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This is a very belated followup to the [Garconnière postings](#) earlier in the year but it's well worth the wait. As regular readers will remember, we were focusing on the Garconnière at [Houmas House](#) in Darrow, Louisiana, with exclusive new photos by Bill Alger from Houmas. Here is the second garconniere on the property, built at roughly the same time as the other in the mid-1800s, but which was being used as a garden tool shed until the entire property was bought in 2003. This one has very wisely been turned into a bar and I must say looks just the ticket.



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We mentioned the [Garconnière](#) at [Houmas House](#) in Darrow, Louisiana, some time ago but now Bill Alger from Houmas has sent in some more detailed and up to date photos. The garconnierre we featured has been transformed into an office for the Houmas House historian, with a wing attached. The photos show the downstairs living room and the upstairs office.

The conversion, carried out in 2007, also includes a bedroom, kitchen, dining area and bathroom.



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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.