Les Ecuries III

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

In a wonderfully rural area near the banks of a river, yet only a ten minute stroll into a charming medieval market town, the apartments at Les Ecuries are the perfect setting for an unforgettable holiday in the south of the beautiful Dordogne, just under half an hour from Bergerac.

In this intimate space surrounded by vast grounds, there are five beautifully renovated apartments.

One of the apartments has three elegant bedrooms, its own open-plan living space with Wi-Fi and a Sonos sound system plus a well-equipped kitchen, bright bathrooms and its own terrace and barbecue. Part of a converted barn, over two floors, this home features a wood-burning stove for cooler evenings plus air-conditioning in bedrooms for warmer days.

The owners have a keen eye for detail and have aimed to create the highest of standards such as Feather & Black beds, the best quality linen and dressing gowns for guests including the children. The level of service that guests receive will equally astound you from the morning delivery of croissants and fresh bread every day to the on-site concierge who can arrange a private chef, baby-sitting, in-room massage or simply reserve taxis and restaurants for you.

The vast estate here stretches for 25 acres including delightful woodland walks and tranquil paths leading to the rivers edge where you can feast on picnics prepared by the chef or try out a spot of fishing. Enjoy the summer scents from the flower garden, pick herbs for your evening meal or simply find one of the benches or hammocks across the wonderful gardens to relax with a good book. Kids will be in their element with two play areas with slides, climbing frames and a great trampoline not to mention so many outdoor toys and a fantastic kids pool whilst grown-ups can enjoy some serious swimming in the 25m long swimming pool available for all the guests. Gather with newly found friends on the communal terrace overlooking the pool, prepare wonderful meals in the large barbecue or pizza oven and enjoy leisurely lunches or lingering evening feasts with fine wines under the clear skies at night.

Should you be able to tear yourself away from the glorious grounds, the bastide town of Eymet is just ten minutes walk away. Enjoy the bustling market on a Thursday morning or simply wander around the medieval streets, admiring the fascinating history whilst browsing into shops and sampling some of the fantastic restaurants, cafes and bars.

The south of the Dordogne offers a wealth of activities from cycling, hiking and canoeing nearby to tree-top adventure parks, farms, water parks and go-karting to keep the kids entertained. There's a decent choice of golf courses nearby and wine-lovers will be able to explore the surrounding vineyards from nearby Château de Monbazillac to idyllic Saint-Émilion and









beyond. Not forgetting the array of characterful villages and cities nearby such as beautiful Bergerac and impressive Bordeaux to the smaller and charming Issigeac and Monpazier. Explore local towns on market day for a true Dordogne experience!

Whether a family holiday or a stay with friends, this is a unique place where you will feel most welcome and looked after in this stunning part of southern Dordogne.

In addition there are four 2-bedroom apartments (three of which are part of the converted barn) available for rental (Les Ecuries II (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/les-ecuries-ii/)) or for larger groups the entire site can be hired exclusively (Les Ecuries (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/les-ecuries/)).

Good news! For a little extra, this property can be booked as a Vill'otel

Yey! Wait... what is that?
It's the perfect combo of the privacy of your own personal villa, with all the luxury and convenience of a hotel.

What can be arranged?
Breakfast, cleaning, welcome drinks and hamper, plus more! Check the '**Extras**' tab for all the details.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Fishing • Wine Tasting • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Ideal for Kids • Romantic • Walk to Village • <1hr to Airport • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Catering Available • Historical Sites • Cycling • Go-Karting • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Maid Service Available • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Heated Pool • Chef/Cook Available • Modern • Wheelchair Access • Shared Pool • Parking Space • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Outdoor Games • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Breakfast Included • Playground • Swings • Trampoline • Slide • Climbing frame • Bikes • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Pool inflatables • Tennis rackets • Football net • Soccer • Booster seat • Plastic crockery • Baby bath • Potty • Pushchair • Baby monitor • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Three Bedroom Apartment- sleeps 6 guests
(part of the converted barn)

Ground Floor

- Open-plan kitchen-diner and living room with wood-burning stove
- Double bedroom
- Shower room with WC

First Floor

- Master bedroom with bathroom featuring bath and walk-in shower
- Twin bedroom with en-suite shower room

Outside Grounds

- Terrace with BBQ

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning/heating in bedrooms
- Sonos music system

Shared Outside Grounds

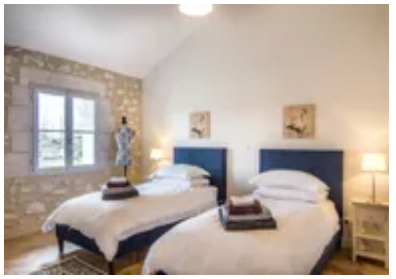
- Shared heated swimming pool (25mx6m, depth 1m-1.5m) and children's swimming pool (7mx7m, depth 0.5m) with security fence/gate and hard cover overnight. Open approximately Easter to October (outside this time that may be opened on request, subject to an additional charge for heating).
- Communal terrace with BBQ and wood-fired pizza oven
- Two play areas including fort and ship slides, swings, sunken 5m trampoline
- Ride-on toys
- Various outdoor games
- Football pitch with goals
- 25 acres of grounds
- Hammocks and benches
- Open pond
- Ruins in the grounds (not to be explored by children)
- Fire pit area with benches overlooking the fields

Shared Facilities

- General purpose room which can be used for dining (up to 50 guests) or yoga/pilates meetings
- Outdoor toys
- Pool inflatables
- Dressing gowns provided









Location & Local Information

The location of Les Ecuries is wonderful for those looking for a rural holiday yet not have to depend on a car as you are just a ten minute walk from the charming market town of Eymet. The 25 acres of private grounds at Les Ecuries lead to the banks of the Dropt river.

