



Courtois

Le Fel

Entraygues-sur-Truyere

Aveyron

France



www.courtois.co.uk

Courtois

Sleeps 6 people:

Bedrooms:

2 double rooms - with en suites
1 Room with twin beds
Separate bathroom with bath & shower
Separate toilet

Facilities:

Wood burning stove
English Satellite TV, CD & DVD Player
Central heating
Bed linen & towels supplied
Laundry Facilities

**Swimming Pool
& Gardens:**

8m x 3m, 1.2m deep Oval Pool
Sun lounges
Barbecue
Several terraces around the property
including covered terrace beside the pool

Beautiful mature gardens with stunning views
of the Lot river & Lot valley

Woodland area
Ample Parking



Courtois is almost 200 years old, a stone cottage with the traditional “fishscale” tiled roof, originally two cottages built for the vineyard workers. The garden still maintains the vineyard terracing. But now a warm, period and inviting holiday home.

Situated in a tranquil, south facing sheltered combe of the valley, with spectacular views of the river Lot and surrounding valleys, from almost every aspect of the house and gardens.

Courtois comprises of a large, beamed ceiling, open plan living room with a new kitchen and dining area.



At one end of the room you have an inglenook fireplace, with wood burning stove, and at the other a window overlooking the river. The kitchen has an electric hob, extractor and oven with integrated dishwasher and refrigerator.



In addition, on the ground floor there is a bathroom (with shower over the bath) and separate toilet; a twin bedded room and a additional room with door leading to pool area and gardens.

There is also a large double bedroom with en suite shower facilities, with its' own private access and terrace overlooking the pool. Allowing privacy and flexibility when two or more couples are staying in the house.

The master bedroom has a vaulted beamed ceiling with en suite shower facilities and window overlooking the river.

Laundry facilities are available in ‘la cave’ (basement) under the house.

As part of the facilities, we have provided for the use of guests, numerous DVD's and CD's suitable for all ages.

There is also a collection of books available for use within the cottage and a small selection of games suitable for all ages.

Gardens and Pool

Courtois has a large drive with ample parking.

The house is approached by a set of stone curving steps, reaching the front entrance with a vine covered terrace on the left. This is ideal for catching the morning sun and admiring the river and valley.

Within the vine covered terrace are a table and chairs, which provide an ideal opportunity for breakfast as the sun rises.



At the side of the cottage there is a large outdoor shaded dining area which looks down upon the river below, and which sits beside the large oval 8m x 3m swimming pool which is 1.2m deep.

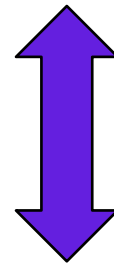
The pool is surrounded by a beautiful array of plants and shrubs

And there are sun loungers, chairs and a barbecue.

There is also a lawned area opposite the breakfast terrace with seating beneath a wisteria and honeysuckle where once again there is another amazing view of the valley below.



Beautiful Gardens



At the rear of the property there is a large area of woodland to explore should you so wish.

The cottage has extensive gardens and woodland with an abundance of Mediterranean plants, wild flowers and wildlife. Perfect for a holiday away from the madding crowds!

Birds and lovely butterflies are in abundance around the plants and flowers.



The Local Area

Le Fel is the village above the house (a few minutes by car) sat on the plateau of the hill of the valley, which is the boundary between the two departments (counties) of Aveyron and Cantal.

A beautiful village with tennis courts, walks, a very good Auberge and the local vineyard. Vineyards in the area have been and continuing to be replanted following the 1860's outbreak of phylloxera.

Entraygues-sur-Truyere

Entraygues was founded in the 13th century, with gothic bridge, chateau and 14th century fortifications, situated on the confluence of the Lot and Truyere. Entraygues being aptly named "between waters" in Occitan. A medieval town that offers plenty to do including fishing, swimming, canoeing and walking.

Each river, the Lot and the Truyere is spanned by a medieval bridge, the last two in the upper valley of the Lot.

Entraygues is a beautiful and unspoilt medieval town providing all that you may need, just 5 minutes by car. It offers:

Bakers, butchers, wine shop a grocery shop, fishing tackle shop, cinema, pottery, cinema, boutiques, post office and even a chateau.

There are plenty of other shops to browse as well as cafes and restaurants, in which to dine, particularly in the square where you can watch the world go by.

There are weekly markets, twice weekly in the summer



The Region

Courtois sits in the Vallee du Lot which is in the north of the department (county) known as Aveyron, which is one of eight within the Midi-Pyrenees. Here the Truyere river joins the river Lot.

The region has short, sharp winters, followed by an early spring and long hot summers and late autumn, an almost Mediterranean style climate.

This stretch of the Vallee du Lot, from Entraygues to Grand Vabre is said to be the most beautiful (according to the "Rough Guide to France")

We think you will agree!

There are so many untouched, beautiful medieval villages to visit and so much more.



**Breakfast terrace
Looking down on
the Lot**

We give you a small taste of the area:

Estaing

A medieval village, one of Aveyrons' prettiest, positioned at the entrance to the Lot gorges and at the foot of the Aubrac mountains . There is a chateau, gothic bridge and beautiful church to discover, just a few kilometres up the river Lot from Entraygues.

