

The 30 best B&Bs in France

Chic châteaux,

Alpine guesthouses,

country manors and city bolt holes.

Carolyn Boyd picks her top places to stay this summer

THE SOUTHWEST

La Source Beynac, Dordogne

Gorgeous, cobbled Beynac is topped by a 12th-century château and spills down a hillside to the shallows of the Dordogne River, its lower fringe a lovely spot for a swim or a canoe excursion when the water is deep enough, or a paddle and an ice cream when it's not. Up above, at the crest of the hill, lies La Source, a B&B with only a suite sleeping four, a "grand chambre" sleeping three and a little separate house for two with kitchenette in the garden. Exposed stone walls and chandeliers, antiques and tapestries add up to an exceptional haven. Details B&B doubles cost from €120 (00 33 553 59 52 75, la-source-beynac-et-cazenac.com)

First Season Reviews on Booking. com

Anastasia

 Greece

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Reviewers' choice · Reviewed: 28 August 2019 **Amazing views, family atmosphere, great location.**

· Staying at La Source is a magnificent experience itself! Amazing view, wonderful spaces, family atmosphere, excellent breakfast, fantastic location! The hosts were more than welcoming, gentle and discreet! Thank you!

Stayed in August 2019

Andrew

 United Kingdom

10 Reviewed: 26 August 2019 **Beautiful location, stunning property, fantastic hosts, incredibly relaxing experience**

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Stayed in August 2019

Rebecca

 France

10 Reviewed: 24 August 2019 **Exceptional**

· Most beautiful view of Beynac et Cazenac! The rooms have a lot of charm! And the hosts are very nice and wonderful

Stayed in August 2019

Lydia

 United Kingdom

10 Reviewed: 5 August 2019 **Exceptional**

· A beautiful house in a stunning location. The views would have been enough but combined with the comfort and style in a historic house it was perfect for us. We loved the suite with lots of room for our family. Lots of places to eat and drink nearby or you could picnic on the terrace. Walking distance to the castle, historic town, canoe hire etc etc

· Nothing - could be difficult for those with limited mobility but not an issue for us.

Stayed in August 2019

Chris

 United Kingdom

10 Reviewed: 23 July 2019 **Exceptional**

· Prefect location with great hosts.

Stayed in July 2019

Florian

 Austria

10 Reviewed: 23 July 2019 **Living like God in France.**

· La Source, finally found in the narrow streets of Beynac has totally overwhelmed us. The breathtaking view of the castle and medieval village, the pitoresque room and the charming hosts make it a perfect Place to stay. Like a step back into French history. We will Come back.

Stayed in July 2019

Pauline

 USA

10 Reviewed: 22 July 2019 **Exceptional**

· So charming

Stayed in July 2019

Lee

 United Kingdom

10 Reviewed: 11 July 2019 **Exceptional**

· Utterly beautiful restoration - the property is so nice and original - the furnishings are of a very high standard

· Amazing location just perfect

Stayed in July 2019

Susan

 USA

10 Reviewed: 9 July 2019 **Perfect, but WAY too short a stay!**

· If I could have dreamt up the most charming place to stay in a small town in France, this is it! We were lucky enough to find this gem of a property in its first season as a bed and breakfast. The Danish owner hosts were accommodating and helpful from the time we booked the property until we had to tear ourselves away from it. They were also helpful in making reservations at an incredible restaurant a town over (La Belle Etoile), which only took reservations by phone. We traveled with another couple and first saw their two room suite in the main house. It was huge and beautifully appointed with incredible views of Beynac-et-Cazenac and the Dordogne River. We were assigned the stand-alone guest house, which was gorgeous and newly remodeled with a lovely kitchen and bathroom, a large bedroom, and a lovely garden and bench outside to take in the incredible views of this medieval town. (see attached pictures.) We also had a great parking area adjacent to our guest house. Sadly, we only spent one night at La Source. But we still got to climb to the castle, canoe the Dordogne River, and take a guided boat tour of the Beynac area. We had to leave in the early morning to return to Bordeaux to catch a train to Paris, but our host, Jannie, got up at the crack of dawn to send us off after a breakfast of fresh croissants, coffee, and fruit. Beynac is tiny and built around Beynac Castle, a significant French stronghold during the Hundred Years War. It's about a 20 minute, fairly steep climb to the castle, but there are cute shops and restaurants on the way up. At the top, you are rewarded breathtaking views of the Dordogne Valley. But the breathtaking views from La Source make us want to return to this perfect spot again.

Stayed in June 2019

Shane

 Australia

10 Reviewed: 19 June 2019 **Truly remarkable**

· Wow, from the moment we drove up the driveway this place blew us away. It was about 8pm at night and the castle across from the property was surrounded by hot air balloons, it really was breathtaking. Our hosts welcomed us when we arrived and were thoughtful and gracious for the entirety of our time there. The room in which we stayed overlooked the castle and was not only comfortable and spacious but also beautifully furnished, as is the rest of the property.

If you happen to be nearby Beynac-et-Cazenac do yourself a favour and drop in to this little village, it's a fantastic place and you won't find any better place to stay than La Source.

