

Car Rally to Barruslet in Beautiful South West France

Dear Quantum Owners Club, I have a suggestion for you. My name is Gill Wooldridge, and I am married to Mark Wooldridge, the eldest of the three Wooldridge brothers who created Quantum over 25 years ago. In 2007 Mark and I bought a ruined farmhouse in France which we have renovated and now let out for several months of the year. What I am suggesting is a Quantum Owners Club Tour de France, culminating in a stay at Barruslet in The Midi-Pyrenees region of South West France.

Our house, Barruslet, is in South West France between Bordeaux and Toulouse, and sits in 45 acres of land. It is perfect for a group of friends to spend some relaxed time together enjoying the peaceful French country lanes and villages. Beautiful driving country and gorgeous scenery await you, as well as very comfortable accommodation and a heated swimming pool. You can tour down through France, or up from Spain, visiting some great locations en-route, and finish your journey at Barruslet with fellow car enthusiasts from Quantum Owners Club.



We offer our house for rent at very reasonable rates for off-peak times, and when a group of friends are sharing it is fantastic value. For a week off-peak rental we would charge in the region of £100 per person depending on the number of people. There are 5 double/king-size bedrooms, and for a large group some of these are used as 'family' rooms with extra single beds. Our house can sleep up to 16 when rooms are shared. I am sure that if the interest in this was high we could arrange more accommodation, and even a camping area. The house is self-catering and this helps to keep your holiday costs down, although there are also plenty of local restaurants as well 😊



The house has a large farmhouse kitchen with a log burner, dining table, and lounge area with TV and DVD, a separate living room, and 3 bathrooms. There is also a large games room with a pool table, table tennis, table football, and darts, plus lots of board games and books. Barruslet has a beautiful outdoor heated swimming pool which is 12 x 6 metres. There is a pool terrace with plenty of sun loungers for you to relax on after a hard days driving through the vineyards.



The local area is mainly farmland with lots of quiet country lanes leading to pretty medieval villages. There are vineyards in every direction, with plenty of opportunities for tasting the local wines and Armagnac. Nearby there are Roman ruins, ancient churches, busy market towns and many restaurants. Also, just a 5 minute cycle up the road is a tennis court which guests of Barrusclet can use. The roads are fantastically quiet and we have plenty of cycles you can borrow. The roads are un-hedged and so the views are fantastic in every direction.



If there are any Quantum Owners that might like to think about organizing a trip I would be very happy to talk with them about it. I can offer advice based upon our own experiences of ferries and drive times etc. If you can't face the drive, then we often find flights with Easyjet for as little as £50 return to Toulouse or Bordeaux. We can also offer local knowledge as to what else the region has to offer. You can find out more about Barrusclet and see lots of pictures if you visit our website at www.fabulousfrance.co.uk

I really hope some of you might be interested in this idea, and hope to hear from you soon to start making some plans.

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