

Chateau Du Patrimoine

Region: Le Mans Sleeps: 12 - 31

Overview

It's such a majestic sight as you approach Château du Patrimoine and stroll towards its impressive moat and grand entrance. With a fascinating history spanning over nine centuries, this is a wonderful and atmospheric place to stay, only 46km from the beautiful city of Le Mans.

This unique and inviting château in the Sarthe department of France, just south of Normandy, dates back to the 12th century and is set within a 100-acre of estate of rolling fields and woodland, perfect for long hikes embracing the surrounding countryside. From the château itself, wander past the rose garden, cherry trees and lavender to reach the tennis court and spend leisurely summer days by the heated swimming pool with ample space for sun-lounging and socialising.

Whether a group of friends or extended family, play badminton, football, table tennis or croquet with loved ones, before gathering by the fire pit in the evening for barbecues as stars shine brightly in the clear skies above you.

The château itself is steeped in heritage and has been charmingly restored by its current owners who have created such a warm and welcoming holiday home. From the rustic kitchen with its historic open hearth and stone walls to the elegant salon and dining room, soak up the French character as you explore the château's interiors. A billiards room and TV lounge is the perfect place to kick back on cooler days, there's also an office and intricately tiled hallway as well as a gym up on the second floor.

Follow secret steep steps and curving staircases to discover one of the sixteen bedrooms across the château and its annexe, many of which feature their own private bath or shower room. For smaller groups needing fewer bedrooms, there are flexible pricing options across the year.

Beyond the château's vast estate, visit picturesque villages and towns dotted along the Sarthe River, starting off with Fresnay-sur-Sarthe, 8km by car, with its pretty restaurants and market place. The idyllic village of Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei is also close by, officially classified as one of France's 'Plus Beaux Villages' and a great inspiration to artists, whilst historic Alençon, famous for its lace-making traditions, should be visited on a Thursday or Saturday morning for its delightful market.



Set off for long walks through nearby woodland, canoe along the Sarthe River, ride horses through the Perche Regional Natural Park and discover cycle rides across the Parc Naturel Regional de Normandie-Marne. Le Mans is another brilliant day out, such an impressive city with its medieval quarter and cathedral, also famed for its 24-hour classic car race in mid-June.

Further afield, choose between the iconic châteaux and vineyards of the Loire valley to the south or the many Normandy gems to the north including Mont Saint-Michel, Bayeux and the incredible D-Day Landing beaches reached in less than two hours by car.

Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • **Recommended** • **Exclusive** • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Tennis Court • TV • Bicycles Provided • Gym/Fitness Room • Games Room • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Pool/Snooker • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Chapel on Site

Interior & Grounds

- 1) Main Château only – six first floor bedrooms (12-person price) - available from 2024
- 2) Main Château only – nine bedrooms excluding the top two floors (17-person price) - available in 2023 only
- 3) Main Château and Annexe House – eleven bedrooms excluding the château's top two floors (21-person price)
- 4) Main Château and Annexe House – sixteen bedrooms across all floors (28-person price) - 2023 only. From June 2024 the maximum capacity will be 31 guests

Château Interiors

Main Floor

- Living room
- Dining room with seating for 18-20 guests
- Billiards and TV room
- Office
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom

Lower Ground Level

- Kitchen, well-equipped including ovens, hob, fridge, ice-machine, microwave and historic fireplace

First Floor

- Master bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom
- 2 x bedrooms with double bed and shared bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and shared bathroom (shared with bedroom on floor above)
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom
- 2 x bedrooms, one with double bed, one with single bed, and shared bathroom

Second Floor

- Bedroom with double bed and shared bathroom (shared with bedroom on floor below)
- Children's bedroom with twin beds and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with single bed (uses above en suite bathroom) - **this will be four bunk beds from June 2024**



- Gym with elliptical, exercise bike and Bowflex resistance machine

Top Floor

- Bedroom with single bed (uses en suite bathroom on floor below)

Annexe House *(detached from the main château)*

- 2 x first-floor bedrooms with double bed and en suite bathroom
- Large space (for seminars, on request)

All doubles are either standard or queen-size. Bathrooms feature bath and/or showers.

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (12x6m, depth: up to 2.4m) with jacuzzi feature and electric safety cover. Open approximately June to end-September
- Tennis court
- Various terraces, courtyards, areas for al-fresco dining and relaxation
- Barbecue and fire pit
- Vast manicured gardens
- Outdoor play area with slide and swing
- Bikes
- Badminton, football and croquet
- Moat (low walls)
- Water features
- Chapel
- 100-acre estate (gardens, fields, forest, hiking trails)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Fireplaces (November to March only)
- TV
- DVD player and DVDs
- Board games and puzzles
- Sauna
- Gym
- Tennis court
- Bikes
- Pool table
- Table tennis
- Outdoor games

Location & Local Information

Château du Patrimoine is in the Sarthe department of the Pays-de-la-Loire region, just south of Normandy and a 45-minute drive from historic Le Mans, known for its *24 Heures du Mans*, one of the most famous car races in France that usually takes place in mid-June.

