

Domaine Serbise

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

Set in a unique estate in the Charente Maritime, with a backdrop of ancient stone walls, this 17th century villa with private pool is set in twelve acres of beautiful parkland.

Formerly the wine and Cognac press until the mid-20th century, Domaine Serbise has been converted into a holiday home. The estate, including vast areas of stunning parkland, includes the impressive Chateau Serbise (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/vendee-charente/chateau-serbise/>) and homely Etables Serbise (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/vendee-charente/etables-serbise/>), all three historical homes can be rented together for large groups and celebrations or booked separately for an ideal family holiday.

In the rustic and characterful interior, renovated in 2025, you'll enjoy an open-plan kitchen-diner and living area with a particularly spacious and airy feel to it, offering plenty of room for guests to relax and socialise. Upstairs you'll find five comfortable bedrooms, and outside a delightful private swimming pool, garden and terrace.

Whilst the charming home is full of history, you will find all the modern conveniences you would expect such as a well-equipped kitchen including a dishwasher and fibre-optic WiFi. The house features a lovely terrace, barbecue and al-fresco eating area in addition to the private swimming pool, not forgetting the estate's spacious gardens and parkland for you to explore.

Within 7km can find yourself in medieval Pons with restaurants, small shops and historical sights. Activities in the area include golf, horse-riding and canoeing. Beach-lovers only have to travel just over half an hour to the coast – there are long stretches of sandy beaches from St



Georges de Didonne to St Palais sur Mer. Wine aficionados needn't travel far either with dozens of wineries and Cognac nearby. This region has a particularly mild climate all year round and it can be one of the sunniest parts of France during from late Spring to Autumn.

Domaine Serbise and the surrounding estate offer a base full of character in a glorious historical setting, ideal for a holiday with family or friends wanting to explore this sunny and delightful area.

Facilities

TV • Go-Karting • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Recommended • Rural Location • Cots (Cribs) • Indoor Games • Chef/Cook Available • Table Tennis • Pool/Snooker • Great Value • Private Pool • Maid Service Available • Chapel on Site • English speaking babysitter available • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Kids • Mattress protector • Plastic crockery • Baby bath • Bath toys • Changing mat • Potty • Ideal for Teens • Bottle steriliser • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Interior

Ground Floor

- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped with electric cooker, gas hob, microwave, dishwasher, fridge-freezer, kettle, coffee machine and toaster
- Step up to living area with sofas and TV
- Utility room
- Double bedroom
- Twin bedroom
- Shower room and separate WC

First Floor

- Two twin bedrooms
- Shower room with separate WC

First Floor Mezzanine

- Double bedroom
- Shower room with WC

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (depth 1-1.77m, with alarm safety system)
- Decked al-fresco eating area
- Barbecue
- Garden lawn area with shade from trees for children to play
- Parkland and gardens to explore

- Sun loungers, deckchairs, umbrellas

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Hair-dryer
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Indoor games



Location & Local Information

The region of Charente Maritime is one of the sunniest parts of France and benefits from a mostly sunny and warm climate from April through to October. The influence of the Gulf Stream means that winters can be as mild as the Mediterranean. Cognac & Saintes are around 30km away and Royan is 47km from the estate. The airports of Bordeaux, Angouleme and La Rochelle are all around 1 hours drive and are served by an increasing number of UK regional airports.

St. Genis & Pons are both nearby (5-10 mins drive) where there are restaurants and small shops. The nearest beach is only around 35 minutes drive. There are 3 golf courses nearby: Saintes (typical UK type club), Cognac (good course, above average) and Royan (reminds one of the Berkshire courses - pine on sand - good course).

The area has many historical sites relating to its past including the periods of Roman occupation, Richard Coeur de Lion and Eleanor of Aquitane, the French Revolution and the Second World War. As the centre of Cognac production, the towns of Cognac and Jarnac are must visits with guided tours around the headquarters of brands such as Hennessy, Martell, Remy Martin, Otard, Hine etc. etc., as well as many opportunities to visit local producers.

