

# THE BEST SECLUDED BOLTHOLES TO ESCAPE THE TOURISTS

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## Domaine des Etangs | France

[Domaine des Etangs](#) offers a truly unique experience in the heart of one of the most beautiful areas of rural France. Set over 1,000 hectares of protected nature-filled countryside comprising forest, grassland and lakes. On the property grounds lie six farmhouse cottages ranging from one to five bedrooms, surrounded by gardens, fields, forests and lakes – perfect for those looking for a truly sequestered sanctuary and to experience the rural surroundings and fresh air, where the only other being they might see are the local Limousin cows.

The cottages are so generously spaced apart, that they come with their own electric car, enabling guests to drive around the estate. Each cottage has its own personality and are scattered across the property grounds: hidden in a verdant hollow or sitting in a green meadow stretching out towards the horizon. The traditional stone structures have been refurbished and the cottages are complete with wooden beams and floor to ceiling glass doors, allowing the nature to fill the space. Some cottages are complete with a secret private wine cellar in the basement, filled with the owner's private collection of French wines, and others with large copper bathtubs to relax in.

Guests of the cottages can enjoy delicious, homely dinners by the chef, cooked over the cottages open fireplace, or for those who prefer to cook themselves, the staff at the Domaine can organise guests shopping lists from their kitchen gardens and local suppliers. If they are able to tear themselves away from the comfort of their cottage, guests can explore the sprawling estate with their own pair of welly boots or bicycle which are included in the cottage, from the walking trails to the farm, taking a rowboat out onto the lake and exploring the nearby forests.

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