Find the nearest supermarket and bakery in a little village around a 4km drive away or head straight to picturesque Fresnay-sur-Sarthe (8km) on the banks of the Sarthe River, home to a small handful of restaurants and a weekly market on the main square.

Further north, Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei (10km), officially classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', also lies on the banks of the Sarthe River, crossing into the Orne department of southern Normandy. Its church features frescoes dating back to the 11th and 12th centuries with tiles most likely from the same kiln as part of the château and there are gorgeous views of the river below. The village is such a pretty place to stop off for lunch, perhaps followed by a potter around the art studios, then a visit to the impressive gardens and teashop just outside the village at Les Jardins de la Mansonnère.

Alençon (15km), the region's main town, has a rich history of lace-making which you can learn all about at the Musée des Beaux Arts et de la Dentelle. A visit to Alençon's bustling market on a Thursday or Saturday morning is a must whilst the town also boasts two excellent *chocolatiers*.

Canoeing along the Sarthe River is a fantastic way to admire the local landscapes whilst there are many marked trails for keen walkers across the region. Discover cycling, mountain biking and horse-riding opportunities as well, especially across the vast Parc Naturel Regional de Normandie-Marne and the Perche Regional Natural Park near La Perrière (40km) and Bellême (50km).

Spend time in the beautiful city of Le Mans (46km) with its medieval quarter perched above the city alongside the incredible Cathédrale Saint Julien. If staying in July or August, look out for the spectacular light show that takes place across the old town and if you can't make it in June at the time of Le Mans 24-hour car race, then visit the fascinating Musée des 24 Heures du Mans.

Other brilliant day trips include Mont Saint-Michel, just over a 2-hour drive away, the university city of Caens (119km), Bayeux (150km) and its tapestry as well as the D-Day Landing beaches slightly further north.

To the south, the iconic châteaux and vineyards of the Loire valley are also



waiting to be explored with the wonderful cities of Tours and Angers around 90 minutes by car.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Tours Val de Loire Airport (149km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Caen Ouistreham (133km)
Nearest Train Station	Alençon (15km)
Nearest Village	Small rural village (2.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	(4km)
Nearest Restaurant	Fresnay-sur-Sarthe (8km)
Nearest Town	Alençon (15km)
Nearest City	Le Mans (46km)
Nearest Golf	Golf d'Alençon Arçonnay (12km)

What we love

- Such a magnificent château dating back to the 12th century which has been charmingly restored to sleep 17-28 guests
- Set in a 100-acre estate, make the most of its heated swimming pool, tennis court, gorgeous gardens and hiking trails through woodland and rolling fields
- You are close to one of France's prettiest villages, Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei, as well as the historic market town of Alençon, famous for its lace-making traditions
- Learn all about the classic 24-hour car race when you visit the beautiful city of Le Mans
- Other day trips include the vineyards and châteaux of the Loire Valley as well as Mont Saint-Michel and Normandy's D-Day Landing beaches

What you should know...

- Please note that the 2023 capacity is 17-28 guests. From 2024, the capacity will be 12-31 guests and the 17 and 28 price options will no longer be available. Please see the 'Features' tab for further details.
- Surrounded by a majestic moat and set within vast, glorious grounds, it goes without saying that children will need supervising outside.
- It's also worth noting there are ample characterful features across this château including steep steps and spiral staircases.
- A local caretaker is on-site between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday and is available during weekends, if required.
- The Wi-Fi signal is strongest in the office - it can be weak in other parts of the château due to the historic thick walls. Wi-Fi boosters are due to be installed soon.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes. Please note that the fireplaces are not in use April to October.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, changed once for stays of over one week.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and mid-stay cleaning for stays of 7+ nights also included. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately June to end-September. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.
- Pool heating charge?: Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Other Ts and Cs: The 17-person price includes the nine bedrooms on the château's main and first floor only. The 21-person price also includes two extra bedrooms in the Annexe House (detached from the main château) whilst the 28-person price includes all sixteen bedrooms across the château and annexe.
- Internet access?: The Wi-Fi signal is strongest in the office - it can be weak in other parts of the château due to the historic thick walls. Wi-Fi boosters are due to be installed soon.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties are not allowed.
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