

# Chateau Gaillac

Region: Midi-Pyrenees Sleeps: 20

## Overview

Château Gaillac is a late Napoleonic, belle époque style extravaganza of opulence, situated in the valley of the Tarn River between the historic Cathedral cities of Albi and Toulouse, with easy access to the Autoroute.

The Vignerons of Gaillac have tended the fertile fields in the Tarn valley for the past millennium with loving care in a landscape of viridian, terracotta and ochre reminiscent of Tuscany. Once the centre of this vast wine making domain, Chateau Gaillac enjoys views over neighbouring vineyards, of which guests receive a complimentary case upon arrival.

Resplendent in its park-land arboretum setting of lofty Cedars, the château sits just back from the banks of the river la Tarn, and also enjoys access to the adjoining rolling countryside. All the while, the facilities and popular attractions of the historic market town of Gaillac are just four minutes away.

Bright, warm and charmingly decorated in traditional Lime-wash, Château Gaillac is an enchanting home away from home in one of France's oldest wine growing regions.

## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Great Value • **Recommended** • **Exclusive** • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets Welcome • Walk to Village • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Bicycles Provided • Indoor Games • Table Tennis • DVD • Working Fireplace • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites



# Interior & Grounds

- 10 Bedrooms
- 7 Bathrooms
- Large Salon
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- 2 Entrance halls
- 2 Separate WCs on the ground floor
- Large landing on the 1st floor

## *Ground Floor Bedrooms*

- Bedroom 7 "Austerlitz" with double bed (190x140cm) and en-suite shower room and WC
- Bedroom 10 "Waterloo" with double bed (190x140cm) and single bed (190x90cm)- Bathroom and separate WC
- Bedroom 8 "Salle de terrasse" with double bed (190x140cm) and single bed (190x90cm) with doors leading to terrace.
- Bedroom 9 "Elfin" small single room (190x70cm bed).

## *First Floor Bedrooms*

- Bedroom 1 "Toile de Jouy rose" with double bed (190x140cm) and single bed (190x90cm). En-suite bathroom with WC
- Bedroom 3 "Rococo" with two small double beds (190x130cm each)
- Shared bathroom with WC
- Bedroom 2 "Bonaparte" with double bed (190x150cm) and single bed (190x90cm)
- Bedroom 4 "Toile de Jouy bleue" with two single beds (185x109cm and 200x80cm) and en-suite shower room with WC
- Bedroom 5 "Lord Byron" with double bed (200x160cm)
- Shared bathroom with WC
- Bedroom 6 "Peacock" with double bed (200x160cm)
- Additional small bathroom with WC in the corridor

## **Outside areas**

- At the front: Portico and 2 balconies on the ground level and a terrace on the 1st floor
- Large terraces overlooking the vast enclosed pool area at the back
- Plenty of space in the park and a tree hide mirrador
- Next to the pool area a big oil drum BBQ close to an herb garden

We are delighted to announce that all the vineyards, orchards and fields adjoining the Château are now grown organically.



The Château boasts 600 square meters of living space with 10 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms (including a ground floor bedroom with its own wet room, possibly ideal for older guests), a large salon-ballroom/TV room and dining room. As a building designed for hospitality, Château Gaillac benefits from high ceilings providing a pleasant coolness in summer; whilst tall windows allow for plenty of natural light to create a bright atmosphere.

Fully centrally heated and in an exceptionally high state of repair, the Château is decorated in delicately coloured traditional lime-wash, complementing its ornamental plasterwork and finely carved joinery; all tastefully furnished in traditional southern French Baroque style. Three of the bedrooms have air-conditioning. Rooms are arranged in such a way that dining "en famille" is possible both in the cool of the Château heart or on the upper-terrace depending on the time of day or temperature.

The "manoir" style kitchen with high vaulted ceiling is pleasant and light allowing food to be easily served through double doors either to the Château dining area or directly to the terrace; it also overlooks the swimming pool which can be useful when youngsters may be swimming.

Furthermore, there is a newly fabricated "art nouveau" child-gate dividing the pool from the dining terrace.