In Eymet (2km) you will find some excellent restaurants and bars, a couple of supermarkets, a boulangerie and butchers as well as other interesting shops and a vibrant market in the beautiful main square on a Thursday. Being on the banks of the river there are some amazing views and great picnic spots. The town dates back to the 13th century and is a typical bastide town in its layout, full of idyllic medieval houses and attractive buildings. The town hosts several cultural events and festivals throughout the year and is a vibrant as well as historical place to stay.

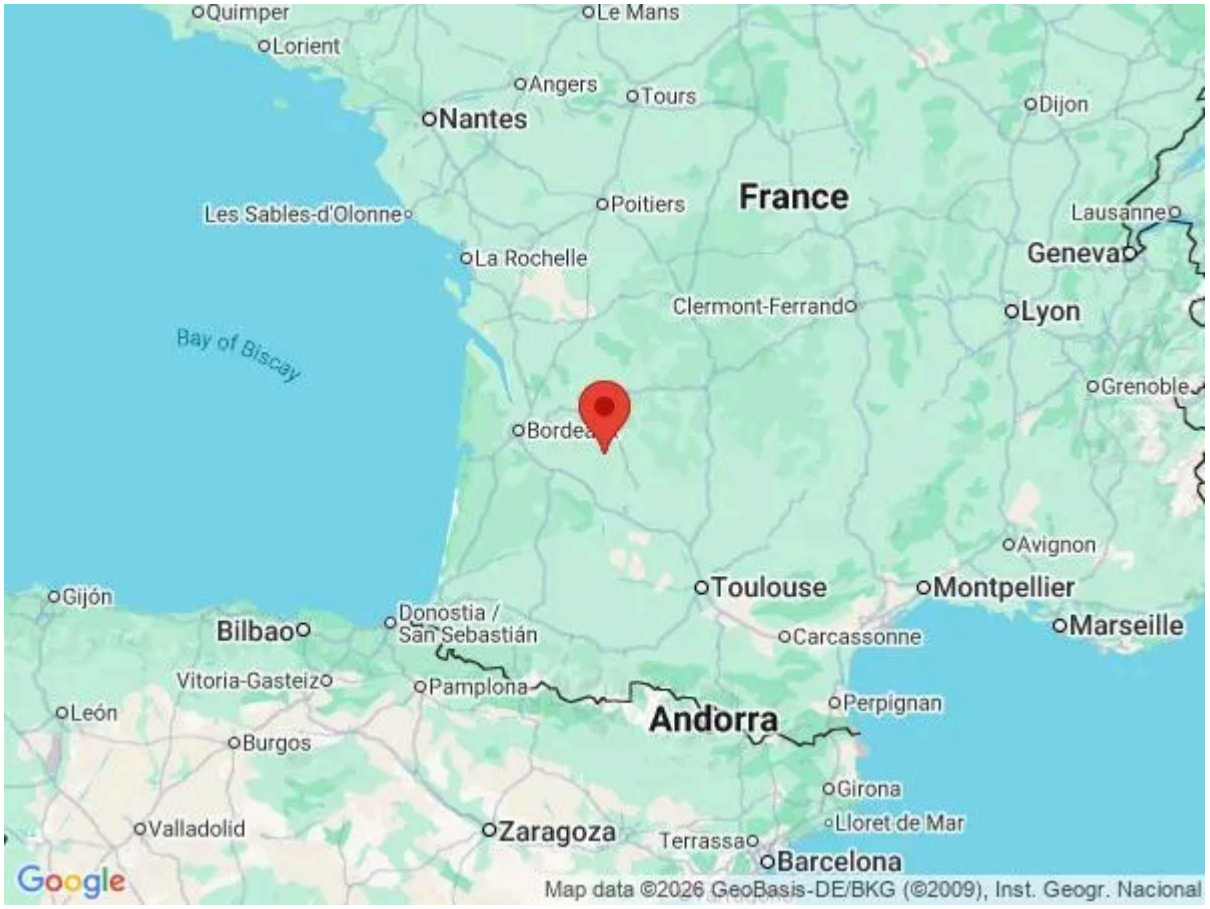
In terms of activities you will find canoeing within ten minutes by car, bike trails in the area (and electric bike hire and tours in Eymet!) several golf courses within twenty minutes and a picturesque lake with swimming, slides, barbecue facilities and a café just half an hour away. In and around Bergerac you will find a waterpark, go-karting, boat rides and a miniature ferry sailing lake plus there is a tree-top activity centre for all ages just half an hour drive away in Sainte-Colombe-de-Duras. Younger kids will also love Le Chaudron Magique, an organic farm where children can milk the goats and make goats cheese!

