

# Chateau Normand

Region: Normandy Sleeps: 14 - 22

## Overview

This beautiful château is situated in a green valley within walking distance of an ancient village. A long drive takes you up to the charming, fully restored manor house that can sleep up to 14 or 20 guests. Just half an hour from Cherbourg, this is a wonderful destination for a weekend break with family and friends or a longer stay in the summer.

The château sits among beautiful gardens with plenty of garden furniture and a purpose built BBQ area. The tranquil setting of the château includes a small stream running through the grounds, two ponds and a wood to explore.

For those who want to relive past glories, the château offers an evocative slice of France's past. Within the grounds are the ruins of former château buildings, a well dating back to 1753, a dovecote from the 16th Century, the original wine caves (now out of use and used for storage) and the stone windows of a 12th Century chapel that will simply steal your heart!

Normandy is waiting to be explored, both the enchanting Cotentin Peninsula and beyond. Experience the lovely markets in nearby Valognes and medieval Bricquebec on a Friday and Monday, enjoy lunch in the charming fishing town of Barfleur or visit the wonderful beaches around Barneville-Carteret. Try some of the cuisine of the region from fresh mussels and oysters to delicious local cheeses and calvados.

Further afield, visit the D-Day landing beaches, the historic town of Bayeux and even the spectacular Mont Saint-Michel for an amazing day out in this incredible part of northern France.

## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Great Value • Heritage Collection • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets Welcome • Walk to Village • BBQ • Ideal for Parties • Stag/Hen Allowed • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • DVD • Working Fireplace • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites



# Interior & Grounds

1) Château (6 bedrooms/3 bathrooms) excluding second floor bedrooms (14 person price)

2) Château including all 9 bedrooms/5 bathrooms (20 person price)

The château has been converted into a holiday home featuring a dining room, kitchen and nine bedrooms across the château, some of which are in apartments, all within the main building (also alongside the discreet owner's apartment and office). This makes it ideal for a number of families holidaying together who wish to maintain a level of privacy.



## Château Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Medieval dining room with huge decorative fireplace and dining table for up to 25 guests. Accessed via entrance door outside château or via main kitchen
- Kitchen for all guests, fully-equipped including dishwasher, microwave, oven, hob, fridge and freezer
- Bedroom with double bed (two mattresses making a king-size bed), rose marble decorative fireplace and en suite bathroom. Accessed via main entrance or via kitchen, can be locked inside and can also be used as a living room if preferred (please advise in advance)

### First Floor Apartments and Bedrooms (right hand side of château)

- 2-room apartment with living area with king-size double bed, corner kitchen, shower room and WC. Gives access via three steps to a slightly higher level to a bedroom with a queen-size double bed. This apartment is accessed via a stone staircase.
- 3-bedroom apartment with living room, small kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom on first floor. Stairs from living area lead up to two second-floor adjoining double bedrooms with small double bed plus second WC and wash-basin. Apartment on first and second floor on the right-hand side of château, accessed via stone staircase

### Upper Floor Apartments and Bedrooms (left-wing)

- 2-bedroom apartment with living room with decorative fireplace which leads to a double bedroom with a king-size double bed. Second bedroom with small double bed and single bed. Kitchen and bathroom accessible via a corridor. On first floor in the left-wing accessed via tower
- Bedroom with double bed, sofa and chairs, decorative fireplace, dining table and en suite bathroom. Also on first floor in the left-wing accessed via tower



## **Outside Grounds**

- BBQ
- Partially enclosed garden (by old walls)
- Play area with swings, slides and cabin
- Table tennis
- 16th century dovecote tower with bar suitable for relaxing (music system and darts), summer meals or celebrations (no heating)
- Garden furnishings
- Picnic tables
- Grounds (5 hectares) including small wood, stream and two ponds (no fishing)
- Secure parking

## **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi (in most bedrooms, dining room and front terraces)
- Central heating (from October to end-April)
- TV and DVD player (no channels)
- Bar, darts and music player in 16th century dovecote (no heating)
- Complimentary laundry service if required



## Location & Local Information

Ancient villages, châteaux, manors, churches and abbeys can be found within a short distance from Château Normand. Normandy has a rich history and is proud of its cultural heritage from the Romans, Celts, Vikings and Normans. The local village was once the feudal domain of the Bruces, ancestors of Scotland's famous King Robert the Bruce.

Being just a half hour drive from Cherbourg port also makes it ideal for short breaks for guests arriving by ferry with departures from Portsmouth, Poole, the Channel Islands and Ireland.

The château is close to beautiful sandy beaches (20 minutes), a wide choice of restaurants (10-15 minutes), a children's animal park (15 minutes), the traditional French markets with fresh local produce (10 minutes), La Maison du Biscuit and a hypermarket/shopping area (10 minutes).

Amazing places to visit across this region include Mont St. Michel (1.5 hour), the D-Day landing beaches (30 minutes), the Bayeux Tapestry (1 hour) and Sea Life Cherbourg (15 minutes). Calvados from the local farmer and wine tasting can be provided if you are interested.

There is a restaurant 10km away for simple, good value French food. The local markets on Monday morning in Bricquebec (10km) and Friday morning in Valognes (12km) are also recommended. Within walking distance of the château, in the local village (2km), is a bakery, post office, bar, butcher, medical centre and pharmacy.

Tennis and horse riding can be found locally. Golf is 12km away. The area is well suited for walking, hiking and (experienced) biking.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Cherbourg – Maupertus Airport (22km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Cherbourg (23km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>(2km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Cherbourg (16km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Bricquebec (10km)</b>



Nearest Shop	<b>Bakery (2 km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Carteret (30km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>nr Cherbourg (12km)</b>

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## What Oliver loves...

- Ideal for weekend or short breaks with Cherbourg ferry port just a 30-minute drive away
- Have your own dance party in the 16th century dovecote with its bar and music player - also a lovely spot for summer meals
- The medieval dining room and huge fireplace will truly make you feel like a king (or queen)!
- The five hectares of gardens and small wood are perfect for outdoor fun

## What you should know...

- The 14-person price is for the ground and first floor of the château (6 bedrooms) whilst the 20-person price is for maximum capacity (9 bedrooms) including the bedrooms on the second floor.
- Some bedrooms are part of an apartment - see the 'Features' tab for full details.
- Check the 'Rates' tab for dates when weekend and short breaks are possible.
- The owner lives on site in a private part of the château on the second floor (and uses an office on the ground floor). Although discreet, they are also on hand to help with any information you may need
- Wi-Fi is featured in most bedrooms as well as the dining room and terraces in front of the château.

# Terms & Conditions

- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Linen and bathroom towels must be hired at an extra cost of €10 per person per week (payable locally).
- Heating costs included?: Extra €50 per day, paid locally. Available approximately October - April.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Changeover day: Saturday (other days are on request).
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €120 for weekend stays, €240 for weekly stays (paid locally). 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Minimum stay: 2 nights mid-February to mid-May, 3 nights mid-June to July and September. 7 nights mid-May to mid-June, July and August.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Other Ts and Cs: The 14-person price includes six bedrooms/three bathrooms only (on the ground and first floor only). The 20-person price includes all nine bedrooms/five bathrooms. Please see the 'Features' tab for details on the layout.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.