

Saumur en Blanc

Region: Loire Valley Sleeps: 6 - 8

Overview

Some homes are utterly unique and always will be. Saumur en Blanc is one of those homes. From its location right in the centre of magical Saumur, to its soothing all-white interior and its rather glamorous owner; a talented and well-known interior designer from New York.

Saumur en Blanc is found through a private gate, set away from the road, in its own tranquil and private garden filled with jasmine, rosemary and lavender. The senses are immediately awoken and then surprised with the glimpse of a swimming pool in this private oasis.

The white décor and furnishings create a very calming ambience in this quirky and original stone townhouse full of surprises; staircases leading up to lofts, a baby-grand piano, a bathroom with claw-foot tub and fireplace and a little independent pool house on the terrace. The kitchen is worthy of its renowned eno-gastronomic location, with its professional 'La Canche' stove, two dishwashers, large fridge-freezer and American gadgets and appliances.

Guests can also relax and take advantage of many helpful services, such as a transfers, pre-arrival shopping, babysitting and even a private chef.

Saumur is of course famous for its delicious wine, but this small town is also known for its excellent restaurants, speciality shops, music festivals and a multitude of activities, including canoeing and kayaking, which keep it vibrant and exciting as well as beautiful. All of these delights are on the doorstep and just an easy stroll away. Not far from the town are also wineries, artisanal beer producers, châteaux, a national horse-riding school, bike and walking trails, museums and much more.

Saumur en Blanc combines so many unique and original qualities to create an out-of-the-ordinary home in a special location, both of which will leave guests enchanted.



Facilities

Wow Factor • Quirky • Sustainable Collection • Wellness • Heritage
Collection • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens
• Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ •
Cable TV • Gym/Fitness Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Working Fireplace
• Heating • Ceiling Fans • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds •
Canoeing/Kayaking • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding
• Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns &
Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

Interior & Grounds

Interior Grounds

Ground Floor

- Breakfast area
- Well equipped kitchen, with 'La Canche' professional stove, two dishwashers, two washing machines, two dryers, large fridge-freezer and further American appliances. Includes dining area with tables and chairs
- Reading area/library with fireplace
- Guest W.C.

First Floor

- Living room with two fireplaces, spacious seating, glass tiled floor and a Baby Grand Piano
- Open plan master bedroom (accessed via archway) with king-sized bed, spacious wardrobes, seating area, bathroom with bath claw foot tub bath, shower, sink and fireplace.

Right-Wing (*accessed via steep stairs from master bedroom*)

- Open plan loft style master suite with double bed, plus single bed, flat screen TV and DVD, sitting area, games and toys plus bath and WC. Suitable for a family/couple/lots of children (note: low ceilings throughout).

Left-Wing (*accessed via steep stairs from living room*)

- Double bedroom with king-size bed, TV, computer, printer, fax
- Double bedroom with king-size bed
- Bathroom with WC
- Gym with TV (accessed via one of the bedrooms)
- Guest W.C.

Outside Grounds

- Private heated swimming pool (size:4m x 8m) with security cover
- Pool terrace with sun-loungers, al-fresco dining table, chairs and BBQ
- Gardens, fountains and flowered walk-way with statues and antique tools.

Various steps throughout grounds

- Pool house (used as storage space)
- Outdoor shower
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Access to house via electronic gates



Facilities

- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only and pool house)
- 13 ceiling fans throughout house
- Heating
- Working fireplace
- 5 TVs
- DVD player
- CNN
- Computer
- Printer
- Fax
- Indoor and outdoor music system
- Cordless telephones
- Safe
- Alarm system
- Gym equipment

Location & Local Information

Saumur is a vibrant and exciting town as well as beautiful. Explore the medieval streets and admire the striking buildings in Place St Pierre, shop to your hearts content in one of the towns many boutiques and stock up on charcuterie, honey, flowers and other wonderful local produce in the weekly market on a Saturday. The town has also gained a reputation for its excellent restaurants as well as its delicious sparkling white wine, which you can sample and purchase at a number of spots in the area.

The fairytale Château Saumur has a stunning location and is worthy of a visit, then in the summer take a boat trip up the river for some rest and relaxation. There are plenty of other historical attractions in the area to impress you such as Fontevraud Abbey (16km), one of the largest in Europe, plus the fascinating Troglodyte caves that used to be inhabited until last century, such as those in the village of Rochemenier (26km).

Horse lovers must visit the town's famous national equestrian school, the *Cadre Noir*, where they can have a guided tour and you may be fortunate enough to see a performance of the magnificent horses led by the impressive instructors. Furthermore, there are plenty of opportunities to explore the beautiful Loire Valley on horseback.

Another popular activity is renting a canoe either in the town or a little further out at one of the activity centres and discovering the stunning area from the Loire river. The town is also on the 'Loire à Vélo' route for keen cyclists who can experience why this area is called the 'Garden of France'.

If you are bringing the kids then treat them to a visit to the Musée des Blindés (3km), the largest tank museum in Europe, ideal for vehicle lovers young and old. Just out of town you can seek shade in the Zoo de Doué Bio Parc (22km) where 600 animals live in natural surroundings amongst interesting flora and fauna in the old quarry.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Nantes (165km)
Nearest Ferry Port	St Malo (260km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Saumur (2.5km)



Nearest Restaurant

**Saumur
(500m)**

Nearest Supermarket

**Saumur
(500m)**

What Oliver loves...

- It's hard to believe you are in the centre of Saumur as you relax in the pretty garden with private swimming pool
- Enjoying cooking in the semi-professional kitchen and experimenting with all the gadgets & machines
- The all-white house creates a feeling of calm
- For a great night's sleep, all beds have top quality American mattresses
- The owner tries to think of everything including providing slippers and offering many helpful services, such as a transfers, pre-arrival shopping, babysitting and even a private chef.

What you should know...

- There are some low ceilings and stairs (some steep)
- One bedroom is accessed via stairs from the master bedroom
- There is air-conditioning in the bedrooms only and in the pool house
- A car is not required, however if you chose to have one there is plenty of easy parking on the streets.
- Please refer to to the 'Features' tab for full details of sleeping arrangements and layout

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: \$USD1000 charged to clients' credit card prior to arrival and returned two weeks after departure.
- Arrival time: 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels and slippers.
- Pets welcome?: 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Other Ts and Cs: Stag / hen parties and other celebrations are not allowed. Weddings are permitted by prior arrangement.
- Other Ts and Cs: There is air-conditioning in the bedrooms only and in the pool house.
- Other Ts and Cs: Swimming pool is open May to end-September.
- Other Ts and Cs: A further 5 guests (ideally children) can be accommodated in the main house using beds and sofas. Supplements apply. Please enquire at the time of booking.
- 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: Please note that external caterers are only allowed with the owner's prior agreement.