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MAISON D'AQUITAINE ILE DE RE, FRANCE From £787 per week

This beautifully renovated townhouse is tucked away behind a row of lime trees and looks out across a square to a fortified 15th-century church. It's packed with traditional regional features, including terracotta flooring, exposed beams and wood panelling.

Located on Ile de Ré, off the western coast of France, Maison d'Aquitaine has three double bedrooms, including a master suite in an annex across the courtyard. On-site parking is available, beach towels are provided and, if you're visiting out of season, there's an open fire for chillier evenings.

The house is just a few minutes' walk from the quayside's dreamy views, and various chic boutiques are in the vicinity. You can try your hand at fishing, hire a boat and head out beyond the marina or cycle through the island's whitewashed villages. La Plage de la Cible, the nearest swimming beach, offers windsurfing equipment and catamarans to hire by the hour. After a long day in the sand dunes, you can while away your evenings in one of the town's excellent waterside eateries. Alternatively, you can make good use of Maison d'Aquitaine's courtyard by watching the sun set with a nice glass of the local wine.

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BUYING TO LET IN FRANCE

Vive les vacances!

France has always been one of the most popular destinations for self-catering holidays. Here are some things to bear in mind if you're thinking of buying to let there.

- Think about what sort of people are attracted to your chosen area and how you can best cater for their needs. For example, a visitor to Nice may look for a property out of town but on the Tramway route.
- To maximise your property's appeal, try to make it stand out from the crowd. Properties with a unique selling point will attract a higher number of enquiries than those that are standard in every respect.
- A one-bedroom apartment in Paris rents at an average of £500-£550 per week, while a two-bedroom property can raise around £900 per week. Remember, this is a city with year-round tourist appeal – it's not weather-dependent.
- Don't overlook the French Alps. They attract travellers seeking fresh air, majestic scenery and adrenaline rushes throughout the year. A week for four to six guests in the Alps in February costs £660 on average, and even in August you can earn over £400 per week.

Letting advice from Kate Stinchcombe of Holiday Lettings – visit www.holidaylettings.co.uk for further information.