Petite Maison

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 4

Overview

Please note that Petite Maison only accepts guests 18 years and above.

Set in the idyllic landscapes of the Perigord Vert in northern Dordogne, Petite Maison is a delightful home with glorious gardens and a private swimming pool, just a short stroll from a pretty village and lake.

Built with local Perigordian stone, keeping the rustic interiors cool in the height of the summer, this charming house has been beautifully renovated by its caring owners who have created a wonderful retreat for relaxing and unwinding. The open-plan living and kitchen space downstairs features exposed stone walls, characterful wood beams and an eclectic mix of vintage and modern furnishings whilst on the first floor there are two pretty double bedrooms with high-end king-size beds and Egyptian cotton bed linen.

Step outside to the glorious gardens full of trees and flowers where you can help yourself to fruit and herbs in the summer or head down to the magnificent swimming pool and relax by the terrace. In the evenings you can sit by candlelight outside, drinking local wine whilst listening to the gentle sound of owls under the clear starry sky or during cooler months head inside to watch DVDs, listen to music or play board games that the owners have thoughtfully provided.

You can wander down to the sweet local village where you'll find a few shops including a *boulangerie* and *épicerie* or walk down to the nearby lake with a picnic to follow the 9km circular route discovering the wonderful flora and fauna around you. The lovely owners, who live on site, can give you a wealth of information about the local area including suggested itineraries in order to make the most of this captivating part of northern Dordogne.

In the Perigord Vert region you can explore the green cacophony of meadows, forests, rolling hills and rivers. Archetypal villages and towns are yours to discover such as beautiful Brantôme on the River Drone, Saint-Jean-de-Côle, one of France's *Plus Beaux Villages* and Thiviers, where you can sample some *foie gras* at the Saturday morning market. Indeed, this region has an excellent reputation for its fine cuisine including walnuts, cheeses and some of the best black truffles in the world. Furthermore, there are no less than seven Michelin starred restaurants within a 30 to 60-minute drive!

Take the train from the local town to the historic cities of Limoges and Perigueux or hire bikes to discover the nearby trails, including the enchanting Velorail, a 22km route along old railroad track through tunnels and over viaducts. If you are dreaming of a balloon ride across the Dordogne then this is certainly possible with a great place near Hautefort, just under an hour.









Facilities

Golf Nearby • Fishing • Recommended • Wellness • Private Pool • Not for little ones • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Romantic • Walk to Village • Not For Little Ones • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Indoor Games • DVD • Gym/Fitness Room • Satellite TV • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Board games

Interior & Grounds

Please note that Petite Maison is suitable for adults only.

Maison Interior

Ground Floor

- Open-plan lounge with Smart TV, DVD player and pellet burner
- Open-plan kitchen-diner, well-equipped including dishwasher, microwave, kettle, toaster, electric hob and oven, fridge-freezer and coffee maker
- Shower room with double sink, WC and walk-in shower plus laundry facilities

First Floor

- Two double bedrooms with king-size beds

Outside Grounds

- Salt-water swimming pool (12mx6m) with roman steps. Open approximately from 1st June to 27th September, weather permitting. 2 x pool safety alarms
- Gym
- Gas BBQ
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Garden furnishings and sunbeds
- On-site vintage fashion museum and vintage fashion shop
- Gardens (herb garden and secret garden with bistro-style table and chairs)

Facilities

- Electric heating
- Fans in each bedroom
- Wi-Fi
- Smart TV with British channels and recording facilities
- DVD player
- Music system
- Board games
- Books and magazines
- Hairdryer
- Golf Clubs
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board









Location & Local Information

Petite Maison is located in the Perigord Vert region of northern Dordogne, named because of the green cacophony of meadows, forests, rolling hills and rivers.

The house is situated a short stroll from a traditional village with a delightful square. At night in your garden you can hear the sounds of owls and see the stars in the clear skies.

