

I'm an expert on the Dordogne. Here's where to stay

This popular region of southern France has wonderful lodgings, from B&Bs in cosy converted farmhouses to your own grandiose châteaux. These are 25 of the best options

3. La Ferme d'Araucanie, Tourtoirac



Farmhouse near Lascaux for 8

This loving restoration of an 18th-century farmhouse is the only property we are suggesting in the more remote and rural northeast of the Dordogne, in the vicinity of the fabulous cave paintings at Lascaux and the castle of Hautefort. Built from a mix of sand and chalk, with two loft suites in the eaves under beams of chestnut and poplar, the former farm is a real period piece — apart from air conditioning and an outside heated saltwater pool.

Details Seven nights' self-catering for 8 from £2,526 (gite-araucanie.com). Fly or take the train to Limoges