

# MANOIR DESIDERATA

near Casteljaloux South West



## General features

- 8 Bedrooms, with 7 en-suite
- Large Lounge/Dining room
- Period furnishing throughout
- Sleeps 16+
- B.B.Q.
- 9 acres garden
- Large floodlit heated pool
- Small lake (fenced)
- Private woods

Manoir DESIDERATA is 300 years old, full of character and beautifully presented. A two year detailed restoration has taken this house to a very high standard. The entrance to the property is through electric gates, with the sweeping drive that skirts around the woods, arriving at a flowered roundabout facing the large open veranda in front of the house.

### **Veranda:**

A lovely area to sit and relax in the evening as it looks out over the pool, woods, gardens and distant valley. The veranda is furnished with comfortable chairs and a large table for outside meals.



### **Sitting/Dining Room :**

Entrance from the veranda. This open plan lounge measures approx. 50ft x 20ft with another large dining table with seating for 16 people. A mezzanine level runs most of the length of this lounge leading to the four upstairs bedrooms. On the ground floor to the left of the lounge are three bedrooms, with an additional bedroom to the right. At the very far end is a pool table and darts board. The rest of the lounge is well furnished, with period furniture, cosy sofas and rugs throughout.



### **Second lounge:**

Smaller and more intimate than the other lounge it measures 15ft x 15ft again very well presented, timber beams, wood stove, rugs over earth fired colour tiled floor. Sofa etc.

Also very useful as extra children's bedroom should the seven other bedrooms not be enough, space for up to four put-you-up beds (please discuss with the owners).

### **Kitchen:**

Spacious and well equipped with hopefully most items that you can reasonably want. With fully fitted oak units, a microwave, a fridge freezer and dishwasher. The washing machine and second fridge are in the utility room next door.

### **Bedrooms upstairs:**

Up the open plan stairway, then each bedroom is off the mezzanine walkway. The first three rooms have two steps down into the bedroom, all beautifully furnished, with old beams and sand coloured "pierre apparentes" stone walls. The last bedroom along the walkway is the tower room; this room is very spacious with views overlooking the woods, fields, pool, the 12th Century local church and Bouglon in the far distance.



### **Bedrooms downstairs:**

Three bedrooms are situated to the left of the large lounge/dining area. Two of these rooms look out over the rear meadow and one looks out onto the pool and woods. The bedroom situated to the right of the lounge/dining area was originally a second lounge, but due to constant demand for additional accommodation, is now offered as a children's bedroom. This is the only bedroom that does not have an en-suite; however, there is a toilet situated close by.

**Garden:**

All very well planted out and well tended by our gardener throughout the year. Most of the flowers and shrubs tend to be nearer the house, further away it runs into meadow and the woods. The woods closest to the house are of about 2 acres, lovely to walk through in the summer with several glades and a large pond small lake (fenced). There is a second wood at the far left hand corner of the meadow which has been left totally wild. Between the woods and the pool is a large outside covered area with table tennis table. There is ample parking space for at least 6/8 cars.

**Pool:**

Within a few strides of the house, this 39ft x 19ft heated pool is all at one depth of 1.4 metres. It is floodlit at night with several other lights placed around the surrounding ground. Comfortable sun loungers and outside furniture are provided around the pool.

Smoke detectors fitted throughout.

High chair and cot are available on request.

**Generally**

We have tried to take you around the house and give you an idea of what it is like. A lot of effort has been put into the finer details of the property and it is hoped that, should you wish to spend your holiday at Manoir Desiderata that you will find it to be 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.

**Pool:**

Heated pool - all one depth of 1.4m.

Smoke detectors fitted throughout

High chair and cot.

Full Central Heating

**Location**

Manoir Desiderata is situated in a small hamlet approximately 8 km from the thermal town of Casteljalous, the hamlet is peaceful and very typical of French countryside living. Just outside Casteljalous is a large 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 are available opposite the sports stadium or by the lake. Several others lakes around the area offer trout fishing by the day.

*Les Bains de Casteljalous:* only 5km away from the house are the thermal/spring baths of Casteljalous in existence since the XIX century, now a modern centre offering a huge range of treatments from massage, saunas, Japanese baths, Jacuzzis, mud packs, yoga, etc.

A short drive away is the Medoc/Bordeaux area with 240 Chateaux including all the famous names 'Mouton-Rothschild'. Château "Margaux" and Château "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", posters in the villages and the local tourist office, 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 with tables laid out and music until late - eat al fresco and absorb the atmosphere.

Classical 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 are held in most villages with 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 the many surrounding 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 detailing the many places to visit is kept at the house.



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### Room Details

Ground floor:                      Approximate sizes:

Bedroom 1                          15ft x 12ft  
Double bed

Bedroom 2                          17ft x 15ft  
Twin beds

Bedroom 3                          11ft x 13ft  
Double bed

Bedroom 4                          15ft x 15ft  
Twin beds

Upstairs:

Bedroom 5                          17ft x 17ft  
Double bed

Bedroom 6                          18ft x 17ft  
Double bed

Bedroom 7                          14ft x 17ft  
Twin beds

Tower bedroom 8                  15ft x 16ft  
Double bed

Main lounge                        50ft x 18ft



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.