

# Villa Le Bassin

**Region:** Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 15

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## Overview

Tucked away in a serene Atlantic cove west of Bordeaux, Villa Le Bassin is a premier luxury villa in Aquitaine perfect for weddings, special events and extraordinary family holidays. This beachfront property features a lush Zen garden, expansive terraces and a stunning ecological swimming pool that resembles a lake. Walk to the sandy beach where you can swim, sail, surf and fish.

This historic, renovated estate has 8 modern bedrooms fitted to a high standard, all with en-suite bathrooms, sleeping up to 15 guests. The tower suite has 360-degree floor-to-ceiling windows with sea and forest views, and other rooms have original marble fireplaces. Most rooms have air conditioning, and you will be pampered with maid service, breakfast and on-site concierge.

On site, you'll find a petanque field, outdoor table tennis and a home cinema with large TV. The family-friendly villa also has a trampoline and games room. If you're ready to explore the area, foodies will love a visit to an oyster or caviar farm or hunting for truffles. Book a helicopter or boat outing to enjoy the region's beauty, and partaking of the world-famous Bordeaux wines is a must.

Villa Le Bassin is located in Taussat/Lanton, 30 minutes from vineyards and the Bordeaux-Merignac airport.

## Facilities

Stag/Hen Allowed • Weddings • Tennis Nearby • Waterfront • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Parties • TV • Walk to Beach • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Maid Service Included • Beach Nearby • Private Pool • DVD • Games Room • Cots (Cribs) • Rural Location • Walk to Village • Chef/Cook Available • Table Tennis • Wow Factor • Marquee Hire Permitted • Outdoor Ceremony • Flexible Catering Options • Allow External Caterers • No Corkage • Indoor Reception Available • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available



- Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available
- Board games • On-Site Concierge • Breakfast Included • Children's videos/DVDs • Children's books • Butler Available • Security guard • Swings • Trampoline • Pool Safety Feature • Badminton • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Mattress protector • Booster seat • Plastic crockery • Baby bath • Changing mat • Potty • Ideal for Teens • Hot Tub • Bottle steriliser • Walk to Restaurant • Bibs • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Wheelchair Access • Sauna/Steam • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Conference Facilities • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

The house is an exclusive country estate offering 8 bedrooms for up to 15 guests, all with en-suite bathrooms. 4 luxury rooms retain their original marble fireplaces, and the tower suite with its 360 degrees floor to ceiling windows offers breath taking sea and forest views. An especially built ramp that gives access to the outdoor covered terrace and dining room as well as to one of the bedrooms, allows us to also receive guests with reduced physical mobility.

"L'eau Vive" boasts a magnificent outdoor terrace. Enjoy a glass of Champagne with splendid views of Arcachon and Cap Ferret across the Bassin, or sooth your tired muscles after an active day in our luxuriously appointed en-suite bathroom with a double shower, water jets and separate spa tub.

In "La Verandah" guests may shower in the bright sunshine that this spacious bathroom receives in the morning. Floor to ceiling doors opening onto the lower level arched verandah ensure direct access to the garden and beach beyond.

The spacious contemporary dining room with its magnificent sea view is a perfect place for a romantic dinner, or to receive guests for seminars. Its floor-to-ceiling windows open up to a grand covered terrace and to the arched verandah. Indoors guests may delight in the crackle of fire in the 2-way open fire place, connecting the dining room with the kitchen area.

The dining room opens up to the generous living room. Here guests will find the perfect spot to read a book and catch-up with friends.

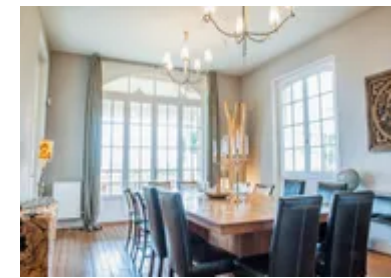
Taken back in time, guests may choose their favorite vintage, from a deep leather armchair, in front of the marble fireplace in our pinewood panelled library.

An office is located on the first floor. Guests can use it for meetings, workshop sessions, faxing, printing, and as a retreat to prepare meetings, or simply check their emails. The villa has fast Wi-Fi throughout and every room is also equipped with a fixed internet access point. In addition 5 rooms on the first floor have air conditioning.

Originally the snooker room, the Home Cinema boasts a 55 inch flat screen TV with English channels and state of the art video system. Settle down in comfortable plush chairs and watch your preferred movie. With the click of a finger the theatre, can be turned into a meeting room for any kind of seminar or conference.

