

With its well-preserved circular towers and large, enclosed courtyard, there's an almost Disney-esque perfection to this magnificent Dordogne manor house, though local history tells us that it's every inch authentic. Built in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century by a local family and subsequently home to French nobility, the Manoir d'Ardis still retains its sense of grandeur over 400 years later.

The house is large and very practical for two or even three families holidaying together. Your accommodation is divided between the main house and a separate, self-contained annexe, both of which open onto the central courtyard. The annexe—an ideal base for teens— is slightly more modern in style than the rest of the house, which is an eclectic mix of old and new. The interiors are characterful and comfortable, but the biggest draw here for a family is the outdoor space. With a private tennis court, a heated swimming pool, table tennis and lots of open grassy spaces surrounded by ancient woodland, you'll find plenty to keep all ages happily relaxed and entertained for hours. And if all you want to do is read and rest, there is plenty of outdoor seating at various key spots around the grounds, so you can follow the sun's leisurely journey across the sky from morning coffee to wine o'clock.

Manoir d'Ardis is just 7km from Périgueux, gastronomic capital of the Dordogne and one of the undisputed highlights of the whole beautiful region. There's a mouth-watering market here every day of the week, with myriad restaurants in its pretty historic streets. Closer to home is Coulounieix-Chamiers (1km), with a small café, bakery and basic shops and services. After food, water is the other big regional attraction: take a boat ride around Brantôme (30km), the Venice of the Périgord, swim or fish in the lake at St-Armand-de-Vergt (27km) or explore the River Isle by kayak from Périgueux (5km). Dordogne also claims 1001 individual castles, and you'll find famous names such as the Château de Hautefort and the Château des Milandes less than an hour's drive away.

1. 7 bedrooms
2. Countryside location
3. 1 bedroom in self-contained annexe
4. Private heated swimming pool
5. Private tennis court
6. Barbecue and table tennis
7. Extensive grounds
8. Golf course 5km
9. Périgueux 7km
10. Wifi