



The Gascony Secret

Price List & Information

2008

English Edition

BOOKING CONDITIONS

HOW TO BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY

1. Once you have chosen your holiday accommodation, please either call our offices on 0844 800 1637 (if calling from the UK), +44 1924 439521 (if calling from overseas) or e-mail info@gascony-secret.com to enquire if your particular choice of weeks are available. Our offices are open from 9.00hrs - 17.30hrs weekdays. An answering service is in operation outside these hours. Availability can also be viewed on our website.

2. When you receive verbal/written confirmation of availability, please send the booking form in the brochure or on our website, together with a cheque, bank transfer or credit card details for 25% of the total holiday cost to The Gascony Secret, 19 Leith Court, Thornhill Edge, West Yorkshire, WF12 0QP. Upon receipt of your booking form and deposit, a letter will be sent by e-mail or post confirming your holiday. You can also request a booking online (secure site) at : www.gascony-secret.com

3. The balance of your holiday is due 9 weeks prior to departure. A reminder will be sent. Please send the final balance plus the security deposit at this time. All necessary documents will be sent to you within 3 weeks of your departure.

4. A refundable damage/security deposit of £150 up to 3 bedrooms, £200 for 4 bedrooms and £400 for 5+ bedrooms per week booked is required with your final payment. This will be refunded to you within 4 weeks of your return by either the owner of the property or The Gascony Secret on their behalf.

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Detailed below are the terms of the agreement between you, as the party leader/holidaymaker, and us The Gascony Secret of 19 Leith Court, Thornhill Edge, West Yorkshire, WF12 0QP. Please read these conditions carefully. The party leader signing the booking form accepts liability for the performance of the contract between us, on behalf of the entire party. The contract between us comes into existence when you receive your official booking confirmation letter.

BOOKING AND PAYMENT

Please complete the enclosed booking form (or request



a booking online via our secure website) and return it to The Gascony Secret together with a non-refundable deposit payment for 25% of the total holiday cost. The full balance is required 9 weeks prior to the departure date. If a booking is made within 9 weeks of departure, full payment and the damage/security deposit must be sent with your booking form. **Failure to send the holiday monies by the due date may result in us treating the booking as cancelled. Dishonoured cheques will be treated as a cancellation of your booking.**

MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY

The maximum number of people accepted at the property is stated in the description. Parking a caravan or pitching a tent in the grounds is not permitted. You must not take any additional people to those listed on

the booking form without our written consent. Failure to observe these conditions could result in your party being asked to vacate the property.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend you take out comprehensive insurance at the time of booking. This can save you much heartache and money if, for example, you should need to cancel the holiday at a later date. All party members should have insurance for personal belongings and public liability, as these are not covered by the owner's insurance. Neither the owner nor The Gascony Secret accepts any liability for any losses that may be incurred for which insurance is available.

PRICES

Except where otherwise stated, all high season holidays will include electricity, water and often gas. However, excessive use of these services could incur an additional charge by the owners. These supplies are normally charged as extra during mid and low season rentals unless otherwise stated.

OUR LIABILITY TO YOU

The accommodation we arrange on your behalf belongs to and is managed by independent owners. Although we have no direct control over these properties, we do accept responsibility for ensuring all aspects of our contract with you are correctly carried out, except where any failure is due to your own act or omissions or those of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday or an event which is unforeseeable, unavoidable or outside our control. In all cases, except where personal injury, illness or death results, our liability to you will be limited to a maximum of the holiday accommodation price in total. **All claims must be made to us in writing within 14 days of the contractual end of your holiday.**

IF YOU CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

If you should be forced to cancel your holiday once your official booking confirmation has been sent to you, then cancellation charges will apply. The party leader must cancel the holiday in writing and send it by recorded delivery to us. The charge is calculated from the date that The Gascony Secret receive your notification.

