

MANOIR COUTENSON

Luxury 17th Century Manor House and Tower.

Near the thermal town of Casteljaloux, S.W. France



General Features

- Sleeps 16
- Eight spacious en-suite bedrooms
- Separate Tower accommodation
- TV -Pool table -B.B.Q.
- Large heated pool in floodlit walled garden
- Period/Antique furnishing throughout
- Games room.

MANOIR COUTENSON is a beautifully restored Manor House built around 1790. Extensive delicate restoration over two years has taken this house to a high standard.

The entrance to the property is through two imposing electrically operated gates, which open onto a short sweeping gravelled drive leading to the house. At night the trees along the drive are floodlit when entering or leaving the property.

Entrance

Large entrance hall with exposed stonewalls, earth fired coloured floor tiles, beamed ceiling, wall hangings and period furniture. Main stairway to bedrooms above. Door leading onto rear garden.



Kitchen

Very spacious, stunning kitchen, heavily oak beamed. Large oak table seats 8/10. All units French style, made of solid quality oak. The kitchen is fully equipped - washing machine, dishwasher, microwave, fridge / freezer. All utensils including cutlery and pots and pans are of good quality. Table and chairs. Window overlooking pool, walled garden and entrance drive

Games Room

Built within the walled garden is the games room with Pool table, darts table games, exercise machines and others children games. Adjoining this room alongside the abri is the table tennis, then shower and toilet.

Lounge

Entered via the main hall or directly through double doors from the garden. The double aspect lounge, measuring 32ft x 17ft has two fireplaces, one at each end of the room. Decorated in an oak beamed rustic manner, it is extremely well furnished with numerous items of French period furniture, table, chairs and rugs throughout. A recess in the main lounge is stocked with over 100 bottles of wine from around the region. Each Chateau bottled wine is marked with its price. We have tried to give a reasonable coverage of prices and selection. Further details on our fact sheet.

Dining Arrangements

Outside: most of the time you will find yourselves eating outside under the abri alongside the pool, two large tables seat 16, its very idealistic, lots of plants, lights all around the walls, floodlit pool, or just dine by candlelight.

Inside on the right, off the hall, is the more formal dining room, very well furnished, seating for 16, large open fireplace should you ever need to use it. This room looks out onto the pool area, the meadow and woods to the rear of the house.



Tower: dining table and chairs for 4

Kitchen: large oak table seats 8/10

Ground Floor Bedroom

A very spacious room directly off the far end of the lounge. Door opening onto rear garden. Although the bathroom/toilet is not an integral part of this room, it is only two steps outside the bedroom in the middle lobby. From the entrance of the house to this bedroom there are no steps and it is therefore suitable for anyone unable to use the stairs.

Second Hallway / Lobby

This is the middle section of the house with a second stairway to the second landing upstairs. The lobby is accessed from the main hall, lounge and downstairs bedroom. There is a separate toilet in this lobby area useful for more general use.

Tower

Separate entrance directly from the garden. All walls in exposed original stone, beamed ceiling, well furnished lounge with open staircase leading to very spacious en-suite bedroom. The tower rooms are ideal for anyone wishing to have more private accommodation from the main house. Each room is 17ft x 14ft. Dining table and chairs for 4.

Bedrooms - Main House

Two separate stairways lead up to 6 lovely bedrooms approached from two landings. Huge oak beams supporting the main roof structure have been incorporated into each of these six bedrooms. All bedrooms are en-suite, fully carpeted and finely furnished. (One bedroom only has its toilet positioned outside the room, due to plumbing difficulties).

The main upstairs hallway has a polished floor, lovely rugs, antique desk and chair with a window overlooking the front garden.



Garden

There is plenty of garden around the house, in all about 4 acres, laid mostly to lawn with an abundance of shrubs, flowers and trees.

