

Chateau De Valombreuse

Region: Languedoc Sleeps: 14

Overview

The words "ultramodern castle" aren't a contradiction when you experience this expertly renovated château in Languedoc, which is also one of the best wine producers of the region.

Here you have the best of both worlds; old stone arches are a cunning counterpoint to sleek, modern furniture. Playful textiles pop against clean and classic lines. Your guests will never forget the time they've had, sipping cocktails by the grand piano or exploring the timeless 3-hectare park.

You're invited to taste the wines that are produced on-site, which regularly win awards and have been well-reviewed in wine magazines *betane+desseave* and *La Revue du Vin de France*. There are 60 hectares of grapevines on this vast property, 40 km south of Montpellier (the heart of the Languedoc-Roussillon wine region). If you're in need of more activity than a stroll through the vines - and the 100 hectares of garrigue - have a swim in the 13m pool, or play tennis on the private court.

This holiday château is quiet and secluded, 4km from the nearest town of Montagnac. Dozens of wineries dot the landscape here, all the way down to the Mediterranean Sea. Have a gorgeous day at the beach in Mèze (12km), where you can slurp the best oysters in France with shallot vinegar.

Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Wow Factor • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets Welcome • <1hr to Airport • Tennis Court • Bicycles Provided • Wine Cellar • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Heating • Chapel on Site • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Toys • Watersports • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic • Boat Trips



Interior & Grounds

Château Interior

Ground Floor

- Grand reception room/ballroom with sofas and TV, grand piano
- Vaulted living and dining room
- Well-equipped kitchen including dishwasher, oven, hobs, fridge-freezer, microwave, coffee machine, washing machine and dryer
- Library

Upper Floors via magnificent wide Renaissance spiral staircase)

- Master double bedroom (bed 160x200cm) with TV. Bathroom with separate WC
- Quad bedroom with two double beds (beds 140 x 200cm), sleeping up to four guests, ideal for children
- Master double bedroom (bed 160x200cm) with TV. Shower room with separate WC
- Master double bedroom (bed 160x200cm) with TV and access to terrace. Bathroom with separate WC
- Small double bedroom (bed 140x200cm)
- 2 x single bedroom (bed 90x200cm) with shower rooms and WCs
- 3 x single bedrooms (bed 90x200cm)

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (17x8m, depth: 2m). Pool area fenced in for security
- 3 hectares of parkland with path around it
- Various terrace areas
- Tennis court (accessed via walking to upper parts of the grounds)
- Bikes
- Boules
- Ping-pong
- Pond and fountain
- 9th century chapel
- Working vineyard
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Hairdryers in bathrooms
- Tennis



- Boules
- Ping-pong
- Toys
- Trampoline (coming soon)
- Washing machine and dryer
- Iron and ironing board

Location & Local Information



Château De Valombreuse is set in a 3 hectare estate of beautiful countryside including vineyards, in the Hérault countryside between Pézenas (12km) and Mèze (10km).

You're invited to taste the wines that are produced on-site as there are 60 hectares of grapevines on this property. Surrounded by hectares of garrigue, it is a wonderful area for walking, including the ancient Roman route of Via Domitia which passes nearby. Cyclists can head to the nearest village or explore further afield on one of the many cycling routes in the area.

The closest village of Montagnac (3km) is very picturesque with some interesting shops, a handful of rural French bars and restaurants and a pretty medieval church worthy of a visit. Historic Pézenas (12km) is also just a short drive away, a great place to spend some time wandering around the town's art galleries and antique shops or stopping for a bite to eat in one of the many good restaurants. Pézenas also hosts one of the region's finest markets on a Saturday morning.

Within ten minutes drive you can be on the water's edge at Étang de Thau, one of the impressive lagoons along this part of the coast. The water is famous for oysters and you can take fantastic boat trips to the oyster beds of Bouzigues. Of course you can enjoy some excellent sea-food in the fishing villages dotted around Étang de Thau, including nearby Mèze (12km) where you will also find some watersports, a weekly market and lots of local events. The unspoilt and authentic town of Sète (28km) has long sandy beaches and there are further seaside resorts at Marseillan Plage (24km) and Cap d'Agade (32km), with more watersports available.

The city of Montpellier (45km) is the region's capital and full of stunning plazas, great shops and historical sites. Other places worthy of a day trip include the magnificent fortified town of Carcassone (120km), the impressive Roman aqueduct at Pont du Gard (120km) and one of the most beautiful villages in France, Saint Guilhem le Désert (40km), all three of them are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

There are activities for young and old nearby, from kite-surfing in Marseillan to yachting in Mèze, and golf lovers have a choice of courses in the Languedoc. There are plenty of marked trails for walking and bike rides and there is horse-riding within a few minutes. You may also like to watch the popular and traditional sport of water jousting which takes place throughout the summer with competitions between local seaside towns. Finally, dinosaur lovers have the choice of the nearby Dinosaur museum, just ten minutes drive away or the Dino-Park within 30 kilometres, both open from April to October.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Montpellier/Beziers (40km/30km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Sète/Marseille (30km/200km)
Nearest Village	Montagnac (4km)
Nearest Town/City	Pezenas (12km)
Nearest Restaurant	Montagnac (5km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Montagnac (5km)
Nearest Beach	Mèze/Marseillan-Agde (11km/25km)
Nearest Golf	Cap d'Agde (25km)
Nearest Supermarket	Pezenas/Mèze (12km)
Nearest Tennis	On site (Short walk from château)

What Oliver loves...

- Wine lovers, take note! Excellent, award winning wines are produced on-site (try château's Picpoul, which regularly wins awards for the top 10 wines in the Languedoc)
- The château is often used as the set for several popular French films and TV series
- High-end design marries classic elegance: it's a brilliant choice for a memorable holiday or wedding
- This absolutely event-worthy château will impress any guest! Host your wedding ceremony in the 9th century chapel then dance the night away by the oak barrels in the winery!
- Enjoy some of southern France's best oysters in Mèze or explore the historic town of Pézenas with its amazing weekly market, both just 12km away

What you should know...

- The grounds are vast and varied, including plenty of green space for kids to enjoy supervised play
- You're staying right next to a working vineyard, definitely worthy of a visit to taste the excellent wines
- The elegant entrance includes a pond and trickling fountain
- The tennis courts are located on the upper part of the grounds

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €3000 paid via bank transfer to the owner before arrival and refunded 5 days after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 3.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 12.00 p.m. (other times available on request, please enquire).
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: Small dogs are accepted on request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 2 nights except in July and August when it's 7 nights (short breaks on request only in July and August).
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Other Ts and Cs: Breakfast is included daily (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays).