

Manoir De Levesque

Region: Loire Valley Sleeps: 14 - 17

Overview

In a beautifully private and tranquil part of the Loire Valley, surrounded by countryside dotted with wineries, this 17th-century Manor House offers the perfect retreat within striking distance to some of the gems of this wonderful region.

Exposed beams, original stone walls and rustic fireplaces speak of the *manoir's* history, while modern amenities and furnishings offer guests comfort and warmth. Four spacious bedrooms in the Manor House accommodate up to eight guests, while the adjoining, newly renovated cottage, ideal for a family with children, sleeps an additional six across three bedrooms (both with the option of adding an extra bed for a supplement.) For larger parties, an additional *gite* can be requested for an additional three guests, allowing up to 19 guests in total to stay over the three homes.

Perfect for a pampering holiday or perhaps a unique hen party, the owners can arrange for an in-house masseur to make the most of the massage table in one of the beautifully designed bathrooms for a moment of pure relaxation accompanied by music.

Fantastically secluded with glorious grounds and a heated salt-water swimming pool, spend the days relaxing in the outdoor lounge followed by an evening dining al-fresco by the barbecue and playing your favourite tunes on the duke box, sipping wine from the neighbouring vineyards – you may never want to leave! There's also a wonderful yoga viewing platform at the top of the garden.

Despite this private setting, just a few minutes by car brings you to the local historic town of Doué la Fontaine, well known for being the rose capital of Europe. Just outside you will also find the Bioparc, an animal park in a troglodyte site which provides an immersive experience amidst lush vegetation and waterfalls.

It's just under a 30-minute drive to the vibrant town of Saumur, resting on the Loire River, with its excellent shops and restaurants, the famous equestrian school Cadre Noir and the delicious sparkling white wine which you can sample in the area. Visit the fairy-tale château, take a boat up the Loire river or hire canoes.

That said, you needn't travel far to experience the true character of the Loire



Valley with Manoir De Levesque's historical architecture and 17th century charm.

Facilities

Recommended • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ideal for Parties • Ideal for Xmas/NY • TV • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Nantes

Interior & Grounds



1) Manor House + Cottage + Gite* (sleeps 17, plus an option for two extra beds)**

2) Manor House + Cottage (sleeps 14, plus an option for two extra beds)**

**Please note that the gite is subject to availability only and must therefore be requested and confirmed at the time of booking.*

***The extra beds are subject to a supplement, please request at the time of booking*

Manor House (8 guests plus option for one extra bed)

The Manor House sleeps 8 people and has four en-suite bedrooms (2 double 160cm x 195cm, 1 double 160 x 198cm, 1 twin 85cm x 185cm each) plus the option for an additional bed in the twin bedroom, subject to an extra cost There is also a kitchen which includes a dishwasher, microwave, fridge, freezer, toaster, oven, hob and coffee machine. An iron and ironing board can be made available on request. Please note there is an open-sided staircase.

Cottage (6 guests plus option for one extra bed)

The adjoining Cottage sleeps up to 6 people and has three bedrooms (two twins and one double) plus the option for an additional bed in the upper twin bedroom, subject to an extra cost. One of the twin bedrooms is on the ground floor and is suitable for for guests with reduced mobility. The other bedrooms are on the first floor.

It has a delightful kitchen complete with microwave/oven, dishwasher and hob. There is a comfortable and spacious sitting/dining room with French windows leading out onto the private terrace, garden, and salt water swimming pool beyond.

Downstairs there is a wet-room with the twin bedroom next door. Upstairs, both bedrooms have en-suite shower rooms.

The cottage is centrally heated for cooler weather during the winter months. The cottage is the most suitable accommodation at Manoir De Levesque for families with children.

Gite (on request and subject to availability only)

The owner may occasionally occupy this small gite when not booked, however guests' privacy is not affected and only the driveway and car park are shared areas. The gite is at the end of the drive at the beginning of the property and entirely separate.

The property also offers an adjoining smaller open-plan studio gite which

sleeps 3 people (1 double bed 155cm x 195cm and 1 single bed 90cm x 185cm) which can only be booked in addition to the Manor House and Cottage. Please note the gite has an external staircase and is not suitable for small children or guests with reduced mobility.

Outside Grounds

- Heated salt water swimming pool (5m x 9m, depth: 1.5m) with safety alarm.
Open approximately mid-May to mid-September
- Sun Loungers
- Patio Furniture
- Private garden
- Communal garden
- Terrace/patio
- Barbecue
- Belvedere (yoga viewing platform)
- Trampoline
- Badminton
- Boules
- Parking

Facilities

- Satellite TV with international channels
- Wi-Fi Internet
- Netflix
- Radio
- Massage table
- Gym equipment
- Hairdryers on request
- Books and games

Location & Local Information

Manoir De Levesque is in a beautiful and secluded setting in the Maine-et-Loire department of the Loire region, only 5km from the local town.

