

# Chateau Camelot

Region: Midi-Pyrenees Sleeps: 20

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## Overview

*As featured in the Daily Mail colour supplement.*



With incredible views of the Lot valley, this delightful château will captivate its guests with its enchanting features and beautiful setting. An absolute dream for all ages, enjoy the tranquillity of the 50-acre private grounds with its wild flowers and woodland or play to your hearts content with the many games and activities offered here.

There's a true ambience of old-world charm in this welcoming home from its elegant drawing room with chesterfield sofas surrounding the log-burning fire to its ten pretty bedrooms, some featuring carved French beds, sumptuous fabrics and many with glorious views of the surrounding countryside. Feel the magic of the top-floor tower bedroom with its canopied circular bed and little windows looking out to the valleys beyond.

A characterful wine-cellar with its own honesty bar and table allows you to enjoy some of the fine wines of this region or take a bottle up to sit with family and friends on the glorious terrace. The outdoor dining area is also a perfect spot for al-fresco meals in the summer sun or warm balmy evenings with the pool beautifully lit in the background.

As well as the heated swimming pool and outdoor jacuzzi, adults and children alike will adore the countless facilities from target golf and a five-a-side football pitch outside to the brilliant indoors sports hall with its badminton court, table-football, darts, ping-pong and a gym. There are bikes for guests to use as well as a sandpit and children's play area outside; whether you are seeking peaceful relaxation or endless family amusement, it'll be hard to leave this alluring abode.

Yet the glorious Lot region is waiting to be explored with its world-famous vineyards, historic châteaux and delightful villages and towns. Visit local farmer's markets selling wonderful seasonal produce, drive to perched villages in idyllic settings or take boat trips along the Lot River. Puy-l'Évêque, Cahors and Saint-Cirq-Lapopie are just some of the beautiful places to visit or simply spend your summer days river swimming or canoeing nearby.

If you're wishing to head further afield, head to Rocamadour, Gourdon and some of Dordogne's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' for yet more breathtaking beauty.

## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Quirky • Wellness • **Recommended** • **Exclusive** •  
Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool •  
Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet  
• Hot Tub • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Bicycles  
Provided • Gym/Fitness Room • Games Room • Indoor Games • Outdoor  
Games • Table Tennis • Table Football • Pool/Snooker • Heating •  
Ceiling Fans • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking  
Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Fishing • Outstanding  
Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages •  
Historical Sites • Romantic

# Interior & Grounds

## Château Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Living-dining room with sofas, satellite TV, music system and wood burner. Doors lead to terrace, garden and swimming pool
- Kitchen with doors leading to terrace, garden and pool. Kitchen well equipped including hob, two ovens, microwave, grill, two fridges, freezer, dishwasher and breakfast table
- Bedroom 1 (in tower) with double bed and en suite shower room
- WC

### First Floor

- Landing with doors to front balcony and pool-facing balcony (with spiral steps leading down to the lower terrace)
- Bedroom 2 (in the tower) with double bed, ceiling fan and countryside views
- Bedroom 3 with double bed, ceiling fan and en suite bathroom with corner bath, hand-held shower and WC
- Bedroom 4 with double bed and single bed
- Bathroom with WC
- Bedroom 5 with double bed and balcony. En suite shower room with WC

### Second Floor

- Bedroom 6 with twin beds and en suite shower room
- Bedroom 7 with twin beds and en suite shower room (and access to tower bedroom)
- Bedroom 8 with double bed
- Bedroom 9 with double bed
- Shower room with WC

### Upper Tower Floor (accessed via bedroom 7)

- Bedroom 10 with circular double bed with canopy

### Basement

- Wine cellar with table and music system. Honesty bar (for wines)
- Laundry room

## Indoor Sports Hall (separate building)



- Gym (with cycling, walking and rowing machines)
- Badminton court
- Pool table
- Table football
- Table tennis (x2)
- Darts area

*(NB there is also a cottage adjoining the sports hall with an open-plan lounge and kitchen, two double bedrooms, one bedroom with bunkbeds and two bathrooms. This is only available to rent to château guests but not included in the château rental. Please enquire about pricing).*

### **Outside Grounds**

- Heated swimming pool (with safety alarm and gate) and jacuzzi, open approximately May to end-September
- Al-fresco dining area with gas BBQ
- Children's play area with swings, ropes and sandpit
- Target style 5-hole golf-course
- 5-a-side football pitch
- Bikes

### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Central heating
- Satellite TV
- Music system
- Wine cellar
- Outdoor jacuzzi
- Pool toys
- Board games
- Children's play area
- Gym
- Indoor badminton court
- Pool table
- Table football
- Table tennis
- Darts
- Golf
- Football
- Bikes
- Washing machine and dryer

## Location & Local Information

South of the Lot River, just half an hour from the historic town of Cahors, this château is in a stunning setting surrounded by fifty acres of private grounds with wonderful views of the Lot valley.