Cancellation charges are calculated as a % of the total holiday accommodation cost, excluding any insurance premiums paid through The Gascony Secret in connection with the holiday :

More than 56 days = 25%

29 - 55 days = 50%

0 - 28 days = 100%

DAMAGE/SECURITY DEPOSIT

A damage/security deposit of £150, £200 or £400 per week or part week of your stay is required at the time of final balance payment (please see the individual house description for details). Charges for damages, breakages, outstanding bills and any extra cleaning required if the property is left in an unacceptable state will be taken from your damage/security deposit. Your damage/security deposit will be refunded to you by the owner of the property (or The Gascony Secret acting on their behalf) within 4 weeks of your return. However, the sum reserved shall not limit your liability to The Gascony Secret.

AMENDMENTS MADE BY YOU

If you decide to alter your holiday arrangements after the booking has been confirmed in writing, an administration charge of UK £ 20 will be incurred.

ALTERATIONS & CANCELLATION BY US

In the unlikely event that we have to change your original destination due to a house being withdrawn by its owner, we will notify you as soon as possible. You



will be offered a choice of alternative accommodation or cancelling your holiday and receiving a full refund.

COMPLAINTS

If you have a justifiable complaint concerning your holiday accommodation, you must first try to speak to the owner or caretaker of the property. If you are unable to resolve the complaint, you should then contact our Representative in the area (details are given in your final holiday information pack) and ask for help. If the problem is still not resolved, you must contact The Gascony Secret in England on +44 1924 439521. Outside office hours there is an answering service, which is checked at 9.00hrs each morning. If leaving a message please remember to state your name, where you are staying and a contact number if possible. **If you move to alternative accommodation without contacting us or giving us time to rectify the situation you will lose all rights to compensation or repayment. You must also confirm in writing full details of the complaint to The Gascony Secret within 14 days of the end of the contractual holiday period.**

LEAVING THE PROPERTY CLEAN AND IN GOOD ORDER

You must leave the property and furniture in the same arrangement and condition as when you arrive. Basic cleaning between lettings is included in your holiday price, but the owner reserves the right to deduct the cost of any extra cleaning above and beyond this from the damage/security deposit.

ARRIVING AND LEAVING

You are asked not to arrive at the property before 16.00hrs on the day of arrival and to leave by 10.00hrs on the day of departure. If you know you will be arriving later than 18.00hrs please let us know in good time and we will make arrangements with the key holder. Failure to do this could result in the property being locked when you arrive. Any visitors still at the property by 12.00hrs on their last day without prior permission from the owner, will be liable for one extra day's charge.

LOCAL CONDITIONS/CONSIDERATION

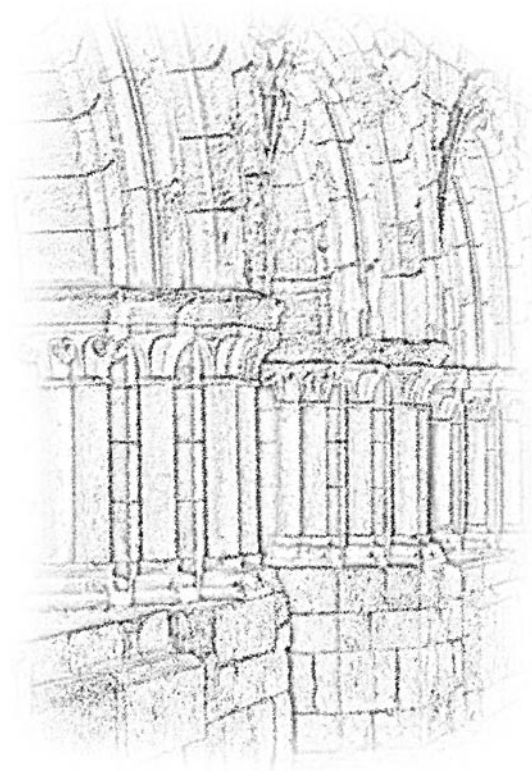
All holidaymakers should observe and respect the local customs and will be obliged to compensate The Gascony Secret for breach of this should your behaviour cause such nuisance to locals that it leads to the withdrawal of a property from The Gascony Secret portfolio.

