Mas De Beauce

Region: Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

History lives and breathes at this 14th century house in Midi-Pyrénées. A winding lane through a dairy farm delivers you to this *mas*, an achingly charming retreat to simpler times in Aveyron. The original stone walls aren't just a facade; inside, the rough-hewn kitchen and stairs in the tower testify to the years that have passed. Climb up past the tiny chapel to the lookout tower, where the rolling hills unfurl beneath you.

Nods to the past are everywhere, from the medieval-style art on the walls to the antique sewing machine in one of the bedrooms. Even the modernised bathrooms have walls of rough stone. The formal dining room recalls a moodier time, with stone walls and floors, heavy wooden doors, and intricate textiles. For some time in the sun, head out to the stone patio shaded by the trees and make the most of the glorious swimming pool.

The nearest village is Auzits, a 5-minute drive away, but you'll want to head a little further to Firmi or Cransac for supplies. Natural beauty is everywhere - if you're up for an hour's drive, consider the caverns at Pech-Merle. The nearest town of note is Rodez, 32km away - try the fouace (a sweet bread) for breakfast and pick up a wealth of delicious regional produce at the twice-weekly market before returning to your historic holiday home.









Facilities

Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Walking/Hiking Paths • Exclusive • Great Value • Villa • France250 • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Chapel on Site • Marquee Hire Permitted • Dry Hire Option • Outdoor Ceremony • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • DVD • Heating • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds









Mas Interiors

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living and dining room
- Kitchen (reached via the walk through fireplace)
- Pantry
- Utility room
- Bedroom/study with two single beds and en suite bathroom

Mezzanine Floor (via old spiral staircase)

- Master bedroom with two single beds, stone fireplace and en suite bathroom

First Floor (via old spiral staircase)

- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with two single beds
- Small study
- Consecrated chapel (attached to study) and bathroom

Top Floor

- Old watchtower – small room with breathtaking views

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (10x5m) accessed via locked gate. Open approximately June to September
- Sunset terrace
- Outdoor table and chairs
- Coal barbecue
- Garden and grounds

Other Facilities

- Indoor raised chimney

Location & Local Information

In the rolling countryside of Aveyron, Mas De Beauce is set in a little hamlet in a rural location around half an hour from Rodez. Whether you're a lover of history, food, or the great outdoors, this remote region promises a rich experience.

Access to Mas De Beauce is via a working dairy farm - the herd are taken to pastures nearby out of sight to graze by day.

From lively farmer's markets bursting with fresh produce, artisan cheeses, and handcrafted pottery to the bakeries of Firmi and Cransac, both less than 15-minutes drive away, filling the air with the scent of warm baguettes, every day brings a new delight across this region. For those who appreciate fine wine, the nearby vineyards of Marcillac-Vallon (16km) offer tastings of their renowned reds.

Beyond the local culinary delights, this area is a stone's throw from some of Aveyron's most enchanting sights. The medieval village of Belcastel (22km), perched above the river, is a picturesque masterpiece, while Conques (21km), with its stunning Romanesque church of Ste Foy, is a must-visit for history enthusiasts and lovers of architecture alike.

