

Domaine Serbise

Region: Vendee & Charente Sleeps: 10

Overview

The 17th century Domaine Serbise sits in 12 acres of tranquil garden and parkland with a private swimming pool, providing an ideal location for families and larger groups. Enjoy a self-catered holiday in the sunny and warm climate of South Western France. Le Domaine once housed the press for producing wine and cognac on the Chateau estate and this only ceased in the 1950s.

The Domaine Serbise (sleeps 10) shares the estate with the Chateau (sleeps 16) and the Etables (sleeps 12). However, each property has its own private terrace, swimming pool and grounds. This is wonderful chateau holiday experience that will exceed all your expectations.

Within a short driving distance (30 minutes) of the Chateau Serbise are blue-flagged beaches, wine and cognac tours, and shopping possibilities.



Facilities



Interior & Grounds

The Domaine Serbise can sleep up to 10 guests in 5 double bedrooms. On the ground floor there is an airy modern kitchen with breakfast bar, a dining room, gallery, and a large living room with satellite freeview TV. There are 2 double bedrooms, a bathroom and a WC. On the first floor there are 3 twin bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms.

The house is well appointed with all modern conveniences, the kitchen having electric cooker, gas hob, microwave, washing machine, dish washer, fridges and freezer as well as kettle, coffee machine, toaster, iron and hair dryer. There are cots, satellite TV, CD/radio, internet connection and bicycles available for hire. All linen, house towels, kitchen towels and utilities are included in the rental. We do ask you to bring pool and beach towels.

Doors lead to a covered terrace and on to the patio surrounding the swimming pool which is 4.5 x m and is 1 - 1.77 m deep. The pool has a safety alarm for peace of mind. There is a barbecue with decked eating area and over a half a hectare of grass and trees providing natural shade and a safe area for children to play. The pool is fitted with a French regulation alarm system for the safety of children. There are a full 8 acres of parkland on the estate.



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 to October. The influence of the Gulf Stream means that winters can be as mild as the Mediterranean. Cognac & Saintes are 15km away and Royan is 25km from the estate. The airports of Bordeaux, Angouleme and La Rochelle are within 1 hours drive and are served by an increasing number of UK regional airports.

St. Genis & Pons are both 5km away where there are restaurants and small shops. The nearest beach is only 35 minutes drive. There are 3 golf courses nearby: 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 Aquitaine, 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 brands such as Hennessy, Martell, Remy Martin, Otard, Hine etc. etc., as well as many opportunities to visit local producers.

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 within one hour's motoring.

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 only 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 an 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.

As well as the obvious sea fishing, river fishing in the Seugne is only 5 minutes away. The major river of the area, the Charente, is only half an hour away. Only 5kms in either direction are good quality local tennis courts. There are several 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 (1.2km long) go-cart track is only 10 minutes from Clerbise. Canoes are available for hire on the local river Seugne.

A busy nightclub is just 5kms away and is open from Thursday to Sunday.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: 1,000 € for the domaine, €1000 if one books the whole estate. This is paid on arrival and will be refunded in full after departure subject to damage inspection.
- Arrival time: 17.00
- Departure time: 10.00
- Energy costs included?: All Utilities included apart from Central Heating costs.
- > If not included, what are they?: Central Heating Fuel at Cost
- Linen & towels included?: All linen and bath towels are included in the rental price, and are changed once a week. Guests must provide their own pool towels.
- Pets welcome?: Not pets allowed.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Guests are expected to leave the property clean and tidy. Cleaning products and facilities are all provided. Guests can request a cleaning service at €13.50 per hour.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- 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.
- 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.