You are surrounded by idyllic villages and towns, full of history and character, worthy of a visit for a leisurely lunch and explore such as the warren of medieval streets at Issigeac (24km) or the attractive Sainte-Foy-la-Grande (28km) facing the Dordogne. Not forgetting beautiful Bergerac (27km) with its medieval architecture, narrow streets of boutiques and great restaurants and impressive Bordeaux (95km), definitely worthy of a fantastic day trip.

In under an hour you can access two of France's Plus Beaux Villages, Monflaquin (45km) and Monpazier (47km) or follow the Dordogne east all the way to beautiful villages such as Beynac-et-Cazenac (80km), La Roque-Gageac (84km) and Domme (90km) before heading north to delightful Sarlat-la-Canéda (92km). For a change of scene you can also head west for a day trip to the coast to sample some local oysters at Cap Ferret (180km) or Arcachon (170km).

Wine-lovers are in the perfect location with vineyards in the surrounding area as well as both south and north of the Dordogne, some of them organic. As well as the famous La Route des Vins de Bergerac, you also have the Bordeaux vineyards to the west and beautiful Saint-Émilion (63km) just an hour away. Nearby the Château de Monbazillac (22km) is an especially wonderful place to sample and buy wines whilst Eymet even has its own local brewery if you fancy a change of drink!

Those looking to experience market days across the region should head to Saint Alvere (55m) on a Monday, Riberac (80km) on a Tuesday, Bergerac (27km) or Sarlat (90km) on a Wednesday, nearby Eymet or Saint Astier (75km) on a Thursday, Souillac (116km) on a Friday, finishing off with Saint Cyprian (73km) or Issigeac (24km) on a Sunday. Bergerac (27km) also hosts a wonderful flea market on the first Sunday of every month and in the summer you should look out for the atmospheric night markets dotted around the









villages of the Dordogne, including Eymet, for a special experience of amazing food and festivities. Each market often specialises in a regional cuisine and/or craft from that area and sometimes throughout the year seasonal markets pop up.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergerac/Bordeaux (26km/121km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Bilbao/St-Malo/Ouistreham-Caen (405km/614km/620km)**
Nearest Village	**Eymet (2km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Eymet (1km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Eymet (3km)**
Nearest Shop	**Eymet (2km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Bergerac (27km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf des Vigiers (20km)**

What we love

- Every morning you will receive complimentary fresh bread and croissants delivered to your door
- The medieval town of Eymet is just a ten minute walk away; don't miss the vibrant market on a Thursday morning in the picturesque main square
- The 25 acres of private grounds include flower gardens, open pond (watch the little ones!) and direct access to countryside walks and forest that lead to the Dropt river (10-15mins walk)
- Kids will love all the outdoor toys, the children's pool and two play areas and parents will love all the bed guards, bed guards, baby monitors and various other facilities to help with the little ones. Kids' play house and sand pit available from March 2025.
- Bergerac is under half an hour by car. A beautiful city to visit and a must for any wine-lovers!
- The four 2 bedroom apartments on site can also be rented (Les Ecuries II) (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/les-ecuries-ii/)whilst for larger groups it is possible to hire the site exclusively (Les Ecuries (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/dordogne/les-ecuries/))

What you should know...

- The Site Managers live on the estate to help you with anything you may need and the owners may occasionally stay in their own home there as well
- The grounds are vehicle free so if you have a car you need to leave it in the car park
- Car hire isn't strictly necessary due to the location near Eymet but it's worth hiring one for at least part of your stay so you can explore the wider region
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner
- Please note that the property is open May until end-October and bookings outside this period are on request only and will be considered on an individual basis.
- The owner has informed us that this property has wheelchair access. However, please contact us before booking so we can discuss individual accessibility requirements with the owner to ensure that this property is suited to your specific needs.
- Walking distance to a village/restaurant however please note that some parts of the route do not have pavements

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £300 paid to the owner by bank transfer or Paypal one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m. (The owners may be able to be flexible on request).

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including pool towels and dressing gowns.

- **Pets welcome?:** No.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. No single-sex parties with guests under the age of 35 are allowed. A/C is avaialble in the bedrooms only. Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner. Please note that the property is open May until end-October and bookings outside this period are on request only and will be considered on an individual basis. The owner has informed us that this property has wheelchair access. However, please contact us before booking so we can discuss individual accessibility requirements with the owner to ensure that this property is suited to your specific needs.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday from June to end-September, flexible during any other periods.

- **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?:** No.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights (short-breaks may be possible on request only outside end May-end October).

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes. Any extra logs that may be needed outside the winter months may be subject to an extra charge.

- **Pool heating charge?:** The pool is heated free of charge during the normal opening times (Easter to October). Outside this period, the pool is heated on request at extra charge. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately Easter to October. 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.