

# Chateau Alois

Region: Belgium Sleeps: 35

## Overview

The historic Chateau Alois sleeps up to 35 guests and is the ideal place to stay with family and friends and a wonderful wedding venue.

Beautifully positioned on the banks of the River Bocq and only 3 kilometres from a gorgeous little town, just a short drive from Calais and Brussels, Château Alois is comprised of a main building and two wings surrounding a courtyard and has a number of large reception rooms, making it the perfect party or conference venue. All of the bedrooms have en-suite bath or shower rooms.

Château Alois was once home to an important Bishop and dates back to the 12th century. Its ten hectares of grounds incorporate an extensive park with many century old trees. You can enjoy fishing, canoeing and swimming in its private lake and its woods are perfect for walking and cycling trips. There is also an all-weather tennis court on site and a new addition of a wonderful relaxation area including a Finnish sauna.

**Good news! For a little extra, this property can be booked as a Vill'otel**

### Yey! Wait... what is that?

It's the perfect combo of the privacy of your own personal villa, with all the luxury and convenience of a hotel.

### What can be arranged?

Breakfast, cleaning, welcome drinks and hamper, plus more! Check the Extras tab for all the details.

## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Great Value • **Recommended** • Vill'otel (Like a Hotel!) • Heritage Collection • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets on Request • Walk to Village • BBQ • Ideal for Parties • Tennis Court • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Wheelchair Access • Sauna/Steam • Games Room • Indoor Games • Table Tennis • Table Football • Pool/Snooker • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Conference Facilities • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages



# Interior & Grounds

The chateau and both wings are exclusive to you and your party will have sole enjoyment of the property. There are 14 bedrooms in total (5 doubles, 6 twins, a triple, 2 quads and a mezzanine area that can hold up to 4 beds). All of the bedrooms have a connecting en suite bath or shower room.

On the ground floor is a large living room with parquet floor, paintings, open fireplace and satellite TV. The dining room has parquet flooring and original panelling. The modern kitchen is fully equipped with the standard appliances and also includes an AGA cooker, a vitro ceramic stove and a coffee machine. The '*salle des chasseurs*' has a large open fireplace, games, bar area and billiards table. The cellar holds an additional freezer, a washing machine, a tumble dryer & ironing board.

On the first floor are 3 double bedrooms and a twin, all with en suite bathrooms. The second floor has a twin bedroom, a quad and a mezzanine area that can hold up to 4 single beds. Both bedrooms have en suite shower rooms.

In the west wing of the chateau is a living room with fireplace, satellite TV and CD player. There is also a cloakroom. The wing has 3 bedrooms (2 twins & a triple), all with en suite bathrooms.

The east wing has a brand new kitchen and utility area. The sitting room comes with parquet floor, wood stove, satellite TV and CD-player. There is also an additional salon with sofa-bed. There are 4 twin bedrooms (one of which is large enough to add extra beds) and a double (all of which have en suite bath or shower rooms).

A new addition to the chateau is a fantastic relaxation area of 25m<sup>2</sup> which includes a Finnish sauna, a wood stove, armchairs and a bench plus two shower cabins.

Within the grounds you will find a covered barbecue area that seats 36 that can be used in all weather as it is closed in on three sides by most attractive half-timbered walls with windows. The fourth side is open and offers a splendid view of the lake. There is also a beautiful courtyard, a large dining terrace, plenty of garden furniture, an all weather tennis court, a large fishing lake and ample parking.



## Location & Local Information

The chateau is easily accessible; it is only 70km from Brussels (flights or Eurostar) and 280km from Calais. The local town is only 3.5km away and has a number of excellent restaurants, a supermarket and a train station.

It has a beautiful garden and terrace for al fresco dining and is renowned for its fresh seasonal cuisine. Of course, there are also a whole host of other local restaurants which cater to all tastes and budgets.

Picturesque, cultural and historic, Namur has a colourful range of tranquil woodland, pasture, valleys, small lakes and meandering rivers as well as a strong cultural heritage. Activities include walking, horse riding, mountain biking, canoeing, kayaking on the River Lesse, golf, archery, delta-flying, rock climbing, caving, quad-biking, karting, and adventure trailing.

Outside the city we recommend visiting the caves of Han and La Merveilleuse (Dinant), the Gallo-Roman ruins of Malagne, the ruins of Montaigle (Falaën), Freyr, Lavaux-Sainte-Anne castles, the Gardens of Annevoie and some of 'Les Plus Beaux Villages de Wallonie' (Wallonia's Most Beautiful Villages) such as Celles.

The Brussels South Charleroi Airport is about 60 km far from the chateau; by car it takes about 43 minutes (highway). By train, there is at least one departure each hour and the station of Ciney is 3.5 km far from the castle. It takes 1h30 by train from the Brussels South Airport via Charleroi, Namur and Ciney.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Village	<b>(3.5km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>(4km)</b>
Nearest Airport	<b>Brussels Charleroi (60km)</b>



## What we love

- A gorgeous, historic château ideal for a holiday with family and friends as well as being a beautiful wedding venue
- The dining room, with its open fire, will make you feel like you are attending a medieval banquet!
- The château now features a wonderful relaxation area which includes a Finnish sauna and a wood stove
- Situated in Belgium, this chateau is perfect if you want to explore Benelux or Northern France
- A Michelin starred restaurant is only a two-minute drive away from the château

## What you should know...

- Short stays are permitted both on weekdays and weekends - please enquire for a tailor-made quote.
- The style and configuration of the bedrooms varies therefore please discuss requirements.
- The local town is 3 km away and a car is recommended to make the most of your holiday.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000. This is paid via bank transfer prior to arrival and will be refunded in full after departure (2 weeks max) subject to damages inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 pm at the latest and 7.00 pm for the main house
- Departure time: 12.00 am and 6.00 pm or 10.00 am for week days.
- Energy costs included?: Prepaid and after stay calculated on the actual consumption. Services deposit for electricity, water and heating varying according to seasons and lengths as follows: - summer weekend €200; - summer week €450; - winter weekend €600; - winter week €1500; - intermediate season weekend €310; - intermediate season week €740. Season distribution regarding service deposit - - Summer season : May to September - Intermediate : October and April - Winter : November to March. There is also a charge for the energy used when using the new sauna - approx €5 for a one-hour session including one hour of heating beforehand.
- Pets welcome?: Small dogs permitted on demand, only one at a time.
- Changeover day: Monday to Friday (end of afternoon)
- End of stay cleaning included?: €410 for weekend stays/ €500 for week stays. There is a €25 surcharge for weddings. This is paid in cash on arrival. Please note that rubbish disposal and recycling are not included (extra €22.5).
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Linen & towels included?: Linen: €10 per person / Towels: €4 per person. Please bring own bathrobes for the sauna (these may be possible to rent in the near future).
- Minimum stay: Short stays are permitted both on weekdays and weekends - please enquire for a tailor-made quote
- Other Ts and Cs: No eating in bedrooms
- Heating costs included?: No, see "Energy costs" tab for details. Firewood is available for €3 per set.
- Other Ts and Cs: Party Policy: outside doors must be closed at midnight. At 2am the noise must be reduced and at 3 am music must be completely switched off and the party. ONLY ONE dancing or high musical evening per stay will be permitted.