



Garconnière



A commenter on the post earlier today on the OffBeatHomes-featured treehouse suggested it was a modern 'garconniere'. Garconnières have a variety of purposes. In Louisiana, they are structures in plantations that housed the adolescent sons of the plantation owners. Here's a fine example above, courtesy of [Coleen Perilloux Landry](#) (whose other photos are well worth exploring) on the [Houmas House](#) plantation in Darrow, Louisiana. Interestingly, La Garconnière is also how the Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine film *The Apartment* is translated into French since it can also mean a bachelor pad. It would also of course be a marvellous place to do some serious shedworking.