

# Larmalie

## Description

Larmalie is a hamlet consisting of three main houses with barns situated in the north Dordogne area of France. The hamlet is at the end of a lane with no through traffic.

The accommodation described here consists of the main farm house and two self-contained units inside the large barn with the centre area of the barn used for access and storage. There are two main garden areas, one overlooked by the house and barn featuring a stone built well and substantial former hen house and the other forming an L shape around the main house. Both areas have shade trees. Larmalie is fully equipped and furnished. It sleeps 10 people.



The barns



Main farm house

## Main farm house (on 2 floors)

**The first floor** has 2 large double bedrooms, the smaller of the two having a washbasin.

There is also a smaller nursery room with a cot and stored folding bed. Off the spacious landing there is a washroom with toilet and washbasin.

**The ground floor** has a large family room which includes the kitchen with dishwasher at one end and seating, a wood burner and a small TV at the other. The door at the kitchen end opens onto a stone terrace.

The smaller living room has a wood burner, sofa bed and single bed.

A bathroom with bath, shower etc and a washing machine is situated off the entrance lobby.

## The barns

**South Barn** has a large 'studio' room with double bed or two single beds  
There is also a bathroom with shower.



South Barn

The former mangers have been converted into a single bed space as well as kitchen and other cupboards. The outdoor games are stored in these cupboards. The French windows lead to a private terrace.

**North Barn**, the smaller of the 2 barn units has a double bedroom on the first floor. The ground floor has large washroom and living area with a fridge and a breakfast cooking facility.

**Centre Barn** is used for storage and provides access to each barn unit and separates North and South Barns.

## Additional equipment

- ≈ High chair
- ≈ Swings, gymnastic bar etc
- ≈ Paddling pool
- ≈ Sandpit
- ≈ Folding table-tennis table
- ≈ Outdoor furniture
- ≈ Weber barbeque



The garden

## Local amenities

Allemans (about 5 minutes drive) has a baker, café/bar and convenience shop.  
St Séverin (about 15 minutes drive) has three butchers, grocer, bars and cafes, large convenience store and fabulous baker.

Ribérac, famous for its Friday market, is also the closest town. It has a very large supermarket outside the town as well as restaurants, cafes, bars and shops. Staff at the Tourist Office are very helpful and speak English.

## Getting there

Flying: nearest airports Bordeaux and Bergerac. Both about an hours drive.

Train: nearest station: Angoulême (good connections from Paris) – about an hours drive from the house.

Ferry: Dover – Calais. Ferry and drive takes about a day leaving from London.



## Local activities

### River swimming

A small, well maintained swimming area on the river Dronne(10 minutes by car, signposted Comberanches) is used by locals and English to cool off on hot days  
A weir to the side of the river adds to the interest.

Aubeterre has a man-made beach on the river which is ideal for children. It also has cafes and bars.

Lisle (about 20 minutes away) has a river lido which has lifeguards during the summer months. It is also a charming village with a popular restaurant.

### Fêtes

Most of the local villages have their own Fêtes during the peak summer months.  
One of the best known is the river fête at Epéluche held at the end of August.

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### Swings

There is a large frame for swings. There are two swing, one baby swing and gymnastics bar with hoops.



### Side view

The longer side of the house with the old hen house which is used to store the benches and chairs.



### Family room

A large space with comfortable chairs includes a TV and wood burner.



### Main house kitchen

Has a long table and is part of the Family Room.



### Smaller living room

Has a wood burner, sofa bed and single bed.



### North barn - bedroom

One double or two single beds.



## Local attractions

### Brantôme

Brantôme is an attractive town situated on an 'island' surrounded by the river Dronne. It is sometimes known as the Venice of the Dordogne



### Ribérac

Also set in the Dronne valley, Ribérac is at its best on a Friday, market day for reputedly the biggest market in Périgord.



### Périgueux

The 'capital' of the Dordogne contains an interesting medieval and renaissance centre. There are attractive streets lined with medieval houses concentrated in the region around the cathedral.



### St Emilion

Saint-Emilion is in the heart of a renowned wine growing area. The vineyard and the landscape are listed by the UNESCO as World Heritage.



### Aubeterre sur Dronne

Aubeterre has charming narrow streets and ancient buildings including a church carved into a rock face. Built in the shape of an amphitheatre this former stronghold is now classified as one of France's prettiest villages.



### Bergerac

The highlight of a trip to Bergerac is the old town, the area immediately north of the river, signposted 'vieille ville'. This part of the town has some lovely streets and squares to explore, and a variety of shops as well as many restaurants.

