Welcome - Bienvenue

The Gysling Family is at your service every step of the way, from helping you to plan and design your dream holiday, to arrival and throughout your stay. We love to share our passion for hospitality and our knowledge of the local area.

When you check in, we will be there to greet you and show you around the property. A beautiful hamper will have been prepared especially for you and your guests.

We can also suggest that you pre-order dinner delivery for your first evening. This will save you the stress of shopping and cooking and give you more time to relax when you arrive.

Deirdre McGlone & Marc Gysling
Owners

Le Moulin sur Célé

Voted No. 7 in The Times annual travel guide to the 100 greatest holidays on the planet

Located in the heart of the Célé valley in southwest France, Le Moulin is an exclusive holiday rental villa that combines rustic charm with serviced accommodation, personal concierge and private chef on request.

Owned and managed by former hoteliers, the Gysling family, this recently renovated 16th century watermill is available to rent for up to **10 guests** on a weekly basis from May to October.

Guests enjoy the privacy of the grounds, swimming pool and riverbank, as well as the option of exploring the Lot region of France which is noted for its food, wine, culture and stunning scenery on the pilgrim's path to Santiago de Compostela.

Le Moulin comprises two buildings:

- **The Miller's House** – kitchen, dining room, 3 bedrooms
- **The Tower** – cocktail bar, lounge, 2 bedrooms

Accommodation Summary

- 3 Double en suite rooms
- 2 Twin en suite rooms
- Sleeps: **10**

Key features:

- 16th century water mill
- 15 acres of grounds
- 12 x 4.5 metre private pool
- Grass tennis court
- River swimming & canoeing

The Miller's House Kitchen

FARMHOUSE-STYLE KITCHEN / SITTING ROOM

It's always a pleasure to cook or be cooked for in this recently redesigned French country kitchen, complete with an excellent range of modern appliances and equipment such as food fridges, wine fridge, dishwasher, toaster, cafetière, copper pans and professional chef knives.

The *La Cornue* French gas cooker and electric oven are simple to use and the kitchen island is sociable place to gather while food is being prepared.

A large and impressive fireplace is the main feature of this large and comfortable family country sitting room. Patrick the groundsman keeps it well supplied with wood from the grounds.

There is a sofa and armchairs, WiFi internet access, Bose sound system and a recently added elegant dining room overlooking the garden with seating for up to 14 guests.

The Miller's House Dining Room

THE DINING ROOM

Leisurely breakfasts, long lunches or a lively dinner party - the dining room is a place for everyone to gather no matter what the weather is like outside. Food is an important element in one's holiday. We highly recommend hiring a professional private chef to cook for you on at least one evening so that you can focus on convivial conversation with your guests while enjoying a Michelin star dining experience prepared and served to you in the elegant surrounds of the dining room at Le Moulin.

Dining Al Fresco

There are two main outside dining areas nearest the kitchen. The kitchen dining terrace is set up for easy to use outside dining and is accessible through the kitchen French doors. It is covered in mature wisteria pergola to provide cover from the sun in the hottest months.

The Terrace links the Miller's House with the Tower and provides a second outdoor dining area with table seating for 12 guests.

It's full of colourful potted plants and flowers and is the perfect place for evening dinner or early drinks with views down the valley one side and the riverbank and beach on the other.

To dress the terrace, there are outside candle lanterns which give it a magical quality at dusk.

The Miller's House - Bedrooms

ROOM 1 – SAUVIGNON BLANC

MILLER'S HOUSE – GROUND FLOOR

Located on the ground floor this is a spacious master bedroom which is very convenient for the hosts, being in close proximity to the main sitting room, kitchen and terraces (whilst still being quiet). It has a 6ft double bed and windows overlooking the gardens on three sides. There is a large, powerful walk-in shower, separate WC, ceiling fan and air-conditioning.

ROOM 2 – CHARDONNAY

MILLER'S HOUSE – FIRST FLOOR

A quiet and cosy room with a 5ft double bed featuring an Italian wrought-iron bed frame. En-suite with adjacent, private WC and bath/shower, ceiling fan and air-conditioning.

ROOM 3 – CABERNET FRANC

MILLER'S HOUSE – FIRST FLOOR

This twin bedroom with two single 3 ft beds which can be joined together to make one large double bed. There is a large walk-in shower, separate WC, ceiling fan and air-conditioning.

The Tower - Bedrooms

ROOM 4 – CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TOWER – FIRST FLOOR

This is a beautiful and well decorated room designed with lots of creative thought and fantastic fabrics. Overlooking the old mill, it has wonderful views of the river and beach through French windows looking west, perfect for opening up on sunny mornings and letting the sounds and colours of the day in.

