

Two medieval cottages for rent in beautiful south west France



La bonne vie
the French way

The area

In the heart of south west France is the beautiful unspoilt region of the Midi-Pyrenees. It is here, in the department of the Lot, that you will find the historic village of Puy l'Evêque rising from the River Lot – reputedly one of the prettiest villages in the region.

The Lot has been named a 'Land of Wonders' and is famous for its medieval villages. Rivers have created deep valleys, above which perch impregnable castles and cliff-top towns such as Rocamadour and St-Cirq Lapopie. The region benefits from hot summers and mild winters, and with the river running through the valley, the area stays fertile and green all year round.

Much of this wonderful region is still un-industrialised and rich in natural resources. Tourist and cultural activities are well developed, including many sports and leisure activities – providing a holiday region suitable for all ages and interests.

Getting to Puy l'Evêque couldn't be easier – for those wishing to fly, Puy l'Evêque is only about one-and-a-half hours drive

from Toulouse and Bergerac or just over two-and-a-half hours from Bordeaux, Limoges and Carcassonne. For those driving from the UK, it is situated 40 minutes from the main A20 autoroute and central Cahors. Spain is also within easy reach, giving access to the many ski resorts in and around Andorra and the Pyrenees.

In the village there are a number of shops for day-to-day needs. Just on the outskirts there is a small supermarket. While for a larger selection, nearby Prayssac and Fumel offer a wider choice. There are also many restaurants and bars if you prefer to sample the wonderful local culinary specialities – such as truffles, foie gras and walnuts, as well as the excellent local AOC Cahors wine.

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The picturesque self-catering cottages nestling close to the banks of the River Lot, offering a unique opportunity to sample the good life. No. 4 is the cottage on the left and No. 6 on the right.



For those seeking the more active lifestyle, there is tennis, golf, horse riding, rock climbing and many marked cycle and walking routes, as well as museums, ancient churches and caves and charming villages.

For a more restful pace, a walk around the local markets and shops may be just the thing, followed by a visit to one of the cafés – ideal for just sitting and watching the world go by!

Why not let us know your interests before you arrive, and let us help you make the most of your time in the region?

The accommodation

Nos.4&6 Rue des Mariniers

The two cottages date back to the early 1700s and can work well rented together for larger parties or separately.

Built in a local stone, both cottages have a great deal of character and beautiful views over the river. They nestle in Rue des Mariniers, and are approached through a characteristic stepped alleyway.

Fully renovated in a traditional manner, keeping all the original character of beamed ceilings, stone walls, plus tiled and wooden floors. They have fully fitted kitchens with dishwashers, fridges and microwaves and benefit from central heating and beautiful log fires for the cooler days. Each cottage has a terrace with BBQ for those lazy summer evenings.

No.6 is entered via a modern, well-equipped kitchen with a small dining table and an original stone sink, which is still

in use. The shower room leads off from the kitchen. A stone staircase leads to the first floor sitting room with an open fireplace. Beside this is a family room with satellite TV and video and views over the River Lot. A sofa bed means this room is easily converted into another bedroom.

In the sitting room a wooden staircase provides access to the master bedroom with double bed and wardrobe space. As you step from the front of the cottage, you will find the terraced area.

No.4 provides similar accommodation. The cottage is entered via the hallway, with the shower room off to the left. Through the hall you reach the well-equipped kitchen with a large dining table. From here a door leads outside to the terrace - giving splendid views over the river. Wooden stairs lead from the hallway in to the main sitting room which features a large open fireplace with wood burning stove and satellite TV and video. The two double bedrooms lead off from the sitting room.

How long you spend with us is, of course, down to you – a relaxing weekend, a week, or even several months!

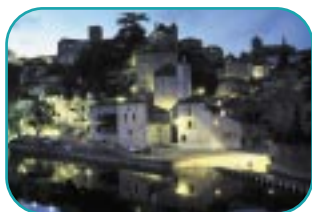
Booking

Puy l'Evêque has charming qualities through all of the seasons and the cottages are available for rent all year round.

If this information has whet your appetite and you would like to find out more, please contact us using the details overleaf (page 1).

Prices and availability:

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Cottage No. 4 – lounge



Cottage No. 6 – lounge