

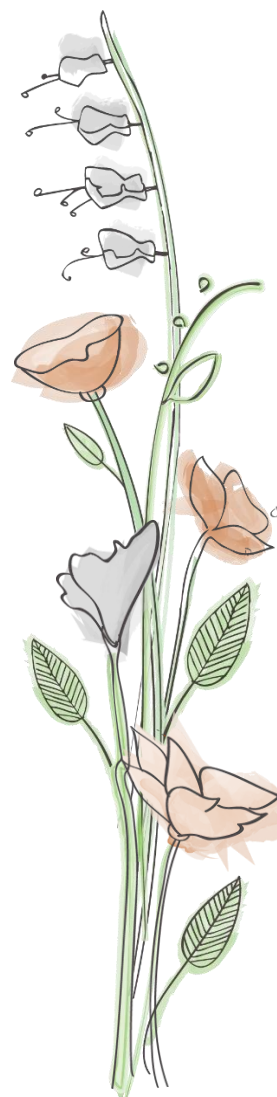
Welcome to Montboulard. Welcome to Grand Angoulême.
Welcome to our home.

This guide will provide you with information that might be helpful during your stay at Montboulard and in the area.

If we missed something, tell us. We want this guide to be helpful for everyone.

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Emergency Numbers in France

18:	Fire brigade and life-threatening medical emergencies
15:	SAMU (for other urgent medical callouts)
17:	Police / Gendarmes
114:	Emergency calls (hearing assisted)
112:	Universal European Emergency Services number - works from all phones
05 45 94 92 34:	Closest veterinarian, also with 24-hour call service

Of course, if you have any need pertaining to Montboulard, please tell or call or text us directly:

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WIFI at Montboulard

We offer access to a secured WIFI network with access to sites that are less likely to put the network or other users at risk. Each device on the network must be signed into the network.

The network name and password are updated periodically. Please refer to the card in your room for the current network name and password.

About Montboulard

Minutes off the N10, between Poitiers and Bordeaux, the comic book capital and ancient city of Angoulême is the gateway to the Périgord, the Dordogne and the French Atlantic coast. Just outside Angoulême, Montboulard is fortified with high walls and a tower. It is a haven of peace and a base for exploring the thriving city, its art and architecture, local agriculture, restaurants and the beautiful region of New Aquitaine.

Our History

Montboulard is built around a 16th century stone logis. The property is comprised of a main house and several outbuildings which date to the seventeenth century. The architecture was modified again in the nineteenth century. For many years, the property was a farm.

The property remained in the same family for over 350 years, until 1986.

Montboulard Today

At Montboulard, you can enjoy the comfort that the estate offers in its guest rooms, gites and throughout the property. We have five chambre d'hôte guest rooms and a gite apartment in the main house. Surrounding the courtyard, there are eight gites, the grange, and a reception and meeting space for up to 30 people.

John Hedges and Marc Sotkiewicz acquired Montboulard in May 2017.

