Chateau Serein

Region: Burgundy **Sleeps:** 15

Overview

Staying at Château Serein is a true privilege; a charming English home in a classic French château surrounded by glorious Burgundy countryside. In the breathtaking Serein Valley, close to the Morvan hills, it's less than an hour north of Beaune, the wine capital of the region.

This Grade I listed 18th century home has been in the family for many years and makes an outstanding venue for wonderful holidays where you can enjoy the finest food and wine of the region. It has even been highly recommended by two best-selling wine experts as an ideal base for wine-tasting tours of the Burgundy vineyards. Personal wine-tasting can also be arranged in the château itself, a truly memorable experience!

Situated on its own private island surrounded by broad moats, the château is approached through an avenue of lime trees. Enjoy time in the vast private grounds with its woods and landscaped gardens or spend warm summer days cooling off in the *bassin*, an 18th century bathing pool. Explore the moats with the rowing boat then challenge a friend to a game of croquet. Drink fine Burgundy wines on the splendid terrace and enjoy al-fresco meals *en famille* using fruit and vegetables which are regularly delivered from the delightful kitchen garden and fruit orchard.

The sense of space is wonderful; whether staying with family or friends you can always find somewhere quiet to relax throughout the château and grounds. Inside you will find eight spacious bedrooms and five bathrooms, several of which are en suite. The magnificent entrance hall with its grand piano and sweeping staircase is also sure to impress whilst the fine panelled salon has French doors leading to the west-facing terrace where you can gaze at the beautiful valley views.

Every morning a continental breakfast is served with cheese, hams, pastries and more and there's also the opportunity to request dinners to be cooked for you by the hospitable Château Hosts once a day or a chef service. Both half and full board are possible or simply enjoy a chef preparing you a one-off special feast to enjoy outside on the terrace or by the roaring fire in the dining room. Do arrange any meals you require in advance; the excellent chefs tend to book up quickly.

Discover many of Burgundy's gastronomic restaurants nearby, including some

with Michelin stars and visit the famous vineyards of Burgundy with the wineries of Chablis and the Côte de Beaune in under an hour. Drive to charming market towns such as Saulieu, just 15km away or explore the magnificent Parc Naturel Régional du Morvan with its forests, mountains and lakes, ideal for all sorts of outdoor pursuits.

Local medieval towns include Semur-en-Auxois and Flavigny (where Chocolat was filmed) or venture further afield to Vézelay and the Abbaye de Fontenay, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. In the heart of glorious Burgundy, there is so much to discover during your time at Château Serein.

Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Instagrammable • Sustainable Collection • Vill'otel (Like a Hotel!) • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Waterfront • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Chapel on Site

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

Ground Floor

- Entrance hall with grand piano and sweeping stone staircase
- Living room with open fireplace and doors leading to terrace
- Dining room
- Breakfast room and home office
- Kitchen

First Floor

- Informal living room with TV and DVD player
- Bedroom 1 with double bed (1.8x1.9m, can be made as a twin) with connecting child's bedroom, ideal for a baby or small child. En suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom 2 with double bed (1.5x1.8m) and en suite shower room
- Bedroom 3 with small four poster double bed (1.4x1.75m) and en suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom 4 with two singles (1x1.9m)
- Bedroom 5 with five singles (2 beds are 0.9x1.85m, 2 beds are 1x2m and 1 bed is 1x1.9m)
- Bedroom 6 with double/twin bed (1.8x2m, can be twinned) and en suite bathroom with bath and shower (double access, can be shared with Bedroom 7)
- Bedroom 7 with single bed (1x1.8m) (can use adjacent bathroom belonging to Bedroom 6, or nearby bathroom belonging to Bedroom 8)
- Bedroom 8 with small double bed (1.3x1.8m) and large family bathroom alongside, with bath and shower

Outside Grounds

- '*Bassin*' – stone-lined 18th century bathing 'pool' (11m diameter, depth: 1m)
- Moat and rowing boat
- Croquet lawn
- Kitchen garden
- Landscaped gardens
- Woods
- Ample car parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV and DVD player

- CD player
- 2 x Sonos speakers
- Grand piano
- Ping-pong
- Cards and board games
- Croquet
- Hairdryers

Catering & Services

Good news! This property is available as a Vill'otel

With a vill'otel holiday, you can enjoy all these services throughout your stay:

- Daily breakfast
- Daily maid service
- Welcome drinks for your group
- Fridge-stocking assistance
- Private chef service

Interested?
If you'd like to book the Vill'otel serviced option, contact us on **villotel@oliverstravels.com** for a tailor-made quote! Typical costs range between £100-£250 per person per week dependent on requirements.

Please note that all services are subject to availability and must be requested at the time of booking.

At Oliver's Travels we pride ourselves on going that little bit further for our guests. From private chefs to babysitters we can help you arrange those little extras that make it a truly memorable holiday. Simply fill in the concierge request form or contact the Oliver's Concierge Team who will be happy to help. We can typically help you arrange any of the following:

- Maid service/extra cleaning
- Private chef/cook/catering
- Welcome hamper/pre-stocked fridge
- Local day-trips or tours
- Airport pick-up/drop-off

Extras available at this property (included):

- Welcome drink and nibbles
- Daily continental breakfast (ham, cheese, boiled eggs, fruit, cereal, yoghurt, fresh croissants, breads, tea, coffee and orange juice)
- Château Hosts in situ to undertake daily duties, and to assist guests with outings, excursions, restaurant bookings, etc.
- Fruit and vegetable deliveries from Château potager (kitchen garden) and Orchard
- Mid-week linen change
- Bathroom toiletries
- Bedrooms and bathrooms freshened up daily

- Turn down service

Extras available at this property (payable locally):

- Extra cleaning
- Fridge stocking assistance
- Catering - the Château Hosts can prepare up to three meals per week with at least one week's notice
- Chef service for half or full-board plus enhanced breakfast service (please ask for package offers)
- Chef service for ad-hoc meals
- Private concerts by grand piano and other musicians
- Market tours
- Cooking lessons
- Wine delivery
- Wine-tastings
- Yoga classes
- Taxis/local chauffeur companies

All chef services especially require as much notice as possible.

