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Each of these rural pads has guest accommodation — trouble is, they're so nice, your guests would never want to leave...



Lot et Garonne
€1,400,000 (£1,181,300)

Your more distinguished guests could arrive by helicopter if you owned this stunning property in Sauveterre-la-Lémance, and, once they'd touched down on the helipad, there's so much to do you'd barely see them. Classed as a "domaine", the 53 acres of land include a vineyard and winery, a pool, tennis court, and meadows and woodland — perfect for walking off those long lunches. The beautifully restored main house has five bedrooms and four bathrooms, while the guesthouse across the courtyard has one bedroom.

Home Hunts, home-hunts.com



Morbihan, Brittany
€283,550 (£239,300)

Apple picking could be on the list of things to do for guests who visited you in autumn at this cottage near Gomené, which oozes rustic charm from every wooden beam and stone wall. Its 2.7 acres include cider apple vines, the fruit of which can be pressed in the property's own cellar, as well as a mature garden, woods and a summerhouse. The cottage has three cosy bedrooms, while the adjoining gîte has two.

Leggett Immobilier, frenchestateagents.com

Aveyron, Midi-Pyrénées
€366,000 (£308,900)

A true rustic bolt-hole in one of France's lesser-trodden regions, this property near Villeneuve is a collection of three 17th- and 18th-century habitations, including a restored four-bedroom house with an empty adjoining barn, a beautifully converted three-bedroom gîte and a further unconverted cottage. The buildings are all set around a central courtyard — ideal for al fresco dining — and within a 2,150m² enclosed garden. Medieval Villeneuve, dating back to 1056 and still with its defensive walls, is a picturesque 10-minute drive away.

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La Rochefoucauld, Poitou-Charentes
€371,000 (£313,100)

The chance to embrace village life and all its trimmings comes with this restored 19th-century house, situated two minutes from amenities and in the same village as one of the region's most impressive castles, the Château de la Rochefoucauld. Not quite as grand, the main house of this property currently has one bedroom, as well as a suite, on the first floor, but has a 90m² attic for converting. The guest house also has one bedroom. The garden includes a pool, a garage and a wine cellar.

My French House, my-french-house.com

