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Castel Merle Dordogne, France



Castel Merle is a 14th/17th Century chateau located 2 miles from the beautiful medieval market town of Monpazier.

The property has monumental oak ceilings and mantelpieces throughout the house as well as the original stone staircase. It was extensively restored between 1997 and 2008 and has many modern amenities whilst maintaining its historic character.



The property is privately situated in 30 acres of meadow and oak woods and has a large swimming pool.

The original house was built in the 1350's by the de Merle family and then purchased in the 1600's by the de Constantin family who remodeled the house into its current form. The de Constantin family had to flee from France to Spain at the time of the French Revolution in the 1790's.

USPs:

- Private setting
- Large outdoor swimming pool
- Historic core with modern technology; broadband internet, large flatscreen TV with Sky +
- Modern kitchen with black granite surfaces
- Round library and bar located in the tower
- 2 large four poster bedrooms and 4 other good sized bedrooms

Location of house:

Rural location down a 1km long driveway, but only 2 miles from Monpazier, one of the prettiest Plus Beaux Villages in the Dordogne region with many shops and restaurants.

Style of house:

Very beautiful well proportioned historic chateau with a round tower, built out of yellow limestone and refurbished to the highest of modern standards.

Number accommodated:

12 (double occupancy)



Number of bedrooms: 6

Bedroom configuration:

- 2 very large super king doubles with four poster beds
- 3 kingsize double bedrooms
- 1 twin room

Number of bathrooms: 6

Bathroom configuration: All bedrooms are en-suite; 4 have bathrooms and 2 with shower rooms.

Dining capacity:

Dining room: 12

Kitchen: 6

Alfresco: 12

Catering: Self Catering unless catering is organized in advance.

Dining:

Pubs/restaurants locally:

Over 12 restaurants within 2 miles in Monpazier ranging from informal meals to gourmet dining.

Other services: Cleaner, babysitter and driver all available by prior arrangement. A beautician is located n Monpazier.

Facilities:

- Outdoor pool (40'x20' - salt filtration)
- Sky+ digital satellite TV
- Hi-Speed Broadband by Modem
- Large lawn and meadows/woods
- Outdoor furniture - walnut table with benches to seat 12 & a hammock
- Gas BBQ
- 4 seater car available by arrangement



Activities & places of interest:

Historic: Many chateaux and caves nearby.

Places of interest: 100's of places to visit ranging from chateaux, caves, wine tours.

Shopping: Monpazier - 5 minute drive, Bergerac - 45 minute drive, Sarlat - 50 minute drive.

Walking: Plenty of opportunities nearby.

Gardens: Several interesting gardens open to the public.

Horse riding: 4 miles away.

Other: Canoeing and rope climbing.

Check in/out times: Flexible but normally Sat - Sat , noon - noon.

Pets: Sorry, no pets.

Disabled facilities: Lift to all floors.

Stag & Hen parties: Civilized hen and stag parties welcome by prior arrangement.

Corporate facilities: Big dining room and Grand Salon available for business meetings, please contact us to discuss your requirements.

Marquees can be erected on flat lawn for events such as weddings and parties.

Activity/team building: Can organize canoeing, Dordogne wine tours and other such activities – please contact us to discuss your requirements.

Weddings:

Blessings and wedding receptions can take place at Castel Merle but not the wedding itself.

Marquee can be erected to accommodate 150-200 guests.



3 medieval churches are located within 3 miles for the wedding ceremony; Monpazier, Capdrot and Biron.

Travel:

Travel time from Bergerac Airport: 45 minutes.

Nearest airport:

Bergerac – 1 ½ hours flight from Stansted, Southampton, Exeter, Bristol, Gatwick (summer) Birmingham, E Midlands, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Leeds Bradford (some seasonal).

Nearest railway station:

Bergerac – 45 minutes.

Taxi service:

Taxi available from airport or station.

Distance to nearest town:

2 miles to Monpazier.

Prices & booking:

Weekly lettings preferred although short breaks will be considered during low season or for last minute availability.

2 nights (prefer weekly): £1,000

3 nights (prefer weekly): £1,500

Midweek (5 nights): £1,700 - £2,500

Weekly (most popular): £2,900 - £3,900

Christmas & New Year: £2,900 - £3,500

Corporate (daily and 24 hour rate):

£750 to £1,000 per 24 hrs

Wedding (use of house and lawns for party of up to 200 guests): £5,000 to £7,000

Booking terms: 20% deposit with the balance due 2 months prior to arrival.

Cautionary deposit: 20% security deposit (£1,000 for stag/hen parties).

Please note that the deposit is lost if full payment is not made on time or if any damages have occurred.



About the owners:

Castel Merle is an exclusive location where you can stay in a beautiful chateau with all the mod cons available within a very historic building. You can relax by the pool, visit the nearby medieval town of Monpazier with its numerous shops & restaurants, or explore the region's chateaux, caves etc.

When you stay at Castel Merle, you will feel like you have stepped back in time to medieval France, but without giving up one's modern necessities & conveniences!

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