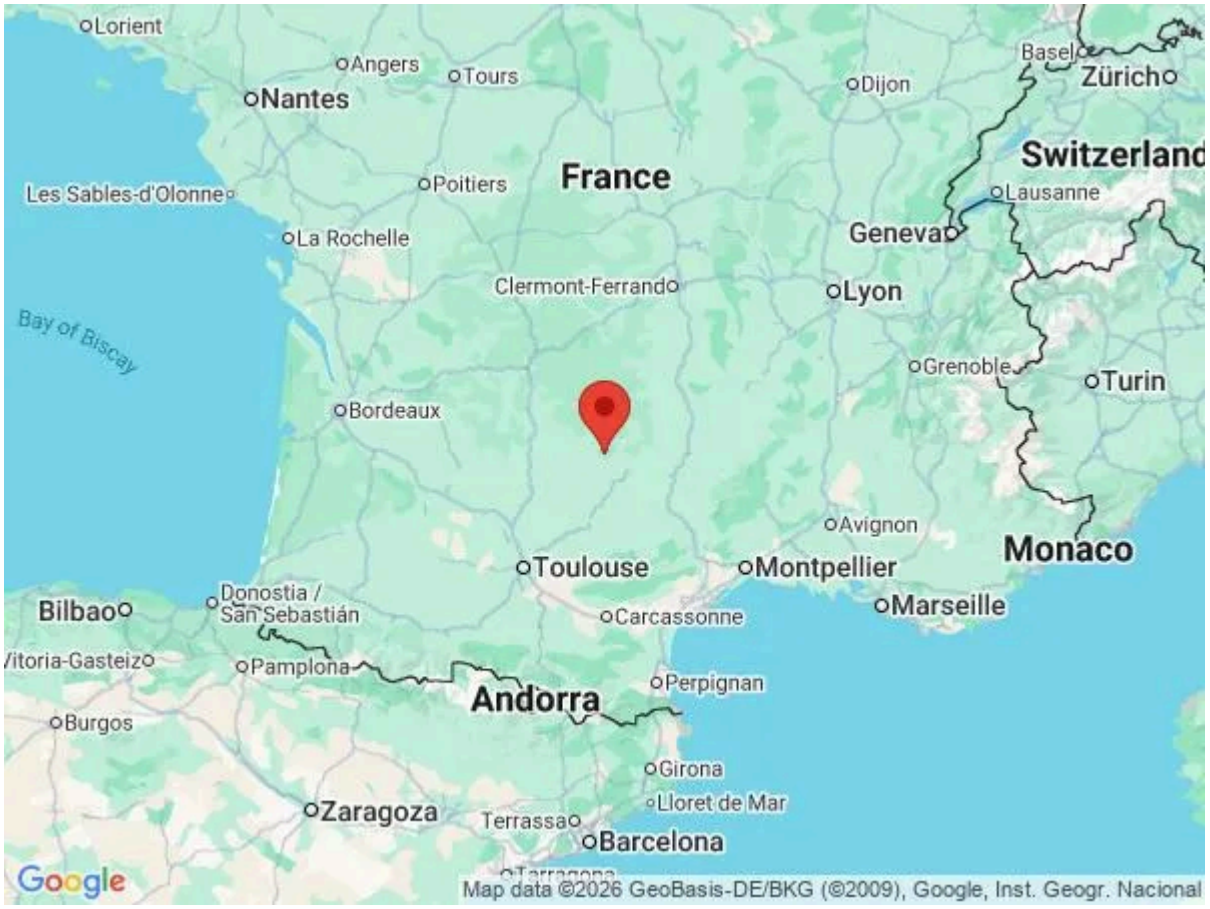
Venture a little further, and you'll find the timeless charm of Villefranche-de-Rouergue (44km), a 13th-century bastide town centred around a striking church tower, or the romantic setting of Najac (67km), where a single medieval street leads to an imposing fortress high above the Aveyron River.

Rodez (32km), with its impressive Gothic cathedral and fascinating Soulages Museum, offers a blend of history and contemporary art, making it an essential stop for culture seekers.

For those drawn to nature, the Aveyron offers a wealth of outdoor adventures. Explore quiet country lanes by foot or bike, or take to the water with canoeing and kayaking on the Lot and Célé rivers. Swim in secluded spots, fish in the nearby lakes, or, for the thrill-seekers, try water skiing in Cajarc, about an hour by car from your holiday home.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Aéroport Rodez-Aveyron (22km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Brive-la-Gaillarde (137km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (167km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Blue Green Grand Rodez (31km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Auzits (2.5km)**









Nearest Shop	**Saint-Christophe-Vallon/Cransac (10km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Intermarché SUPER Cransac (10km)**
Nearest Town	**Rodez (32km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare de Cransac/Saint-Christophe-Vallon (10km/10.5km)**
Nearest Village	**Auzits (2.5km)**

What we love

- Every inch of this villa feels historic - we love the cosy kitchen, cut from stone
- The walls surrounding this property hold a modern surprise - the private pool overlooking wildflowers
- Sample the excellent red wine in the vineyards of Marcillac-Vallon and stock up on delicious local product at the twice-weekly market in Rodez

What you should know...

- This is the deep countryside - you'll need a car to get around!
- Steeped in history and character, take great care across the house and grounds with steep, old stairs and other original features.
- Please note that the farmers in the neighbouring house own a couple of friendly dogs. Please remember to close the gate otherwise they will come and say hello!
- Because of the stone and brick, this home tends to be chilly in the winter, so best suited for summer stays.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £500 or €750 charged to clients' credit card prior to arrival and refunded four weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 9.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Included in the rental price. There may be a charge for the low seasons.

- **Linen & towels included?:** All linen and towels are included in the rental price.

- **Pets welcome?:** No. Please note that the farmers in the neighbouring house own a couple of friendly dogs.

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

- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days 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.

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

- **Insurance:** It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. Short-breaks (a minimum of 3 nights) may be possible with prior agreement outside July, August, Christmas and New Year - please enquire.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately June to September. 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. Children under 16 should be supervised by the pool.