The spectacular park has wide vistas over the front lawn that extend as far as Cap Ferret and Arcachon. A century old stone wall, lined with Tamaris trees separates the grounds from a direct stroll onto the beach at low tide, or a refreshing dip at high tide.

The garden offers guests a unique experience with its ecological pool filled with our own natural spring water, a petanque field and outdoor table tennis. There is also a gas "plancha" BBQ. The rectangular minimalistic pool, with its natural filtering and regeneration ponds, rather resembles a genuine lake blending into the garden. The water is filtered and regenerated through



plants, rocks and pebbles. Next to the pool are comfortable lounge chairs on the huge deck with 180 degree views of the garden and shore line. The pool deck also offers another spot to organize romantic candle light dinners, group dinners, seminars or photo shoots.

The garden leads directly onto the fine sand of the beach where a range of water activities, including swimming, sailing, surfing, fishing and many more are available. Boating outings to the magnificent Bande d'Arquin and L'île des Oiseaux, or even a trip with a local fisherman to one of his oyster parks may be organized on demand. Guests may consume the delicious oysters they have harvested on the spot or share them for lunch with their friends or family.

In the summer, guests may dine on one of the outdoor terraces showered in the sunset's natural light-show of pinks, oranges, yellows and reds. In winter you can enjoy a roaring fire in the luxurious dining room.



# Location & Local Information

This beach front property is hidden away, just a 30 minutes drive from ravishing vineyards and Merignac/Bordeaux airport. Merignac has many scheduled and seasonal international flights arriving direct or via Paris every day. There are also daily frequent flights from other domestic cities.

Activities at and around the villa range from deeply relaxing to highly animate, from cultural to inspirational. The swimming pool draws guests on warm summer days, while the pétanque court asks for some team play. Guests can explore the direct environment by strolling onto the beach, boating, horseback riding, or cycling. Bicycles are at the guest's disposal for those who just want to discover the local fisherman villages, or those who want to spin further afield to the Atlantic Ocean.

Favoured choices for daytrips include a helicopter flight of the Bordeaux vineyards crowned with a wine tasting, the endless beaches of the Atlantic Ocean, a climb up to the highest dune of Europe Dune de Pyla, a boating outing to the Arguin sandbank and the Ile aux Oiseaux, or kayaking over the Leyre. And don't forget your binoculars to watch the different bird species, such as the Sandwich Tern or the Oyster Catcher, while hiking through the protected natural bird migration park Domaine de Certes.

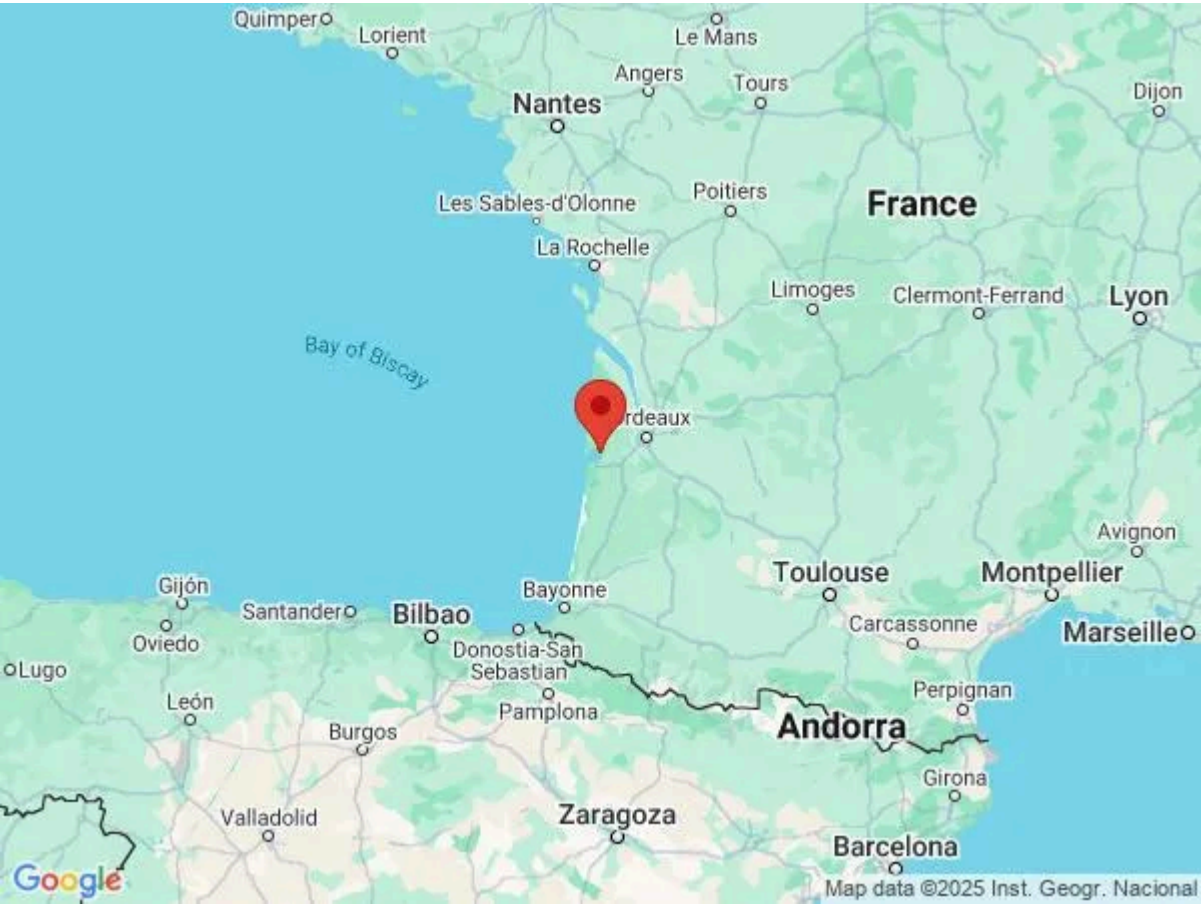
Nestled in the heart of the forest and well protected from dominant winds, the fresh-water lakes North and South of the Bay offer yet another option for safe swimming, sailing lessons and fishing.