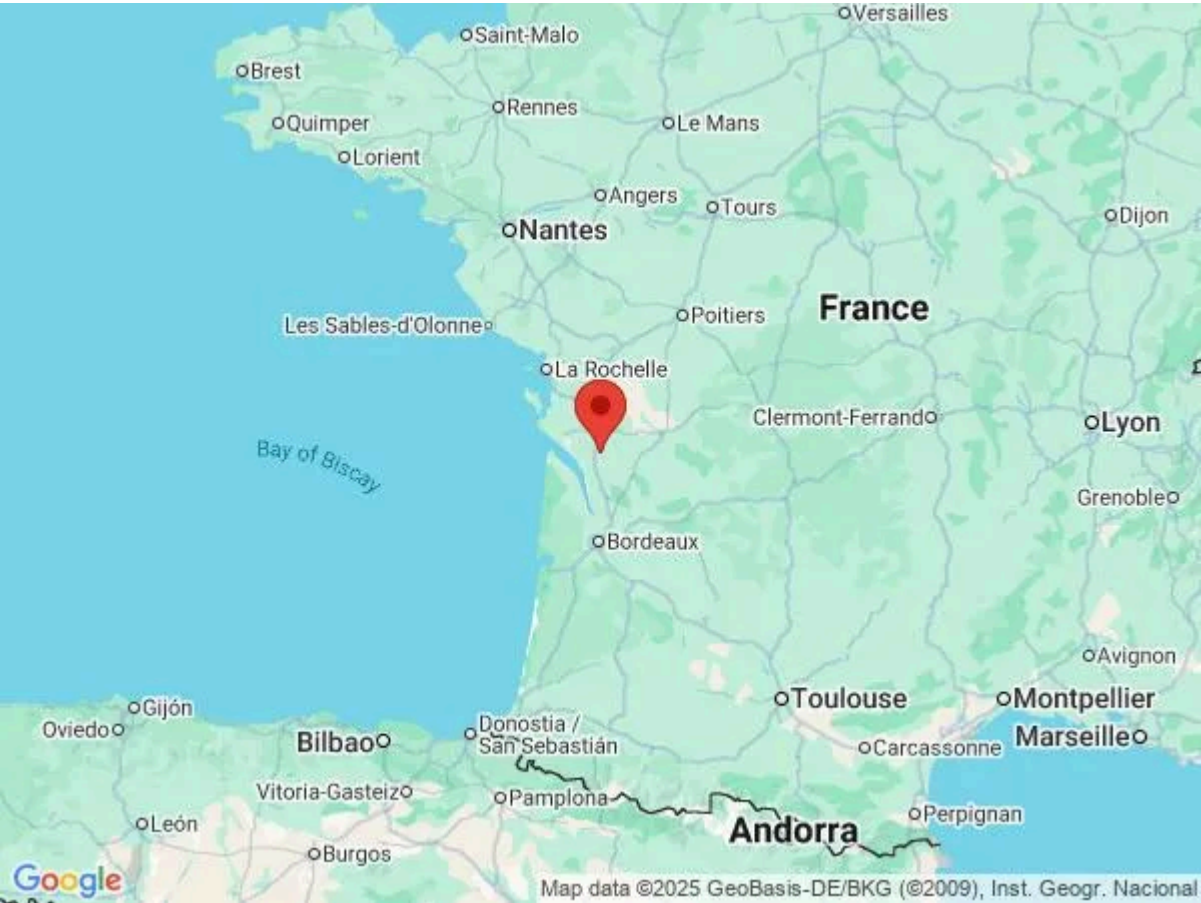
The coast line from St Georges de Didonne north to St Palais sur Mer has miles of sandy beaches and good fish restaurants. The towns of Royan, La Rochelle and Rochefort are interesting places to visit and are all within one hour's motoring.

The area abounds with many fine restaurants, some more expensive than others, but all incredible value for money. Many local artisans welcome visits to view their business, including barrel making, wood carving and sculpture, pottery production, chocolate making and many more.

The wine production areas of Bordeaux are within easy reach with the Blaye region only half an hour away and St Emilion only around one and a half hours by car. From the towns of Blaye or Royan it is possible to take a car ferry across to the Medoc.

The city of Bordeaux can be reached in around an hour with its good shopping, art galleries, museums and historical buildings. The same can be said for Saintes. Within an hour there are three top golf courses, at Saintes, Cognac and Royan, with more around Bordeaux.

Both sea fishing and river fishing are popular in the area, and only 5km away you'll find good quality local tennis courts. There are horse stables around providing riding for all levels through the local woodlands. A very local stable provides carriage rides around the lanes of the area. An international length go-cart track is nearby and canoes are available for hire on the local river.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bordeaux (98 km)
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Nearest Airport 2	La Rochelle (105 km)
Nearest Beach	Meschers (37 km)
Nearest Golf	Cognac (32 km)
Nearest Restaurant	St Genis de Saintonge (5.5 km)
Nearest Town/City	Pons (7 km)
Nearest Village	St Genis de Saintonge (5.5 km)

What we love

- The owner is happy to arrange morning deliveries from the bakery - délicieux!
- This region is known for its mild climate with especially sunny days from April to October
- Great local wine and food that matches the character of this stunning Chateau
- This estate (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/atlantic-coast/chateau-serbise-estate/>) in Charente Maritime is a picture-perfect wedding or celebration venue, full of old stone walls, characterful features and lush gardens - ask about renting the whole estate if you're planning an event

What you should know...

- This country-style accommodation is furnished with simplicity and comfort and offers excellent value
- The closest bars and restaurants are 5 km away, so we recommend a car rental. If you go without, pre-booking taxis is a must!
- Please note that only the chef from the property can be used for private chef services.
- Due to the age of the building, the owners may require access to the property in case of any issues e.g. water and electricity. They will always request permission beforehand.
- The housekeeper lives discreetly onsite.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €600 for the domaine, paid on arrival to the owner and refunded after departure subject to inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Extra €50 for electricity, payable locally.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, linen and bath towels are changed once a week.
- **Pets welcome?:** No.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that the housekeeper lives on site, and will always be available to help with any queries but otherwise keeps to themselves and does not share the pool or other facilities. Please note that only the chef from the property can be used for private chef services. Children's equipment may be available on request - additional charges apply. Pool towels are available to rent for €5 per person, per week.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €200 for the Domaine, payable locally. This is for a standard changeover clean. 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 smoking (including electronic cigarettes) allowed inside, nor in the park. Smoking is only allowed in the designated area outside. Guests must use the sand ashtray provided.
- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Extra €75 for heating (on request), payable locally.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** No.