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The fine oak front door is surrounded by impressive stonework which is carried on throughout the property. The spacious entrance hall is over 6m in length, with a polished stone checkered floor and an impressive gently rising broad staircase leading to the first floor where there are double doors opening onto the upper lawn. Immediately to the South lies a generous dining room with wood panelling and a hidden well under the floor which could be turned into a novel feature. This room leads to the kitchen, store rooms and living area.

North of the hallway lies the drawing room with oak floor, exposed beams

The extensive bedroom accommodation is arranged on the first floor, providing 7 bedrooms all with en suites. The gently rising broad staircase rises to a charming landing with access to the huge second floor loft area. Due to the levels of the gardens this floor has access to the upper lawn, the Chapel and Pool area that are built into the stables courtyard with feature limestone pillars.

In addition to the bedroom accommodation there is also a large owners apartment containing an entrance hall, cloakroom, large dining

and a fireplace with herringbone brick hearth and cut stone surround. A secret door leads to the servants passageway linking to a wood store. The ground floor looks out over the formal lawn, mature trees and views over the valley.

The improvements to the house have been very much designed with maintaining the traditional feel and workings of a centuries old chateau. A servery and bar has been created at one end of the ground floor making entertaining easier. The kitchen has been kept in its original mid 20th Century style and has a separate stair case up to the very bright and sunny Orangery above which looks west onto the wild garden and orchard.

room, a fully fitted kitchen with French doors, a sitting room, a shower room, a wood burner, an office and a very large and airy bedroom with doors opening onto a small private terrace.

In addition, within the grounds is a 3 bedroom 3 bathroom cottage built in the Perigourdin style which provides further versatile accommodation. There are also a number of other outbuildings within the walled garden which offer many further opportunities for development. (subject to local planning)

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Down a secluded and private 500m lane, passed the top field you reach antique double iron gates on limestone piers that open onto the driveway leading to a broad gravel sweep immediately to the south of the house with generous parking facilities and a four bay garage with light and power, currently used as a party room. Opposite is a grand Lebanon cedar tree that we believe was planted in the late 1600s as a symbol of power and longevity. This tree also shelters a large stone dog pen that following the hunt was a temporary enclosure for the hunting dogs whilst the Marquis and his guests dined in splendor.

The chateau is draped in a very well established Virginia creeper with many mature plants dotted about the garden including a magnificent fig tree. As you continue around the front of the chateau your eye is drawn to the stone steps leading to the tiny Chapel which is complete with stained glass windows that provides the perfect setting for family Christmas celebrations as well as fairytale humanist wedding celebrations.

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3 kms from the Chateau is Ribérac, a thriving and bustling market town that hosts a wonderful weekly market selling artisan made food of all kinds (delicious cheeses, pate, charcuterie etc), fantastic

fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as spices, olives and dried fruit.

Looking across the busy market place, market stalls displaying a colorful array of goods for sale that include beautifully made artisan furniture, antique items from times long gone as well as clothes to suit all ages and sizes and kitchenalia where time can be spent identifying what the items are used for. People come from miles around to spend a morning looking, buying and meeting friends for a coffee or a delicious lunch in one of the many restaurants. It is a joy to sit outside a local bar in the sunshine sampling a locally made beer or glass of wine, watching the world go by at a pace that whispers of past times when life was slower and less pressured.

The town is quaint and well loved but there is no shortage of modern supermarkets, small local shops, hotels and chambres d'hôtes. There are many restaurants and unlike some small towns the shops and restaurants stay open all the year. As a tourist hub there is always a lot going on. However, Ribérac caters for all and there is a newly built open air municipal swimming pool and you can also take a sheltered meander on the local river in a canoe or for the more energetic a game of tennis or archery. You could of course challenge some of the locals to a boules tournament and practice your Gallic shrug, always a winner when French words fail you. Walking one of the numerous and beautiful leafy signposted walks is a

favorite pastime of many and the local tourist office provides maps of beautiful and historic walks on the chateau doorstep or within 10 minutes drive of the town. There are also a number of organized walks and strangers to the area are always welcomed. Is there a lovelier way to visit this magical countryside whilst practicing ones French?

Children are well served in the local education system with several schools from maternelle (toddlers), Primaire (6-12), Colleges (12-16) and Lycee (16-19).

The large medical centre offers a range of services and the newly constructed Pharmacy and Wellbeing centre has a pool for aquarobics and physiotherapy plus range of health related services too numerous to list here.

Getting here is easy and Ribérac is within easy driving distance of several airports. Bergerac 45 mins, Limoges 1hr 20, Bordeaux 1hr 30 and the TGV from Angoulême takes just over 2 hrs to Paris. There are also an increasing number of local buses that make travel to large towns with train links such as Périgueux and Angoulême only an hour away.



Unique and Very Special 17th Century Chateau.

Location:

5 mins from the vibrant market town of Riberac , 45 mins from Bergerac airport, 1h30 from Bordeaux.

Surrounded by Beautiful Landscaped Gardens. Versatile accommodation for a family home with established wedding business

7 Bedrooms in the main Chateau with 7 Bathrooms Ensuite.

1 bedroom apartment

3 bedroom, 3 bathroom house
Swimming Pool

Gravel Sweep & Generous Parking

4 Bay Garage, 3 further barns

Lawned garden within a 1.5 acres walled garden

10 acres of land and woodland

















Asking Price : Euros 1,330,000.00

Price in other currencies will fluctuate based on exchange rate on the day of the closing at the French Notaire.

Including Broker's fees of 6% TTC