Less then half an hour east lays the world famous French Bordeaux Wine District. Guests can relish the renowned wines from Saint-Emilion, Graves, Sauternes, Medoc, Entre-deux-Mers and Pessac-Leognan, to name but a few. Soak up the vineyards in a luxury car with a private chauffeur giving you the freedom to taste as many appellations you like. Guests may stock their own wines in the house cellar to enjoy during returning visits.

The possibilities are almost endless: horseback riding through the thick pine forests or on the infinite beaches of white sand, golfing on the Internationally acclaimed Golf du Medoc Chateaux course at the foot of the vineyards, or for those seeking more adrenaline driven sports, what about speed sailing, paragliding at the Dune de Pyla or kite surfing?

- Distances**
- Bordeaux – 65 km/45 mins
  - Bordeaux Merignac Airport – 44 km/35 mins
  - Andernos – 5 mins
  - Arcachon – 40 mins
  - Cap Ferret – 35 mins
  - Libourne – 85 km
  - Pessac-Leognan vineyards – 40 mins
  - St Emilion vineyards – 102 km/60 mins

## Local Amenities



Nearest Airport	Bordeaux Merignac/ Bergerac airport (35mins/1h)
Nearest Ferry Port	Taussat (3 km)
Nearest Village	(walking distance)
Nearest Town/City	Andernos & Lanton (5km)
Nearest Restaurant	Andernos (5km/5mins drive)
Nearest Beach	Few steps away from the Villa
Nearest Golf	Les aiguilles vertes (5 km)
Nearest Supermarket	(300m)

## What we love

- This beachfront villa's pool is ecologically filtered. Enjoy a natural spring instead of chlorine!
- Foodies must try oysters, foie gras, caviar and, of course, the finest wines in the world.
- Luxury accommodation and exemplary service in an environment of marine life and pine forests guarantees a deep feeling of well-being and promises a time-out from daily affairs.
- The beachfront location.. and it's a sandy beach!
- Guests can indulge in a wide variety of French wines. The original but renovated wine cellar maintains the ideal temperature and humidity for the careful maturation of French wines. Guests may stock their own wines in the cellar to enjoy during returning visits.
- Fabulous activities can be arranged for guests, such as boat trips with picnic and Dune Du Pyla climbing, local wine tours with lunch and a private visit of a nearby caviar farm with private caviar dinner

## What you should know...

- Loud noise is not allowed in the garden area after 10.00 p.m.
- Ceilings of two garden-level rooms are lower than the ceilings of other levels.
- The owner has informed us that this property has wheelchair access. However, please contact us before booking so we can discuss individual accessibility requirements with the owner to ensure that this property is suited to your specific needs. There is a ramp to the outdoor covered terrace, dining room and a bedroom.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €5000 (an invoice with payment instructions will be sent after booking confirmation).

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

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

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

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

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** 10% VAT is included in the pricing. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. 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. The owner has informed us that this property has wheelchair access. However, please contact us before booking so we can discuss individual accessibility requirements with the owner to ensure that this property is suited to your specific needs.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. However, 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:** 2 nights.