There are two 3ft single beds which can be joined together to make a large double if required. The room is very light and bright with windows on three sides. It also features a ceiling fan and air conditioning. There is an en-suite shower and a separate W.C. right next door.

ROOM 5 – MERLOT

TOWER – SECOND FLOOR

This room is a vast space, taking in the rafters and tower attic. It is an exceptionally stunning room. The exposed rafter work is extremely beautiful and the massive 6 ft double bed suits the scale of the room. There are windows on 4 sides making it very light and bright.

Featuring a sunken bath and separate shower with WC ensuite. Ceiling fan and air conditioning throughout. Important to note that the room is located 32 steps from the ground floor.

The Tower

COCKTAIL BAR & LOUNGE

A recently added Cocktail Bar is the ideal place for guests to gather for a pre or post dinner drink and to share stories of the day. The huge raised fireplace in the lounge exudes country charm and character with its creamy stone walls and exposed beam ceilings and French doors opening onto the pool terrace.

Cool during the day and cosy at night, the tower bar and lounge creates a relaxed atmosphere for guests to enjoy each others company.

There is a large and perfectly placed 4K 55 inch wide screen TV with VOD (Netflix, Disney+, Amazon). Satellite tv with Irish / English channels and a Bose Home Theatre 5.1 surround sound system.

A good selection of board games and playing cards is also available for guests to enjoy.

Playtime at Le Moulin

The **river bank** lends itself effortlessly to a leisurely holiday. Where adults can sunbathe or snooze in the shaded **hammocks**, whilst half listening to the sound of friends and family having fun around them. Children adore carefree days larking in and around the river and pool, but we have to remember 'safety first'. The river bank is only accessible via *The Miller's House*, which is lockable. and the pool also has locked gates on each entrance.

The **tennis** and **croquet lawns** are cared for beautifully by our groundsman, **Patrick**. An afternoon tournament followed by rosemary infused G&T is a well-known *Moulin* favourite. The river bank all weather **table tennis** is worthy of the keenest of champions and can be celebrated with a cooling hop into the river. **Archery** can be set up on the tennis court. There is also good **trout fishing** on the Célé, with the river being stocked up stream at Figeac.

There are two house **kayaks** which are kept on the river bank, one a three-man and the second a two-man. Lifejackets for all ages are provided. Upon request, Patrick can take a party of kayakers upstream where they can then spend the afternoon drifting back to *Le Moulin* river beach, a truly blissful way to spend a balmy summers day. **Bike rides** and **picnics** along the river valley are also wonderful *Moulin* occupations, and Marion can help arrange these. There is a **barbeque** on the terrace as well as the **fire pit** which has a grate and doubles as a riverside barbeque. The river bank also has a set of tables and chairs so all meals can be enjoyed riverside.

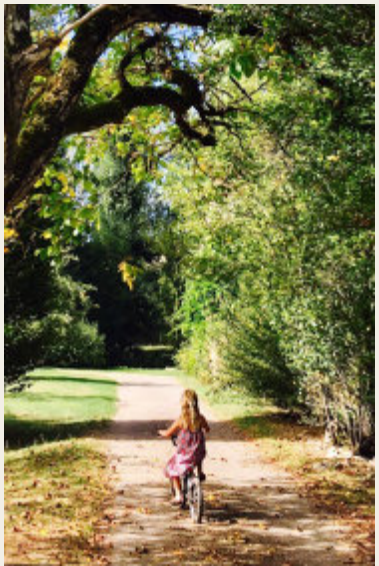
Additional accommodation is available in the nearby village of **Marcilhac-Sur-Cele** (itself a stunning village) which Marion can arrange and is a 5 minute drive from *Le Moulin*.
See our website for more info: **www.lemoulinsurcele.com/grounds-gardens**

Surrounding Area

Le Moulin sits proudly on the banks of **the river Célé** in its own valley known locally as 'La Vallée du Paradis'. Surrounding the property is the dramatic National Park of **Causses du Quercy**, an area covering 185,000 hectres and boasting some of the most beautiful countryside in all of Europe.

The Célé valley evokes a feeling of wild mystery; castles on the cliffs and ancient landmarks wait to be discovered only minutes from *Le Moulin*. The gentle flow of the Célé river, running through the eastern end of the property, has provided a sheltered, bountiful environment teeming with wildlife for thousands of years. Our early neighbours even had the time to paint magnificent limestone cave images at **Pech Merle**, dating back to 25,000 BC and only a 15 minute drive down the Célé valley.

