Chateau Serbise Estate

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 38

Overview

This estate in the Charente Maritime, south-west France, consists of nineteen bedrooms distributed across a 17th-century chateau and two villas set in twelve acres of beautiful parkland. It's an ideal venue for weddings, events and celebrations, with each of the three welcoming homes near each other yet enjoying their own private pools and terraces.

Chateau Serbise (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/vendee-charente/chateau-serbise/) is the largest of all three, sleeping sixteen guests with eight bedrooms. The characterful grand salon features a rare decorative fireplace and the snooker room will delight all generations. An unpretentious dining room allows families and friends to gather for fine feasts and doors open up to a wonderful terrace, leading to an inviting swimming pool overlooking the vast gardens and parkland.

You'll find a further five bedrooms at Domaine Serbise (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/vendee-charente/domaine-serbise/), a former wine press with a rustic and characterful interior, simple furnishings and a delightful private swimming pool and terrace. The open-plan kitchen-diner and living area has a particularly spacious and airy feel to it, there is plenty of room to relax and guests can easily come together to socialise.

Etables Serbise (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/vendee-charente/etables-serbise/) has six bedrooms, including two in a Rapunzel-like tower plus a living room and a homely kitchen-diner, all furnished with simplicity and comfort. Once again 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 these three homes are full of history, you will find all the modern conveniences you would expect such as well-equipped kitchens including a dishwasher, fibre-optic Wi-Fi and satellite TVs. They each feature lovely terraces, barbecues and al-fresco eating areas in addition to their own private swimming pools, not forgetting the 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.

Whether a picturesque wedding in beautiful surroundings or a large family celebration, the estate of Chateau Serbise









(https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/vendee-charente/chateau-serbise/) offers you character, comfort and privacy in a glorious historical setting.

Facilities

France250 • Private Pool • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Ideal for Parties • Golf Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Go-Karting • Chateaux & Castles • Great Value • Weddings • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Chapel on Site • Maid Service Available • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Pool Safety Feature • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Pool/Snooker • Games Room • Indoor Games • Heating • Conference Facilities • Caretaker/Owner on Site • English speaking babysitter available • Meal delivery service • Mattress protector • Plastic crockery • Baby bath • Bath toys • Changing mat • Potty • Bottle steriliser • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Chateau Serbise

Interior

Ground Floor

- Reception hall (15mx6.5m) – ideal for large events with direct access to patio and lawn with adjoining entrance lobby, WC and linked to kitchen, suitable for caterers (extra cost, please enquire)
- Salon with sofas, TV
- Snooker room with full-size snooker table
- Dining room
- Kitchen, well-equipped with electric cooker, gas hob, microwave, dishwasher, fridge-freezer, kettle, coffee machine and toaster
- Double bedroom with en-suite shower room
- Separate shower room

First Floor

- Each bedroom has their own shower or bathroom (five are en-suite, two are separate)
- 5 double bedrooms
- 2 twin bedrooms
- Please note 2 extra single beds can be added at a supplement of €100 per bed per week.

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (surrounded by 1.4m high wall with self-closing gate)
- Terrace including al-fresco eating area
- BBQ
- Parkland and gardens to explore

Facilities

- TV
- Fibre-optic Wi-Fi
- Hair-dryer
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board

Etables Serbise

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
- BBQ
- Parkland and gardens to explore

Facilities

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

Domaine Serbise

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
- Bathroom and separate WC

First Floor

- Two twin bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Bath/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
- BBQ
- Garden lawn area with shade from trees for children to play

- Parkland and gardens to explore

Facilities

- TV
- Fibre-optic 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 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.