Facilities inside include a washing machine, dryer, two dishwashers, large gas range, 2 microwaves, 2 Senseo coffee machines and large family fridge. A large private walled Romanesque sun-terrace with mosaic pool is accessed down ornamental steps from the rear terraces. Sun-loungers chairs and tables are situated around the pool and barbecue area close by. The pool (size: 11x5m/ depth: 1.5m) has a safety gate, pool toys are provided.

There are bikes and children's bikes available too.

## Location & Local Information

Château Gaillac rests on the edge of a hamlet, 2 miles away from the small town of Gaillac and halfway between the historic cathedral cities of Albi and Toulouse with easy access to the Autoroute. There is also a train station in Gaillac with a good railway services.

The surrounding region of Gaillac is both scenic and vibrant. Whether you're wine tasting around the local vineyards, either exploring the hill top citadels of Cordes-sur-ciel and Bastides des Albigeois or visiting one of the 5 "plus beaux villages de France" like Castelnaud de Montmirail, Puycelsi, Bruniquel, Lautrec, Monesties all located less than 30mn away, there's plenty to see and do.

The actual town of Gaillac is but a short cycle away. Once there you'll find a mix of beautiful architecture from many periods, and a real old world charm. Make sure to drop by the Musee des Beaux-Arts, and leave plenty of time to soak up the atmosphere of the adjoining French gardens and park.

Gaillac is abundant in heritage within its winding streets and tree lined esplanades, but also benefits from a modern shopping centre open-market and restaurants to suit all tastes. There are several markets, the Friday market is the biggest.

The UNESCO world heritage city of Albi lies just 20 minutes from the Château, and boasts Europe's largest brick building; the magnificent Cathedral of Albi – a masterpiece of Southern Gothic architecture, and a must see in the region. The Toulouse-Lautrec museum recently refurbished is well worth a visit. Children may also like to pay a visit to the water park "Atlantis" located a few miles away.

Out in the peaceful surroundings of Château Gaillac it is easy to forget that you're only a short way from Toulouse, a bustling twin university city. Fourth French city by its size, Toulouse is a hub of technology within Southern France. It even has its own space visitor centre, and yet it still maintains a simplicity and romanticism that is true to the region. Bisected by the River Garonne, it is often referred to as la Ville Rose (the Pink City) due to the attractive pink terracotta bricks that make up many of the historic structures in the city.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**Toulouse  
(55 km )**

Nearest Village	<b>Sainte Cecile d'Aves (Under 1 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Gaillac (3 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Albi (16-20 km )</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- The rural surroundings mean wildlife share the grounds of Chateau Gaillac. At dawn, wild roe deer can be seen drinking from the fountain and by evening owls and nightingales serenade al-fresco diners.
- During winter time the chateau benefits from full central heating with cast-iron radiators, open-fires in all principle rooms and an abundance of pungent seasoned oak and cedar logs in the cellar.
- By night principle rooms are lit by sparkling chandeliers that complement the fine architectural detail, and conjure an atmosphere of grandeur - appropriate to the château's glorious past and illustrious visitors.
- Guests benefit from a case of regional wine
- The kitchen and the dining terrace strategically overlook the pool area, allowing diners to keep watch on the little swimmers!

## What you should know...

- During the grape harvest in September, guests may notice the distant hum of tractors behind the natural tranquillity that characterises Chateau Gaillac.
- This is a region of natural beauty, and historical and cultural prestige, so a wild night life will be hard to come by.
- A/C is only available in three bedrooms
- Bedroom number 9 "Elfin" is only suitable for a small person
- There are a few steps to access the ground level
- A helpful caretaker lives close by

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 charged to client's credit card prior to arrival.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Arrival time: 4.00 pm
- Departure time: 10.00 am
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels (extra sheets available on request).
- Pets welcome?: Yes.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Other Ts and Cs: A/C is only available in three bedrooms.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However guests are required to leave the accommodation in an orderly condition.
- Insurance: It is recommended that all the guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage during their stay at the property.
- Other Ts and Cs: Stag and hen parties are not permitted.