

**“La Bastide” Guests (Email responses are totally unedited, surnames removed)**  
**Dordogne, SW France**

Hello David and Bryan,

I wrote probably too long a note in the visitor's book at the cottage, but wanted to send an email to thank you again for your superb attention to detail in every aspect of fitting out your cottage for visitors. I wonder how many of your guests have looked back at photos to see that great "Stephanie" basket over their arm in the market! I don't know if either of you have read our note but I won't repeat myself.

I don't know if you remember meeting me, David, when I came to the cafe at the beginning of the year. I wonder if you have found another cottage in the Bearn or Basque areas as you hoped. We visited that region after we left Monpazier.

Our holiday began at a country engagement party weekend with our exchange student's family in the Aveyron region which was full of French language and "heartland" food and fun, and we are invited to return for the wedding but no date is set as yet.

We had a most marvelous week in the Dordogne with Monpazier as a perfect base and would leap at the chance to visit again, so maybe on the "wedding" visit.

We hope to contact you again.

Kind regards,  
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## **April 2007**

Hi David and Bryan,

We have just returned home after our stay in France ,Italy and the Eastern European countries and we wanted to tell you how wonderful our stay at La Touraine and La Bastide was.

We met Bryan in Chinon and had quite a few aperitifs with him.

We were truly amazed at the cottages. From the moment of arrival we found the welcome basket with all the things one might need initially (and the bottle of Champagne which was most welcome after about 30 attempts to get the car in the garage at Chinon). I did get better as the week went on, much to the amusement of one French lady who got a fit of the giggles watching me reverse.

The cottages were very very comfortable and had everything one could ask for, including books,cd's and dvd's. It was a shame that you were booked out at Uzès however we went there anyway and stayed at a hotel for a week. We were both amazed at how you found these villages.

In Chinon we ate out all the time but at Monpazier the butcher around the corner prepared great meals so, but for 2 occasions, we ate in.

The books at the cottages were vey helpful, both yours and the guests as to their eating establishments and their tours.

We have been singing your praises to anyone and everyone who asked about our stay in France.

Thanks once again.  
Del & Tony