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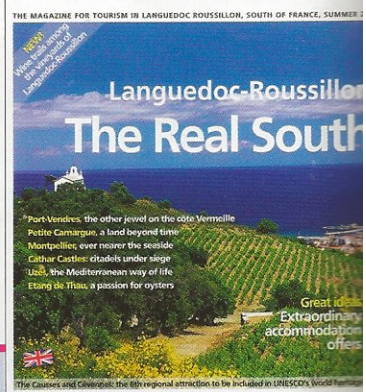
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Prime Properties IN FRANCE

Ever fancied water skiing down a river close to your home or having your very own spa? Or perhaps you'd like to grow grapes and make your own wine – or even distil Calvados at home! These are just a few of the features in this selection of properties



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1 / NEAR LIBOURNE, GIRONDE

€895,000

Charming stone house, built in 1723, with the ground floor restored. The first floor, with five bedrooms, has been partially restored. Ground floor accommodation includes a *salon*, reception room, kitchen, utility room and laundry room, plus master bedroom with en suite bathroom. There is also a guest apartment with sitting room, kitchen, two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Outside there is a pool and delightful dining terrace, with 5.5ha of vines available by separate negotiation.

Contact: Sifex, 0207 384 1200, www.sifex.co.uk

2 / NEAR PÉZENAS, HERAULT

From €384,000

The former estate of Château Saint Pierre de Serjac is to be completely restored as an elegant development of apartments and houses ranging from two to four bedrooms. Prices, fully furnished, are from €384,000 for a large two-bedroom apartment, up to €725,000 for a very large house with large gardens and private pool. Each property will have beautiful proportions, with a generous salon, high spec kitchen, luxurious en suite bedrooms and superb fixtures and fittings. A fully managed development, with great services and facilities, plus a rental scheme.

Contact: Latitudes, 020 8387, 4090, www.latitudes.co.uk

3 / NEAR LA FLÈCHE, LOIRE VALLEY

€1,000,000

This 18th century chateau used to be run as an accommodation and activity centre for children, but has not been used for several years. However, its structure and location are very good and it could be a great opportunity for anyone looking to establish a hotel or business complex in a prestigious building and park, though it does require a significant amount of investment to utilise the space.

Accommodation includes 11 bedrooms and six bathrooms.

Contact: My-French-House.com, 0113 216 4066, www.my-french-house.com

4 / DORDOGNE

€359,950

An impressive, recently-built quality property – spacious, light and in immaculate condition throughout. It has under-floor heating, together with a good size swimming pool, a garage and workshop as well as an original stone-built *pigeonnier*. Set in 6,000sq m of land in wonderful countryside, it is only five minutes' drive from a market town and half an hour from Bergerac. Accommodation includes a kitchen/ lounge, dining room, utility room, four bedrooms (one en suite) and two further bathrooms.

Contact: Richard Immobilier, 0 33 (0)553 83 30 46, www.richardimmo.com



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5 / LE LUDE, SARTHE

€336,000

Renovated and extended *fermette* with a small *gîte*, barn and swimming pool in rolling countryside just outside a pretty village. The main house has an open plan kitchen, a large living/dining room and bureau. To one side of this large open space is a modern extension which provides the principal bedroom with en suite shower room, dressing room and separate toilet. A spiral staircase leads to two further en suite bedrooms. There is also a small converted cottage with veranda, kitchen, lounge, mezzanine bedroom and shower room.

Contact: Properties in France, 00 33 (0)243 94 99 63, www.propertiesinfrance.com



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6 / CANNES

€3,500,000

This exquisite luxury villa overlooks Cannes in a very sought-after area above the city, with an inspirational view out and beyond to the sea, across a beautiful hidden garden. The villa has four en suite bedrooms plus a separate studio apartment and heated swimming pool with poolhouse and summer kitchen. There is also a separate caretaker studio apartment.

