

La Petite Buissonniere

**Salles Sur Cerou,
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'La Petite Buissonniere' is a beautifully restored old stone cottage located in the Tarn Valley, the Languedoc region of the Midi Pyrenees, and set in its own garden and woodlands

'Salles sur Cerou' is an attractive small village located on the peaceful banks of the River Cerou. It lies between the medieval towns of Cordes, 9 kilometres, and Monesties, 6 kilometres.

Salles is a typical french village (population 200) with history dating back to 700C. The houses in the village are built of the renowned 'Pierre de Salles', as indeed is the cottage, a beautiful pinky brown stone generally only found in our area. From spring onwards the villagers fill the village with an array of flowers providing a picturesque sight.

The village has an Auberge, within walking distance of the cottage, and close at hand is a Ferme Auberge which offers fresh food produced on the farm. The area in general has a wide selection of restaurants offering simple food to the more gourmet.



'La Petite Buissonniere', built of the renowned 'Pierre de Salles', is a beautifully restored, spacious and airy cottage, full of architectural interest in a tranquil, hillside setting overlooking the River Cerou , farmland and the valley beyond. Adjacent to the cottage is the Manor House

occupied by the English owners, so should you have any problems or require any assistance during your stay we are at hand.

The cottage comprises two floors:

The ground floor provides a spacious hallway leading off to two bedrooms. One double bedroom with en suite bathroom lies to the left of the hallway and the other, a twin bedded room, lies to the right of the hallway. Adjacent to the twin bedded room is a spacious shower room with toilet.



A galleried stairway leads to the upper floor providing a large open plan living area with outstanding views from the two windows to the front, which sadly photos cannot do justice – you just have to see it to understand. There is a fully fitted kitchen in bleached oak with electric oven/hob, dishwasher, microwave, and fridge/freezer.



Dining area with refectory table and lounge with TV, video, video library, radio, CD, and telephone.

To the front and side of the cottage are parking area, flower bed, lawn and 'boule pitch'. Table tennis is at hand in an open barn of the Manor House.

To the rear of the lounge, french windows open onto the veranda for outside eating, BBQ and garden.

There is a separate laundry room, linen and house towels are provided.

The 10 X 5 meter swimming pool is set in its own tranquil setting against the background of a 'pigeonnier'. Sun loungers are provided. Also shaded area with 'tonneau', table and chairs. If you do not want to tour around you can have a relaxing day by the pool and later enjoy a barbeque and a good bottle of wine.



A variety of leisure activities are close by which include canoeing, tennis, horse riding, fishing, golf, and sailing. The Tarn is renowned as spectacular walking country. There are varied walks you can take from the cottage without getting in your car. Also, a short drive from the cottage is a large lake with a variety of water activities.

There are in the area many places to visit and on a two-week holiday it is unlikely you will have time to see them all. The area is abundant with medieval towns and villages. The scenery is spectacular and varies from open country, woodlands, rivers, gorges and vineyards - the latter particularly towards Gaillac - but there is an excellent vineyard within a few minutes drive from the house.



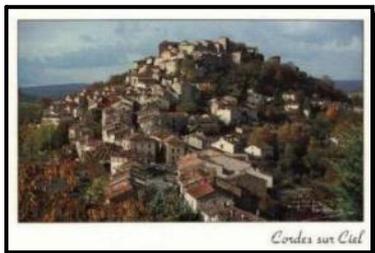
Whether your interest is scenery, history, architecture, gastronomy, wine tasting or sports there is something for everyone. It is, in many people's view, one of the most attractive, versatile and unspoilt areas of France and a place to be enjoyed.

Excellent facilities exist for major food shopping. There is a hypermarket within 15 minutes drive and many others in nearby Albi. Also there are several good butchers, bakers etc. in Cordes and Monesties.

The nearest major town is Albi (about 20 minutes drive), a centre of culture with its famous cathedral and the Toulouse-Lautrec art gallery. Toulouse-Lautrec was born here and the residence remains bearing the family name. The old town boasts many attractive boutiques and within Albi an abundance of restaurants.

Further a field is Toulouse, 70 kilometres, a bustling and major city of France and a 'bonne' shopping centre.

For those seeking beauty and tranquillity the Tarn is one of the most delightful and unspoiled areas of France. This area of the Tarn is characterised by a diversity of landscapes - the sun-drenched hillside vineyards of the Gaillac wine appellation, the dramatic gorges of the Aveyron river, the vast forests of Gresigne, and undulating countryside.



The region is also steeped in history with many medieval towns dating back to the early 13th century. Nearby is one of the best-preserved medieval villages in France 'Cordes sur Ciel' and 'Albi' spanning the River Tarn with its historical cathedral.

Cordes, a 13th century bastide town perched on a hilltop, provides good essential shopping, restaurants and a Saturday market. Within a short journey (20 Kms) is the historical and picturesque city of Albi with its cathedral renowned to have one of the most magnificent painted vaulted ceilings in the world, the Toulouse Lautrec museum, restaurants and shops.

The local fetes and markets are full of french flavour and well worth a visit. During the high season, most villages/towns in our area have their 'fiesta' as indeed it does in Salles. The Tarn is an ideal location for 'recharging the batteries'. With some of the most outstanding countryside in France, the scenery and views are forever changing added to which are its historical past and the many medieval towns and villages.



If you do not know the region, it is very rural and the people are friendly and very willing to help, despite 'français limite'. Traffic here is not a problem, even during the 'High Season'.