BROCHURE DESCRIPTION

All property descriptions in the brochure are, to the best of our knowledge, correct at the time of publication.

PRICE LIST IN STERLING

N° Page	REF	POOL TENNIS	SLEEPS	HIGH Sterling	MID Sterling	LOW Sterling	XMAS New Year Sterling
A3	025BIST	P	16	3 230	2 060	1 240	2 060
A4	026ROBE	P/T	18	6 995	5 950	4 645	6 995
A5	027BERN	P	10/12	4 925	4 425	3 935	4 925
A6	023BOUR	P	12	2 820	1 860	neg	neg
A7	021HOUR	P/T	14	2 750	2 075	n/a	neg
A7	014SAPI	P	8	1 365	895	neg	neg
A8	018MAIS	P	10	1 925	1 310	895	1 310
A8	006PRES	P	6	995	760	485	655
A9	017HAOU	P/T	14	3 235	2 410	neg	2 750
		P/T	10	2 890	2 065	neg	2 405
A9	004TROU		4	530	425	n/a	n/a
A10	046BERG	P	10/12	2 065	1 375	690	690
A10	013AMER	P	8	1 240	690	550	n/a
A11	022GUIR	P	10	1 795	1 165	neg	neg
A11	001PETI	P	4	785	550	550	550
A12	008BORD	P	8	1 515	n/a	n/a	n/a
A12	009PAST	P	8	1 240	825	690	1 100
A13	024PARD	P	14	2 995	1 995	neg	n/a
A13	010BRAN	P	6/8	1 100	895	895	895
A14	005PROM		4/6	490	385	345	415
A14	012CLOS	P	8	1 515	neg	n/a	n/a
A15	047CAUS	P	8	1 995	1 375	1 100	neg
A15	002JANE	P	4/6	690	550	415	n/a
A16	019POLI	P	10	1 695	1 270	n/a	1 630
A16	045PETR	P	4/6	690	485	415	n/a



For many more photographs of each of our properties visit our website:

www.gascony-secret.com

2008 Season Dates

Please refer to the back of this insert



THE GASCONY SECRET SERVICES

Our aim is to make your holiday a memorable one so please ask if there are special arrangements with which we can help or advise in advance of your holiday. If you need something additional to the services listed below please don't hesitate to ask - if it's within our power we will gladly assist!

Car Hire

We are able to recommend competitive car hire services. Please ask for details.

Additional Maid Service

Some of our properties have a certain amount of maid service included in the rental price. Maid service in any of our properties is normally possible. Please ask for details.

Additional Linen Hire

If you require linen &/or towels in addition to that provided at the house please ask for details of hire rates.

Cot & Highchair Hire

Cots & highchairs are available for hire from a small local company. Supply is limited so please let us know your requirements as soon as possible.

Chef and "Traiteur" Services

Our network of recommended chefs continues to grow enabling delicious meals either to be delivered to your rental property ("Traiteur") or prepared, cooked & served 'at home' by an experienced Chef. Please ask for details and prices.

ABOUT OUR HOUSES

Privately owned homes

All the houses in the brochure are privately owned homes and their owners use them for family holidays. They are offering them to visitors in order that you, too, may sample the wonderful quality of life in Gascony. They ask that you treat their homes as you would your own and respect the furniture, ornaments and other furnishings. You may find that the décor and facilities in these houses is different from those at home. Each house will have its own ambience reflecting the owner's personal taste whilst retaining the flavour of the region. These are not five star luxury hotels but someone's home, and although most will provide modern kitchens and bathrooms standards will vary slightly. Upon request we will try to provide chefs, maid service, extra cots/highchairs and baby-sitting. However we cannot guarantee these extra services unless it is stated in the house descriptions.

A working rural area

In Gascony, customs, lifestyles and habits are very different from ours, which is a large part of its appeal. Please remember that this is a working rural area and you may have farm animals in the vicinity. Farmers often retire and rise earlier than visitors so please be considerate to any neighbours.

