

A Holiday in Lot et Garonne



Our villa, accommodating up to 6 adults and 2 babies, is an easy 10 minute stroll from the local village which has a small but very useful set of shops, including boulangerie, newsagents (stocking English newspapers), a pharmacy, a doctor, a butcher / small supermarket, hotel - restaurant, a bar, tourist office and a weekly market. The villa provides many on-site attractions including of course the private pool as well as table-tennis, pool-table, exercise-room, barbecue, extensive English library and the large private garden. Wi-Fi is available throughout the villa and some distance into the grounds.

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The area is well known for its lakes, bastide towns, scenery, cuisine, vineyards and excellent climate. Just 20 minutes drive away is the world-famous golf-course at Chateau des Vigiers, and Bordeaux, Toulouse and Perigueux are within easy reach. The locale offers canoeing, tennis, fishing, bathing lake, wind surfing, archery, riding school, golf and other sports facilities

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[This view is from our front steps. It shows the driveway to the villa leading off the access track, and beyond it fields. The areas both sides of the driveway are part of the property.](#)

[This is the villa viewed from the beginning of the driveway. To the right you can see the garaging and straight ahead are the wide steps leading to the front-door.](#)



[There are many approaches to the pool area from the villa and this is just one of them. The pool has its own sheltered hut and bar which allows you to relax out of the sun. There are lots of bushes and trees in the large grounds, which are great for hide and seek.](#)



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This view is from the steps at the front of the villa, looking to the right. In the distance you might just make out the local village which is actually only about 10 minutes' walk away.



The pool is illuminated, as are the grounds, so the fun need not stop just because it is getting dark. Also on the pool-side of the villa is a brick-built barbecue, near to the Summer Kitchen so you should have all you need to take advantage of those summer nights.

The L-shaped living/dining room has hi-fi DVD, CD, MP3 and JPEG playback, satellite TV and windows on two sides with south-facing French windows opening to the front terrace. There is a large sofa and three armchairs and a 6-person dining table and chairs.



This double bedroom has a large built-in double wardrobe and a large dresser, off camera, to the right. The view from the window is to the front of the villa.

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This twin room has a built-in double cupboard and a dresser. The room is ideal for children and is equipped with bedside tables and reading lamps. The view from the window is to the front of the villa.



This is the second double bedroom. It looks out over the pool area. Like the others, it has built-in wardrobes, bedside tables and lamps and chest-of-drawers

This is the Games Room. In this picture you can see the desk and the two sets of double doors leading to the pool. At the far end you can see one set of bookshelves which are part of our (English) library. There is a large selection of games, both indoor and outdoor.



Below you can see the reading-end of the Games room with more bookshelves on the far-left and right and also an overview photo of the Exercise room



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Some Villa Details

The Grounds

The villa occupies large grounds arranged as a park rather than formal gardens. The private pool is accessible via a short path from the villa. The rest of the grounds are given over to trees and bushes. On the garage side of the villa there is ample parking for many vehicles and we offer one large internal garage within the villa if you choose.

The Kitchen

This has modern [\(new in 2016\)](#) electric facilities, including oven, -halogen hob, microwave, refrigerator, dish-washer, electric kettle, toaster, coffee machine, under and over cupboard lighting and an extractor to keep the heat down. There is also a baby's highchair [attachment](#) available.

The Living Room

The marble-floored living room has comfortable seating, a dining area for 6, large wood-burning fire, and Hi-Fi system (offering multi-standard DVD, CD, MP3 and JPEG replay) with satellite reception providing English ~~and French~~ TV and radio programs. Twin doors from the living room open onto the terrace giving views of fields and, in the distance, the nearby village. The terraces, at the front and at the sides of the villa, are equipped with their own sets of tables and chairs for outside dining alternatives. Breakfast on the front terrace is particularly recommended!

The Bedrooms

There are two double bedrooms and 1 twin bedroom, all with built-in double wardrobes and chests-of-drawers. Two cots are also available. Views ~~from~~ [from](#) the bedrooms are to the front and pool-side of the villa.

All bed-linen and indoor towels are supplied.

Bathroom and WC

On the same floor there is a bathroom and separate WC with washbasin. The tiled bathroom is equipped with a bath and shower, and has a shaver-point and over-washbasin lighting. There is a further shower room and WC on the lower-ground floor near to the Exercise Room.

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Lower-Ground Floor

~~._We have recently carpet-tiled the entire Summer Kitchen, Exercise Room and adjoining corridor. This is not yet shown on all of our current photos.~~

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Summer Kitchen:

The Summer Kitchen and laundry area is equipped with electric oven, refrigerator (another), two washing machines for those larger loads, tumble drier and double-sink. There is an indoor and outdoor clothes drying area, and ironing board/iron is also available. The Summer Kitchen is easily accessible from the pool area and from the outside brick barbecue, which is located in the garden near to the lower ground floor kitchen.

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Shower and WC

Also on this level: another shower and WC is provided, again with shaver point and built-in illumination.

Exercise Room

For the energetic, in the large exercise room we have provided weights, chest-expanders, two cycle machines, thigh-exercisers and a rowing machine. This room is located -close to the downstairs shower and WC facilities.

Games Room

The large games room extends the depth of the villa. ~~It has~~It has two double French doors leading to the swimming pool. There ~~are two~~is a large desks, a sofa and other seating as well as an English library ~~of books of~~ (books (hundreds) and games. If you do need to keep up with your email then this is the room to do it as the desks provide an ideal location for your laptop and the wireless LAN connection to an ADSL (Broadband) ISP (Wanadoo) is very strong. You can also see what you are missing as the pool is in easy sight! Technical details about this connection are provided in the Welcome-Information Pack at the villa.

Lockable Garage

The very large lockable garage is available if you ~~feel it necessary~~wish to lock your car away. ~~(We actually do not bother as crime rates are very low in the area).~~

Storage Space

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Assuming that you do not want to keep your suitcase with you all the time, there is a room adjoining the garage (the Post Room) which is ideal for storage of bulky items.

The Gardens

The gardens are reachable from the front-door, the living-room, the garage, the summer kitchen and the Games Room.

The large kidney-shaped pool is around 12 metres by 6.5 metres and has under-water illumination. There are extensive seating areas both shaded and unshaded and with a large, modern, pool-house and bar which provide shade and space to prepare snacks and drinks. The pool house ~~also has its own its own tables and chairs.~~ loungers, chairs and tables

Safety

For peace of mind we have invested some time and money in making the villa and its surroundings safe. There is a permanent smoke alarm installed in the villa, and fire extinguishers are held on both floors ~~in the villa~~. Access to the internal stairs can easily be prevented as they are behind a lockable door. This is to prevent children from straying. The villa has been rewired and modern safety-trips are provided on all electrical circuits.

We have had a pool fence installed according to current French regulations. The pool has rescue equipment and guidelines about its use and depth. There are plastic cups and plates provided for outdoors dining. We would prefer that no breakables are taken into the pool area for safety's sake.

Finally we have added security lights at the entrance to the villa, near the barbecue, and on the far corner of the villa, as well as garden lights in the grounds.

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