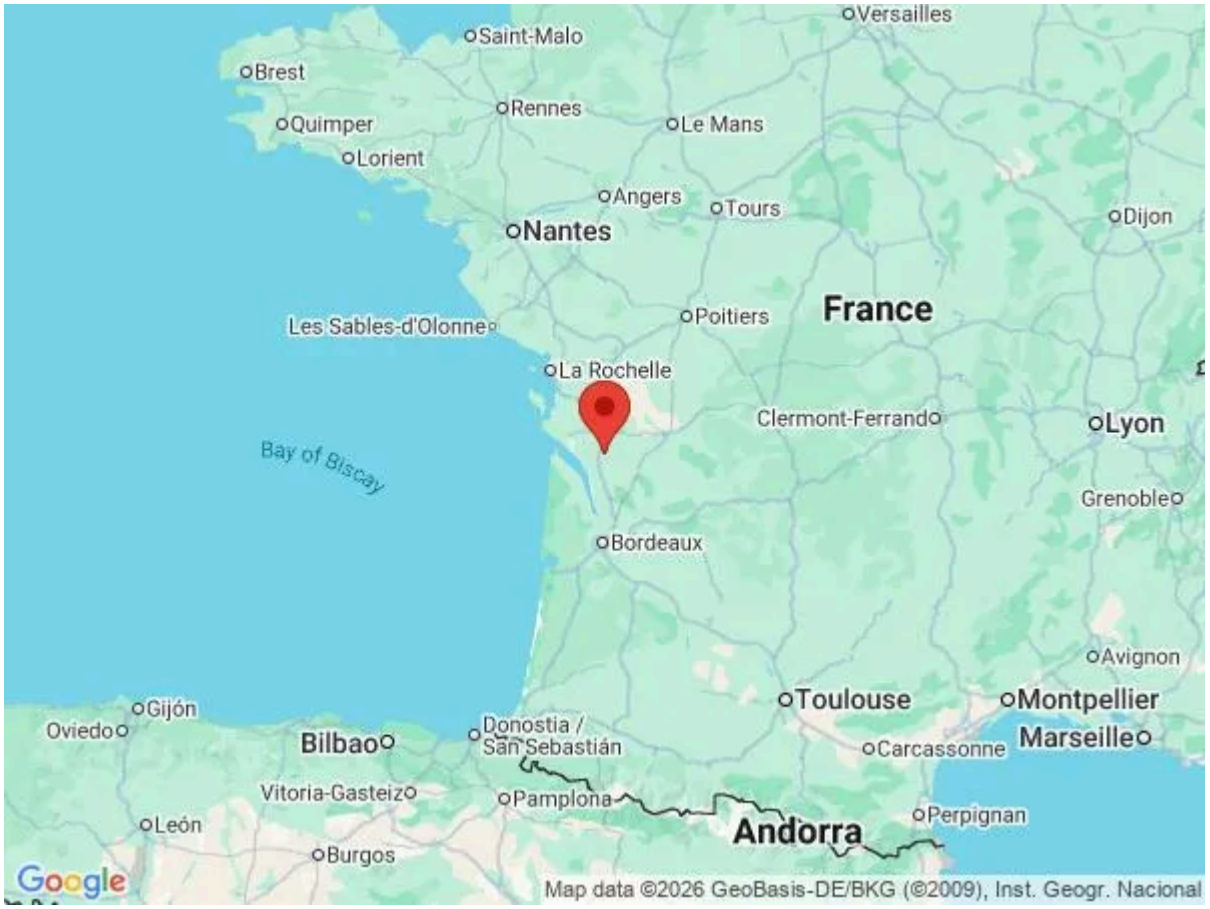
The coast line from St Georges de Didonne north to St Palais sur Mer has miles of sandy beaches and good fish restaurants. The towns of Royan, La Rochelle and Rochefort are interesting places to visit and are all around one hour's drive away.

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.

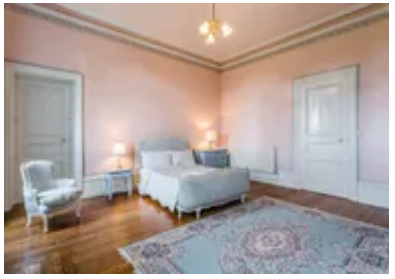
The wine production areas of Bordeaux are within easy reach with the Blaye region only half an hour away and St Emilion just over an hour by car. From the towns of Blaye or Royan it is possible to take a car ferry across to the Medoc.

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 (98 km)**

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

- This estate in Charente Maritime is a picture-perfect wedding or event venue; full of old stone walls, characterful features and lush gardens
- The stunning 13th century ruins of the Romanesque church on site can be used for wedding ceremonies
- 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

What you should know...

- In Etables Serbise (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/atlantic-coast/etables-serbise/) and Domaine Serbise (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/atlantic-coast/domaine-serbise/), the country-style accommodation is more simple than the chateau and offers excellent value for additional accommodation to the chateau.
- 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.
- 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!

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 for the whole estate 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 €175 for the entire estate, 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 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.
 Please note that only the chef from the property can be used for private chef services.
 The chateau reception hall can be rented for an additional fee - please enquire for pricing.
 Pool towels are available to rent for €5 per person, per week.
 Please note 2 extra single beds can be added at a supplement of €100 per bed per week.
 A cot is available on request for an extra cost, please enquire.

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

- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €700 for the estate, 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 durations on request.

- **Heating costs included?:** Extra €150 for heating (on request), payable locally. Please note this is only for the Domaine and Etables lodgings as there is no heating in the Chateau.

- **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.