

Chateau Cypres

Region: Atlantic Coast Sleeps: 18

Overview

This charming French château, built in cut stone in the traditional local style, is the ideal venue for a family holiday at any time of year. Set within walled gardens with a gated swimming pool and plenty of space to play, this welcoming home sleeps up to 18 guests and is perfectly situated for visiting Royan, Île d'Oléron and other beaches of the Atlantic coast.

Soak up the traditional ambience of this historic château as you step inside and relax in the rustic and inviting interiors. The farmhouse-style kitchen is well-equipped for creating family feasts to enjoy outside on summer evenings whilst the eight sweet bedrooms, four on each of the upper floors, welcome you for a good night sleep. Outside, find the children's play area and sandpit, nets for badminton, tennis or football and the glorious swimming pool superb for warm afternoons in the garden.

Château Cypres is blessed with such a fantastic location in Charente-Maritime where there are hours of sunshine throughout the year. You can stroll to the local village for morning pastries, simple groceries and meals out whilst some of the brilliant beaches of the Atlantic coast are within a 15-minute drive. The beach at Marennes, just 10km away, is especially great for youngsters with its lagoon at low tide or head slightly further south and enjoy locally harvested oysters from a little hut as the sun sets romantically on the west coast of France.

Experience the vast sandy shores of Île d'Oléron, the largest island off the French coast, and walk, cycle or horse-ride through its forests and nature reserves. Back on the mainland, learn about the region's traditional salt marshes in Mornac-sur-Seudre, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' or hop on the steam train and admire the extraordinary landscapes by the Seudre river. You can also discover the salt marshes by boat whilst the cycling and walking opportunities in this area are endless.

Not to mention historic Rochefort, vibrant La Rochelle and beautiful Île de Ré, all perfect destinations for a wonderful day out. Royan also awaits with its seaside, markets, restaurants, cafes and bustling ambience with activities to appeal to every age.



Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Quirky • Great Value • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets Welcome • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Hairdryer • Cable TV • Games Room • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Working Fireplace • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Go-Karting • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

- Entrance hall
- Living and dining room
- Second lounge (upstairs)
- Games room with table tennis
- Library in the hallway
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, microwave, oven, toaster, fridge-freezer, fireplace and large table
- WC

First Floor Bedrooms

- Bedroom with king-size double bed
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and one single bed
- Bedroom with bunk-beds
- Bathroom with bath
- Bathroom with shower

Second Floor Bedrooms

- 3 x bedrooms with king-size double bed and one single bed
- Bedroom with bunk-beds
- Bathroom with bath
- Bathroom with shower

One of the bedrooms is accessed via another bedroom

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (12m x 6m, depth: 1.8m) with safety gate. Open approximately April to October
- Al-fresco dining area
- Charcoal barbecue
- Children's play area with swings/slide and sandpit
- Tennis/badminton/football nets
- Enclosed garden
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating



- Cable TV
- Table tennis
- Board games
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

Château Cypres is located in the Charente-Maritime region of south-western France, between Royan and Rochefort, close to Île d'Oléron and around a 10-minute drive to a wonderful beach and lagoon.

A 10-minute walk will bring you to a small local village with a restaurant, *boulangerie*, small grocery store and village bar. There is a larger supermarket, weekly market, summer night markets and other amenities within a short drive in a small attractive and historic town 8km by car.

This region is well-known for its excellent oysters and wonderful beaches. The beach at Marennes (10km) is the nearest where there's a picturesque lagoon during low tide, an ideal spot where youngsters can splash around, backed by a couple of summer restaurants. Further south you will find little huts selling freshly harvested oysters and mussels, alongside the vast oyster farms. The French-speaking Cité de l'Huître is the place to go to learn all about the processes of oyster farming.

Drive over the bridge to Île d'Oléron, reached in around 20 minutes, the largest island off the French Atlantic coast with superb sandy beaches, nature reserves and forests, a paradise for walking, bird-watching, cycling, horse-riding and water-based activities. Learn all about the island's rich maritime heritage, tour the traditional salt marshes, sample delicious Oléron oysters and seafood or just spend time relaxing, swimming or building sandcastles on the glorious beaches.

Back on the mainland, Mornac-sur-Seudre (19km) retains many of its traditional salt farming traditions and is nowadays classified as one of France's 'Plus Beaux Villages' with its pretty lanes and old fishermen houses. You can discover more of the Seudre marshes on foot and bike, following marked trails that criss-cross this incredible region. Alternatively, take a boat trip or admire local landscapes near the Seudre river by riding on a tourist steam train between Saujon and La Tremblade.

You are also just half an hour by car from the historic harbour town of Rochefort (25km) or continue onwards to the fine coastal city of La Rochelle (59km), gateway to the idyllic Île de Ré. Heading south, Royan (25km) is a delightful seaside resort with beachfront promenades and atmospheric restaurants, cafes and shops.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**La Rochelle
(65km)**

Nearest Ferry Port	St Malo (375km)
Nearest Village	Small village (1km)
Nearest Shop	Grocery store/bakery in local village (1km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (1km)
Nearest Beach	Marennes (10km)
Nearest Town	Marennes (8km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Royan (30km)

What Oliver loves...

- A brilliant location for the sandy beaches of the Atlantic coast and beautiful Île d'Oléron
- The walled garden with plenty of space to play alongside the gated swimming pool make this such a fantastic home for family holidays
- Wander to the local village with its boulangerie, grocery store and restaurant
- The seaside resort of Royan is such a wonderful day out, as are historic Rochefort and vibrant La Rochelle
- A paradise for walkers, cyclists and nature lovers with a number of trails through the traditional salt marshes of this region

What you should know...

- Château Cypres is part of a larger *domaine* but has its own walled garden, private swimming pool and parking area.
- Watch this space for new photos of the bedrooms as some of the beds will be changing soon (see the "Features" tab for up to date details).

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €400 charged to client's credit card by the owner upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 3.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: All utilities are included except gas in winter (extra cost, paid locally).
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Changeover day: Saturday (July, August and Xmas/NY). Flexible during all other periods.
- 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.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights (July, August and Xmas/NY). 3 or 4 nights during all other periods.
- Other Ts and Cs: Cot and high chairs are available on request.
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- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately April to October. 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.