



# LA JOLLETTE



**LUXURY HILLSIDE  
MAISON DE MAITRE**  
WITH PRIVATE POOL

“An elegantly furnished and imposing maison de maitre  
enjoying wonderful mountain views from its hill-top position”

## INTRO

The villa enjoys a standalone, hill-top location on the southern outskirts of the town. Its elevated situation affords it excellent views to the Pyrenees. The property is tucked away thanks to its long driveway and there is no passing traffic. As such the location feels very private..

"Oloron-Ste-Marie is a traditional Béarnais market town to the south west of Pau. The stunning scenery is a key reason to visit this area."



# WHAT MAKES LA JOLIETTE A GREAT HOLIDAY RENTAL?



Luxury Hillside Maison de Maitre  
With Views of The Pyrenees

Very few holiday properties can match the elegance of la Joliette. It's a beautiful yet very informal home, tastefully renovated by its British owners.

la Joliette delivers the whole package – superb accommodation, high spec, privacy and outstanding views.

There are numerous nearby Activities for all the family to enjoy:

Cycling · Horse-riding · Birdwatching · Fishing · Wine-tasting · Hiking · Mountain biking · Mountain sports · Skiing & winter sports



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The property is well-known in the town and has quite a colourful history too. The house was built in the mid 1800's for the Bishop of Oloron. It was owned by the Church until the 1920's, and by one family since then, until a British family purchased it in 2005. For some years, from the 1960's until the mid-1980's it was a small hotel and restaurant and the present owners tell us that it had "a bit of a reputation". For what, we're not quite sure but it just adds to la Joliette's appeal!



## Most Suitable for:

Families for whom the beach is less important but who do want a successful combination of outdoor activities and classic French culture. Outside the summer school holidays, La Joliette is available in winter for ski-ing trips, hikers in Spring & Autumn and is popular with couples here to enjoy the local scenery, market towns and culture.



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## WHY OLORON-STE-MARIE?

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A charming and bustling market town in 'deep France'. There are a few monuments of interest but the market day is the best time to visit and sample the Bearnais life. Oloron is also an established gateway to the Pyrenees and its many activities.



## LOCAL AMMENITIES.

- Nearest village / town: Oloron Ste Marie (2 kms)
- Nearest beach: Biarritz or Hossegor coastlines are c. 1hr 30 mins
- Boulangerie: In the local square 1km or Oloron-Ste-Marie 2kms
- Restaurants: Oloron-Ste-Marie 2kms
- Market: Oloron-Ste-Marie 2kms

## TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS

Distance to nearest major transport connections:

Pau airport: 39.1 km  
 Lourdes Airport 73 km  
 Biarritz airport: 115.3 km  
 Toulouse Airport 227 km  
 Bourdeaux Airport 252 km  
 Pau railway station: 31.7 km  
 Bilbao ferry port: 251.0 km  
 Santander ferry port: 348.1 km  
 St Malo ferry port: 775.0 km



# GROUND FLOOR

The main entrance, via the stone staircase, leads into a spacious entrance hall. To the right is a dining area with table for up to 10 persons, and to the left is the kitchen. Generously equipped, the kitchen also has access to a south-facing decked terrace. The hallway leads to the spacious grand séjour. This is the principal room of the house and has been furnished to a very high standard

Features include huge mirrors and a marble fireplace. This is an extremely comfortable space for resting in the evening, after a long and delicious meal on the terrace! There is plenty of seating, plus flat screen TV, CD stereo and DVD. There are lots of DVDs for guests' use.

A wonderful, original carved wooden staircase leads from the hallway to the first and second floors.



# BREAKFAST TERRACE

THE BREAKFAST TERRACE IS SOUTH-FACING AND IS ACCESSED FROM THE KITCHEN



# FIRST FLOOR

4 BEDROOMS (SLEEPS 8)

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The four bedrooms are situated on the first floor. Each has a pleasant aspect and benefit from attractive, original wood flooring

**Bedroom 1** – queen-size double bed, double wardrobe, bedside cabinets x2. En-suite shower room with WC and basin. Views to the front of the house.

