

## “Le Sejour” Guests (Email responses are totally unedited, surnames removed)

April 2005

Hi David and Brian

Just a short note to say how much we all enjoyed our time in Monpazier. Le Sejour was perfect and all the advice and information provided made life very easy. Mind you it also opened up so many daily choices we needed more time!!

Brian your warm welcome and introduction to a new aperitif added to our pleasure. Ruth and Francesca (who you did not meet) checked out Uzes when they went to St Remy. So I can see another holiday looming.

Thanks again

Maria T

Director Policy

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April 2005

Dear David,

We had a fantastic time during our two week stay at Le Sejour in Monpazier - 22nd - 29th April - the area, the friendliness of people, the things to do, were beyond our expectations.

We really loved Le Sejour, it was bright, roomy, very comfortable and provided a great base for our daily explorations.

We currently have a booking at Le Duche in Provence from the 14th - 28th October. We enquired with Bryan, during our stay, to see if it was possible to switch that booking to Monpazier, but after discussions with you, Le Sejour was not available during that period of time.

We would request that we transfer this booking to during the first half of 2006, somewhere during the months of March, April, May, - we still need to work out our arrangements but would probably have one week in Loire and one in Provence during this period. There may be some adjustment to the rental.

We have read your terms and conditions and this gives 20 weeks notice of our intent and we have paid the amount in full.

Would appreciate you giving this request consideration and let us know if you're happy with a transfer to next year.

Congratulations on a superb property - we have certainly recommended it already to friends! An Australian couple whom we met said that it was the best rental property they had seen in the whole area, so gave them all the details!

Kind regards,

Helen and John R

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June 2005

Dear David,

I assume Brian is still in Chinon,

We totally enjoyed our stay at Le Petit Manoir and Le Sejour from 3rd to 17th of June.

Both accommodations were well up to our hopes and the villages themselves were picturesque, and particularly Uzes, a lot of fun. In Uzes we ate at a different restaurant every night, all were good, particularly La Taverne.

Our extra friends stayed at the Taverne Hotel, as recommended by you and were very pleased.

We are spreading the word!

Thanks again for a great experience,

Doug and Pam T

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June 2005

Hi David and Bryan

Home again after yet another wonderful French experience. Many thanks for the great Monpazier life. The house was perfect for the five of us, loved every bit of it. (Could do with a cheese knife or two).

You sure have the knack of finding and fitting out most appropriate cottages. have to admit, though, that Uzes is still my number one!!

Look forward to another sojourn in the next year or so.

Best wishes to you both  
Cathy S

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May 2004

Dear Brian & David

We returned from France about 10 days ago. Already it seems a long time since we were in Monpazier and Le Sejour.

We just thought we would let you know that Le Sejour was more than we could have possibly desired. Undoubtedly the best equipped of the 22 properties we have rented in visits to France over the last 10 years. We really enjoyed it and hope one day to return to it or to one of your other properties - maybe in Uzes (provided there is a boulangerie/patisserie opposite!!!)

Regards and best wishes

Geoff & Lee Craig

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Sept 2005

Just wanted to tell you we had a wonderful time in Monpazier. We were thrilled with the cottage, it was so comfortable and everything we hoped it would be. We were away for 5 weeks in total but our stay in Monpazier was an absolute highlight.

I do hope we can return in the not too distant future.

Thank you

Mary

(Stayed "Le Sejour" 9 to 16/9/05)

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Letter from a Friend of a Guest who joined them in Le Sejour

Dear Bryan

Smail mail - that must make a change these days – you wont know my name either – but I am the sister of Jan Janus, in whose name your beautiful cottage “Le Sejour” in Monpazier, was booked from October 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>, this year

I am writing to thank you for a really lovely week in France, which we shared with cousins in England.

The little house certainly came up to our expectations, and then some. You have thought of everything that someone would need... games and books for children and adults, TV video, C.D.player, everything in the Kitchen laundry, and a phone—in fact it is a “home from home”. And Stephanies book- super- I have that myself and in fact it was one influence that made us chose that area to stay. Monpazier is a delightful small town – the Boulangerie opposite was terrific, the markets great fun, and the people friendly and helpful.

We hope to maybe we can repeat this adventure, at some future date, it was great.

All the best to you and yours

Tricia

Sorry I don't have all the details of your names so hope this reaches the right person.

