

Chateau De Culas

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 18

Overview

Built in the 12th century by the Knights Templar as a fortress protecting the land against pillaging Saracens, this château in the French Riviera is now a stunning holiday retreat with a dramatic backdrop within the French Alps.

Hosting up to 18 guests across the seven-bedroom home, this château is ideal for friends or families travelling together. The château has been uniquely renovated to include all the comforts of home, not to mention superbly designed bathrooms with craftsman-style features, the well-appointed kitchen, elegant sitting rooms and charming outdoor lounge and dining spaces.

Set on 11 private acres, guests will enjoy relaxing dips in the heated private pool, plus hiking trails straight from the château with views that will never be forgotten.

The château's hilltop location provides ultimate peace and tranquillity, with no neighbours in sight. However, when in need of a bit of culture, the village of Saint Andre les Alpes is just over 2km away, with shops, delicious cuisine and village tours.

The highlight of the area has to be Lake Castillon, with pristine turquoise waters that make it one of the most popular watersports lakes in France. The château not only offers beautiful aerial views of the lake, but exclusive access to a private beach as well!

Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • **Recommended** • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets on Request • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • TV • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • DVD • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Waterfront • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Stalking/Hunting • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Nice • Chapel on Site



Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

Ground Floor

- Entrance and hallway with grand piano
- Living room (via steps)
- Billiard room
- Kitchen, well-equipped
- Bathroom (in the château tower) with bath and toilet

First Floor

- Family bedroom with king-size double bed, two singles and bathroom (in tower) with bath and toilet
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and toilet
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, toilet and balcony
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite bathroom

Second Floor

- Bridal suite with queen-size double bed and open bathroom with bath, two showers and toilet
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed, bathroom (in tower) with shower and toilet. Stairs leading to mezzanine attic level with queen-size double bed
- Bedroom with twin beds (can be joined as a double) and open bathroom with shower and toilet
- Open-plan hallway with living area and library

Basement

- Vaulted stone cellar/wine and food tasting room

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (14mx7m) with safety fencing. Open mid-May to mid-September.
- BBQ and bar area
- Al-fresco dining area with sound system
- South-facing garden terrace
- 11 acres of private land
- 5-person jacuzzi
- Gym



Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Satellite TV
- DVD player
- Music system
- Cinema room
- Gym
- Jacuzzi
- Grand piano
- Washing machines and dryers

Location & Local Information

The château is situated just over 2km from the village of Saint André les Alpes where you will find three bakeries, cafes, a supermarket, ATM and petrol station. There are also great restaurants in the village and locally. There is also a small local market on a Wednesday and Saturday afternoon.

There is fishing on the private lake less than 300m away, accessed via a small fairly steep track, or alternatively head 3km by road to the public beach on the other side. Watersports that are available on the lake in the summer include canoes, pedalos, windsurfing, catamarans and stand-up paddle boards. There is also lovely swimming and canoeing opportunities in the river Verdon that flows into the lake.

There is horse riding, pony trekking and golf nearby the château. You will also be able to find quad-biking, white-water rafting and canyoning in the area, cycling plus some wonderful trekking opportunities, with some routes straight from the château. Castellane (23km) is an especially great town for those seeking exciting activities, about half an hour away by car.

There are also some great flying schools and it's great fun watching the tandem-paragliding nearby if you don't wish to take part!

The incredible and famous Verdon Gorge (53km) is just over an hour away, ideal for hikers but can also be enjoyed from your car.

There are many beautiful villages in the region for you to discover where you can soak up the Provencal charm and admire their rich history. These include Colmars (32km), Annot (27km), Entrevaux (38km), Moustiers St Marie (70km) and a little further, but worth it, is Sisteron (74km), a delightful village of flowers.

Other highlights include the spa towns of Digne (45km) and Gréoux-les-Bains (80km) or head south to the stunning town of Grasse (86km) with its fascinating perfume heritage and marvellous landscapes.

Nice, Cannes, Monaco and the French Riviera coast are all within just over 100km of the château for a brilliant day-out.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Nice Airport (107km)
Nearest Village	Saint André les Alpes (2.5km)

Nearest Shop	Bakery in Saint André les Alpes (2.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Saint André les Alpes (2.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	Saint André les Alpes (2.5km)
Nearest Town/City	Digne (45km)

What we love

- The first sighting of the hilltop château is a memorable, feel-good experience – one that never dissipates
- The wealth of activities nearby including private beach access and fishing on Lake Castillon, hang-gliding, skiing, horseback riding and more
- The village of Saint Andre les Alpes, which is a beautiful 2km stroll away and where you will find cafes, shops and restaurants

What you should know...

- The Château sleeps up to 18 guests across seven bedrooms including one family quad bedroom and one bedroom with a mezzanine level - please see the "Features" tab for more details.
- Having undergone some recent renovations, some of the interiors have changed and the swimming pool area has been upgraded - the "Features" tab is correct and watch out for new photographs soon.
- The unobtrusive yet friendly owners live on site.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 paid via bank transfer to the owner before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outdoors only.
- Energy costs included?: Yes, although please note that there may be some additional costs during the low season.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, although please note that there may be some additional costs during the low season.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels.
- Pets welcome?: Yes.
- Pool heating charge?: No. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Other Ts and Cs: The pool is open approximately mid-May to mid-September (cooler months may not be suitable for swimming).
- Changeover day: Saturday in July and August. Flexible during all other periods.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights in July and August. 3 nights during all other periods.