There's a pretty village within a 4km drive with a *boulangerie*, small shop and post office whilst the riverside village of Luzech (7km) offers further shops and amenities as well as a couple of restaurants and a Wednesday morning market. Luzech's setting on the banks of two parts of the river is especially picturesque. A little further east, head to a brilliant *Base de Loisirs* on the Lot with supervised swimming in July and August as well as a river beach, canoe hire, paddle-boarding, pedalos and a play area.

The nearest town is beautiful Cahors (23km), well-known for its historic sights including Le Pont Valentré, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the medieval historic centre, discover picturesque squares, narrow lanes and some excellent restaurants. The Wednesday and Saturday morning markets are a particular delight selling all sorts of seasonal local produce such as truffles, *foie gras* and Quercy melons.

Across this region you will be able to visit many vineyards and wineries around Cahors, some of them famous for producing some of the finest Malbec grapes in the world. Private tours and tastings can be arranged.

From May to September take a river cruise along the Lot in Cahors or in July and August you can take a day boat trip as far as the incredibly beautiful village of Saint-Cirq-Lapopie (50km). This village is known to be one of France's classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*' and can also be reached in around an hour by car. It's an enchanting place with flower-filled lanes, little art galleries and delightful shops selling all sorts of artisan products – it's an area that has inspired artists for many years.

A little closer to home, Puy-l'Évêque (20km) is another charming village, perched above the Lot with its beautiful stone houses and maze of narrow lanes and steps. Take a boat trip along the river from here and hire canoes or pedaloes. Market-lovers should visit on a Tuesday morning; other wonderful markets in the area include Montcuq (17km) on a Sunday morning and Prayssac (15km) on a Friday.

There are many historic châteaux to visit in the Lot-et-Garonne from the incredible ruins of Château de Bonaguil (38km), the pretty gardens and surroundings of Château de Fumel (40km) and the especially beautiful Chateau de Gavaudun (50km).



Other classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*' that can be reached in under an hour include Monpazier (54km) and Monflanquin (55km) or head further north to the Dordogne river with Domme (55km), La Roque-Gageac (56km) and Beynac-et-Cazenac (63km). Take a boat trip along the river, hire canoes, explore Farmer's markets and discover the glorious landscapes of the Dordogne.

Rocamadour (70km) is another outstanding place of natural beauty with its perfectly preserved town built on the edge of a cliff, perhaps combined with a trip to charming Gourdon (49km), one of many gorgeous towns of the Lot region.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Bergerac Airport (97km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Toulouse Airport (120km)</b>
Nearest Airport 3	<b>Rodez Airport (135km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare de Cahors (25km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>(4km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Bakery and village shop (4km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Luzech (7km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Spar, Luzech (8km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Cahors (25km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Cahors Golf (28km)</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- This unique château is full of character and old-fashioned French charm – we especially love the ornate drawing room and the tower bedroom with its canopied circular bed.
- It's an amazing place for families with its 5-a-side football pitch, mini golf course and its brilliant sports hall with badminton, ping pong, table tennis and more!
- Spend lazy summer days canoeing or boating on the Lot River at a nearby *Base de Loisir*.
- With its log-burning fire and central heating, it's also a magical place in the cooler months, especially Christmas and New Year.
- An honesty bar in the wine cellar allows you to sample some excellent French wine.
- Historic Cahors is just half an hour away, surrounded by glorious vineyards producing some of the world's best Malbec wines

## What you should know...

- The unique tower bedroom with its circular double bed is accessed via one of the twin bedrooms on the second floor.
- The 'target' golf-course in the grounds is great - there are five holes and it's for good family fun whilst more serious golfers will appreciate Golf de Cahors within a half-hour drive.
- There is also a 3-bedroom cottage adjoining the sports hall which is available to rent separately if further accommodation is needed – please enquire about pricing (don't worry, this cottage is never rented out separately when guests are in the château).



# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1500 (or equivalent sterling) paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 6.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes. The owners ask that electrical appliances and lights are turned off when not in use to avoid oversupplying the chateau (including the pool lights).
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that strict waste disposal and waste recycling laws apply in the area. Any fines and/or extra charges incurred for correct disposal will be charged to the security deposit.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement may apply (paid locally).
- Heating costs included?: Central heating available all year round.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool heating charge?: No. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately May 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Small weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Insurance: All members of the party must carry Personal Accident Insurance. The owners carries the necessary Public Liability Insurance, however you should be satisfied that your standard holiday insurance gives you adequate personal accident cover for all activities.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Other Ts and Cs: Parental supervision of children is required at all times. Please also bring their arm bands/water aids for supervised use in the swimming pool.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and a highchair can be made available on request, with advance notice.