Manoir Gascon

Region: Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Featured in The Sunday Times as one of Europe's Top 50 villas.

Manoir Gascon is not just a villa, it's an experience... Imagine driving down a quiet country lane in rural Armagnac, then down a 150-metre drive, and arriving at a typical 17th Century Gascon manor house, surrounded by 17 acres of gardens, woodlands and organic hay fields. Old stone walls around a formal courtyard...an original *pigeonnier*...a wisteria covered arbor...an ancient wooden verandah...gardens dotted with lavender...

Manoir Gascon is designed to thrill the senses and to fully transport you to this quintessentially charming part of South West France.

The *manoir* is beautifully furnished with contemporary pieces, antiques and art. Special care has been taken to maintain the original and charming patina. Here it's all about warmth, character and authenticity. The two historic 'salons' are at the heart of the house and perfect places to gather at any time of the year. Outdoors, two charming dining areas set the scene beautifully for lavish alfresco meals of *foie gras*, duck, cheese and other local specialties, and a heated swimming pool and games barn keep everyone entertained.

The setting is private and rural and yet a vibrant Gascon village is just a short walk away or bike ride along a country lane. Besides a restaurant-café at its centre, it also has a bakery, butcher, pharmacy and even a tennis club (rackets provided back at the *manoir*) as well as a striking red bullring which is over one hundred years old and the stage for the traditional 'Course Landaise'.

This is The Gers, the heart of Gascony, Musketeers, *foie gras* and Grand Armagnac country. This is the real France where guests can immerse themselves in authentic fortified villages, market towns, historic and cultural attractions and some of the best food and wine in the world.

If you need a large supermarket or other restaurants you need only travel to Cazaubon (10km), Nogaro (17km) or Eauze (20km) and there are some great weekly markets in Eauze, Barbotan-les-Thermes and Vic Fezensac. Other typical local towns and villages worth visiting are La Bastide d'Armagnac, Aire sur L'adour and Euginie les Bains. The area is also famous for the historical racing event held at the Nogaro circuit as well as the biggest jazz festival in Europe held at Marciac. Even Bordeaux, Toulouse and Pau (vintage motor racing in May) are within easy reach.

Facilities

France250 • Pure France • Ideal for Kids • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Exclusive • Recommended • Golf Nearby • Cots (Cribs) • Heated Pool • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Heritage Collection • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis • Games Room • Indoor Games • Bicycles Provided • Tumble Dryer • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Board games • Babysitting Available • Xbox/Playstation/Wii • Bikes • Badminton • Tennis rackets • Darts • Footballs • Mini-football goals • Stair gates • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Manoir Interior

Ground Floor

- Hall with sitting area with Sky TV
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Dining room with table for 12 guests and log-burning stove
- 'Grand salon' with sofas and working fireplace
- 'Petite salon' with sofas and decorative fireplace
- Bedroom with super king-size double bed and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with super king-size double bed (can be split as two singles on request)
- Bedroom with super king-size double bed
- Family bath/shower room (shared between above two bedrooms)
- Laundry room/Cloakroom with WC and double sink and boot/cloak room

Two foldaway beds are available on request.

First Floor

- Bedroom with two single beds
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and two sleigh beds (large singles)
- Bath/shower room
- Shower room with WC

Outside Grounds

17 acres (7 hectares) of gardens and grounds, access through a 150m-long country lane

- Enclosed pool garden with private heated swimming pool (size: 10m x 12m/ heating type: Air Source Heat Pump) with fence and alarm system
- Sunbeds and parasols
- Two verandas with outdoor dining facilities (accessible from the kitchen)
- Formal courtyard
- Ancient 'Pigeonnier'
- Two charcoal BBQs
- Party/games barn
- Fruiting orchard
- Ancient woodland
- Organic hay fields
- Mini-football goals and footballs
- Tennis rackets
- Badminton

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi (kitchen only)
- Sky TV
- Games console
- Music system
- Steam iron and ironing board

Location & Local Information

The local village is just a short walk along a country lane from Manoir Gascon. A vibrant village with a bakery, butchers, local pharmacy and a very welcoming restaurant-café where you can go for a morning coffee, lunch or evening meal. One particularly striking highlight of the village is the bull-ring, over one hundred years old, where you can watch the 'Course Landaise', a slightly different version of Spanish bullfighting.

Golf lovers can play at Golf de Guinlet (23km) or various other courses in the region and cyclists will appreciate the opportunities to explore the beautiful area by bike, a popular pastime in Gers and Gascony.