Please note that all extras are subject to availability and must be requested in advance of the holiday (prices on request). Due to some rural/remote locations, not all services will be available at all properties. However, we will always do our best to fulfil your requests!

Location & Local Information

Situated in the Côte d'Or, in the Serein valley, Château Serein enjoys a wonderful setting in the heart of Burgundy and is an ideal location for exploring the gastronomic delights and vineyards of this amazing region.

The château is near three main wine regions - the Loire, Chablis and the Côtes de Nuits of Beaune. As well as some of the famous and highly-regarded wineries of Burgundy, there are also hundreds of smaller vineyards who will welcome you, show you how their wine is produced and allow you to taste their final product.

As well as wine-tasting, there is a wealth of beautiful villages and towns nearby such as Saulieu (15km) with its delightful market on a Saturday morning and the Michelin 2* Relais Bernard Loiseau. There is also a wonderfully refurbished cinema, which sometimes shows films in the original language and a spa for relaxing treatments.

Other great places to visit include Semur-en-Auxois, Flavigny (where the film Chocolat was shot), Chateauneuf-en-Bourgogne and Nolay.

The most famous town of all, the capital of the Burgundy wine region, is Beaune (65km) with its famous Hospices de Beaune, one of France's most prestigious sights. It's a great base for wine tasting and also a short distance to some of the famous Burgundy wine villages along the *Route des Grands Crus*. The Beaune Festival of Baroque Music takes place there during the month of July, with concerts every weekend.

Burgundy has always been known for its elegant châteaux with many magnificent homes or grounds open to visit including Bussy Rabutin, Commarin, Sully-en-Bourgogne, Époisses, Bazoches and Chateauneuf.

The abbeys of Fontenay and Vézeley, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites, are also worthy of a visit as well as magnificent Cluny further south.

This region is also great for all sorts of activities from horse-riding and tree-top activity centres to golf and even hot air balloon rides! Cycling is popular, both in the Parc Naturel Régional du Morvan and along Burgundy canals such as near Pouilly-en-Auxois.

Across the region there are all sorts of events, especially in the spring and summer such as *brocantes* in July and August (flea markets/antique fairs) in surrounding towns and villages. In June there's a ‘Fête de la Musique’. The festival of Baroque Opera Music in Beaune takes place in July, there's the Cajun Nights in Saulieu at the start of August and the Musical Encounters at Vézelay at the end of August. October is a great time to visit with the Chablis wine festival taking place.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Lyon (240km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Paris Orly (250km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare de Montbard/Dijon (40km/63km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Local village (5km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Saulieu (15km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**(12km)**
Nearest Golf	**Hôtel Golf Château de Chailly (14km)**

What Oliver loves…

- A true English home in a classic French château in the rich Burgundy countryside - this is authentic château life!
- You're welcomed with drinks and nibbles and a wonderful continental breakfast is laid out for you every day by the Château Hosts
- Enjoy the landscaped gardens, the 18th century bathing pool and the moat with its own rowing boat!
- The sunsets are quite incredible
- This part of Burgundy offers so many gastronomic delights including a number of Michelin starred restaurants nearby
- Wine-tasting at the château is a wonderful experience!
- A chef service can be arranged - either every day or for a one-off special meal

What you should know…

- There is a moat so children need supervision, but it's fun for rowing
- Rather than a traditional pool, there's an 18th Century *bassin* at the heart of the charming kitchen garden, with fresh stream water, perfect for cooling off on hot summer days
- The château can hold up to 15 people on request
- If you're keen to book one of the catered chef services, please do so as soon as possible as the chefs are excellent and tend to get booked up very quickly, especially the Michelin-trained ones

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2000 paid via bank transfer to the owner 8 weeks before arrival and refunded one month after departure, subject to full inspection. Details in T&Cs sent by owner.

- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.

- Departure time: 11.00 a.m.

- Energy costs included?: Yes.

- Linen & towels included?: Yes, linen and towels are changed once a week. Beds are made daily.

- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.

- Changeover day: Friday. With the exception of Saturday changeovers at the end of July.

- Smoking Allowed?: No.

- 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. Please also return items such as books, games, mugs, etc. to where you found them so that following guests can enjoy them as well.

- Heating costs included?: Yes, within reason of the owner's allowance.

- Minimum stay: 4 nights during May and September, otherwise 7 nights.

- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings are not permitted, but special events can be accommodated on request.

- Other Ts and Cs: Permission is required for editorial or commercial shoots or films or documentaries. Please enquire for location rates.

- Other Ts and Cs: Prices are based on 15 guests sharing.

- Other Ts and Cs: A signed rental agreement is also required before guests can gain entry to the property. This will be sent to you by the owner on booking.

- Other Ts and Cs: Please note there is a maximum stay of 2 weeks per month.