

# TOP TIPS BEFORE YOU SPLASH OUT...

1. Consult the planning regulations
2. Pinpoint the type of pool you want
3. Decide who will build it
4. Choose accessories in advance
5. Anticipate maintenance

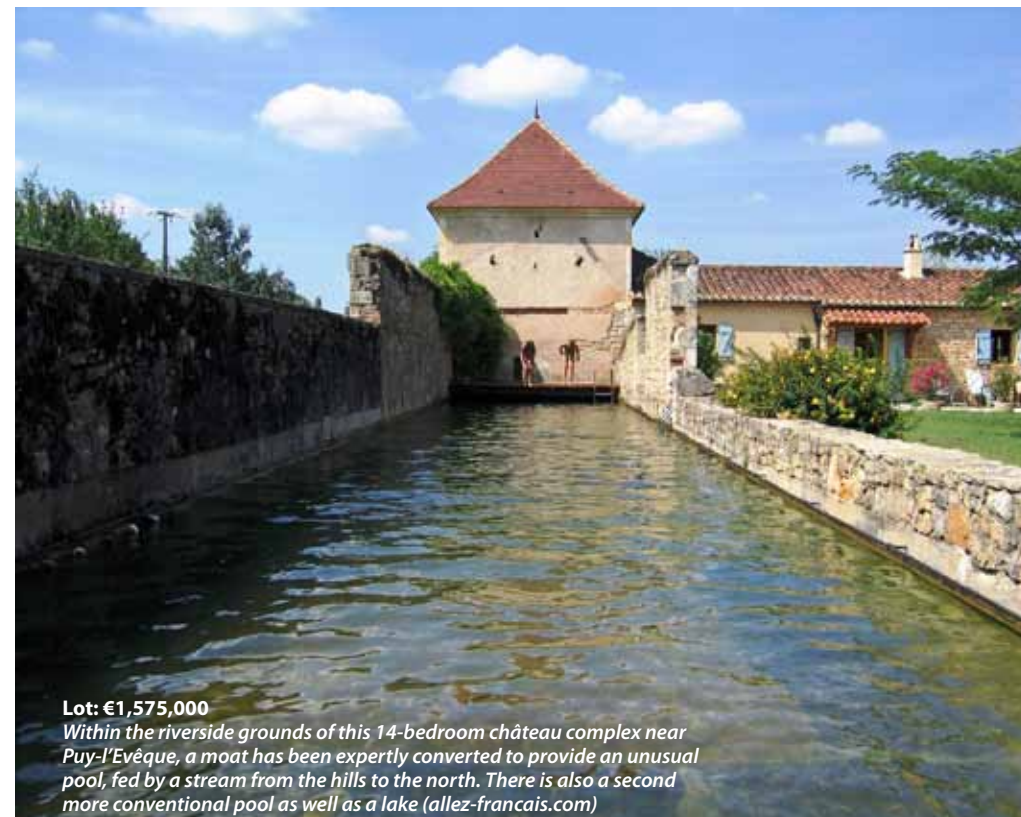


**Aveyron: €1,200,000**  
*The raw stone of this 'bassin'-style pool gives it the appearance of a natural oasis within this property's 17 acres near Najac. The house is a 19th-century 'manoir' that also boasts a tennis court and eight bedrooms (leggettfrance.com)*

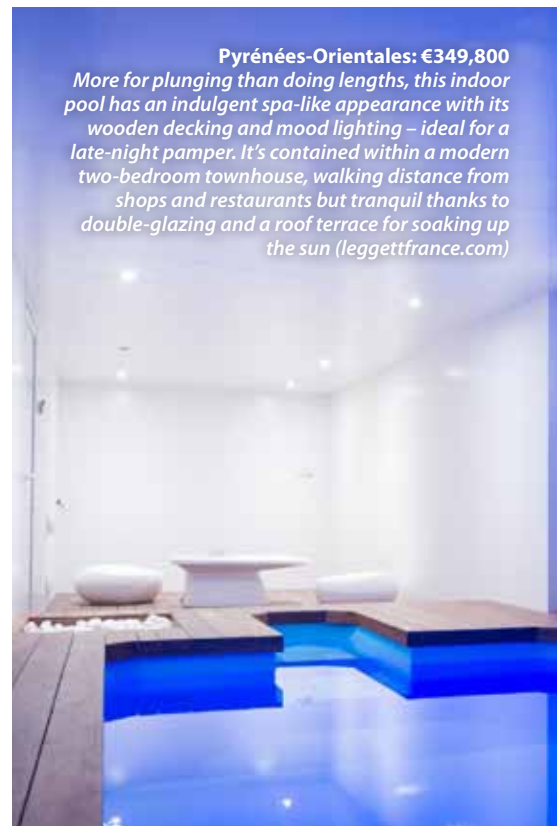


**Corrèze: €2,300,000**  
*This unique pool forms part of an elaborate mosaic villa near Viam, conceived as an entire work of art by a renowned contemporary artist (allez-francais.com)*

Short of having a bespoke pool designed and installed while you pop off to Monaco for the weekend, there are other affordable ways of making a splash



**Lot: €1,575,000**  
*Within the riverside grounds of this 14-bedroom château complex near Puy-l'Evêque, a moat has been expertly converted to provide an unusual pool, fed by a stream from the hills to the north. There is also a second more conventional pool as well as a lake (allez-francais.com)*



**Pyrénées-Orientales: €349,800**  
*More for plunging than doing lengths, this indoor pool has an indulgent spa-like appearance with its wooden decking and mood lighting – ideal for a late-night pamper. It's contained within a modern two-bedroom townhouse, walking distance from shops and restaurants but tranquil thanks to double-glazing and a roof terrace for soaking up the sun (leggettfrance.com)*