The owners co-own some of the neighbouring vineyards and tours and private wine-tastings in a studio can be arranged. Bread delivery can also be arranged three times a week, as can wine and beer delivery! The owners have three bikes that can be hired in order to explore this wonderful region.

It's just 5km from the town of Doue La Fontaine, a commune steeped in history and known as the rose capital of France, within a region reputed to be the number one producer of the flowers in Europe, exporting them since the 18th century.

Within 4km sits the famous Bioparc of Doue la Fontaine, an animal park located in a shelled sedimentary rock quarry, providing a unique and immersive experience amidst lush vegetation, watered by numerous waterfalls.

The vibrant town of Saumur (26km), resting on the Loire River, has a reputation for its excellent restaurants, its famous equestrian school Cadre Noir and the delicious sparkling white wine which you can sample in the area. Visit the fairy-tale château, take a boat up the Loire river or hire canoes. Other highlights nearby include a visit to the Fontevraud Abbey (36km) or the fascinating Troglodyte caves in Rochemenier (10km).

Heading north, cross the Loire River and you'll reach the city of Angers (46km) on the River Maine with its magnificent 13th century castle and vibrant cultural and student vibe. Explore the narrow cobbled streets of the old town, full of cafes and restaurants and visit the largest tapestry in the world.

There are plenty of hiking routes in this area or you can hire bikes to follow some wonderful trails both locally and further afield such as parts of the *Loire à Vélo*, a cycle route which follows the Loire river.

The *Manoir* is around 3 hours drive from Paris, or the TGV takes 1.5 hours to Angers (46km), either from the centre of Paris (Montparnasse) or directly from Charles de Gaulle airport. The Chateau is then 40 mins drive from Angers and car hire is very easy from the station.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**Angers
(57km)**

Nearest Ferry Port	St Malo (250km)
Nearest Town/City	Doué-la-Fontaine (5.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Super U - Doué-la-Fontaine (4.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	Doué-la-Fontaine (5km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Saumur (24km)

What we love

- Despite this private setting, just a few minutes by car brings you to the local historic town of Doué la Fontaine, well known for being the rose capital of Europe but also for its Bioparc
- This is the perfect place for a pampering holiday or a hen-night. There's even a massage table in one of the bathrooms and an in-house masseur can be arranged
- Beautiful Saumur on the Loire River is just a 30-minute drive
- The historical architecture and unique 17th century charm allows you to experience the true character of this captivating region
- For something extra special you can arrive or be collected by helicopter in the *Manoir's* grounds!

What you should know...

- The 14-guest prices include the Manor House and the adjoining stone cottage, the 17-guest prices also include the additional gite sleeping 3 guests (the gite is subject to availability only and must therefore be requested and confirmed at the time of booking).
- There is also the option of adding two extra beds (one to the Manor House, one to the Cottage) subject to a supplement - please request at the time of booking.
- It's worth noting that the *gite* is not suitable for young children or guests with reduced mobility. Please also note that the Manoir has an open staircase (the Cottage is most suitable for families with children).
- The mobile signal at the property is weak so there is a telephone guests can use in the main house, payable locally.
- Please note that only 2 nappy age infants per booking are permitted to stay at Manoir De Levesque (one in the *manoir* and one in the cottage).
- Oliver's Travels guests will receive a complimentary Anjou hamper and case of local sparkling rose wine when they book to stay in 2023.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £1000 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Extra £250 per week for oil central heating, paid locally. Wood is provided free of charge.
- 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.
- Changeover day: 2023: Saturday from end-June to beginning of September. 2024: Friday from mid-June to mid-September. Flexible during all other periods.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Internet access?: Internet is delivered by satellite and provides a UK IP address (BBC iPlayer works). When it works it works well but sometimes it is unpredictable, therefore it is not guaranteed.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. Other durations on request.
- Pool heating charge?: No. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Other Ts and Cs: Hen parties, celebrations and other special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag parties and weddings are not permitted.
- Other Ts and Cs: If guests wish to use a chef or catering service in the chateau there is an additional catering fee payable locally - please enquire for further details.
- Other Ts and Cs: A telephone in the main house can be used for incoming and local outgoing calls (payable locally) as mobile coverage in the property is weak.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately mid-May to mid-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.
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