Before You Arrive

- ✓ The gites feature modern kitchens that include microwaves, ovens and cooktops, basic cooking tools, pots, pans and dinnerware for the level of accommodation times two. We have additional dishes or flatware if needed. Gites other than studios have a dishwasher. Guests of the chambre d'hôte are welcome to use the limited kitchen in the main house to warm food or enjoy a meal.
- ✓ Our gites are equipped with white sheets, duvets and plush white cotton bath towels as well as hypo-allergenic comforters and pillows. During stays of four days or more, gites and chambres are refreshed twice a week. If you would like additional sheets and towels or if you would like an additional cleaning during your stay, these services are available for an extra charge.
- ✓ Colorful pool towels are available in the main house and in the gites in season. Gites have drying racks for the towels. If you need a fresh pool towel, just let us know.
- ✓ Most gites feature private walled patios with barbeque grills, patio dining tables and chairs. If you intend to barbeque, you will need charcoal. We have charcoal starter.
- ✓ While gites are self-catering properties, many people enjoy the traditional French continental breakfast we serve. With notice before 8PM the evening prior, we will deliver breakfast to your gite for your entire group for an additional charge.
- ✓ Less than 1km from Montboulard, Grand Frais and Carrefour are open six days a week as well as Sunday until 12h30. You can also shop at BioCoop and La Vie Claire, both organic markets, open six days a week.
- ✓ You can find several local open and covered food markets. The two largest are Victor Hugo (open-air, open all mornings and holidays Tuesday thru Sunday) and Les Halles (covered, open all mornings Tuesday thru Sunday). There are several very good bakeries nearby.
- ✓ We love pets, and they are welcome at Montboulard. We ask that pets are never left alone in the properties and are accompanied throughout the property. We don't have pet supplies, but they are sold at Carrefour and Jardiland, both nearby.
- ✓ Many gites have fireplaces with working cast iron stoves. Wood is available for your use in season.
- ✓ All gites other than the Grand Jardin have televisions with 17-channel French TV.
- ✓ Laundry services are available for a charge. Ask us for information.

Energy & Ecology

Respect for the environment is a priority at Montboulard. We recycle and use energy intelligently. Here are some hints that will allow you to do the same.

- ✓ Please recycle. In France, you may combine plastic and paper (no-glass) in one yellow bag. We have garbage and recycle bins at the mid-point on the private road to the property.
- ✓ We compost and welcome you to learn about composting and to use our compost pile. In general, our compost heap is made of vegetable food scraps (coffee grounds, lettuce, potato peels, banana peels, avocado skins, etc.) and yard waste.

Please do not put food scraps containing animal products (meat, fat, dairy and bones) or animal manure in the compost heap.

- ✓ We collect clean glass for disposal. There are crates at the base of the tower.
- ✓ Montboulard has a modern, self-contained sewage treatment station. Please put only toilet paper down toilets. Sanitary napkins, diapers, condoms and similar items must be placed in cans next to toilets, please.
- ✓ All our interior spaces are smoking free.
- ✓ For visitors to France, the system for cooling buildings in summer is a pleasant surprise.
 - During the day – CLOSE the windows and shutters to keep the heat out.
 - During the evening – OPEN the windows and shutters to cool the building.

It really works. You will sleep better, too!

During cool weather and winter, please turn down radiators when you leave for the day. Rooms will warm quickly when you return. We are happy to turn them back on before you return if you'll give us a call.



Safety & Fun

When you are ready to explore, Montboulard features free bicycles for guests as well as a 15x6m heated pool on its nearly four acres of grounds. The grounds are surrounded by another fifty hectares of forests that offer trails for adventuresome and curious mountain bikers, runners and hikers.

In season, you are welcome to enjoy a game of petanque or volleyball at our courts in the north field of the property, a game of croquet or open-air ping-pong in the courtyard or board games in the meeting space when it is not otherwise in use. We kindly ask that you remember the following when you use these facilities:

- Bicycles:** We ask that you limit bicycle use to four hours or less. Bicycles are not to be taken elsewhere – they are for riding locally. We do not guarantee that a bicycle will be available. If the bicycle is damaged or stolen, we will invoice you for the cost of repair or replacement. We do not supply bicycle helmets, but strongly recommend that you wear one. We have bicycle route maps for your use.
- Pool:** Rules are posted at the pool. Pool security is provided by a motorized cover which is closed at night. Children must always have adult supervision while at the pool.
- Forest:** You are welcome to walk thru the forest, but it does not belong to Montboulard. We ask that you respect this property that belongs to someone else. In the fall, winter and early spring, there are hunts in the forest. [Precautions are necessary.](#)
- Parking:** Montboulard has ample outdoor parking which can accommodate small trucks and trailers.

Soyaux, Angoulême and the Charente

We rely on recommendations from our guests for favorite things to do. A wide variety of activities is available. You will find a few ideas here and will find many more in the most recent Michelin Green Guide for the Charentes.

