La Belle Pierre

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Perched high above the Lot Valley in the historic bastide village of Laparade, La Belle Pierre is a remarkable 13th century residence with a theatrical spirit and an extraordinary sense of place. Affectionately known to locals as "*le château*", this beautifully restored home offers sweeping countryside views, centuries of character and the pleasure of having your own private French abode.

Owned by a cabaret legend and theatre producer, La Belle Pierre has a personality all its own. Sleeping up to twelve guests across six double bedrooms, the house combines historic grandeur with contemporary comforts. Each bedroom pays tribute to a London burlesque performer, all featuring king-size beds and four with en suites. Two elegant salons offer space to unwind, one featuring a grand piano, while the generous farmhouse kitchen and dining area set the scene for leisurely meals and lively evenings. A vintage pinball machine adds another playful touch.

Outside, a private walled garden provides an idyllic setting for long afternoons. Take a refreshing dip in the swimming pool, stretch out on a lounger or enjoy long lunches beneath the open sky. As evening approaches, gather around the barbecue with a glass of local wine.

La Belle Pierre occupies a wonderful position in Lot-et-Garonne, a captivating corner of south-west France known for its rolling countryside, historic villages and excellent regional produce. During the height of the summer, Laparade's lively Tuesday night market unfolds directly outside the gates, bringing local food, wine and music into the heart of village life. Further afield, discover scenic cycling routes, canoeing adventures, walking trails across this glorious part of rural France.

Whether bringing generations of family together or celebrating with friends, La Belle Pierre offers a wonderfully individual escape, where stylish flair, French heritage and the simple pleasures of countryside living come together above the beautiful Lot Valley.









Facilities

Villa • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Romantic • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Ideal for Kids • Cycling • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Golf Nearby • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Instagrammable • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Pool Safety Feature • BBQ • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Indoor Games • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Fire Pit • Caves/Pre-historic site • Kid-friendly museum • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









House Interiors

Ground Floor

- Living room with two sofas and large TV
- Garden salon with two sofas, writing desk and grand piano
- Farmhouse kitchen and larder, well-equipped including Smeg range oven, dishwasher, fridge-freezer, two coffee machines, kettle, toaster, log-burner (winter use only), washing machine and dryer
- Dining room with dining table and vintage pinball machine
- Toilet and hand basin
- Shower room with WC and hand basin

Upstairs

- Bedroom with super king-size double bed, Lot valley views and en suite bathroom with shower, toilet and two wash basins
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with shower, toilet and hand basin
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with shower, toilet and hand basin
- Pigeonnier bedroom with king-size double bed, hanging rail, and en suite bathroom with shower, toilet and hand basin
- Bedroom with king-size double bed, desk and hand basin
- Bedroom with king-size double bed, two sofas, drum kit and rowing machine (a single mattress and cot can also be requested in this room)
- Shower room with shower and hand basin
- Separate WC

Some of the en suites are open-plan to the bedroom

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (5x5m, depth: 1.55m) with removable safety cover and robot pool cleaner. Open approx. 6th April to 4th October
- Poolside loungers
- Outdoor dining table and garden lounge
- Barbecue
- Firepit (cooler months only)
- Walled garden
- Gate and outdoor camera

Additional Facilities

- Fans (every bedroom)

Location & Local Information

In the heart of the Lot-et-Garonne, La Belle Pierre is located in Laparade, a picturesque French bastide village surrounded by gently rolling countryside. Steeped in centuries of history, the village was once bequeathed by Louis IX to his brother, Alphonse de Poitiers, and retains its wonderfully authentic character. Life here unfolds at a leisurely pace, inviting guests to embrace the simple pleasures of rural France.