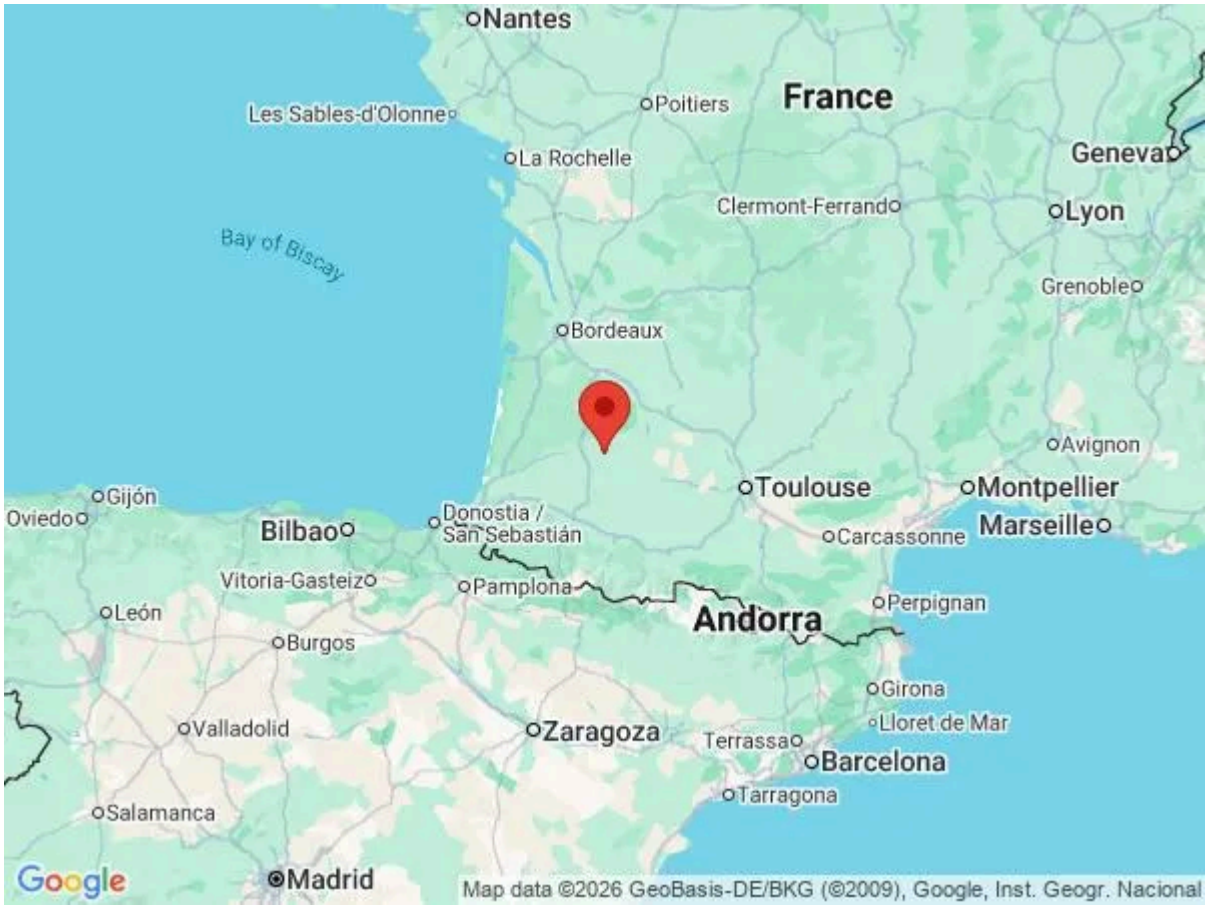
On a Thursday be sure to visit Eauze (19km), the capital of Armagnac, where you will find a glorious market selling fruit, vegetables, cheese from the Pyrenees, seafood from nearby Atlantic coast and local sausage made with figs, nuts and herbs as well as the famous 'Eau de Vie'. If you have a taste for Armagnac, there are plenty of opportunities to visit local producers and guided tours as well as tastings can be arranged.

Formula One fans must visit Nogaro (16km) where you can hire racing cars for the day to drive around the track.

Other noteworthy villages and towns in the area include the thermal spas at Barbotan Les Thermes (13km), a thirteenth century fortified village, Labastide d'Armagnac (16km) and Marciac (50km), home to a well established jazz festival.

If you do wish to venture towards the coast, then the Atlantic coast is within a two hour drive – the area is a paradise for surfers, especially in places such as Biarritz (150km) and further south, or you can explore the beautiful sand dunes and pine forests of the more remote parts of this coastline further north.

Local Amenities



Nearest Airport	**Toulouse / Bergerac (142 km / 140 km)**
Nearest Village	**(2km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(1km)**
Nearest Shop	**(1km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Eauze (18km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Guinlet (22km)**

What we love

- This is a historic Gascon Manoir oozing character and charm and set in vast gardens, woodland and organic farmland
- The setting is private and rural and yet a vibrant Gascon village is just a short walk away or bike ride along a country lane
- Bedding, dressing robes and toiletries are typically sourced from The White Company
- Comfortable beds all benefit from pocket sprung mattresses
- Located in a beautiful and quiet part of South West France which remains authentic as well as offering stunning scenery, history and world-renowned food and wine

What you should know...

- The house sleeps up to 12 guests across five bedrooms. Two foldaway beds are also available on request - please enquire.
- One of the ground floor doubles (with a super king-size double bed) can be set up as a twin - please let us know in advance if you would prefer it as two singles.
- Wi-Fi is available in the kitchen only
- The local village is less than one kilometre away along a quiet country lane, however a car is recommended for exploring.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 paid to the owner by bank transfer one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.30 p.m.

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

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including pool towels. A mid stay change of linen and towels is also included for bookings of two weeks.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request and by prior arrangement with the owner.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are not permitted. An extra king-size double room and an extra single room are available to accommodate 3 additional guests - available on request and subject to additional costs, please enquire

- **Changeover day:** Saturday (other days are possible on request).

- **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 of 14+ days included

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only. Please note that all cigarette butts must be disposed of.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights from June to September. 4 nights during all other periods.

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

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi is available in the kitchen only.