

The vignoble

Welcome to a small vineyard in the South of France where some of the finest vines in the world bask in the warm summer sun. Our friends have tended this vineyard for 5 years now and brought it back to its natural roots. The vineyard is now certified organic and produces distinctive wines of exceptional mineral quality. A recent gold medal in the organic wine category is proof of this fact. Nestled in a hamlet between Bordeaux, St. Emilion, and Bergerac, you will be surrounded by vines and walking distance to a small village. Each apartment includes a terrace where you can enjoy evening meals looking out over the valley filled with vineyards, forests, and church steeples. From this idyllic setting, you will follow the flow of the Dordogne river and enjoy sunsets and fireworks, popular during the holiday season. The vignoble is equipped with two separate spacious apartments with all the modern amenities. Each suite has two sleeping areas, large kitchen, bathroom(s), living room and private decks with views over the valley. The suites are in separate buildings, one adjacent to the landowners and one adjacent to a wine tasting area. Parking is available on the grounds as are laundry facilities. The thick original walls, some dating from 1671, provide a cool respite from the hot summer days. You can also drive down to the river and enjoy a swim or walk over to the new pool with a self cleaning robot.

Appartment 1- Two bedrooms each holding a queen bed - Two bathrooms with WC, shower, bath and hand basin.

Appartment 2- One bedroom with two single beds AND one day bed in a spacious living room (180cm width king) - One bathroom WC, bath, shower and hand basin.

Important Information

Upcoming dates to keep in mind:

- Non-refundable 50% deposit deadline January 15, 2015
- Final Payment deadline June 15, 2015
- First possible arrival day is July 18, 2015
- Week rentals are Saturday to Saturday.

July 2015 Calendar:

- July 18, 2015 to July 25, 2015 - Saturday 6PM checkin. Following Saturday 11AM checkout.

Cost:

- 99 Euro+ tax, per person, per night (Children 12 and under stay for free). Please schedule for full week if possible.

Included:

Accommodation at the vignoble and all Lili de Luxe sanctioned activities.

Not included:

Food, alcohol, airfare, arrival and departure to and from the village, souvenirs and shopping, access to museums or exhibits, restaurants, medical insurance and/or travel insurance.

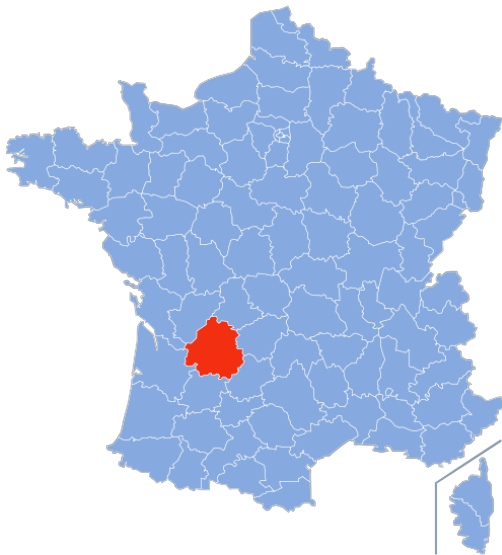
Important Notes:

- Wireless access for guests is available, but this is rural level connectivity.
- We will make every effort to provide transportation so you can drink and not drive.
- Access to laundry facilities are on site.
- Your own private bathroom with fresh towels.
- Some meals, snacks and alcohol on site are included.
- Free parking.
- No pets and no smoking environment.
- Enjoy Lili's activity schedule - no pressure - you decide your level of involvement.
- Maximum of 5 guests per suite.
- Onsite pool steps from each apartment.
- Non refundable deposit is transferable up to 90 days before rental week begins.
- French-English translator will be available for guests.
- Please get travel insurance if you have any concerns.
- Please contact us if you have any questions. We are here for you.

About the Area

La Dordogne is a *département* in south-west France. The *département* is located in the region of **Aquitaine**, between the **Loire Valley** and the **Pyrenees** mountains named after the great **Dordogne river** that runs through it. It roughly corresponds with the ancient county of **Périgord**. In addition to its castles, chateaux, churches, bastides and cave fortresses, the Périgord region has preserved from centuries past, a number of wonderful villages which still have their market halls, dovecotes, tories (stone huts), churches, abbeys and castles. **Saint-Léon-sur-Vézère**, **Connezac**, **Saint-Jean-de-Côle**, **La Roque-Gageac** and many others are real jewels of architecture. As for the old quarters of Périgueux or Bergerac, restored and developed into pedestrian areas, they have regained their former charm. A number of small towns, such as **Brantôme**, **Issigeac**, **Eymet** and **Mareuil**, have withstood the often brash changes of modern times. A special mention should be made in this respect to **Sarlat** and its Black Périgord area.