In the local village (500m) you will find a butcher, *boulangerie*/patisserie, local eco shop, brasserie, Tuesday morning market and a lovely church. There is a number of restaurants within a short drive or travel slightly further afield to dine at one of the six Michelin starred restaurants within 30 to 60 minutes by car.

There is also a man-made lake within walking distance with a lovely 9km circular trail where you can spot birds and discover the local flora and fauna. The owners can provide a picnic hamper/cool box for you to fill and take with you.

The owners provide a local map and leaflets about the local area and suggested itineraries.

The nearest town is La Coquille (7km) where you will find further facilities such as a cash point, service station and a supermarket. From here you can take the train to the beautiful and historical cities of Limoges (54km) or Perigueux (55km), both about 40 minutes away by train.

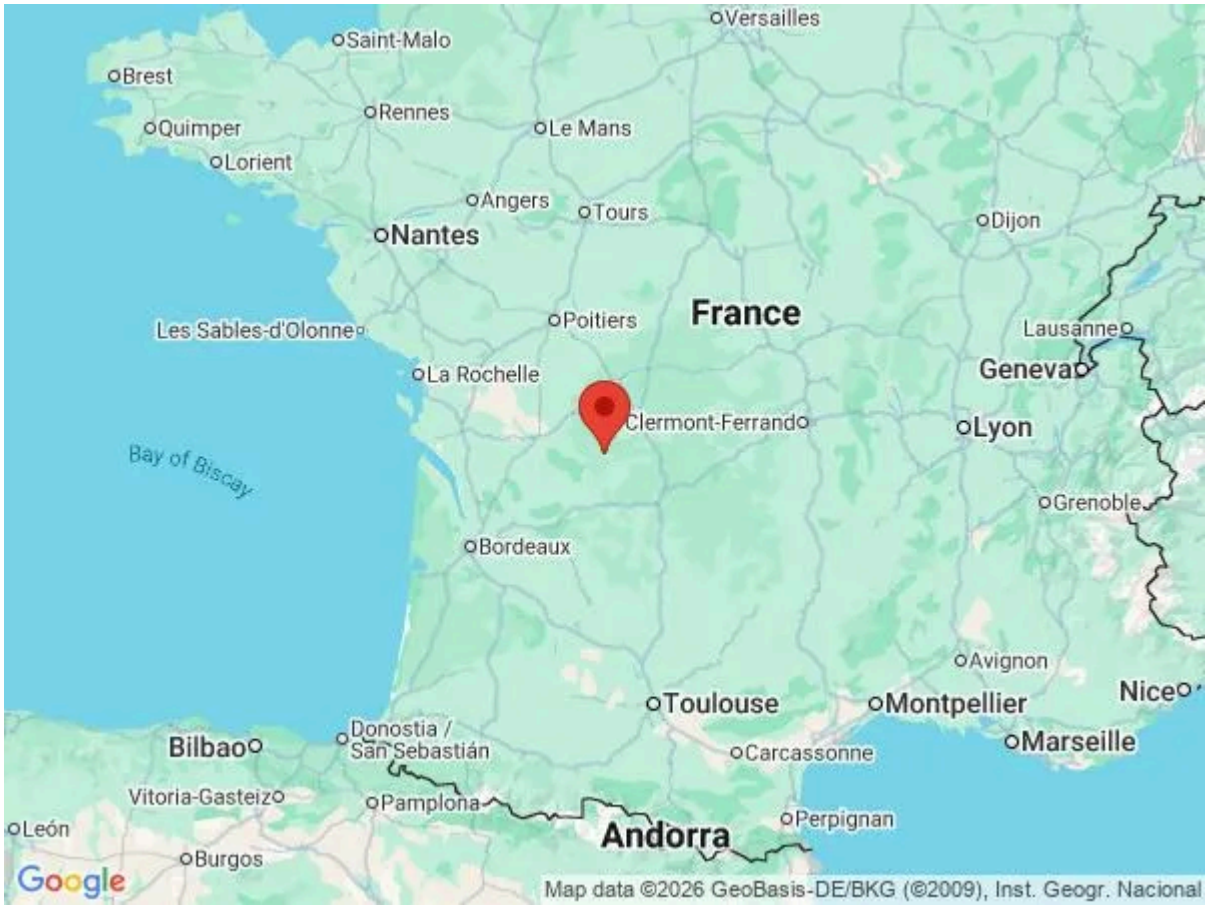
This region is wonderful for food lovers with Foie Gras and some of the world's best black truffles a local speciality as well as strawberries and some amazing Dordogne cheeses. Market days are a great way to discover some of the local foods and the owners will be able to advise you on the best ones to visit each day. In the winter you will also find some lovely Christmas fairs taking place in local towns whilst in the summer night markets are especially atmospheric where you can choose your meal at one of the stalls and dine al-fresco. The summer night markets usually take place in July and August in Champagnac de Belair (27km), Perigueux (55km), Nontron (23km) and Brantôme (35km).

