

Gîte - sleeps 2-8
La Maison du Soleil

Originally a "Pigeonnier" or dovecote this unusual stone East/West facing building, is now a delightful self contained cottage with huge oak beams and vaulted ceilings. Enter via the large double doors into a spacious lounge and kitchen/diner with all the necessary equipment and appliances including, Wi-Fi and Freesat TV and ipod docking station. The two double/twin bedrooms (approx 5x8m each) are luxuriously dressed with beautiful furniture and sumptuous bedding to make your stay extra special. Both bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms with windows overlooking the private terrace and sunny front garden beyond.



Chambre d'hôtes/B&B - sleeps 2-4
Chambre du Jardin

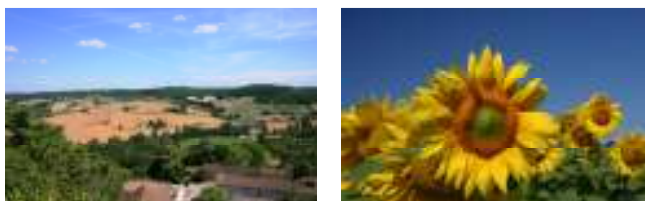
An exceptionally spacious double/twin bedroom approx (5x9m) with walk in wardrobe and an en-suite fit for a queen! The room has its own private lounge and dining area as well as access to the sunny back garden which is sheltered by a large horse chestnut tree overlooking the lake, a perfect place to sit with a glass of wine and a good book!



The Region

On the edge of Gascony this region is essentially rural with a mild Mediterranean type climate and free from persistent winds like the Mistral. "The California of Europe" as it is known, is famous for its fruit, fine wines, beautiful bastide stone villages, castles, thermal spas, gastronomy and the Three Musketeers! It is also home to the world famous "foie gras".

Why not come and sample some of the local cuisine, and then wash it all down with a good slurp of Armagnac brandy or the local wine "Cotes du Brulhois" well known for its red and rosé. With plenty of local cheeses to choose from too, including Roquefort which is produced in the neighbouring region, staying at Le Farat is a must for those with a soft spot for amazing cuisine.



Local Village

Auvillar is just 5 minutes from the house and boasts fine views across the Garonne Valley. Voted "one of the most beautiful villages in France" with its unusual circular covered market, it is an important halt on the route taken by the pilgrims of Saint Jacques de Compostelle which winds its way through France passing through Auvillar en route to Lourdes and on to Santiago de Compostella in Northern Spain.

Auvillar itself was an important stronghold in the Gallo-Roman period and housed an affluent community. Evidence has been found to suggest that it was possibly rebuilt in the Middle Ages and its social and economic existence is clearly linked to the river Garonne.



Today the quaint village of about 1000 residents has many charming attractions with a weekly farmers market, local restaurants, and a variety of shops including a bakery, a grocer and a pharmacy, there is even a hairdresser if the need takes you!



Themed long weekend breaks available including:

Art & antiques, French/English cookery, ceramics, painting gastronomy, wine and Armagnac tasting, photography, horse riding, quilting as well as a tour around the points of interest on the local section of the Saint Jacques de Compostelle, Ask for more details.

To see more images or view a slideshow of the property and local area go to our website www.lefarat.com

The Garden

The garden consists of 5 acres of parkland, with orchard and large lawned areas ideal for outdoor games, a small fishing lake, 12x6m saltwater swimming pool and outdoor dining area with brick built BBQ. There are also large gravelled areas ideal for a game of petanque!



Things to do on site and in the local area

Fishing on site, (rod and pole hire available), cycling (5 bikes of various sizes available to hire), walking, carriage rides around the local villages, sightseeing, golf, sailing, canoeing, windsurfing, horse riding, wine and Armagnac tasting, plus much more, but most importantly - plenty of relaxing!

Getting Here

Le Farat is situated near Auvillar in the Tarn et Garonne, Midi-Pyrenees, South West France between Bordeaux and Toulouse. It is just 10 minutes from J8 on the A62 Motorway, 50 minutes from Toulouse International Airport (served from the UK by many airlines including BA, Easyjet, and Jet2). By rail we are 40 Minutes from Agen TGV station. By car it is 7 hours from St Malo and around 9 1/2 hours from Calais.



Directions

Leave the A62 Motorway at J8 and head towards Auvillar on the D12. Go straight through the centre of the village passing the clock tower and church on your left, go over the speed bumps and on leaving the village take the C2 sign posted Bardigues. After approx 3 miles drop down the hill through the wood. We are the only property on the left in a little valley before the crossroads.

Useful Information

- Change over day Saturday
- TGV/Airport collection and drop off possible
- Linen and towels included (changed weekly)
- Pool towels available for hire
- Free welcome pack for Gîte bookings
- Gîte bookings - optional box of living essentials €45
- Cot and highchair available
- No pets
- Themed long weekends or short breaks offered
- Long lets also available

Call or email for more information on availability. Prices start from 750€ per week in the Gîte and 95€ per night in the B&B suite.



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Le Farat

gîtes et Chambre d'hotes (B&B)



Le Farat is situated minutes from Auvillar, a medieval bastide village in the Tarn et Garonne, Midi Pyrenees. Auvillar is listed as one of the most beautiful villages in France (Un des plus beaux villages de France), boasts stunning views over the Garonne valley, has an unusual circular grain market and is an important stop on the "Chemin de Saint Jacques de Compostelle".

Our family home dating from 1700's is a lovely stone complex comprising of a large manor house surrounded by outbuildings and is set in beautiful secluded grounds of over 5 acres with its own private fishing lake and walled salt water swimming pool.

The property is approached along a gravelled drive, which takes you through the extensive lawned garden and orchard to the huge original oak front doors at the main house where we will be waiting to greet you with a warm welcome.