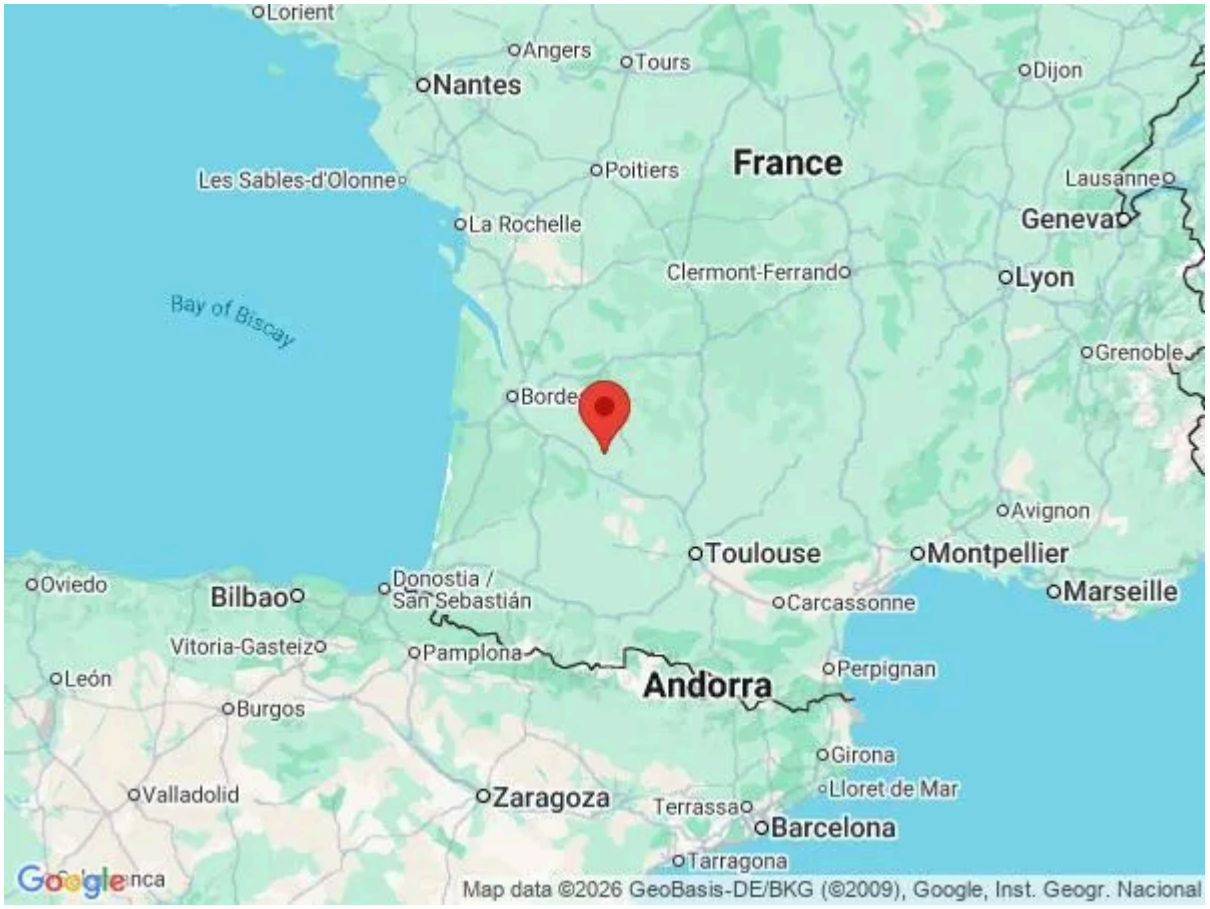
During the height of the summer (usually July and August), Laparade comes alive every Tuesday evening with its much-loved Marché Nocturne, held just outside the property's gates. This convivial night market brings together local food, regional wines and live music, creating an unforgettable taste of French village life literally on your doorstep (it usually packed away by 11/11.30pm). Families will also appreciate the table tennis facilities, basketball court and children's playground, all just a minute from the house.

Nearby, Castelmoron-sur-Lot (5.5km) offers local amenities alongside opportunities for summer canoeing and swimming in the River Lot. Those keen to explore on two wheels can follow the scenic voie verte cycling route between Granges-sur-Lot and Villeneuve-sur-Lot, while the surrounding countryside invites leisurely walks and outdoor adventures.

The region's charming bastide towns make delightful day trips. Explore Pujols (23km), a beautiful hilltop village with medieval streets and far-reaching views, or discover the historic architecture, shops and cafés of Villeneuve-sur-Lot (25km). Further afield, Monflanquin (38km) enchants visitors with its medieval square, arcaded buildings and timeless atmosphere. For a change of scenery, venture across the border into the Dordogne, where the characterful villages of Issigeac and Eymet await, approximately 45 minutes to an hour away.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergerac Airport (62km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bordeaux Airport (119km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Villeneuve sur Lot (25km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**In the Village (a short walk away)**
Nearest Town	**Tonneins (4km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Tonneins Train Station (2.5km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Agen TGV Train Station (8km)**









Nearest Village	**Laparade (0km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**U Express in Castelmoron-sur-Lot (5.5km)**

What we love

- Stay in a beautifully restored 13th-century residence, affectionately known as le château, with sweeping views across the Lot Valley
- We love the theatrical touches, from bedrooms inspired by London burlesque performers to the grand piano and vintage pinball machine!
- Spend lazy afternoons by the private swimming pool, followed by al fresco dining and barbecues in the charming walled garden
- During the height of summer, Laparade's lively Tuesday night market takes place right outside the gates, with delicious local food, wine and music
- Explore the beautiful Lot-et-Garonne countryside with scenic cycling routes, walking trails, market towns and canoeing adventures

What you should know...

- It's wonderful to be in the heart of an authentic French village. On Tuesday evenings in the summer, the village night market takes place directly in front of the gates with local produce and live music. This friendly event (for all ages) takes place until around 11pm/11.30pm.
- A car is essential to be able to reach restaurants and shops - local amenities are a short drive away.
- Families are warmly welcomed to the house – the owners do ask for careful supervision on the stairs and beside the swimming pool.
- Please note that the firepit is for cooler months only (due to wildfire risk).

Terms & Conditions

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

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties are not allowed.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday during June, July & August. Flexible during other months.

- **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.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights during June, July & August. 5 nights during other months.

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

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included in the rental rate.

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