**Bedroom 2** – twin beds, chest of drawers, dressing table. En-suite shower room with WC and basin. Views to the front of the house.

**Bedroom 3** – twin beds, double wardrobe, dressing table, bedside cabinets x2. En-suite shower room with WC and basin. Views west to the rear of the house.



**Bedroom 4 (Master Bedroom)**– king-size double bed, double wardrobe, chest of drawers, bedside cabinets x2, fireplace. Private bathroom with bath, shower, double basins & WC. Views to the south and west..

GALLERY

# GAMES ROOM

With table tennis table and stereo  
(with iPod input), TV, DVD and Video

The games room leads onto  
the pool terrace



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# HOW TO BOOK

THIS SETS OUT THE STEPS INVOLVED IN SECURING YOUR BOOKING FOR LA JOLIETTE AND WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE RUN UP TO YOUR BOOKING.



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## Step 1

Have a look at availability and prices and decide which week/weeks you are interested in. Please note that from mid-June to mid-September we only accept bookings for a full week, or weeks (4pm on a Saturday to 10.00am the following Saturday). Outside of these dates we can be more flexible, so if you are looking at non-peak period renting, please contact us.

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## Step 2

Once you have decided what you would like, please complete the booking request form. This will ask for details of the party, any special requests such as cots/high chairs. This will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions. Please note that we do not accept stags/hens or any booking that appears to be such.

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## Step 3

You will hear back from us, hopefully with a confirmation of acceptance and a request to pay a 25% non-refundable deposit for your booking. You will be given UK bank account details for the payment and once received, your booking is confirmed and the time you have booked will be shown as “unavailable”.

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## Step 4

You will be sent a request for payment of the balance due, again to a UK bank account. If this is not paid within 5 working days, the week/weeks you have reserved will be released and your deposit will be forfeited. Once payment is received in full you can look forward to what we hope will be, a wonderful stay in a beautiful part of France



Large, heated pool 12x6m.  
Depth range 1.0 – 2.0m. Roman  
steps. Protected by cover. Pool  
in use May through September.

# PRIVATE POOL





## Outside

The house lies in a generous plot of land, about 1.5 ha in total. There is plenty of space front and back for kids to play.

# THE LOCAL AREA

Oloron Ste Marie (2 kms)

## Oloron-Ste-Marie

A bustling market town located at the junction of the rivers Aspe and Ossau and was in fact two separate towns until 1858. It is a pleasant town worthy of a visit particularly on market day (Friday). In the past it was an important staging post on the pilgrim's route to Santiago de Compostela and in memory of this route there are contemporary sculptures located at historic points of interest in the town. For a great view up the Vallée d'Aspe to the mountains extending into the Pays Basque, walk along the top of the old ramparts (near Église Ste-Croix).

Other sites worth a visit are the Ste-Marie cathedral which began life in the 12th century; the Pont de Ste-Claire over the Gave d'Aspe – an early work of Gustav Eiffel; the Quartier Ste-Croix has a delightful medieval square; and the genteel Jardin Publique with its own Victorian bandstand.



# THE LOCAL AREA

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## Haut-Béarn

This is a wonderful landscape that forms a natural boundary between France and Spain. It is also a haven for outdoor pursuits. Two beautiful river valleys – d'Ossau and d'Aspe – offer great walking/hiking, mountain biking and, in Spring, good white-water potential. Parasailing, rock-climbing, horse-riding and fishing are also popular. Skiing is possible at nearby stations such as Gourette.

## Soeix

At Soeix (3kms south east of Oloron-Ste-Marie), there is an excellent white-water rafting centre. It's very popular in the summer and it's recommended that you visit the centre early during your stay to book a trip.







# LA JOLIETTE

We look forward to having you stay

*John & Pippa*

*Leslie*

