



Introducing the écovallée venue:
the natural choice for healing
retreats, courses and seminars

Easy access from everywhere



The écovallée venue is located in the Dordogne, in southwest France, 500 metres south of the thriving medieval market town of Lalinde. This beautiful, tranquil idyll is:

- 25 minutes east of Bergerac airport (with daily direct flights to the UK and beyond)
- 50 minutes from the Mussidan exit of the A89
- 1 km south of Lalinde train station (on the Bordeaux-Sarlat line)

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Accommodation in the valley

The écovallée venue comprises 12.5 acres of woodland and grassland. The four-acre field is left to grass and surrounded by woodland. So the venue is quiet – and not overlooked by anyone.

The 18-foot yurts

Carefully placed in the shade are two 18-foot Kyrgyz-style coppiced chestnut yurts, with wooden floors and lockable oak doors. These can be furnished in any way necessary – from being left empty, to a combination of double and single beds, or even dormitory-style beds.

Outdoor kitchen

The 18-foot yurts sit on either side of a large, canvas-covered outdoor kitchen, equipped with sink, gas hob and BBQ, and all the pots and plates for self-catering weeks. Catered weeks are also an option, featuring an outstanding chef who loves using the most local ingredients.

The 12-foot yurts

In the valley there are also two 12-foot Kyrgyz-style yurts in coppiced chestnut and ash, with wooden floors and lockable doors. One has decking outside and a wide door designed for disabled access (NB: The site is not suitable for people with limited movement). The other has its own large kitchen and eating area, with gas hob and BBQ.





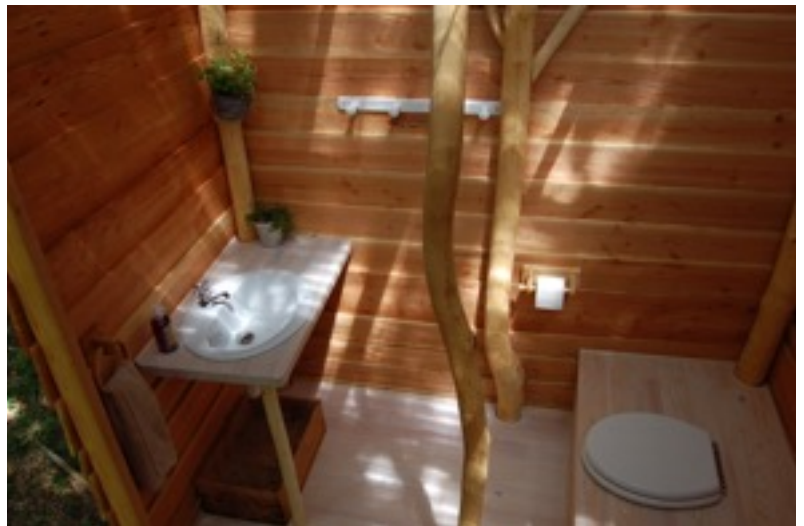
Facilities in the valley

Solar shower

In 2015, a 160-litre integrated solar hot water tank was installed. This provides more than enough hot water for people staying in the venue, even first thing in the morning. The waste water drains into a reed bed and willow trench, and then back into the world.

Tree bog

The venue boasts the most beautiful compost toilet in the world – a tree bog designed so it will never need emptying. It's spacious, made from wood sourced in écovallée and locally, and the sink has running, drinkable water.



Lighting

The valley is off-grid, with lighting provided by solar fairy lights that come on at dusk. LED lanterns are available and head torches are recommended. The wildlife is abundant and the stars at night spectacular.

Healing space

A third 18-foot coppiced chestnut yurt is being considered for use as a space for workshops and courses. If you would like to know more about this, please email for further details.



Facilities at reception

The venue reception is 100 metres west of the outdoor kitchen in the valley, connected by a stepped path through the woods. There is parking for several cars, WiFi with high-speed broadband, and electricity supplied by Enercoop – a 100% renewable energy provider.

Two more yurts

At reception, there are 18-foot Kyrgyz-style coppiced ash yurts, with an internal connecting door. These have wooden floors and wood burners in the centre and have been occupied year-round since late 2009.

Kitchen and bathroom

In a small building next to the yurts is a kitchen with a basement, and a bathroom with flushing toilet, bath and efficient washer-dryer. The vast majority of the materials have been repurposed or recycled.

An 18-foot caravan

Next to the building is an 18-foot caravan that could be used as additional accommodation space, if required.

Pizza oven etc

Other facilities in the reception area include a wood shed which, during the summer months, houses an extra fridge-freezer for people staying in the field, a pizza oven, an area for sitting outside in the evenings, with a large table, and a small tree house.





Any questions?

Venue owner, Alex, has been living in the area since 2007 and can help you put together a successful week for your retreat, course or seminar. As well as the third 18-foot being considered in the valley, one of the 18-foot yurts at reception may be swapped for a 26-foot yurt currently in storage for 2017. This could leave the adjoining 18-foot yurt empty (except for the wood burner), which would then be available for all year round.

If you would like to know more about the écovallée venue, talk about fees and marketing support, and book your week(s) for the 2017 season, get in touch today.

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