

# Chateau De Lauzel

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 10

## Overview

Chateau de Lauzel is a six bedroom chateau that sleeps ten guests, found in 24 hectares of arcadian rural woodland that makes up part of the forested valley that extends on its southern boundary to the middle of the Beune River.

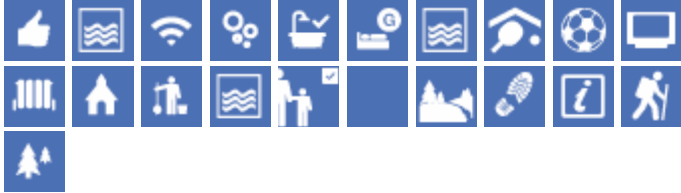
In the cliff face to the east of the Chateau is a huge, troglodyte Pigeonnier (a sort of dovecote) which is currently gated and inaccessible to the public. Further up the valley is the location of the Venus de Laussel, a limestone carving of a woman that dates back some 25,000 years. It's a great place to visit and, as you'd expect, is classified as an artefact of no little historical significance! On the western boundary of the site is the Abri du Cap Blanc, which contains notable Magdalenian friezes and is open to the public.

As the site is set on a hillside which terminates in a steep vertical drop into the valley, the stunning terraces and gardens occur on a series of delightful levels. Outside the wall of the Chateau's courtyard there is a large, formal parterre garden with shady seating areas for relaxing and truly appreciating the delicious local wines!

At a lower level and adjacent to the C17th chapel, is the 11x11m D-shaped swimming pool, which is protected by an audible security system.



Facilities



# Interior & Grounds

The bedrooms at Lauzel are as follows:

## Ground Floor Tower Room

Single bedroom with ensuite

## First Floor Tower Room

Single bedroom with ensuite

## Second Floor

Double bedroom with ensuite. The double bed is made up of two single beds which can be pulled apart slightly if preferred

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## Third Floor Square Tower

Double bedroom: The double bed is made up of two single beds. There are fixed bedside tables either side, but one bed could be pulled forward of a table, and positioned against the wall if you'd prefer the room to have two singles.

## Fourth Floor Square Tower

Double bedroom - The double bed is made up of two single beds. As with the third floor square tower bedroom, there are fixed bedside tables either side but one bed could be pulled forward of a table if you require single beds.

## Interior Description

The ground floor of Chateau de Lauzel has a large vaulted entrance hall connected to the main circular staircase, utility room and cellar. The Hall opens onto a large south-facing terrace overlooking the valley and the historic Chateau Commarque.

The Salon is at first floor level along with the dining room, the galleries and the fully equipped kitchen which includes dishwasher, microwave, electric ovens, gas and electric hob.

On the second floor are two large double bedrooms, each with a shower room (see below) containing a hand basin and WC. All the shower rooms are similarly equipped with walls and floors finished in white mosaic tiling.

On the third floor there is an Octagonal Room containing a 2m Jacuzzi, shower, hand basin, bidet and WC.



In the Small Tower there are two single bedrooms, one on the ground floor and one on the first, each with a wet room containing a hand basin, shower and loo.

In the square keep on both the third and fourth levels you'll find two further double bedrooms. These bedrooms are not equipped with en suite bathrooms but are both within easy reach of the Jacuzzi Room.

The six bedrooms can sleep up to a total of 10 persons in comfort. Access to all upper levels is by circular stone staircases which are not suitable for young children or elderly. Wireless internet available for guest use.

Please be aware that due to the challenges posed by renovating a genuine 13th century medieval castle, the ensuite bathrooms mentioned above are relatively small and do not have a full shower - they do, however, have a removable tap/hose combo on the sinks that can be used as a very basic shower, thanks to these rooms being fully tiled and waterproofed. This small drawback is somewhat mitigated by the beautiful master bathroom that comes complete with a big jacuzzi!

## Location & Local Information

Chateau De Lauzel is situated in the Dordogne (in the country's South West) and is 5km away from the village of Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil and the canton of Marquay, with the medieval town of Sarlat-la-Caneda just 15km away.

The surrounding area includes many Cro-Magnon sites, and Les Eyzies itself is proud to be a leading world centre of pre-historical artefacts and study. located on the River Vezere, it has a new National Palaeolithic Museum which makes a fascinating day out even if history isn't really your thing. The world-famous cave of Lascaux is approximately 15 km north east of Les Eyzies.

This is a region of numerous Chateaux and historical abbeys and contains many villages regarded as the most beautiful in France. The region also includes several 'bastide' (or 'fortified') villages built by the English and French during the 15th century, such as Monpazier and Beaumont.

The local rivers of the Dordogne and the Vezere provide canoeing expeditions and sightseeing river boats. Hot air ballooning, helicopter trips and tourist flights in light aircraft are also offered locally, and will give you a brand new perspective on the beautiful Dordogne landscape.

During the high season, the town of Sarlat offers a wealth of exhibitions, music and events throughout the day and night, together with bustling market days and a huge variety of restaurants and shops.

The nearest airports are Bergerac (54 km from Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil) served by Ryanair and Flybe, Brive-La-Gaillarde (74 km from Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil) served by Air France and City Jet and Bordeaux Merignac (186 km from Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil) served by Easy jet, British Airways and Air France.

By sea, Brittany Ferries serve Caen (Ouistreham) with both day and night services. Caen is 603 km north of Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil. Most of the journey from Caen to Les Eyzies-de-Tayac Sireuil uses the French auto-routes and includes a section on the A20 which is toll free. The 841 km journey from Calais to Les Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil also uses the auto-routes with a section on the toll free auto- route A20.

**Local Activities include:**



- Canoeing on the Vezere river
- Dordogne river boat trips
- Helicopter and hot air ballooning
- Prehistoric Caves
- Local farmhouse restaurants

The summer climate from Easter to September varies from 20 degrees at Easter to 35 degrees in July and August.

The Chateau was completely restored several years ago to a high standard by the current owner, who also happens to be an award winning British Architect!

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000. This is paid in 1 month in advance (bank transfer or card) and refunded after damage inspection.

- Energy costs included?: Yes

- Linen & towels included?: Yes

- Changeover day: Saturday

- Arrival time: 4.00 pm onwards

- Departure time: 10.00 am

- Pets welcome?: No

- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes

- Smoking Allowed?: No

Note: The property lies close to the cliff edge. Should an accident occur the owner or Oliver's Travels do not accept responsibility. Children must be closely supervised at all times.