Contact: Fine & Country Cannes,
00 33 (0)492 59 25 93/4,
www.fineandcountry.com

7 / MORMOIRON, VAUCLUSE

€495,000

Four-bedroom Provencal villa in fenced and gated grounds of 1,800sq m, with lavender, rosemary, oleander and olive trees, as well as a swimming pool. Accommodation on the ground floor includes a modern fitted kitchen, dining room, sitting room and master bedroom, together with two terraces, a study corner, bathroom, shower room and toilet. Upstairs are three more bedrooms and two bathrooms. Next to the house is a garage/games room and laundry room.

Contact: Spa Properties (Europe), 020 7483 0606, www.spa-properties.com

8 / CHÂLUS, HAUTE-VIENNE

€348,000

Maison de maître, dating back to 1900, with a pool and barn, situated in the centre of town on 1,650sq m of land. On the ground floor there's a fitted kitchen, dining room, living room, two toilets, a small lounge, larder, verandah and utility room. Upstairs has a bathroom, two shower rooms and four bedrooms. There's also an attic with a further en suite bedroom and two towers. In the basement is a garage, boiler room and vaulted cellar.

Contact: Herman De Graaf Immobilier,
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www.immobilier-dordogne.com

9 / VILLEFRANCHE SUR MER, CÔTE D'AZUR

€498,000

Very nice flat on the third floor with a seaview balcony, situated only two minutes from the beach and shops. It has two bedrooms, a living room with view over the Bay of Villefranche, a fully equipped open kitchen and high quality fixtures in a building typical of the old part of the city. Lovely for holidays, or it would be easy to rent out.

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10 / ENCLAVE DES PAPES, PROVENCE

€1,890,000

A perfectly renovated 300-year-old *mas* with its own vineyard, close to the mouthwatering vineyards of Châteauneuf du Pape. There is a main six-bedroom residence with a separate three-bedroom house and far reaching views of Mont Ventoux, the Alps and Visan Village. This property has 3.22ha of its own vines and produces around 12,000 bottles under the Côte du Rhône Village classification. It also has 1.17ha of land with truffles, lavender, fruit trees and olive trees, as well as a garden with walled plant areas, lawns and trees.

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11 / RABASTENS, TARN

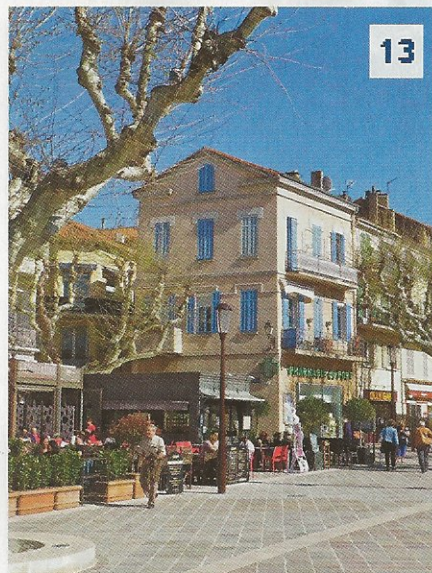
€595,000

An elegant brick-built farm property, a little like a manor in style, set on almost 8,000sq m of parkland with a pool. Spacious and comfortable, this lovely country residence provides five bedrooms and three bathrooms. There is also a kitchen, pantry, dining room, living room, office and utility/laundry room.

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12 / NEAR PARIS

€3,500,000

Prestigious villa south of Paris on the River Seine, with a nearby pier providing the opportunity to have your own boat and water ski. A modern luxury house, it sits on 2,500sq m of land with a pool. There are four bedrooms, four bathrooms, two big living rooms (one used as a studio, gym and rest area), an open kitchen, spacious pantry and laundry room, together with an interior garden and office. The interior design is by renowned architect Tony Rivas and geothermal energy is used for heating.

