

Manoir De Levesque

Region: Loire Valley Sleeps: 16 - 19

Overview

In a beautifully secluded 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 sleeps an additional seven across three bedrooms. For larger parties, a *gite* can be requested for an additional three guests, allowing up to 19 guests 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 surrounded by candles and music. Weddings can also be arranged with wonderful grounds suitable for a memorable outdoor reception tailored to your needs.



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 – you may never want to leave!

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 • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ideal for Parties • Cable TV • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Pool/Snooker • Working Fireplace • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Wine Tasting • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

1) Manor House + Cottage + Gite (sleeps 19)

2) Manor House + Cottage (sleeps 16)

Manor House

The Manor House sleeps 8 people and has four en-suite bedrooms (3 double, 1 twin). 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.

Cottage

The adjoining Cottage sleeps up to 8 people and has three bedrooms (1 family room with a double bed and a single bed, one double and 1 twin bedroom, plus an additional bed by arrangement). 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. Also downstairs there is a wet room with twin bedroom next door. Upstairs, you'll find two roomy and comfortable bedrooms, one with double bed and en suite shower room, and the other has triple beds and another en suite shower room. The cottage is centrally heated for cooler weather during the winter months.

Gite

The property also offers a smaller studio *gite* which sleeps 3 people (1 double bed and 1 single bed) which can only be booked in addition to the Manor House and Cottage. Please note the gite is not suitable for small children or guests with reduced mobility.

Amenities

- Heated salt water swimming pool
- Satellite TV with international channels
- Netflix
- Radio
- Massage table
- Hairdryers on request
- Sun Loungers
- Patio Furniture
- Parking
- Barbecue
- Beach Towels
- Private garden
- Communal garden
- Terrace/patio
- Books and games
- Table-tennis
- Trampoline



- Badminton
- *Boules*

Location & Local Information

Manoir De Levesque is 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.



Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Extra €150 per week, paid locally.
- 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: Saturday from end of June to beginning of September. Flexible otherwise.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, excluding pool towels. Pool towels may be hired at an additional cost, paid locally.
- Pets welcome?: No.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Other Ts and Cs: The pool is open from May 18th to September 14th (subject to weather). It is possible to extend this period through to October, subject to weather conditions.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that bookings for up to 15 guests include access to the main house and cottage only. The separate gite sleeping up to 3 additional guests is only available for bookings of 16-18 guests and subject to availability.
- 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.
- 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.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag parties are not permitted.
- Pool heating charge?: No. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.