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JANUARY 2006, LE SEJOUR

Dear David and Bryan

Both Fiona and I would like to thank you for much for providing us with a very comfortable and well set up house for our stay in Monpazier.

Our family had a great week and fell in love with the region, the fact that we were there during the quietest time of the year only added to the experience. The Dordogne is a great region with so much to offer, we certainly covered a lot of miles and saw a lot of country but that is why we went.

The comments left in the book were a great help, our apologies for not doing the same.

Once again thanks for a great experience I am sure you will be hearing from us again.

Kind regards

Gerald & Fiona

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Guest 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006-09-15

David and Bryan

A quick note to let you know what a fantastic week we have had at Le Sejour. In fact we wish that we weren't leaving and going to Provence. We have fallen in love with the region, the people and the food. Thinking about it, it's probably a good thing we only have the week, otherwise they wouldn't allow me on the plane on the way back home!! The place is absolutely great and kitted out with everything a foodie could want. It was like being at home. A couple of things that we missed but that pales into insignificance considering everything else you have thought of! The esky was great and we used it several times to picnic. The amount and standard of all the crockery, cutlery, cooking utensils etc, makes the stay so easy. I am not looking forward to Provence.... They have an impossible standard to meet!!

We left a message for Bryan earlier in the week and I am not sure whether he has tried to call us back. As there doesn't appear to be an answerphone, I don't know if he called when we were out which is quite possible. We sorted out what we were after at the time on both counts.

One thing, however, that I think you ought to be made aware of is that with the rain we have had last night and today, there is a small drip coming from a ceiling beam in the attic, in the vicinity of the skylight. I went to get out the broom from near the stairs and noticed that the floor was damp. Not a huge pool but a little more than a couple of drops. The drops were falling from the edge of a beam in the attic and landing on the floor. I looked at the beam but in the darkness it was hard to tell where the water may be coming from. It seems to be running along the bottom edge before dislodging and falling to the ground. Water problems are such a pain in the backside to fix [having had to do so on a few occasions], I thought I should tell you so you may be able to get some in to look at it during a swap over and while there is enough rain to make it occur.

It has not done any real harm inside, just a small amount of nuisance value as a puddle on the floor. If the rain were heavy however it may create a bit more of an issue.

Best regards

Rex

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Guest 28/7/06 to 4/8/06

David

Just back from a week in Monpazier followed by a week in Chinon (and what seemed like a week at Heathrow security with my plastic bag).

I have nothing but unreserved praise. I have done the dodgy cottage experience in past years in France. This was 100% better. Before leaving, I wondered whether your website material might have over-sold things a little. But no, it was all true.

The cottage in Monpazier was superb for our group of 5. Everything worked, everything was clean and we wanted for nothing. A wonderful bucolic area, it was a powerful antidote to city stress. The boulangerie opposite was cruel.

Chinon was also excellent, although a more quirky property. Some wonderful features. You can fit a Citroen C8 in the garage, albeit with much effort and blinding to the wife trying to direct you. A smaller car would be better. Being able to nick opposite to the wine cave and buy a bottle of 1990 wine for 12 Euros was pretty special. We really appreciated the facilities and the state of the cottage when we arrived. Welcome basket nice touch.

Your whole operation seemed very personal (photos of you sanding down tiles etc) and you obviously have a big attachment to these houses. It showed.

We are already thinking about a week in one of your Uzes properties another time. French Cottages is a great idea carried through to a high standard. Any thoughts of doing a couple of places in Italy?

Regards,

Nathan Gedye

April 2007 Le Sejour and Uzes

Dear David,

Our very sincere thanks for a most wonderful holiday.

All eight of us voted it the best ever, that is quite an achievement when the age range is 13 to 72 years!

I guess Monpazier and Le Sejour will always be special for us, though Uzes is lovely as well. Thank you so much for organising Chez Julie for us rather than leaving us to our own devices, we were very comfortable there.

Hopefully your clients are now enjoying Le Moulin. It promised to be so elegant, it must have been a wrench to leave it for others to enjoy.

For our youngsters university and high school must now take precedence. I believe this trip more than any others we have done with them has expanded their horizons and given them an insight into the world out there, as well as a taste for french food!

I am trying to talk all my friends into the trip of a lifetime, so I will be in touch with you again.

We all wish you and Bryan the best of good fortune in your business. May there be many more French Cottages!

Best regards from all of us,

Sue