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/5sDsH>



The **Bordeaux** metropolitan area, located one hour West, has a population of 1,105,000 and constitutes the sixth-largest **urban area in France**. It is the capital of the **Aquitaine region**, as well as the **prefecture** of the Gironde department. Its inhabitants are called *Bordelais*. Bordeaux is the world's major wine industry capital. It is home to the world's main wine fair, Vinexpo,[1] while the wine economy in the metro area moves 14.5 billion euros each year.[2] **Bordeaux wine** has been produced in the region since the 8th century. The historic part of the city is on the **UNESCO World Heritage List** as "*an outstanding urban and architectural ensemble*" of the 18th century.[3]

Live the Life de Luxe - Your Experience in Southern France

- Upon arrival, you will be greeted and free to enjoy a refreshing glass of wine and settle into the authentic French lifestyle.
- Enjoy a morning yoga, pilates, or mediation session or start the day off with a walk or run around the grounds.
- Who doesn't dream of French pastries? Enjoy croissants, petit pain au chocolat, and other fresh baked patisseries from the local boulangerie in the morning along with your coffee or tea.
- You will enjoy picnics with baskets stocked with food from local markets, which we visit in the morning. Roasted chicken, chèvre (goat cheese), fresh strawberries, peaches and bread are just some of the delicacies found at the local markets.
- The night market in Bergerac, in Place du Mandarous, is a must for experiencing French culture and live music. As well as "Fete gourmande" throughout the summer. On Friday evenings at the foot of the tower is the evening food market, with traditional and local specialities. There is musical entertainment is played throughout the evening.
- Wine tasting with Caroline, of Feely Wines will let you discuss growing and winemaking in the area. Prepare yourself for amazing wines.
- After visiting the Sunday morning market in Issigeac, you will have a picnic by the river with the local food purchased in the morning.
- For those that want a little late night fun, team up for a Pétanque tournament in the park of the chateau.
- Are you the next Ryder Hesjedal? Enjoy bike rides around the French countryside. No gels or protein bars though! Stop in a local village for lunch on a terrace and a glass of rosé like they did 100 years ago when Le Tour de France launched.
- Other options may include the opportunity to attend a French wedding, visit a goat farm, and/or a local jazz festival.
- There will be plenty of shopping for those must have items from France- lavender soap, honey, tea, fabric, shoes (a lady can never have too many shoes), scarfs, and of course wine.
- Other highlights include canoeing by castles on the Dordogne river, visiting medieval castles, and strolling through hanging gardens. Did we mention drinking the best wines in the world?
- But this is only the start of your experience. Lili de Luxe works hard to create and maintain friendships. Let us know how we can make your experience memorable!

Getting There

After many years of travelling to Southern France, Lili recommends taking a direct flight from America to Paris followed by a high speed (TGV) train to the South of France, followed by a car rental from a large city. You can also rent a car directly from Paris, but we don't recommend driving in Paris - especially if you have jet lag.

You can also now take a direct flight from London (UK) to Bergerac. This is a great idea for those that don't want to rent a car as you are close enough to the vineyard to be picked up by your hosts!

Driving

1. From Bordeaux, Take the N89 East toward Gardonne
2. Take Exit 9 and stay on the D1089 until you reach Le Verdet and the D670
3. Turn right onto the D670 until it becomes the D936 (You will see famous St. Emilion on your left)
4. Continue on the D936 through the towns of Castillon La Bataille, and around Sainte Foy la Grande.
5. You will pass the new shopping center in Pineuilh on your right and keep going on the D936
6. When you arrive in Gardonne, turn South onto the D4 at this intersection <http://goo.gl/maps/53n0M>
7. At the crossroads before Saussignac, Keep going straight at this intersection <http://goo.gl/maps/hd3aL>
8. Take the first fork to the left in Saussignac <http://goo.gl/maps/mZEt3>
9. Turn left before the cemetery <http://goo.gl/maps/sXOQc>
10. Drive to the end of the road. Welcome! <http://goo.gl/maps/VGFms>

Car rental with autoeurope.com (make sure you use the Canada booking site)

Example: Audi A3 \$297.53 Paris airport pickup 2 week rental with basic package rate

Audi A3 \$188.00 Bordeaux train station pick-up 1 week rental basic package

By train and or bus

Nearest train/bus station:

- Gardonne 5km (train)
- Beregerac 15km (bus & train)
- Perigueux - 71km (bus & train)
- Bordeaux - 82km (bus & train)
- Paris - 612km
- Several daily connections PARIS / BORDEAUX Information & Booking SNCF: snf.com and raileurope.ca

Nearest airports are:

- Bergerac - 20 minutes
- Bordeaux - 1 hour away
- Toulouse - 2 hours away

Airtransat.ca direct flights from Calgary to Paris go on sale in October. These are not the least expensive but they are direct.