

Aquitaine



Les Volets Bleus

High in these ancient hills stands this beautiful new farmhouse built with old Basque materials. Chic, clever Marie has made a perfect creation. Through the magnificent double-arch door is a flagged entrance hall, then a terrace with rattan chairs and weathered pine tables. Up stone staircases are bedrooms in restful colours with wood or tiled floors, gilt mirrors, embroidered sheets, ancestral paintings; exquisite bathrooms have iron towel rails and aromatic oils. Marie is also an accomplished gardener so retreat to her garden for a read or a swim – or lounge in the sitting room on deep comfy sofas. It's heaven.