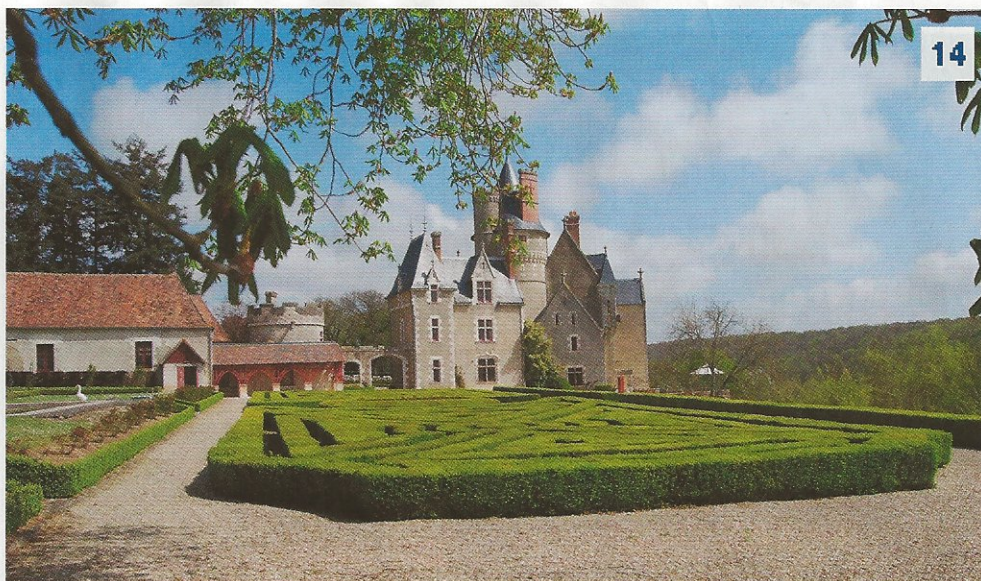
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13 / SAINT MAXIME, BAY OF SAINT TROPEZ

€995,000

This most desirable townhouse is located right on the waterfront of Saint Maxime, overlooking the port and the beach, with the vibrant heart of village life just a short walk away. It is beautifully cared for and immaculately decorated, offering three bedrooms, two bathrooms and lovely balconies with views.

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14 / VIENNE

POA

Superb 15th-19th century listed chateau in an idyllic location overlooking a river. Totally peaceful, the property is set in 32ha of grounds. It provides six reception rooms, 13 bedrooms and six bath/shower rooms. There are attractive outbuildings around a grassed and enclosed courtyard with railings and gates, together with beautiful formal gardens, an unusual dovecote, and a Calvados distillery for the owner's use.

Contact: Sifex, 0207 384 1200, www.sifex.co.uk

15 / PONT ROYAL, BOUCHES-DU-RHÔNE

€1,025,000

Villa with swimming pool and garage set in 1,400sq m of garden, situated on the international golf domaine of Pont Royal. Spacious accommodation includes a ground floor living room, dining room, open plan kitchen, master bedroom with en suite bathroom, plus two more bedrooms with en suite shower rooms. On the first floor are two further en suite bedrooms and access to a terrace with views over the Alpilles.

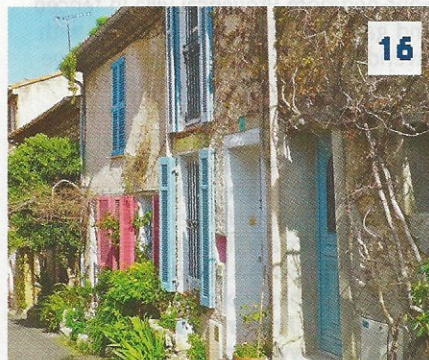
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16 / ANTIBES

€559,000

A centuries-old fisherman's cottage oozing charm and historic appeal in the heart of the Old Fisherman's Village of Antibes. It has two bedrooms (or one bedroom and a street level office/gallery), an open-plan living area and kitchen, plus two fabulous terraces. The top terrace has a roof garden and entertaining area with fantastic 360-degree views from the Cap d'Antibes to the Alpes and Nice behind, while the middle terrace is sheltered with a barbeque and Jacuzzi.

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