



La Bergerie de Tournon

Tournon - d'Agenais

6 persons



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Located in the Valley du Lot: At the entrance of the Perigord, at 3 km of **Tournon d'Agenais**, the royal bastide from the XIIIth century. Within the old body of a farm, at a property of 15 hectares, **2 restored gites, restored** with respect of the inheritance, with pink briquettes and old stones. **Shared heated swimming pool. Superb panoramic view over the valley.** Pool close in cold season.

Description La Bergerie - 150 m2 - 6 persons:

The two gites are very well equipped with all comfort. Each gite has its private terrace. 3 Bedrooms - possibility for a 4th one. (2 x 90/1 x 140/1 x 140) - a big bathroom (bath + shower / 2 handwash bassins) - great american kitchen - open fireplace - wash-house - central heating with fuel - 2 toilets

- completely equipped with dishwasher / washing machine/ 2 refrigerators / deepfreezer / coffeemachine / tea-set / watercooker / iron + ironing-board - private terrace with gardenfurniture , BBQ and pergola - completely separate from the other gite (Le Pigeonnier). Internet Adsl.

Outside:

Shared heated swimming pool - table tennis - babyfoot - badminton. Measures pool: 10 x 5m - deep 90 - 210. Secured by a fence and an alarm.

Sports/ Activities: fishing - excursions – hiking/Locally: swimming pool (10m x 5m), covered portal, table tennis, possibility to rent bikes in the village. There are several walks starting in Beauville, fishing at 300m, horse riding at 6-13 km, archery 13km, Lauzerte - golfcourse 15km. Canoe - kayak/ boatrips on the river and parachute jumping.

Surroundings: Pays des Bastides

A bit of history

Bastides, called “new towns” in the Middle Age, are an exceptional part of the heritage of South-Western France. They were built during the XIII and XIV centuries for political, economic and military reasons. Before the Hundred Years’ War, France and England led a policy of structuring their areas of influence by creating the Bastides. In order to attract settlers to the new cities, the founder of a bastide (king, clergy member or noble) would donate land to those who agreed to build there, and granted them a series of privileges such as freedom, security or ownership. In return, the founder reserved the right to collect taxes and to organize armies in case of war. The bastide was thus a centre of organised population and commercial exchange grouping together peasants, craftsmen and merchants to emphasize the importance of agricultural produce and to occupy land coveted by the enemy.

The architectural concept of bastides

Bastides were built according to functional rules. The plan was usually arranged in a grid pattern and comprised graded plots of land. Bastides are organized around a square, frequently surrounded by arcades, with a market in the centre, topped by the “Salle des Consuls”(“Consuls’ Hall”). Houses built of torchis, brick and stone are arranged in beautiful irregularity along the straight roads. The church is frequently set back from the square.

The Region of Bastides

It extends from South of Périgord to North of Agenais. The bastides resemble each other but have some distinguishing trait, such as the original design of the square or the road design