Manoir des Fables

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Set in storybook gardens with a well inspired by the original Snow White film, Manoir des Fables is a place where history lingers in the stone walls and craftsmanship is woven into every detail. With origins tracing back to the 16th century, this enchanting gite-style home has been painstakingly rebuilt using traditional materials and techniques, blending heritage with modern comfort.

Step inside and discover an atmosphere shaped by oak, walnut and cherry wood, where hand-crafted doors, bespoke furnishings and antique finds tell tales of eras past. The soaring main living space, with exposed beams and a stone fireplace, creates a captivating heart to the home. Here, guests can gather beside the crackling fire, challenge each other to board games or curl up with a film on the Smart TV. The open-plan kitchen and dining area features a monastery-style table and high-grade appliances behind solid oak cabinetry, all chosen to respect the home's historic soul.

Four pretty bedrooms continue the sense of thoughtful authenticity, with hand-built oak bed frames, walnut headboards and queen-size doubles (that can be split as twins) with high quality mattresses. Three contemporary bathrooms also await, two with gorgeous walk-in showers (one of which is en suite).

Beyond the manoir's stone walls, a private world opens up. The 10.5-metre pool is set beside a games lawn with badminton and croquet, with shaded corners and stargazing spots scattered across the landscaped grounds and a red Japanese footbridge spanning the lower garden. Gather for family meals on the circular teak table with atmospheric lighting in the trees. Deer occasionally wander by at dusk, as if drawn in by the magic of the place.

Located in the rolling Charente countryside, just over half an hour from Angoulême, Manoir des Fables feels blissfully secluded yet well connected. Local essentials are found in nearby Blanzac-Porcheresse, while the vineyards of Cognac, the charm of Aubeterre-sur-Dronne and even the market towns of the Dordogne are all within easy reach for wonderful days out.

Whether soaking up golden afternoons on the terrace or exploring the treasures of southwest France, Manoir des Fables offers a picture-perfect setting where every element has been lovingly considered.









Facilities

Villa • Private Pool • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Wine Tasting • Ideal for Kids • Romantic • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Cycling • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Heated Pool • Ground

Floor Bed & Bath • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Indoor Games • DVD • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Water park • Forest park/High-rope course • Board games • Children's videos/DVDs • Children's books • Badminton • Croquet • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Plastic crockery • Baby bath • Potty • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









House Interiors

- Open-plan living-dining area and kitchen (56m2) with large fireplace, two leather sofas and 55-inch Smart TV. Kitchen well equipped including dining table. Doors open to terrace and garden
- Fibre/cable connection with a 5G repeater backup, ensuring a constant, professional-grade connection even in the rare event of a fibre outage.
- Bedroom 1 with king-size double bed (180x190cm, can be split as two single beds) and en suite bathroom with walk-in shower, hand basin and toilet
- Bedroom 2 with king-size double bed (180x190cm, can be split as two single beds)
- Separate bathroom (next to bedroom 2) with walk-in shower, twin wash basins, electric towel rail and toilet
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x190cm, can be split as two single beds), corner laptop desk with double wall-plug
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- Shared bathroom with shower cubicle, wash basin and toilet

Outside Grounds (5000m2)

- Heated swimming pool (10.5x5m with shallow plage area, depth: 0.9-1.4m) with pool safety alarm, open approximately May to October (9.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.). Heated via reversible heat pump and filtered via system using polypropylene filter-balls and UV-powered sterilisation
- Poolside loungers and parasols
- Ornamental terrace
- Circular teak dining table with evening lighting
- Gas powered barbecue
- Well inspired by 1930s Snow White film
- Games lawn (400m2) with badminton net and croquet
- Table tennis and boules court
- Landscaped grounds with footpaths, shady trees, Japanese footbridge and stone monoliths, opening to surrounding fields
- Private parking with car port

Location & Local Information

In the Charente countryside, Manoir des Fables offers a charming rural escape in southwestern France, just over half an hour from the handsome city of Angoulême.

A 5 minute drive away lies the nearest village, Blanzac-Porcheresse, a quiet yet practical spot where you'll find essential amenities including a small supermarket, bakery, post office and chemist, as well as a petrol station and garage. For more extensive services, the lively market town of Barbezieux-Saint-Hilaire is around 15 minutes by car with its restaurants, shops, bike rental (with the option to have bikes delivered to the Manoir) and larger supermarkets.

Adventurers and families will find plenty to explore across the region. Angoulême (36km), the historic capital of the comic arts, boasts a dynamic blend of culture and activity, from museums and cinemas to its annual vintage car race, Circuit des Remparts, held each September.

