

## Our Holidays

# *Take a break...* **IN SOUTH WEST FRANCE**

Discover the hidden gem of Moliets-et-Maa,  
the perfect family getaway



### Where to stay

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, including washing machines and freezers, and the villas are dog friendly. You're in the perfect position to take a short drive or cycle to explore what's on offer at the nearby villages, and the local bakery will deliver morning pastries to your door for a typical French breakfast!





## Why go?

It can be tricky to please everyone on a family holiday, 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 holiday makers, 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 laid-back 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.



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## What to do

Hire a bike from Velos du Golf for around €17 a day, or pre-book one and have it delivered to your villa. Kayaking is popular and, with nearby Canoe Land, you can take a sedate route through the Landes Forest towards the pretty town of Leon. The winding river takes around two hours to navigate at a leisurely pace. Adrenaline Parc is just 500m from the villas, and offers two hours of treetop adventure with different levels of courses, featuring zip lines and rope walks for ages five and upwards.



## Food and wine

The cafés and restaurants in this coastal spot have a family-friendly atmosphere for casual dining. Prices are reasonable, and the staff are happy to talk you through the menu in English. Try smash burgers at Billy's, which has a boho surfer vibe, and the confit duck at Le Singe En Hiver. 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.

## Try something new



Keen golfers will be impressed by the Moliets Golf 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 Ecole de Surf du Golf to get to grips with the waves. The beach also becomes a buzzy hangout for older teens in the evening.

By Louise Bennett. Pictures: Alamy

## 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/£83pp based on 12 sharing a premium villa, including private parking and a welcome hamper. Book via [summerfrance.co.uk](http://summerfrance.co.uk).
- Direct flights from London Gatwick to Biarritz (Summer 2025) cost from £72pp return with EasyJet.