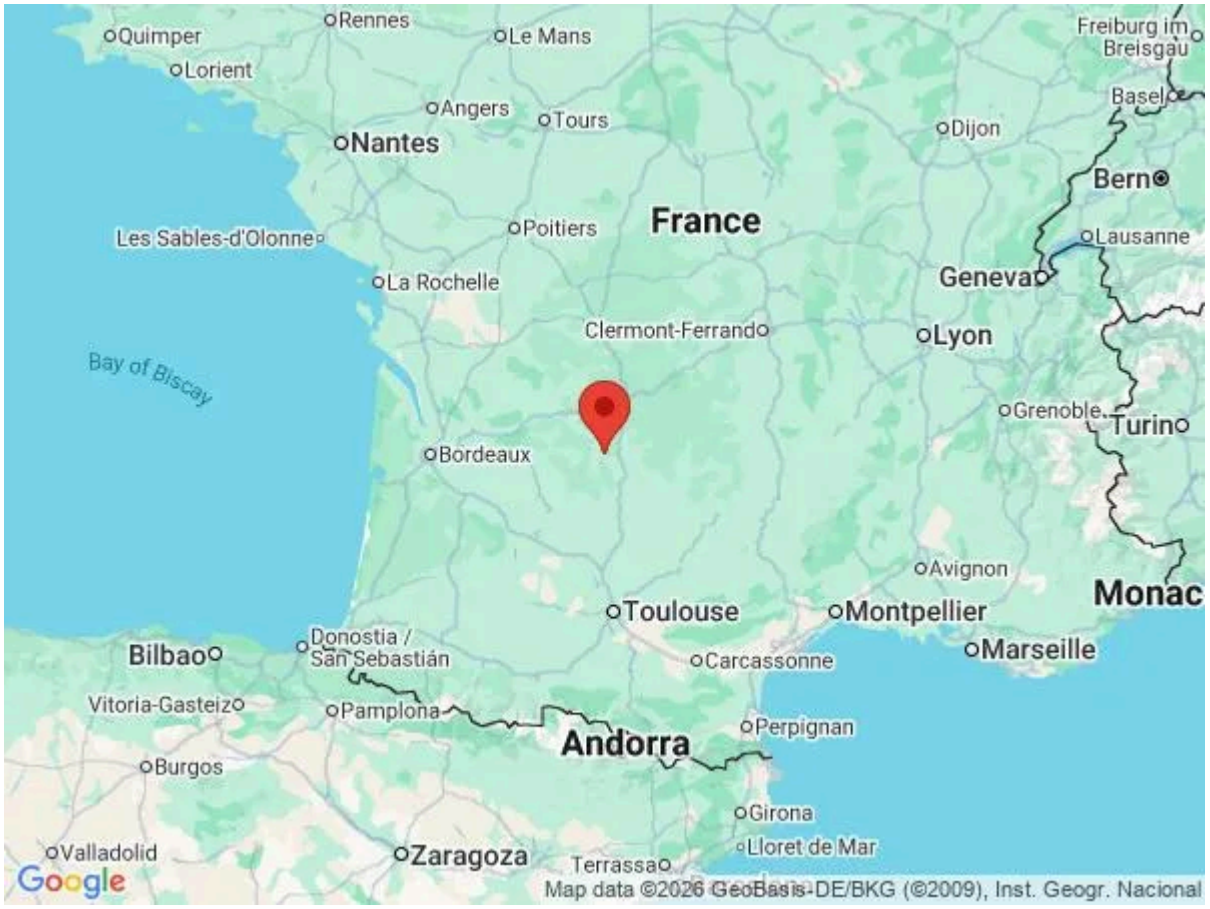
Spend time in the bastide village of Domme (16km), one of France's classified 'Plus Beaux Villages', perched above the banks of the Dordogne and enjoy the stunning riverside houses of La Roque-Gageac (21km), another of France's prettiest villages. Also, don't miss a trip to the magnificent Château de Beynac (28km), one of the finest castles in the Dordogne. Look out for canoeing or kayaking excursions or hop on a traditional boat trip, both wonderful ways to explore the beauty of the Dordogne River.

Sarlat-la-Canéda (20km) is one of the most visited towns in the Dordogne, loved for its beautiful architecture and gastronomic restaurants. Wander around the old town dating back to medieval and renaissance times, get lost in a warren of narrow lanes, admire the impressive cathedral and soak up the ambience of the main square. The twice-weekly market is a must for gastronomes in a town renowned for its truffles and foie gras and there are plenty of charming shops showcasing delicious products of the region.

Other nearby markets to experience include Souillac (17km) and Les Eyzies (40km) as well as night markets in the height of the summer across various villages and towns, usually serving excellent food accompanied by local wine and music. Further afield, look out for atmospheric markets in Les Eyzies, Brive, Bergerac, Périgueux, Cahors and beyond.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Brive–Souillac Airport (38km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bergerac Airport (90km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare de Souillac (17km)**
Nearest Village	**Small local village (4km)**
Nearest Town	**Souillac/Sarlat-la-Canéda (17km/20km)**









Nearest Restaurant	**(15-minute walk/5-minute drive)**
Nearest Supermarket	**E.Leclerc Sarlat (16km)**
Nearest Golf	**Souillac Golf & Country Club (25km)**

What we love

- The cultural fusion of interior design gives the house a recognisable character that guests will naturally form an attachment to
- All rooms come fully air-conditioned for those warm summer evenings
- Beautiful courtyard, garden and chapel as well as a gloriously romantic master suite with its own living area make this the perfect venue for a wedding
- Terrace by the pool offers a brilliant location for breakfast in the morning sun, with the spectacular view of the countryside and Château de Fénelon
- How wonderful to be so close to the Dordogne River and just 20km from Sarlat-la-Canéda

What you should know...

- Le Prieure Esperance is part of a small hamlet/estate also featuring Maison Esperance (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/sarlat/maison-esperance/) (10 guests) and Cottage Esperance (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/sarlat/cottage-esperance/) (2 guests) which are rented out separately. All three houses can be booked exclusively – please see Le Prieure Esperance Estate (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/sarlat/le-prieure-esperance-estate/) (20 guests).
- The estate also features a separate two-storey annexe with a simple bedroom/shower room which can be used for two extra guests if needed – please enquire for pricing and availability.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 paid to the owner before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. (arrival time to be notified in advance).

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

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including pool towels.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** An extra bedroom in a simple two-storey annexe is available upon request and subject to an extra charge and availability. 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:** Saturday. Mid-week bookings starting or ending on a Saturday may be possible on request, outside the high season only. Please enquire.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price (excludes annexes). 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.

- **Pool heating charge?:** The pool is heated approximately mid May to mid September. Please request during the booking process and note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximatey mid-May to mid-September - earlier/later opening may be possible but only on request. 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.