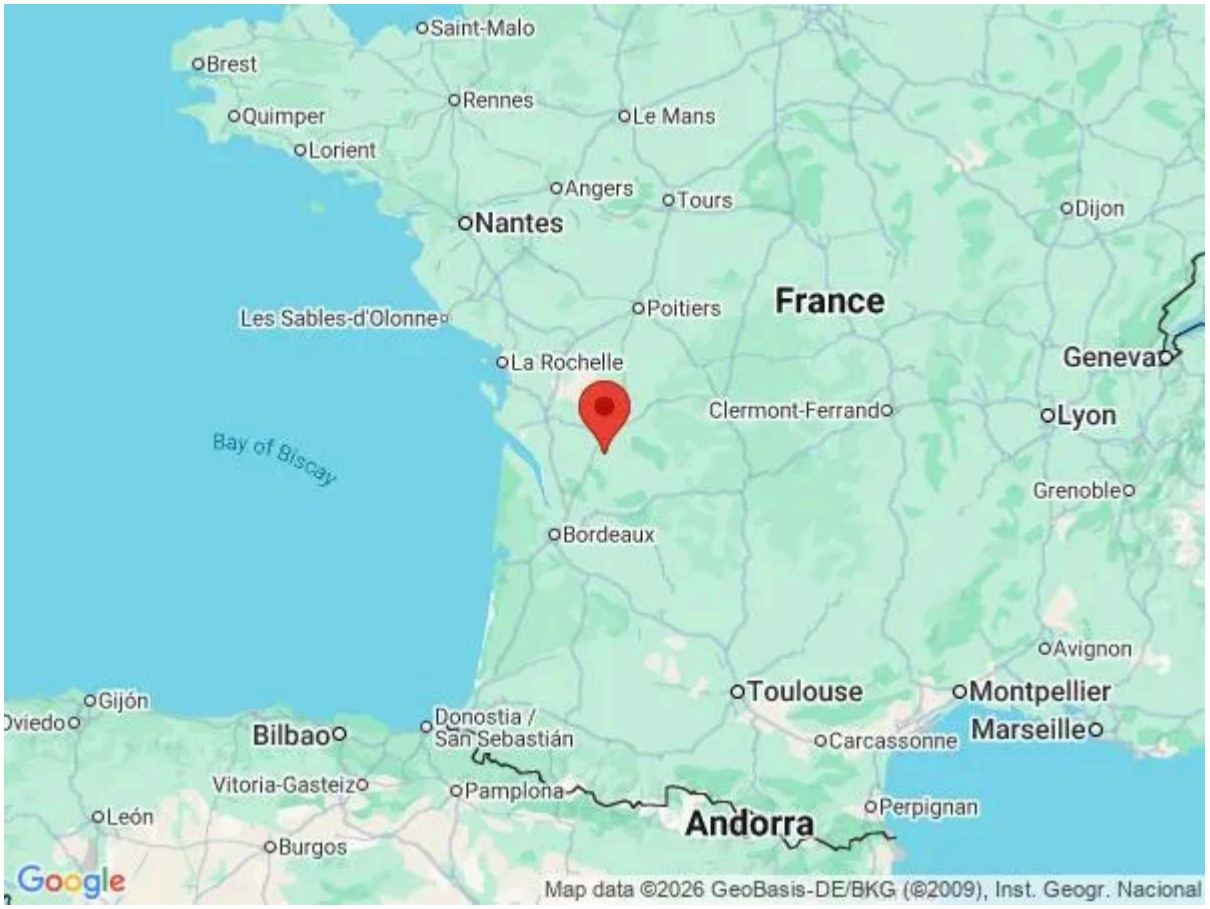
Wine and spirit enthusiasts will relish a trip to Cognac (45km) where world-renowned Cognac Houses like Martell and Hennessy open their doors for tours and tastings. In the other direction, the renowned vineyards of Saint-Émilion (78km) are another special day out.

Take a scenic drive to the enchanting village of Aubeterre-sur-Dronne (31km), one of France's Plus Beaux Villages, where a remarkable underground church and canoeing opportunities await along the riverbank. Continue further across the Dordogne border and enjoy a day in Brantôme en Périgord, just over an hour away, or visit the famous Friday morning market in Ribérac (49km).

You could even venture to the Atlantic coast for the day – the charming coastal resort of Royan is a 90-minute drive. Whether you're exploring château-dotted landscapes or discovering quaint market towns, Manoir des Fables places you at the heart of an activity-rich corner of south-west France.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bordeaux Airport (101km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (106km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Poitiers-Biard Airport/La Rochelle Airport (143km/145km)**
Nearest Beach	**Royan (91km)**
Nearest City	**Angoulême (34km)**









Nearest Ferry Port	**Saint-Malo/Ouistreham (476km/514km)**
Nearest Golf	**Swallow Golf Club (33km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Barbezieux Saint Hilaire (13km)**
Nearest Shop	**Blanzac-Porcheresse (7km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Blanzac-Porcheresse, (7km)**
Nearest Town	**Barbezieux-Saint-Hilaire (13km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Angoulême (36km)**
Nearest Village	**Blanzac-Porcheresse, (7km)**

What we love

- Step into a storybook setting with enchanting gardens, including a wishing well inspired by the original Snow White film
- With origins dating back centuries, this home has been lovingly restored using traditional materials – think hand-crafted doors, oak beams and antique finds
- Relax in the soaring main living space with a grand stone fireplace, Smart TV and plenty of room for board games and family meals
- Outside, enjoy the private pool, games lawn and magical spots for stargazing or deer-watching at dusk
- Dine al fresco beneath the trees with atmospheric lighting and a circular teak table made for memorable meals
- Explore the vineyards of Cognac, the historic beauty of Aubeterre-sur-Dronne and charming market towns – all within reach for wonderful days out

What you should know...

- The charming owners live in the neighbouring house around 20m away, separated by a high stone wall for privacy on both sides.
- If you wish to hire bikes, this can be arranged in Barbezieux-Saint-Hilaire - it's best to organise bike hire at least two weeks before your arrival (and they can be delivered straight to the house).

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 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:** 5:00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10:00 a.m.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 7 nights.

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.

- **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 7 nights.

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

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.

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

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

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