Other beautiful local places to discover include Saint-Jean-de-Côle (22km) one of France's Plus Beaux. Villages on the banks of the River Côle and Brantôme (35km) on the River Drone where you can hire canoes, go on a boat ride or take leisurely riverside strolls after exploring the lovely town.

Head to Thiviers (17km) to try some of their *Foie Gras*, walnuts and truffles (especially at the Saturday market) or head a little further south to Corgnac-sur-l'Isle to canoe in beautiful surroundings. Castle lovers don't miss the beautiful Château de Jumilhac (19km) just a short drive away or Château de Hautefort (55km) a little further south.

This region is wonderful for hikers and cyclists with many routes or marked trails to follow. Cyclists may especially like the Velorail, a 22 km rail-bike along old railroad track over bridges, viaducts, through tunnels and former train stations.

There are also horse-riding opportunities nearby in Dournazac (10km), many









places to fish with a licence (which can be bought locally) and some wonderful spots to hire canoes. Golf-lovers have a great choice of 9 courses to choose from within an hour and the owners have two sets of golf clubs they can hire out.

If you are dreaming of a balloon ride across the Dordogne then this is certainly possible with a great base near Hautefort (54km) in under an hour.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Limoges (46km)**
Nearest Golf	**Domaine d'Essendieras (43.5km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Mialet / La Coquille / Saint Jory de Chalais / Saint Saud La Cousseire (500m / 7km / 7km / 8km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Carrefour Contact (7km)**
Nearest Town	**La Coquille (7km)**
Nearest Train Station	**La Coquille (7km)**
Nearest Village	**Mialet (500m)**

What we love

- Built with local Perigordian stone, we love the eclectic interior of vintage and modern furnishings alongside characterful features and beautiful antiques
- It's just a short stroll down to the local traditional village or you can wander down to the nearby lake for a lovely countryside walk
- The charming owners can organise a number of things to make your stay perfect - they have a great in-depth knowledge of the region
- Here you are in the heart of one of France's most amazing food regions with *Foie Gras* and Perigord black truffles both local specialities
- Saint-Jean-de-Côle, one of France's *Plus Beaux Villages* and beautiful Brantôme are both within half an hour by car
- A complimentary one-hour tour of the owner's 20th century fashion museum is included for guests

What you should know...

- Please note that Petite Maison is suitable for adults only and will not accept guests under 18 years old
- The lovely owners live discreetly in the grounds next to the house.
- There are some low beams/ceilings, steps down to the pool and there is a slightly steep staircase to the delightful bedrooms upstairs.
- The kitchen in Petite Maison is small and not suitable for a professional chef.
- The area is rural and car hire is essential to get around.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £250 or €300 paid to the owner by bank transfer before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

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

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including pool towels. Linen changed every week.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Petite Maison is suitable for adults only and will only accept guests over 18 years old.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday from June to September. Flexible during all other times.

- **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 from June to September. 4 nights during all other periods.

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

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs approximately between €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately from end-May to end-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.

- **Stag & Hen Do Allowed? :** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any other special events are not permitted.