

For the more intrepid Rocamadour, the Gouffre de Padirac (underground cave and river) and the towns and villages of the Valley of the Lot (Cahors, St. Cirq de Lapopie, Peche Merle etc.) are within reach for a day's outing.

To the south are to be found Monsegur (Jazz festival in early July), La Reole (motor museum), Bazas (impressive cathedral), the Garonne Valley and the Canal Lateral du Garonne (part of the Canal du Midi), Mas d'Agenais (Romanesque church with original Rembrandt painting) and the rolling hills of the department of Gers and Armagnac country.

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Trains from Waterloo/Eurostar (change at Lille) to Bordeaux
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Mike and Pauline Vincent welcome you to

Les Granges



Impressive 17th century Bordelais barns with pool

Having views of surrounding countryside

In between the Gironde and the border of the Dordogne, near the vineyards of Saint Emilion, Cotes de Castillon and Bergerac nestles Les Granges. With shared pool and private terraces it is well equipped for a good value family holiday. The English owners respect visitors privacy, but are on hand if needed. Only 5 minutes drive away is the large 18 hole golf club of Les Vigiers with a superb restaurant and tea room. There is a nice beach at Lac de Gurson a little further away. The evening spectacular of Castillon la Bataille should not be missed as it re-traces the Battle of Castillon. The River Dordogne is lovely for canoeing, fishing and one can take a boat ride from Ste. Foy. Wine tasting from the old cellars of Saint Emilion is a must as well as tasting local wines unless, of course, you want to try them from the exquisite restaurants overlooking the countryside and vineyards.

Local Amenities - The village of Les Leves is 3kms and has a boulangerie and wine co-operative and garage/newsagent/tabac.

To the south about 12 minutes drive is the pretty little town of Duras perched high on an escarpment above the valley of the River Dropt. Here there are local shops, bars and restaurants, a good Monday market as well as the old Chateau of the Ducs de Duras which is now a museum and well worth a visit. During the summer months the chateau is used for concerts and other spectacles including a wine fair in late July.

There are many leisure activities to be found in the vicinity. Canoeing, boat trips and tennis at Ste. Foy, horse-riding at Les Leves, children's aqua park, crazy golf, bowling alley, quad bikes etc. are all within 20 minutes drive providing you with a variety of activities for the more energetic.

Nearby places to visit include St. Emilion with its famous 12th century monolithic church. Here you can tour the famous vineyards on a motorised train and take in the delights of the surrounding countryside. Climb the bell tower, visit the catacombs, meander through the cobbled streets visiting the many boutiques and wine tasting shops, stopping off at one of the bustling cafes for welcoming refreshments.



"St. Emilion"

Clients comments:

*"Accommodation first class, location great."
The McGregor family, Australia.*

*"Wonderful holiday here. Great fun, great people and so much to do and see. Excellent accommodation - We'll be back" -
Chris & Sue Gale, London*

"Our fifth visit. Excellent value, great company. See you next year (booked)" - The Hodges family, St. Neots

"Nice comfortable accommodation, great pool - 3 weeks went too fast" - the Duff family Abu Dhabi

*"Our fifth visit so it must be good. The children loved the pool" -
the Hayden family, Wisbech*

Further afield Les Granges is an ideal touring base for exploring the sights and produce of the region. Being situated close to some of the most famous wine growing areas in the world. You can sample the delights of the Grandes Crus of St. Emilion, Pomerol, Medoc, Graves, Sauternes, Barsac, Loupiac, Monbazillac as well as the more affordable and every day wines of this region Bordeaux, Bergerac, Entre Deux Mers and Duras.

Bordeaux with its international airport at Merignac is about an hours drive and beyond Bordeaux are the beaches of the Atlantic Coast, two hours drive approximately (Archachon, Cap Ferrat, Dune de Pile).

Within an hour or so from Bergerac there are some famous bastide towns and chateaux of the Dordogne and Vezere valleys e.g. Beynac,

Castelnaud, Domme, Montpazier, Sarlat, Les Eyzies, Chateaux Milandes and Byron.

Set opposite Marguerite, Jonquille and Campanule is the fenced and gated swimming pool 12m x 6m x 1.5m with Roman steps, paddling pool and poolside toilet with sun loungers, chairs and parasols together with BBQ for al fresco evening meals.



Amongst other distractions there is a field opposite which can be used for outdoor games.

We are always on hand to welcome visitors and are always available (if required) during your stay to point you in the right direction for the best wines, restaurants, markets, walks or cycle rides. We can also advise you on day trips around our breathtaking countryside with its mediaeval castles, chateaux and towns as well as our magnificent rivers that offer many adventures.

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Also worth a visit is Bergerac, 20 minutes drive, the former principal town of the Dordogne. Here you will find wine and tobacco museums and the famous statue of Cyrano de Bergerac in the old town with its cobbled streets running down to the River Dordogne. Take a trip down the river on a converted tobacco barge taking in the sights and watching the kingfishers and herons.



"Cyrano de Bergerac"

An hours drive away is the pretty town of Domme perched above the Dordogne River with its beautiful sandstone buildings and cobbled streets. Here you can explore the caves with wonderful displays of stalactites and stalagmites, well worth the effort!

The only problem our guests face is how to fit in all the sightseeing they wish to do and still have time to relax!

"Eating Out"

There are many local restaurants within a short distance of Les Granges which offer 3 course lunches within wine for 12€. Well worth a visit is Le Camelia, and Castanets (both popular with our clients) and all about 15 minutes drive away and many more.

Accommodation

Clematite (3 single and ensuite) and **Violette** (one double, one twin and one triple bedroom, 2 shower rooms and dishwasher) are entered from an east facing pretty terrace with doors leading into the lounge and dining room with stone walls and exposed beams with Satellite TV. There are books, games and pictures on display and ample subdued lighting making for a homely atmosphere

Marguerite (one double and one twin bedroom and shower room), **Jonquille** (one double, one triple bedroom and shower room) and **Campanule** (one double, one triple bedroom and shower room) are entered from the poolside with their own private terrace with doors leading into the lounge and dining room with stone walls and exposed beams with Satellite TV. There are books, games and pictures on display and ample subdued lighting making for a homely atmosphere.



" bedroom"



"lounge"

Each bedroom is equipped with bedside tables, table lamps, scatter rugs, chest of drawers and fitted wardrobes. Bed linen, duvets, pillows and towels are provided.

Each kitchen is fully equipped with a gas cooker, fridge/freezer, toaster plus all the necessary crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils. There is also a laundry room for guests use. Hot water, electric and gas are included in the price.

Les Granges are a small group of 300 year old, fully restored Bordelais stone farmhouses (which used to be a working farm) with lots of character and charm, set in a small, pretty farming hamlet amongst vines and woodlands. There are walks and bike rides in all directions with only the occasional farm vehicle to disturb you.

Your first sight of Les Granges is from a quiet country lane with views over the vines and woodlands. You arrive at Les Granges driving straight into your own parking space. At the front of the property is an enclosed garden and pathway leading you into the beautifully restored gites overlooking the 12m x 6m pool and paddling pool (fenced and gated). The other side of the property there are panoramic views over the countryside.

Les Granges is full of character and charm offering spacious accommodation with many exposed oak beams and original features.



"The Pool"