

Acabanes Villa House Information

HEATED POOL AND COVER – VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

The pool cover has been purchased to ensure our guests have their best possible holiday experience.

In the Terms & Conditions it states that it can only be operated by guests over the age of 18yrs, as it is a very expensive piece of equipment, worth €20,000. Please designate a responsible member of your group to be in charge as it is imperative that it is treated with the utmost care. The pool man will inspect it on his twice weekly visits.

The key is stored in the Guest Key Box by the kitchen steps.

These three videos have been sent by Whatsapp to the main booker;

- 1. How to enter the pool and swim with the cover on*
- 2. How to unbolt the front and rear bolt – this is imperative before the pool cover can be pushed back or the cover will break at the high end*
- 3. How to push the pool cover back very slowly to swim with the cover off*

Please ensure these videos are viewed, and also that only the designated person operates the pool cover.

Please keep the cover over the pool when not being used and overnight to keep the temperature as high as possible for your next swim. There is no charge for pool heating, however it will be necessary to charge if the cover is not pulled across when not in use. Your pool man will visit twice a week and monitor the temperature. The cover is part of pool safety and we retain the right to close the pool if not covered in certain circumstances.

WEEKLY ELECTRIC ALLOWANCE - The weekly allowance of €100 guests find ample. It is monitored daily and at the end of your stay, any excesses can be deducted from your security deposit. For our summer guests, the air con units in the first floor bedrooms are very efficient and cool the rooms very quickly. Turn them on just before you need them and keep doors closed. For our Autumn, Winter and Spring guests, to keep within the allowance it is NOT recommended to use the kitchen, lounge or bedroom electric wall heaters as these are very costly to run. The wood burners are a good source of heat plus the wall mounted air con/heating units in the first floor four bedrooms.

NO GLASS IN THE POOL AREA – use only plastic as broken glass will cause a bad injury plus damage the pool liner. We reserve the right to charge you for a new pool liner, the cost of draining the pool and lost revenue from reimbursing the guests who follow your visit.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER & BLANKET - Located on the wall near the breakfast bar

TAP WATER - The tap water is safe to drink

STOP COCK - There are 2 stop cocks. One is in the cupboard under the stairs and you will see a red lever near the tank. The second is at the bottom of the cleaning cupboard in the kitchen next to the Welsh Dresser.

FUSEBOX - situated to the left of the front door as you enter the house.

GUEST KEY CUPBOARD - located on the beam between the sitting room and kitchen ; spare key, pool cover key, gym, green gate (the green gate and the black gate form part of the pool security), large barn door in sitting room, bike store next to the drive and bike locks

BLACK GATE LOCK – the code for this lock is 1722

INFANT EQUIPMENT – there are 2 green storage boxes and 2 wicker chests in the sitting room. In the gym cupboards are the pram and stroller. On the mezzanine in the white cot you will find 2 travel cots with mattresses plus a box with bedding. Please ask if you would like the full list to be sent to you.

CLEANING CUPBOARDS - Next to the Welsh Dresser in the kitchen and under the stairs.

BINS & RECYCLING – There are four wheelie bins in the Bin Store. Two bins are for general waste, please use strong sacks or your rubbish will not be removed. Loose rubbish will also not be collected. Please place these bins next to the side of the road on a Sunday evening as they are emptied on a Monday morning. Two bins are for recycling (not glass). They have a universal recycling label on them and are for; plastic, cans, tins, tin foil, paper and cardboard. They are emptied on a Thursday morning so please place next to the road on a Wednesday evening. Store all glass recycling in the black box on the porch and take to the numerous glass banks in the surrounding villages.

NAPPIES - please use the special nappy bins and bags in the green storage boxes in the sitting room. If rubbish is not disposed of correctly, our caretakers will need to crawl into the wheelie bins to remove any loose rubbish and £50 will be deducted from your security deposit to reflect this very unpleasant task and given directly to my caretaker.

DOG PRESENTS - Ensure you pick up after your dog, so that the next family do not have any nasty surprises! Please check the lawns thoroughly before departure. We are very proud of our 20 year successful history of welcoming dogs, however it does take diligence. Please double bag and place in the general waste rubbish sacks.

BATHROOMS - The house operates with a septic tank which is inoperable if anything other than toilet paper is put down the toilet. Bathroom bins, bin liners and hygiene bags are provided in each bathroom.

BIKE STORE - Bikes must be locked with bike locks and the bike shed locked or it will be necessary to charge guests for any stolen bikes.

INFRARED SAUNA/GYM – through the green gate and the sauna/gym is the 3rd door on left.

WASHING LINE - telescopic Brabantia attached to the wall by the front porch. Pull black handle up to open and secure into place. Push up on black handle to close after use.

POOL LIGHT - The switch is on the wall on the slope leading up to the pool.

WOOD BURNING STOVES - These will burn wood only. *Full instructions in the Guest Area Operating Instructions or ask for them to be Whatsapped to you.*

OVEN - Dual fuel arrangement of an electric oven and gas hob ensures you should always be able to cook, as it is common for power cuts in rural France. If there is a power cut you will need to re-set the clock on the oven for it to work.

BBQ GAS BOTTLES - If the gas bottle runs out you will find a spare in the brown wooden store on the terrace, next to the kitchen doors. Please Whatsapp me so that I can arrange a replacement for the next guests.

WINE COOLERS - larger fridge cools wine to 14 degrees & bottles can then be cooled further by placing in the fridge. The smaller fridge is to keep red wine cool in the hot months.

ALL OUTDOOR CUSHIONS - not waterproof so please store in the storage chests when leaving the house during the day and also overnight, as sudden fierce storms are common.

POOL SIDE SHADES - close when leaving the house and overnight as sudden fierce storms are common.

PLUG IN MOUSE REPELLENTS - frequency repels mice, so please keep plugged in.

BUDDIST MONKS - The Thenac area is quite famous in the Buddhist world! The website is www.plumvillage.org where you can find lots of information about Mindfulness and visiting the Upper Hamlet and Lower Hamlet in Loubes Bernac. They love unannounced visitors and have been our neighbours since 2000 when we first bought Acabanes. The monks also love you waving to them! They also pick fruit in the field above the house and although have our permission may still knock and ask you.

WILDLIFE - You may be lucky enough to see rabbits, lizards, moles, glow worms, tree frogs and crickets in the gardens. Deer and wild boar live in the woodland that adjoins the upper garden and of an evening you may see them come out of the wood. Birds of prey can be viewed extensively and late at night owls can be seen on the telegraph poles. Rural Dordogne also has less welcome seasonal visitors, who also appear when there is a change of weather; Flying ants – these only last a day normally, Bees, if you see them nest building call me and I will arrange for the nest to be removed, wasps- just spray, Ants – use ant powder.