- ✓ Four interesting museums in town are rich with local history – the Comic Strip Museum, the Paper Museum, the Tresor of the Cathedral and the Angouleme Museum.
- ✓ Side trips to Aubeterre, Brantôme, Périgueux or Cognac give you the chance to explore ancient ruins as well interesting boutiques and local restaurants.
- ✓ The Nautilus Centre Aquatique in St Yrieix, 20 minutes from Montboulard, has seven pools, a lake, beach and ice skating as well as plenty of activities for both young and old. Just five minutes from Montboulard in the direction of Périgueux there is an large public park – including an acropark with zip lines -- for kids.
- ✓ Golf Club de l’Hirondelle is a respected 18-hole course just 15 minutes from Montboulard.
- ✓ On weekends, it is fun to explore brocante : <https://vide-greniers.org/16-Charente/Angouleme>.
- ✓ There are many good restaurants in the area. Our favorites include these: l’Adresse, l’Agape, l’Auberge des Rochers (in Puymoyen, 10 min from Montboulard), Café des Artistes and Marquant City. Business travelers looking for a late meal enjoy Bistro Regent open seven days a week, in the nearby Carrefour center. Chez Paul is a good choice for lunch or dinner on Sunday and Monday.
- ✓ Our favorite Cognac tours are Chateau de Cognac and Courvoisier. Les Caves Charlemagne is a good way to see a local champagne and wine vintner here in Soyaux.
- ✓ In season, kayaks and canoes can be rented at the Bourgines Parc on the Charente River. Hiking is popular around The Lacs de Haut Charentes and the Braconne Forest.
- ✓ You can find many other ideas at <http://www.angouleme-tourisme.com>/<https://www.lacharente.com/>. There are plenty of brochures in the main house for other ideas.
- ✓ In 2019, the Charente has 84 facilities listed by the French Horse-Riding Federation, offering a wide range of activities. Ask us for more information about local clubs.

Local Transport

Taxis: Call at least 30 minutes in advance. In Angoulême, you are charged for the trip to get to Montboulard and the trip you take to your destination. The fare from the train station to Montboulard is ~22 euros, and from Montboulard to downtown Angouleme is ~15 euros.

Radio Taxi: 05 45 95 55 55

Bus: Some guests prefer to take the bus into Angoulême. It stops at the Carrefour approximately one kilometer from Montboulard. It is Bus B.

Parking: Parking in Angoulême is generally less than 2€ per hour during the day. Many locations, including the underground garages, are free in the evenings and on weekends after noon.

Airport: Transit to Bordeaux airport is easiest by TGV with a taxi or shuttle in Bordeaux from the train station to the airport. Other airports serving the region include Limoges, Poitiers, La Rochelle and Bergerac.

Train: The Gare d'Angoulême is a train hub served by the high-speed train line from Paris to Bordeaux, with stops in Tours and Poitiers. Transfers are convenient from Angoulême to La Rochelle, Saintes, Cognac, Limoges and Libourne.

Leaving Montboulard

Check out time is 10:30AM.

We appreciate your feedback and reviews. We list on AirBnB and Booking.com. Reviews on TripAdvisor and Google are always appreciated.

You will find us on Facebook @montboulard.com.

For best rates, you can book your room directly at www.montboulard.com

Thank you for staying with us.

Room Rates per night

<u>Property **</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Gite	60	300€
Chambre d'hote	60	250€

Not included: Hotel tax (in 2019) of 0.70€ per adult per night in the chambre d'hote and 1.00€ per adult per night in the gites.

** Minimum number of nights apply and vary by seasons or event. Discounts are available for gite stays longer than seven or 28 nights.

Additional services and extra charges

Extra cleaning, including change of linens and towels:	45 € per gite
	20 € per chambre
Unapproved late check-out:	50% of daily rental rate
Laundry and pressing	Please ask

Property Map of Montboulard

