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Properties under €200,000

We find out just how far our money will go – and the answer is a long way



Originally priced at €246,100 this striking apartment would have been over budget for this month's theme, but now that it's been reduced to €199,000 I've stuck to it with €1,000 to spare.



Located in the centre of the market town of St-Ambroix in Gard, Languedoc-Roussillon, this split-level apartment certainly has artistic flair and while I definitely don't, I can still appreciate just how unique a home this would be. The colourful exterior makes quite a first impression, which continues through to an interior courtyard with stone balconies and archways, where you'll find the staircase leading up to the apartment.

Inside there are four double bedrooms, while upstairs is an artist's studio with separate access which could be used as a fifth bedroom if needed. The large private roof terrace is ideal for al fresco dining, and I could easily imagine hosting a soiree or two with conversation and the local tippie flowing freely among friends. There are plenty of shops, restaurants and bars within walking distance too, although I think I'd have to remind myself to venture outside.

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Vicky Leigh, Deputy Editor



Not only does this gem of a property come in at just €199,950, but with the remaining €50 in the kitty I can get there and back this month too, with Ryanair from London to nearby Brive-la-Gaillarde. It goes without saying that this would make an ideal holiday home, not only thanks to its accessibility but also its stunning character interiors, making it eminently rentable as well as being a beautiful base for me and my friends.



Set back from the road in a small hamlet a kilometre from Puy d'Arnac, Corrèze, the house dates from the 17th century and has been fully and sympathetically renovated over the last seven years. It's difficult to single out its best features: the quirky galley-style kitchen, the monumental fireplace in the dining room or the internal stone staircase. I think my favourite of all is the covered loggia at first-floor level, overlooking half an acre of pretty gardens.

The house has two bedrooms – one en suite – and the price includes all the furnishings. Talk about making the most of your money.

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Rachel Johnston, Editorial Assistant

People often think that Dordogne is going to be really expensive – after all, it offers near perfection when it comes to an idyllic French rural lifestyle, with truly charming villages, pretty countryside, fabulous local food and wine, and a pleasant climate. So it may come as a surprise to hear that this quaint one-bedroom cottage with garage is available for €197,610.



Located in a peaceful hamlet, within walking distance of one of Dordogne's loveliest medieval villages, the property has already been renovated so you won't need to spend all your time on DIY. The kitchen/dining room has a large fireplace and the whole house is packed with character, with exposed stone, beams and stone floors.

The bedroom has a cute Juliet balcony and there's also a gorgeous covered terrace, with views of the châteaux of Fayrac and Castelnaud. It would make an ideal lock-up-and-leave holiday home and has great letting potential too.

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