

FRENCH HOLIDAY HOMES

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- Suggest ideas for features and compile them
- Reader offers and giveaways

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From a tiny retreat for two to a clutch of cottages for a family reunion, French Holiday Homes gives you a great choice of self-catering in gites, rambling farmhouses and magnificent old châteaux - discover the real France! Some owners cater for wedding parties, others provide a hamper upon arrival, or even conjure up meals for you, should the thought of cooking fill you with dread. With skiing and skating in the winter, rafting and riding in the summer, dramatic 12th-century castles and fairytale hamlets to explore, there will be something to keep everyone happy, no matter how far into the countryside you venture.

- Fall in love with the vineyards, caves and valleys of the Loire whilst the children explore the endless nooks and crannies of your own 15th-century chateau.
- Relax over a breakfast of fresh croissants and homemade jam admiring the views across your own private lake.
- Stay on an old wine estate in the vineyards of Burgundy, or let your host guide you through the pitfalls and gems of antiques markets.
- Enrol on a local painting or cooking course; perhaps venture down to the local market with your chef de cuisine, where he'll personally pick out his favourite produce for your menus.

- Take the family to a cluster of chalets in an alpine hamlet, with its own mini-cinema.

- Discover the walking trails through Cezanne's Provençal countryside at the foot of your garden.

Feature ideas

Large properties for a family get-together.

The perfect romantic getaway - places just for two.

Ten special places with courses: cookery, painting, French language or wine-tasting.

Places to stay for the more active - walking, cycling, horse-riding or even whitewater rafting.

About Alastair Sawday Publishing

Our first guide, French Bed & Breakfast, was published in 1994 and celebrated homes owned and run by 'people' rather than corporations. We still simply look for places that we like - and we are fiercely subjective in our choices.

'Special' for us is not about the number of creature comforts, but about all those different elements that make a place 'work'. Our write-ups are cliché-free and honest so readers have learned to trust us.

Environmental concerns are a priority, too, and we are always looking for ways of improving our 'green' credentials.

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