

Booking a gîte: video B

Mme Billard is the owner of a rural gîte in St-Jean-de-Sixt, in the Alps in the Haute-Savoie.

Nat: "Are you open all year round?"

Mme Billard: "Yes we are open all year. We do however have some quiet periods, from October to mid-December. And the busiest time is Christmas, the New Year and the February holidays."

Nat: "Does the gîte have sheets? Do you supply sheets?"

Mme Billard: "Yes, sheets are supplied. Yes, the beds are made when you arrive."

Nat: "That's handy!"

Mme Billard: "Yes, very handy, you don't need to do anything!"

Nat: "Do you have children's beds?"

Mme Billard: "Yes, we have three small canvas beds for little ones, then two more beds that we can bring in for children who are a little older, three, four years old. Yes."

Nat: "Is the gîte well fitted out, is it well equipped?"

Mme Billard: "Ah! Well it's four stars so it has... It has everything you need! In the kitchen there are a fridge, a freezer, fondue burners, a microwave oven, a kettle, electric kettle, and two electric coffee makers.

And for entertainment: a television, a DVD player, a cassette player. There is also a radio, a CD player as well, all you need."

Nat: "Are there things to do at night?"

Mme Billard: "Oh you have quite a lot of activities particularly during the school holidays, in the summer... in the summer there are a lot of activities in the village like dinners organised for the tourists and for the villagers as well. You have nightclubs obviously, restaurants, otherwise you have shows, welcome drinks, there are..."

Nat: "Little things like that!"

Mme Billard: "Yes, little things like that in fact, yes!"

Nat: "So Mme Billard, you, when you go on holiday, do you go and stay in a gîte as well?"

Mme Billard: "Generally no! But perhaps with age we'll start doing it. Because in the past we travelled far from France by plane so we... But we do like gîtes, certainly!"