Etables Serbise

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 12

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 groom's stables, Etables Serbise has been converted into a holiday home. The estate, including vast areas of stunning parkland, includes an impressive Chateau Serbise (https://www.oliversthttps://www.oliverstravels.com/france/vendee-charente/chateau-serbise/avels.com/france/vendee-charente/chateau-serbise/) and homely Domaine Serbise (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/vendee-charente/domaine-serbise/), all three historical homes can be rented together for large groups and celebrations or booked separately for an ideal family holiday.

At Etables Serbise, country-style accommodation lets your family come together; cook a beautiful meal, open a bottle of local wine and toast your good fortune! There are six bedrooms, including two in a Rapunzel-like tower plus an inviting living room and a kitchen-diner, all furnished with simplicity and comfort. There are many characterful features such as stone walls and wood beamed ceilings as well as a swimming pool surrounded by a shaded terrace and space for children to play.

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, fibre-optic Wi-Fi and satellite TV. The villa 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.

Etables 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

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

Interior & Grounds









Interior

Ground Floor

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

First Floor

- Two family double bedrooms with en-suite bath or shower room
- Please note up to 2 to 4 extra children can also be accommodated in the family rooms using additional beds at a supplement (€100/week/child)

Tower

- Two twin bedrooms

Outside Grounds

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

Facilities

- Hair-dryer
- Iron and ironing board

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 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 around 40km from the estate. The airports of Bordeaux, Angouleme and La Rochelle are just over 1 hours drive away and are served by an increasing number of UK regional airports.

St. Genis & Pons are both 5-10 minutes drive away, where there are restaurants and small shops. The nearest beach is only 35 minutes drive. There are 3 golf courses: 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 Hennesey, Martell, Remy Martin, Otard, Hine etc.

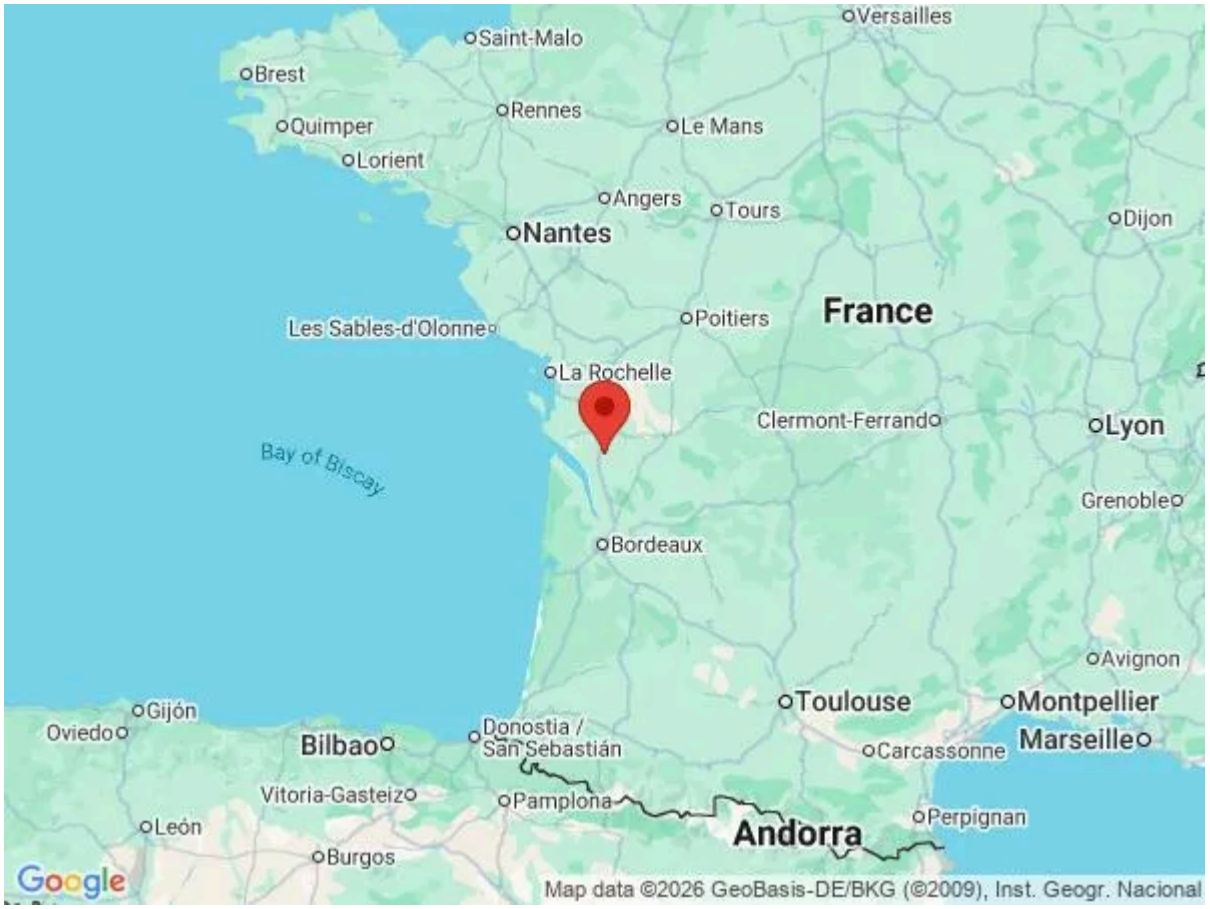
The coast line from St Georges de Didonne north to St Palais sur Mer has miles of sandy beaches and good fish restaurants. The towns of Royan, La Rochelle and Rochefort are interesting places to visit and are all around one hour's drive away.

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 just over an hour 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 one 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 (98km)**

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

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 the 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 5-7km 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 (who live discreetly onsite) may require access to the property in case of any issues e.g. water and electricity. They will always request permission beforehand.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €600 for the Etables 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?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note 2 extra single beds can be added at a supplement of €100 per bed per week.
 Please note that the owners live on site, and are always available to help with any queries but otherwise keep to themselves and do not share the pool or other facilities.
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 Pool towels are available to rent for €5 per person, per week.<br?

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

- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €350 for the Etables, payable locally. 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 duraitons 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.