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Nestled in a pine forest, Villas La Clairière aux Chevreuils has a selection of properties depending on the size of your group. Some sleep up to 12 people in four bedrooms. and all feature decent-sized outdoor pools, terraces and gardens with plenty of privacy. Each comes fully equipped with mod cons such as a washing machine and freezer, and all villas are dog friendly. You're in the perfect spot to take a short drive or cycle to explore what's on offer at the nearby villages, and the local bakery will deliver pastries to your door for a typical French breakfast!

WHAT TO DO

While you can easily get lost in a good book on your sun lounger, there are so many activities on offer that it's hard to sit still. Hiring a bike is a great way to explore, and you can pick one up for around 14 euros a day.

Kayaking is popular - try a sedate paddle through the Landes Forest. The winding river takes around two hours to navigate at a leisurely pace and is a great way to grab some shade on a hot day.

Alternatively, Adrenaline Parc offers treetop adventures with different levels of courses featuring ziplines and giant airbags for ages five and upwards.

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It can be tricky to please everyone on a family holiday (especially awkward teenagers), but we've discovered a destination which should tick a box on everyone's list. Moliets-et-Maa - on the coast of Nouvelle-Aquitaine in south west France - is a relatively undiscovered gem for UK holidaymakers, despite boasting long, sandy beaches, great golf courses, hiking and cycling trails and lots of towns and villages to explore. Just an hour from Biarritz airport, this is a laidback slice of traditional France that will cater for everyone. And with day trips to Bordeaux and San Sebastian within easy reach, this area has plenty to offer.





FOOD AND WINE

The local cafes and restaurants have a family-friendly atmosphere for casual dining, prices are reasonable, and the staff are friendly and welcoming. We loved the smash burgers at Billy's, which has a boho surfer vibe, and the confit duck at Le Singe En Hiver was outstanding. Our meal was soundtracked by a local French band, who got all the locals dancing.

This region is also known for its 'Vin De Sable', which means the vines are grown in the sand. The result is a crisp, fresh wine with a hint of salinity. Take a trip to one of the local wineries or pick up a bottle or two at the weekly market on Tuesdays.

Discover hidden haven, Moliets-et-Maa - the perfect family getaway for all ages







TRY SOMETHING NEW

Keen golfers will be impressed by the local club, which has both an 18-hole and a 9-hole course. They welcome beginners and children, offering lessons to perfect your swing, but the courses are technical enough to challenge seasoned golfers, too.

Plage de Moliets is well-known for its amazing surfing conditions. We'd recommend taking a couple of lessons from the local Moliets surf school to get to grips with the waves, or you can just browse the many surf stores along the strip. The beach also becomes a buzzing hangout for older teens in the evening, looking for a bit of independence, post-dinner.

NEED TO KNOW

- •Summer France offers eight villa and holiday apartment complexes in Moliets, with Villas la Clairière aux Chevreuils being its premium setting. Villas have between three to five bedrooms, sleeping up to 12 people. A week stay at Villas la Clairière aux Chevreuils, departing 10 October 2025 costs from £993/£83 pp based on 12 sharing a premium villa, including private parking and a welcome hamper. Book via summerfrance.co.uk. •Direct flights from London Gatwick
- to Biarritz cost from £72 pp return with EasyJet.