Stayed in June 2019

Simon

 United Kingdom

10 Reviewed: 18 June 2019 **Superbly comfortable room, with incredible views & lovely hosts.**

· Fab location, with views up towards the castle - large proportioned rooms, beautifully maintained, with Benny & Jannie on hand to produce a superb breakfast, or a bottle of rose or beer out of their large fridge.

· There is NOTHING that we didn't like bout his place!

Stayed in June 2019

Holly

 United Kingdom

10 Reviewed: 17 June 2019 **Perfect!**

· We had an absolutely delightful stay at La Source. We were only there for one night but could have happily stayed for a week. The town of Beynac is beautiful - I would argue the best on the Dordoyne - and La Source is a real winner! Jannie and Benny were very welcoming and warm on our arrival at the beautiful old house and continued to be so throughout our stay. Our room was beautifully decorated and spacious and had stunning views of the whole town and castle up on the hill. The terrace made for a lovely spot for breakfast and there are plenty of excellent restaurants on bars pretty much on the doorstep. We would 100% recommend this stay! Thank you so much!

Stayed in June 2019

Anonymous

 Australia

9.6 Reviewed: 21 August 2019 **Stunning location with lovely friendly hosts**

- The owners went out of their way to look after us when we arrived late and there were no food options available. Very hospitable and super lovely people, we highly recommend this place and look forward to coming back with our family soon.

Stayed in August 2019

Anonymous

 USA

10 Reviewed: 9 August 2019 **Exceptional**

- Fantastic. The hosts were exceptionally kind and regularly went above and beyond.

Stayed in August 2019 |

Anonymous

 Switzerland

9.6 Reviewed: 19 July 2019 **Beautiful B&B**

- One wonders, when seeing a rating of 10 whether this can really be true, but in this case it is fully merited. Beautiful house in a serene garden with stunning views of the castle of Beynac and the Dordogne valley. Very gracious and generous hosts.

- We were in the apartment in the little annex next to the main house. Unfortunately the WiFi signal does not reach to there. It does reach to the garden table in front of the annex, where you want to sit anyway in nice weather and for rainy days guests have access to the lounge.

Stayed in July 2019

Renee

 France

10 Reviewed: 5 September 2019 **Exceptional**

· Accueil chaleureux, très belle maison ancienne et excellent petit déjeuner.

Stayed in September 2019

Jacques

 Canada

10 Reviewed: 3 September 2019 **Exceptional**

· La situation géographique ainsi que l'amabilité de nos hôtes

Stayed in August 2019



Mathieu

 Belgium

9.6 Reviewed: 30 August 2019 **Exceptional**

· L'endroit est littéralement un paradis. Vous pourrez, outre votre magnifique chambre, bénéficier des espaces et équipements de la cuisine, du salon, de la salle à manger et de la terrasse avec vue imprenable sur le château de Beynac.

Attention pour les non anglophones, les instructions et autres indications de votre hôte vous seront données uniquement en anglais.

Stayed in August 2019

Rafael

 Spain

10 Reviewed: 26 August 2019 **Exceptional**

· Todo perfecto. Estuvimos alojados en una vivienda pegada a la casa principal con unas vistas increíbles al castillo. Jannie y Benny son encantadores.

Stayed in August 2019

Bénédicte

 France

9.6 Reviewed: 23 August 2019 **Exceptional**

· L'emplacement merveilleux avec vue imprenable, l'hôtesse charmante, la grande chambre, le petit déjeuner délicieux

· Le lit un peu mou peut-être. Mais l'ensemble était vraiment très très bien.

Stayed in August 2019

Christine

 France

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Reviewers' choice · Reviewed: 30 June 2019 **Exceptional**

· L'accueil, la chambre, le service et le petit déjeuner

Stayed in June 2019

Iván

 Spain

10 Reviewed: 5 May 2019 **Exceptional**

· La amabilidad de Jannie y Benny, en todo momento pendientes de que estuviéramos a gusto. La casa es espectacular, con unas vistas fantásticas sobre todo el pueblo y el castillo.

Recomiendo el desayuno, variado y con productos de calidad.

Aunque no tuvimos tiempo, se puede usar la cocina, incluso la barbacoa para hacerte la cena si quieres.

Stayed in May 2019

Alessandro

 Italy

9.6 Reviewed: 26 April 2019 **Exceptional**

· Tutto perfetto, vista incantevole, proprietari della casa gentilissimi e cortesi

· Cuscini di bassa qualità

Stayed in April 2019

Anonymous

 France

10 Reviewed: 13 June 2019 **Exceptional**

· Местоположение. Вид на замок и реку. Прекрасные хозяева.
Аутентичные номера

Stayed in June 2019

Johny

 Luxembourg

9.2 Reviewed: 31 August 2019 **Superb**

There are no comments available for this review

Stayed in August 2019

Zheng

 China

9.6 Reviewed: 16 August 2019 **Exceptional**

There are no comments available for this review

Stayed in July 2019

Julie

 France

9.6 Reviewed: 30 July 2019 **Super séjour**

There are no comments available for this review

Stayed in July 2019

Anonymous

 Switzerland

10 Reviewed: 7 September 2019 **Zu gut um andere darauf
aufmerksam zu machen**

There are no comments available for this review

Stayed in August 2019

Anonymous

 France

10 Reviewed: 23 June 2019 **Exceptional**

There are no comments available for this review

Stayed in June 2019