Le Moulin is nestled in 15 acres of mature gardens and meadowland, encompassed by high limestone cliffs giving it a surreal quality of 'other worldliness'. One feels protected, nurtured and rooted by these cliffs in a way which can only be experienced first-hand. Beauty, nature, fun and relaxation are the only qualities that become relevant within minutes of arrival.



Activities and Excursions

Guests will find their natural pace to float around the flower filled gardens, calming river bank and terraces, and are encouraged to enjoy the flow of activities as they present themselves: croquet, lawn tennis, archery, trout fishing, table tennis, canoeing or swimming in the cool clear waters of the Célé.

Once in the embrace of *Le Moulin*, leaving seems a folly, but should you feel the need to explore, the valley provides the perfect backdrop for endless bicycle rides, walks and picnics. A trip back to civilisation is provided by the renowned and remarkably beautiful villages of **Saint-Cirq-Lapopie** or **Rocamadour**, both within 30 minutes' drive.

Timeless, halcyon days unfold effortlessly...

The quintessentially French market square village of **Cajarc** is 10 minutes away and provides everything that could be needed: a high quality butcher, wonderful boulangeries, a fabulous wine merchant and a number of small boutiques. *Le President* bistro in the square is the perfect spot for an after-shopping glass of wine. All three villages possess notable restaurants, with menus featuring local produce, trout from the rivers, vegetables from the valleys and boar from the hills. See our website for more info: **www.lemoulinsurcele.com/local-restaurants**

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FACILITIES

- **PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL**
- **RIVERSIDE PING PONG**
  (bats and balls provided)
- **GRASS TENNIS COURT**
  (rackets and balls provided)
- **CROQUET LAWN**
  (mallets and balls provided)
- **FOUR DINING AREAS**
  (dining room, shaded kitchen terrace, sun terrace, riverside)
- **CANDELABRA, LANTERNS**
  and outside dinning candles
- **BOSE MUSIC SYSTEM**
- **PORTABLE/CHARGEABLE SPEAKER**
  portable Bose bluetooth speaker for riverside and gardens
- **CANVAS DECK CHAIRS**
  for use around the gardens and riverside
- **HAMMOCKS**
  (double canvas) on the riverside beach

COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION BOOK
which includes: facilities, services, things to do in the local area, essential phone numbers (doctors, hospital, taxis) restaurant details, etc.

- **FULLY EQUIPPED KITCHEN**
- **WI-FI** throughout the property
- **55 INCH 4K TV** satellite & VOD
- **INTERNET RADIO, DVD PLAYER**
- **TELEPHONE** (free international landline calls)
- **AIR CONDITIONING** in all bedrooms
- **OVERHEAD FANS** in all bedrooms
- **MOSQUITO NETS** installed in all bedrooms
- **HAIR DRYER** in all bedrooms
- **WASHING MACHINES**
- **TUMBLE DRYER**
- **DISHWASHER**
- **KITCHEN GAS BBQ**
- **RIVERSIDE FIRE PIT**
  with grill and tongs for BBQs
- **FRIDGE-FREEZER, DRINKS FRIDGE** & **ICE MACHINE**
- **CHESS, BACKGAMMON** and a selection of other board games

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DIRECTIONS

By Air

Toulouse (Blagnac) is the closest major airport. It is a very small but efficient International airport due to Airbus being based in Toulouse. It is served three times a day (morning, midday and evening) by *British Airways* from Heathrow Terminal 5. *EasyJet* from Gatwick also flies three times a day (morning, midday and evening).

There is a very good and simple hire car set up at Toulouse airport. To be on the safe side, book one when you book your flight, however they generally seem to have availability. Both collection and drop off of hire cars is very straight forward and well-staffed.

Driving from Toulouse Airport

The drive is between 1hr 45mins - 2hrs. GPS is obviously recommended.
Be sure you have the correct Saint Sulpice (not the one in Northern France).
We have registered **'Le Moulin sur Célé'** on Google Maps. With the house name entered, it takes you down the drive and to the front door.

By Train from Toulouse-Matabiau

There is a direct, fast service from Toulouse Matabiau (central train) station to Figeac Station.
It takes 2hrs 15mins and is hourly throughout the day, however please check for updates on SNCF:
https://en.oui.sncf/en/#/
Figeac is a 25 minute drive from *Le Moulin* along the valley. You can get a taxi at the station.
Toulouse Central is a 20 minute taxi from Toulouse airport or there is a bus/shuttle service.

Chauffeur Transfer

Deirdre can also arrange a chauffeur transfer, picking up at Toulouse Airport and dropping off to *Le Moulin*.

Contact Us

Le Moulin is a passion for us and we look forward to talking about your visit!

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