Local prevailing conditions

Insects can be a nuisance in the hot weather but this is easily solved by applying repellent if sitting out during the evening and purchasing a "plug-in" repellent for the bedrooms. Most French supermarkets stock these. On rare occasions rodents may find their way into properties, usually in loft spaces, no matter how hard the owners try to discourage them. If this should happen during your

stay please inform the owner/caretaker and they will try to "persuade" the visitor to leave the premises. Many French villages have their fêtes in the summer months and these can go on until the early hours. If we are informed of these fêtes in advance we will endeavour to inform paying guests staying nearby. Weather conditions, such as thunderstorms can, occasionally, result in brief cuts in electricity but are restored as quickly as circumstances allow. We call these 'local prevailing conditions' and they are completely outside our control.

We can guarantee.....

That all of the houses in this brochure have been visited by The Gascony Secret. Although Gascony is deep in rural France we only accept properties that offer a high standard of comfort. All properties are carefully scrutinised by a member of our staff to ensure suitability as a holiday let. Descriptions in this brochure have been carefully checked to ensure they are correct at the time of printing. Occasionally an owner may add or remove items. If this happens and we are informed, we will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible.

Welcome packs and linen

These packs are a welcome gift supplied by the owners themselves and will vary in content. Typically they may include bread, milk, soft drinks &/or a bottle of wine. They should not be relied upon to provide a full meal on arrival. Our houses provide guests with bed linen and towels (unless otherwise stated) on arrival. A change of linen is not included in the rental price but can usually be organised for a small cost if requested at the time of booking.

BOOKING INFORMATION

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES & RESERVATIONS PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICES BY EMAIL, FAX OR TELEPHONE.

HOW TO BOOK

PROVISIONAL BOOKINGS

After choosing your property it is very important that you email, telephone or send us a fax to confirm availability. The numbers are:-

Tel: (within UK) 0844 800 1637

Tel: (if calling from overseas) +44 1924 439 521

Fax: +44 1924 517 511

email: info@gascony-secret.com

TO CONFIRM YOUR BOOKING

We will hold the provisional booking for 7 working days enabling us to receive from you the completed Booking Form and the Initial Payment. Your booking will then be confirmed and a Statement of Account sent to you by e-mail or post. Rental prices shown are per property per week in UK Pounds Sterling unless otherwise stated.

THE FINAL BALANCE PAYMENT

The Balance and the Breakage Deposit are due not less than 9 weeks before your holiday. Please therefore leave enough time for postage. If the booking is made less than 9 weeks prior to your holiday then the full amount is payable on booking.

HOLIDAY DETAILS

Upon receipt of the Balance we will send you full arrival information which will include the location of the keys and details of how to reach your property.

Should you require, in advance, any information about the area please do not hesitate to contact us.

HOW TO PAY

VISA/VISA DEBIT/MASTERCARD/SWITCH

We can accept payment using any of the above cards for both the Initial Payment & the Balance. Please complete the relevant section on the Booking Form, including details of the 3 digit security code (or Issue Number in the case of Switch).

BANK TO BANK TRANSFER

We will accept payment by BANK to BANK transfer in UK£ STERLING only (please contact us for our full bank details). Please request that Bank Charges for the transfer are for your account. Any charges incurred by us for the transfer will be added to your final balance.

CHEQUES

We will accept cheques in UK£ STERLING only. Please make all cheques payable to THE GASCONY SECRET

A reminder letter will be sent just before the Balance is due

WHAT THE PRICE INCLUDES

High season prices shown are per property, per week, irrespective of the number of guests (up to the permitted number) and are inclusive of water, electricity (excluding heating), local taxes and often gas (excluding heating).

These supplies (including heating) are normally charged as extra during mid and low seasons, except where otherwise stated.

SEASON DATES 2008

CHANGEOVER DAY IS **SATURDAY** IN ALL OUR PROPERTIES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

HIGH	July and August
MID	May/June and September/October
LOW	All other months unless otherwise stated

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Office Opening Hours

Our offices are open Monday - Friday 9am - 5.30pm (UK time)

Outside Office hours there is an answering service which is checked at 9am each morning