

Villa Le Priotlet

Region: Aquitaine Sleeps: 10

Overview

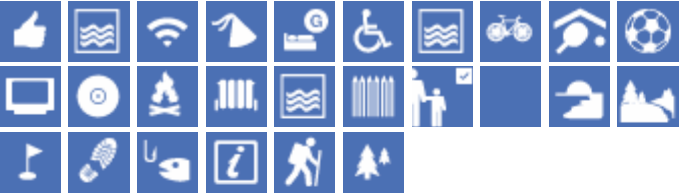
The Villa Le Priotlet is a centuries-old authentic stone villa set dramatically on the banks of the Dordogne River, 15 minutes east of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Saint-Emilion, which has been producing some of the world's best wine since Roman times.

This family home has been lovingly restored and furnished and is ideal for three couples or a small family group to kick back, relax and enjoy the peaceful views and gentle countryside. Once you feel refreshed and ready for a little exploration, head to the world-famous vineyards of the region and prepare to discover your brand new favourite bottle - and if there's one bit of advice we can give you, make sure there's room in your bags to take a few bottles back.

The villa has 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, is incredibly cosy and has a wonderful home-from-home feel that typifies everything that's great about a villa rental. The owner has great style too, so you can be assured of some beautiful and tasteful decor!



Facilities



Interior & Grounds

Just outside of the tidy village of Flaujacgues, a little lane cuts through Bordeaux vineyards. Head down it and through the sun-dappled vines and trees and soon you'll find yourself at Villa Le Priotlet - and oasis of beauty and tranquility in the middle of Aquitaine.

The Villa has been recently renovated to a very high standard with many authentic details such as thick stone walls, exposed brick and beams providing guests with rustic charm and a character that invites you to do nothing but relax and indulge (only not necessarily in that order).

The well-equipped kitchen includes a large two-door refrigerator, five-burner gourmet gas range and oven, dishwasher, microwave, toaster oven, coffeemaker and tea kettle. The deep sink has a powerful spray attachment, and the cupboards are spring-loaded. In the kitchen and throughout the house are eclectic yet functional touches, giving you a little insight into the personality of the owners. A door from the kitchen allows natural light to flood the inside and leads to a small side terrace with river views.

The salon is a light-filled, open area with high ceilings and an impressive beam that spans the width of the room. A sofa and two club chairs next to a wood-burning stove form a convivial space to relax after dinner. It can also serve as an entertainment area and communication hub, with an iPod dock, library of English-language books (which includes guides for the region and France in general) and the high-speed Internet port. While the connection is wireless, guests can set up their laptop computers here at the round table.

A staircase from the salon leads to the master suite. This spacious room has its high ceiling set off by an elegant crystal chandelier and contains a king-sized bed, TV with satellite reception (including hundreds of English-language channels) and a view of the river. The ensuite bath has a single vanity, a marble stall shower with fixed shower head and WC. A large antique armoire and mirrored chest of drawers provide ample and elegant storage for guests.

There are two good-sized bedrooms on the ground floor, located around the corner from the salon. The first bedroom has exposed beams, a queen-sized bed and a window overlooking the garden. The second bedroom is slightly larger, has a king-sized bed (which can be divided into twins) and French doors which open onto the garden - this can also be used as an independent entrance. Both bedrooms share a large bath at the end of the hall. The bathroom is decked out in tumbled limestone, has a single vanity and tub with hand-held shower and WC. You'll also find an additional WC on the ground floor.

A cosy den at the end of the hall can be used as a TV room, second sitting room or office. A washer and dryer can be found in a small utility closet off the



den. A door leads off to the parking area and is particularly convenient for guests staying on this side of the house. Stairs from the den lead to the fourth bedroom located on the upper level. This private guest suite has a queen-sized bed and glorious vineyard views. The ensuite bath has a single vanity and blue tiled walk-in shower with fixed shower head, while a separate, private WC is around the corner. This room has sloped ceilings and an open, loft-style feel.

The terrace that overlooks the Dordogne River is the ideal spot for a glass of wine! This picturesque area has a wrought-iron table with chairs for six and is partially shaded by a large tree. From here, you can watch the sun rise, enjoy a leisurely breakfast, linger over a lazy lunch, sip an apéritif as the sun sets or dine under the stars. Guests also have direct access to the river via a wide, sturdy staircase that is secured by a locked gate. A canoe and paddles are also available for guests' use, and additional canoes can be rented from the neighboring village of Pessac.

Guest can enjoy swimming in the river (the cleanest in France!) or in the saltwater swimming pool. The 5x10m pool is protected by an alarm and fenced in for the safety of children. The well-maintained grounds include flat, soft grassy areas and are gently dotted with colour from plants and flowers including roses, hydrangeas and lavender. A shed just inside the gate houses the canoe and paddles, two bikes for riding along the river and an indoor/outdoor ping-pong table.

The warm and inviting common areas will be appreciated by all guests, especially in the cooler months when dining outdoors is generally not advised! It's easy to imagine fireside dining at the sumptuous rectangular country-style table for six in the kitchen and dining room. More formal seating for four is available at a round table in the adjacent salon for card games or a small family meal.

Location & Local Information

The villa is an ideal vacation spot for wine lovers or those in search of a relaxing and memorable holiday in the tranquil countryside of the Bordeaux region.

Whether arriving in Bordeaux by air or train, you are less than an hour away from the Villa. Guests can reduce the drive to half an hour by taking the TGV from Paris to Libourne. The quaint town of Saint-Emilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site and obligatory stop for oenophiles (aka wine lovers!), is only fifteen minutes by car.

The fête du vin, held every other June in Saint-Emilion and Bordeaux, is reason alone to visit! The lively town of Castillon-la-Bataille, with twice-weekly markets and larger stores, is only a ten-minute drive away. The region is rich in wine and history, with dozens of medieval chateaux and thousand-year old churches dotting the hillsides. Restaurants running from the basic and hearty to high-end also abound in the area, with a nice mix of family-run establishments serving traditional fare and newer chefs putting a modern spin into their menus.

The quiet riverside village of Flaujagues is just a few minutes on foot, with an engaging restaurant, café, bakery, small grocery store and post office. A spectacular Bastille Day celebration, annual flea market and myriad of special events take place in the village, including a special Christmas market. During the summer months are three evening markets, where local goods, wine and gifts are for sale - you'll also find some long picnic tables where the community gathers to celebrate well into the night! Luckily, you can just stroll home from the festivities if you're starting to feel the strain of too much food and excellent wine!



Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500. This is paid prior to arrival and will be refunded in full after departure subject to damage inspection.

- Arrival time: 5 p.m. onwards.

- Departure time: 10 a.m.

- Energy costs included?: Included in the rental price.

- Linen & towels included?: All linen and bath towels are included in the rental price.

- Pets welcome?: Please enquire.

- End of stay cleaning included?: €180 to be paid in cash when you leave

- Changeover day: Saturday to Saturday bookings in the high season.

- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking in the property.

- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.

Pool Fence: The pool fence is not 100% child proof. Please keep on eye on children as it is possible as from the area outside the gate you get down to the river, Of course kids always need to be watched at pools as well.