

S. Brittany, Finistère, near Audierne

Spacious, contemporary house by beach

(sleeps 8-10)



Situated 300 metres from the beach, near the village of Esquibien and the very beautiful fishing town of Audierne, whose fishing fleet provides fresh seafood for the excellent shops and restaurants grouped around the harbour, this spacious and well-designed house opens onto a pleasant walled garden of just over 1/2 acre and with its handsome windows enjoys excellent views over the bay of Audierne. It is a simple walk straight down to the beach, which is broad, sandy, gently sloping and extends well over a kilometre to the edge of Audierne.

Accommodation in this most agreeable house comprises 3 double beds, 2/3 single beds and 2 cots in 4 bedrooms, of which 3 upstairs and 1 (double) downstairs, served by 2 bathrooms (bath upstairs, shower downstairs) and 2 separate WCs. An attic may accommodate future bedrooms. The light and spacious L-shaped living room includes a beautifully installed kitchenette, dining table and chairs, leather sofa and armchair, cupboards, sideboard etc and sliding doors opening to the nicely planted and well-kept garden with a spacious lawn.

Equipment includes central (underfloor) heating, woodburning stove, dishwasher, washing machine microwave, deepfreeze, French television, 2 garden tables, 9 garden chairs, 2 sunloungers, parasol, barbecue.

The house stands upon high ground behind the seafront, which ensures commanding views over the bay. Tastefully furnished, equipped & decorated throughout, it is an excellent base for a seaside family holiday with varied activities.



To the west of Esquibien ("eight puppies" in Breton) lie several little farming hamlets like St Tugen (shown above) and wonderful cliff top paths lead past several other coves and beaches and some fine rock and seascapes (shown below left) to the stunning scenery at the French Lands' End, La-Pointe-du-Raz. In past times quite an industry thrived on the collection and burning of seaweed in granite-lined trenches, still visible along the cliff-tops, known as "fours à guénon". The seaweed ash, rich in iodine and potassium, was sold to the chemical industry, and used also by fishermen who had no farmyard manure, to fertilise their vegetable gardens, particularly the potato fields, which proliferated along the coastline. The surrounding countryside is rich in carved statuary around the fine churches.

The closest ferry terminal is Roscoff (1 1/2 hours); St Malo and Caen are also within reasonable driving distance.

Details: Sturge, Bath