Conques

A major cultural centre, the site of Conques, an important staging post on the pilgrims way to Santiago de Campostela. A very untouched village with restricted car access, but with parking facilities at the edge of the village.

Rodez

The departmental capital of Aveyron, an historic city with the cathedral of Notre Dame (13th - 16th century), a master piece of Gothic architecture. It is magnificently floodlit at night during the summer.

Marcillac

Has a lovely busy market on Sunday mornings and it also produces local wines. A lovely drive a long the Dourdou (a tributary entering the Lot) and through the red sandstone.

Vieillevie Chateau

Vieillevie is an auvergne village where pig and goat markets were held near a crossing point on the river, controlled by a 15th and 16th century castle, with impressive battices (open to the public during the summer). This visit can always be followed by a lunch at “La Terrasse”opposite the chateau.



Millau Viaduct

Part of the A75, a spectacular piece of engineering, successfully combing British design and French civil engineering.

There is so much to see and do and it all depends how close or how far you wish to travel.

Whatever you decide to do it can always be preceded or followed by a delicious meal and wine.

A wide range of restaurants are available locally, here are but a few:

Auberge du Fel, 05 65 44 52 30

Delicious food prepared by Elizabeth Albesby.

Restaurant de La Terrasse, Vieillevie

You can spend a pleasant meal on the wisteria covered terrace.

Auberge, Mur de Barrez 05 65 66 0076

Excellent food by Christaian Guadel, winner of Logis de France Awards

Chez Marie, Grand Vabre

A warm, friendly restaurant and amazing value for money.

Le Fleurie, Montsalvy 04 71 49 20 02

Always an interesting menu and popular with locals.



Restaurant du Centre, Square in Entraygues 05 65 44 5119

It is a very friendly, a lively local restaurant.

Café d'Independence, Square in Entraygues

Great for coffee, Crepes and a light lunch. A nice friendly family run business.

Restaurant Le Truyere at the Hotel la Riviere, Le Pont de Truyere, Entraygues
05 65 66 16 83 www.hotellariviere.com

A relatively new and refreshing establishment. The most sophisticated place in the area, with great food and attentive service.

The local wines are very good and really only sold locally. The mildness of the climate in the sheltered valley has enabled vines to be grown since the middle ages. These are well made wines only produced in small quantities.



Activities

Canoeing/Kayaking

Entraygues: 05 65 44 54 90 / Grand Vabre 05 65 69 84 24

Rental of canoes/kayaks is available from Entraygues or Vieillevie and you follow the river down to Grand Vabre. As long as you are able to swim the river accessible to all.

It is great to see the valley from such a different perspective.



Fishing

Trout, carp and pike-perch give the river Lot an enviable reputation amongst keen anglers.

There are so many areas along the river Lot and Truyere to fish you are spoilt for choice, You can be on full view in Entraygues or Estaing or find a more secluded area along the river, or even fish from a boat.

Fishing permits are available locally – bars or tourist information

Horse Riding

There are numerous equestrian establishments in the area for those wishing to explore on four feet!

Golf Tel: 05 56 44 4141 www.hotel-golfmezeyrac.com

The golf course at Mezeyrac is considered one of the most beautiful 9 hole golf course in France.

Sailing/Wind Surfing

There are numerous lakes in the area if sailing is your thing.

WinterSkiing

The ski resorts are only an hour drive away.

A volcanic plateau situated in the north of the department, Aubrac boasts kilometres of marked trails for skiing.



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Beautiful oak beamed kitchen and dining area with large inglenook fireplace and all 'Mod Cons'



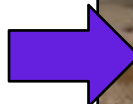
Master Bedroom with en-suite and stunning oak 'A' frame – overlooks river



En-suite to Bedroom 2, all new with original oak floors



Separate double bedroom with original oak floors, stunning river views and sitting area.



Markets

The markets tend to start early and finish soon after mid-day.

Aurillac: Saturday morning

Entraygues: Wednesday evening 6-8pm in July & August. Lively occasion usually with music.

Tuesday & Friday morning

Espalion: Friday mornings - a large market.

Estaing: Thursday evenings starting at 6pm in the summer.

Grand Vabre: Sunday mornings

Figeac: Saturday morning - a huge market.

Mur de Barrez: Thursday morning. July & August 2 evening markets

Montsalvy: Small market Thursday morning

Rodez: Wednesday morning, Friday afternoon and Saturday morning

St Cyprien sur Dourdou: First Thursday of each month.



Journeying to the Area

By Plane:

Stansted to Rodez Airport www.ryanair.com

Dublin to Rodez

One hour by car from Rodez airport.

Gatwick/Southampton/E.Midlands to Toulouse airport

www.easyjet.com

3 hours drive from Toulouse

Stansted to Montpellier Airport

www.ryanair.com

2 hours drive from Montpellier

By Road:

The French roads are a lot less busy than our British roads. The toll roads take cash or credit cards, but can be quicker via a credit card at busy time.

We can give you local directions on how to reach the house.

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Amazing

Enjoy



Views

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Fishing in the river Lot

Canoeing on the Lot



Relax by the pool with a Bottle of local wine

BOULES

VACANCES