On the right side of the house is a large swimming pool set in a beautiful walled garden. Within this garden is a large covered veranda with outside seating for 16 people and a barbecue built into the wall. This part of the garden is ideal for eating out on warm evenings and enjoying the pool, which is only a few feet away.



The land to the rear of the house is laid to lawn, opening onto a field of over 2 acres which is full of wild meadow flowers and an abundance of insects from ladybirds to butterflies. The whole property is fenced.

Pool

Heated pool - all one depth of 1.4m.

Generally

We have tried to take you around our house and give you some idea of what it is like. A lot of effort has been put into the finer details of this house, so, it is hoped, that should you wish to rent our house, you will find it one of the nicest you have ever stayed in. The attached photos will give you a better idea of the standard we have tried to achieve.



Smoke detectors fitted throughout

High chair and cot.

Full Central Heating

Location

Manoir Coutenson is situated in a small hamlet some 8 km from the thermal town of Casteljaloux, the hamlet is peaceful and very typical of French countryside living, just outside Casteljaloux is a huge lake with sandy beaches, boating, fishing, swimming and a restaurant built out over the waters edge. Opposite the lake is a golf course and riding centre. Tennis courts available opposite the sports stade. Several others lakes around the area offer trout fishing by the day. (not expensive).

Les Bains de Casteljaloux: only 5km away from the house are the thermal/spring baths of Casteljaloux in existence since the XIX century, now a modern centre offering a huge range of treatments from massage, saunas, japonsese baths, jacuzzis, mud packs, yoga, etc. Entrance price from €15.

A short drive away is the Medoc/Bordeaux area with 240 Chateaux including all the famous names 'Mouton-Rothschild'. Chateau "Margaux" and Chateau "Latour" etc

Many of these old villages seem to be untouched by time, wonderful old churches, timeless Chateaux, vast areas of woods stretching all the way to the wonderfully elegant seaside town of Arcachon, then down into Pyla with its famous dunes, Biscarrosse with Europe's largest Inland, fresh water lake. Even Biarritz is only about 1h30 away, you are further guaranteed peaceful villages with few tourists and traffic free roads.

The weather is sub-tropical, with summers sometimes lasting from March to October. The climate around this region can be one of the finest in France being on a par with Nice - Provence and the South West Coast.

Although this is a very rural area, you do not have to travel far to find a variety of activities throughout the summer.

Through local newspapers, "le syndicat d'initiative" and posters in the villages, you will find information on local events

For young people one village - or another will always have some outside evening entertainment. The streets are closed off, tables laid out, music until late - eat al fresco and absorb the atmosphere.

Classic Music Festivals are held in the various Abbeys and Chateaux, these can be very spectacular events performed by well know artists and run throughout the summer.

Also throughout the summer wonderful markets days in most villages, all the fresh produce you could want, free range eggs, local "foie gras" and real fresh smelling home grown vegetables.

So, from an evening of street dancing in Casteljaloux to hiring a private plane in Marmande for 1 hour gliding lessons, you can either fall asleep by a tranquil pool side setting in a comfortable Manor house and forget the rest of the world, or get up early; visit many places of interest or do something more energetic -whatever you decide, this is a lovely area to do it in.

A comprehensive selection of brochures and the very many places to visit is kept at the house.



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BEDROOMS DETAILS

Upstairs: approximate sizes:

Bedroom 1 12ft x 18ft
double bed + single bed

Bedroom 2 18ft x 18ft
double bed

Bedroom 3 16ft x 17ft
twin beds

Bedroom 4 19ft x 18ft
double bed

Bedroom 5 18ft x 18ft
twin beds

Bedroom 6 10ft x 16ft
double bed

Bedroom 7
Ground floor 17ft x 13ft
double bed

Tower bedroom inc.stair well 14ft x 19ft
double bed

We realize that the way we have arranged each room will not suit everyone, for this reason if you advise us in advance how many doubles or twins you require we will (within reason) do our best to accommodate your requirements - Cots or Z beds can be made available if parents wish to have small children in their room.

