

Annual Events in the Dordogne

There are important festivals of music and literature throughout the summer. The **Felibrée** is a celebration of Occitan culture which is held in a different town each year.

Angoulême hosts a vintage car race and a festival of the **Bande Dessinée**, a sophisticated form of comic strip. There is a **mime festival** in **Périgueux**; a Film festival in **Cognac** and a Jazz Festival in **Bergerac**.



From spring onwards, every village hosts its annual **fête**, a colourful 2 day event featuring a gala dinner dance and fireworks.

Truffles, foie gras and walnuts each have their season. **Aubeterre sur Dronne** features an impressive artisans' exhibition where local craftsmen sell their wares on the streets and squares

There are **Flower Festivals: Epeluche** and **St Jean de Côte** are among the favourites.



The climate is pleasant year 'round, warm to hot in summer with comparatively mild winters.

Management

La Dépendance is normally let Saturday to Saturday, from April to October. Management is under an English (French speaking) couple who live nearby.

How to Get There



By Air to Bordeaux La Lande is 1.5 hour's drive

By Train to Angoulême 2.5 hrs from Paris by TGV
6 hrs from London via Lille on Eurostar
La Lande is 45 mins from Angoulême



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Self Catering in South Western France at

LA DÉPENDANCE



La Dépendance is located in the hamlet of *La Lande* in the **Périgord Vert** region of the **Dordogne**.

La Lande features a cluster of golden limestone dwellings with roman tiled roofs on a sunny hill slope overlooking the historic Lizonne river valley. The rolling hills of the surrounding countryside are home to myriad medieval villages and their ancient Romanesque churches.

A **renovated La Dépendance** offers three double bedrooms, two extensive living areas and two bathrooms. There is a renovated kitchen and a refurbished roof-top terrace with its amazing panoramic views.

La Dépendance offers a comfortable and convenient base from which to explore the history and highlights of the Dordogne whilst enjoying a relaxed and quality lifestyle



La Dépendance sleeps 2-6 with 2 bathrooms

The front door of La Dépendance opens into a spacious foyer with wrought iron staircase leading to upstairs accommodation. The foyer also gives access to a second bedroom with twin beds.



Upstairs, **the original loft configuration** is at once dramatic, spacious and light filled. Of particular interest are

the timber beams, some of which retain the shape of the original tree, fastened without nails in a manner dating back to the 11th century.

The open plan **Salon** divides into four. With a tête à tête area, an area with settee and armchairs, a desk and chair, plus a dining area

with seating for 6.

A **fully equipped kitchen** has all new electric appliances. There is English and European satellite television.



At the far end is a **double bedroom and separate bathroom** with generous shower recess.

There is a washing machine in the upstairs bathroom.

To one side of the kitchen a **timber staircase leads to the roof terrace**. There is outdoor furniture allowing you to dine alfresco from morning to night,



Downstairs, the foyer also gives access to a new **living room**, furnished with lounge chairs and dining table for casual entertaining, with double doors opening to the outside. There is a second refrigerator and microwave, a second washing machine and dryer. The new **third bedroom** has a king size bed and there is a **second bathroom** with shower and toilet.

There is private parking directly outside.

The Périgord Vert Area

The natural beauty of the Périgord Vert is unsurpassed. Discover the Dordogne's rich heritage of prehistoric cave art, Roman ruins, feudal fortresses, its medieval churches, and great renaissance chateaux. Here some of the greatest medieval poetry, architecture and art were created.



La Lande is a leafy oasis just 16km from the bustling market town of **Ribérac**.

Villages little changed since the middle ages scatter across hillsides. Here you will find Romanesque churches and ancient fortresses associated with **Richard the Lionheart** and the **Black Prince**.

Food and Wine. The local cuisine is a delight, with its famed foie gras and truffles. From Michelin star restaurants, to the inexpensive bar/restaurants in the villages. Close by are the great wineries of Bordeaux, St Emilion and Cognac.

Self Catering and general requirements can be met at nearby villages of St Séverin and Verteillac. The regional centre Ribérac has hypermarkets and specialty shops. Visit the famous Ribérac Market on Fridays. There are also any number of weekly village markets across the region for you to enjoy.



Sightseeing and Other Activities

Two thousand year old **Périgueux** with its **Roman ruins** and five-domed **Byzantine cathedral** is less than an hour by car.



Visit the island town of **Brantôme**, with

its fairy tale **Abbey** cut into the limestone cliffs, and **Bourdeilles** with its **ancient fortress and renaissance chateau**. Wonder at the **prehistoric cave art** of the Vézère at nearby **Lascaux**.

Other parts of the Dordogne, including the ancient pilgrimage site of **Rocamadour**, medieval **Sarlat**, **bastides** and **feudal castles** of the middle Dordogne and the wine regions of **Bordeaux** are all within comfortable travelling distance



There is golf, tennis, horse riding, swimming and canoeing close by, and cycling and hiking trails.

