

Maison Du Vins

Region: St-Émilion Sleeps: 12

Overview

Maison du Vins used to be a wine making chateau (hence the name!) until the early 1900's and now has been transformed into a luxury rustic French country house with all the mod cons. It sits in 3 acres of mature parkland/garden with a large heated pool.

The property is very close to Pichon, which is a small wine making hamlet and only a 10 minutes' drive from St. Emilion and Pomerol.

Maison du Vins is kitted out to the highest standard with a fully fitted kitchen with all the amenities, there is a terrace for those warmer evenings or the farmhouse' kitchen table is perfect for big family meals.

There are 6 king size bedrooms with 4 en suite bathroom/shower rooms and one large family bathroom with a stand alone bath and walk in shower.

Facilities

Great Value • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Home Cinema • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Ceiling Fans • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Fenced Grounds • Baby Proofing • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages





Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors

Ground Floor

- Sitting room with working fireplace and music system
- Second lounge with working fireplace, cable TV and DVD player
- Open-plan dining room with table for up to 12 guests
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped including La Canche range cooker, microwave, coffee maker and blenders
- Utility room with dishwasher and laundry facilities
- WC
- Master bedroom with double emperor-size bed, doors leading to garden (in both bedroom and bathroom) and en suite bathroom (also connects to corridor) with bath, overhead shower, two sinks and WC
- Bedroom with double emperor-size bed (can be split into twin), full-size cot (which can be moved), countryside/vineyard views and en suite shower room with WC
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First Floor

- Master bedroom with double emperor-size bed and en suite shower room with WC (shower room is a converted pigeoniere)
- Bedroom with double bed and garden views
- Bedroom with double emperor-size bed (can be split into twin), small balcony with garden views
- Family bathroom with bath, walk-in shower and WC
- Open-plan lounge area with home cinema, books and toys

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (13x6m) with roman steps
- Barbecue
- Garden

Facilities

- Cable TV
- DVD player
- Music system
- DVD film library
- Books and toys
- Washing machine, dryer and ironing facilities

Location & Local Information

Maison du Vins provides a great base to explore the famous vineyards and Chateaux of Bordeaux - St Emilion is a 10 minute drive away and Bordeaux itself is around 45 minutes away.

The coast and famous dunes of Aquitaine are just 1.5 - 2 hours away.

The property is close to great restaurants and bars plus a variety of activities including two 18 hole golf courses and boats on the lakes making those family days out even more adventurous.

There are also lots of local markets- there's a food market for every day of the week, now that's impressive!

It is also a short drive to some big hypermarkets, plus the local village Lussac has a number of shops for food, chemist, garage and even flowers.

Wine

Maison Du Vins is perfectly placed for planning some adventures in wine - exploring, tasting and perhaps stocking up in one of the world's most famous wine producing regions of Bordeaux. As an area it is constantly evolving, and as Andrew Jefford the wine writer wrote, "it is now a region of experiment, ambition and grand stylistic diversity". And Maison Du Vin sits bang slap in the middle of the action.

So a leisurely 10 minutes drive to the picturesque town St Emilion and the magnificent Grand Cru Chateaux of the Right Bank. Angelus, Ausone, Petrus among the greats to name check and book tours (but you may have to sell the family silver to buy in any quantity!). However there are so many other Chateaux to discover, many are more reasonably priced. Knock on the door of our local neighbour just outside Lussac called Chateaux Lucas to buy great wine direct from the grower.

In recent years some Chateaux have made it impossible not to visit, with their own restaurants serving great food alongside their wines within their grounds. Visit Trolong Mondot and La Dominique. Both on the edge of St Emilion. They are surprisingly well priced, good food, stunning locations, but still a little undiscovered. So go, but keep it a secret between us.



And whilst on the subject of furtive forays, explore the wines of Castillon. Described as Cotes de Bordeaux, but don't be fooled as the area hides many sparkling gems. There's a great bar restaurant at St Gene de Castillon owned by a well known Brit called Laithwaite which offers a wise and well edited selection to sample with lunch or take away. Mrs Laithwaite makes a superb and affordable champagne by the way.

And finally, there's the Left Bank wines of Bordeaux to discover. A little further away, about 45 minutes drive, and a whole new chapter. Where to start? Best to rebook another holiday at the house and we'll supply the second instalment...

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bordeaux (60km)
Nearest Ferry Port	St Malo (544km)
Nearest Train Station	Libourne (15km)
Nearest Village	Lussac (3km)
Nearest Town/City	Libourne (15Km)
Nearest Restaurant	Montagne (6km)
Nearest Shop	Lussac (3km)
Nearest Supermarket	Castillon-la-Bataille (15km)
Nearest Beach	Médoc peninsula/Lacanau (Around 120km)
Nearest Golf	Château des Vigiers (46km)

What we love

- The house is very spacious, comfortable and relaxing
- It's a very easy property to find and get to, only 10 minutes drive both to Bordeaux and St Emilion
- Absolutely perfect for big families: great outdoor spaces with heated pool, gardens, swings and a well-equipped games room!

What you should know...

- It provides a great base to explore the famous vineyards and Chateaux of the region so a car is needed to explore it all!
- The discreet owners live in an adjoining gite which is accessed separately. Other than your arrival/departure, you won't see them unless you need their assistance of course.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €600 charged to clients' credit card prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: After 5.00 p.m. Arrival out of hours can incur in an additional charge.
- Departure time: By 10.00 a.m. Departure out of hours can incur in an additional charge.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: During winter months only. Please enquire.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Pool heating charge?: The pool is heated free of charge in summer only. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Changeover day: Saturday in high season. Flexible during the other periods.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. Short breaks on request only.
- Other Ts and Cs: 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. The owner can decide to close the swimming pool out of season for any reason.
- Other Ts and Cs: Phone calls are not included in the rental price.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.