

# Chateau De L'Histoire

Region: Midi-Pyrenees Sleeps: 28

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## Overview

Château De L'Histoire is a 19th-Century jewel, which sits majestically on 100 acres of park, farm and woodland. This unique setting, at the end of a one-kilometre driveway, offers a very private setting in the rural Midi-Pyrénées, but is just five minutes from the UNESCO classified ancient village of St. Lizier, one of France's *Plus Beaux Villages*.

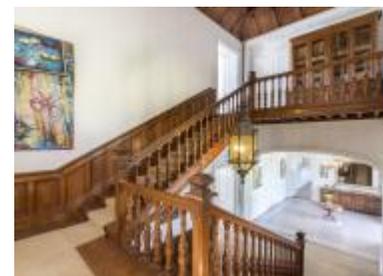
The château has been recently renovated and offers light and spacious rooms with an impressive and dramatic blend of old and new. Its rich, historic past greets guests in many original details; high ceilings with intricate wooden details, ornate cornices, tall mosaic windows, impressive fireplaces and a grand staircase to take your breath away. They sit alongside modern bathrooms, artwork and the large swimming pool and sleek wooden decking. Artwork in the château is made up of constantly changing exhibitions by artists who are privileged to showcase their work in such a sumptuous setting.

Despite this idyllic, rural location, both the historic and modern quarters of the village are just a 5-minute drive away, so everything is within easy reach including its highlights, such as its stunning cathedral with cloisters, octagonal tower and 11th-Century frescoes. There is also a renowned restaurant with a panoramic terrace overlooking the village and across to the Pyrénées mountains.

The village is within the Natural Regional park of the Ariège Pyrénées, so outdoor activities such as cycling, kayaking, and horse-riding are in abundance amongst its lakes, mountains and forests. Hiking is a great way to discover this beautiful National Park and in the Spring the waterfall at Cascade d'Ars is a highlight. The area is rich with Roman churches to visit and medieval villages to explore, such as La Bastide-de-Serou and Le Mas-d'Azil.

During winter months skiing and snow-boarding are possible just half-an-hour from Château De L'Histoire at the nearby resort of Guzet.

Château De L'Histoire is the perfect retreat and setting for sumptuous and relaxing holidays in this beautifully unique part of South West France.



## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • **Recommended** • Heritage Collection • Private Pool  
• Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village •  
Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • Satellite TV • Table Tennis • Table Football  
• Conference Facilities • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s)  
• Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Horse Riding •  
Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • RWC-Toulouse

# Interior & Grounds

## Chateau Interior

### Ground Floor

- Main entrance and hall
- Pantry
- Kitchen
- Butlers room
- Side entrance hall
- Dining room
- Winter lounge (stained glass doors leading to terrace)
- Summer lounge (access to terrace)
- TV lounge (can be converted into a bedroom for guests with limited mobility)
- Bathroom with wash basin, walk in shower
- Guest WC

### First Floor (accessed via main spiral staircase)

- Bedroom 1 (Master bedroom) with king size bed, en suite bathroom with bath and walk in shower, large wardrobe, balcony and sun loungers
- Bedroom 2 with king size bed, small en-suite bathroom with bath and shower, walk in wardrobe (can be converted into a family room)
- Bedroom 3 with king size bed, very large wardrobe, en-suite bathroom with walk in shower and underfloor heating
- Bedroom 4 with king size bed, very large wardrobe, en-suite bathroom with walk in shower and underfloor heating
- Bedroom 5 with double bed, en-suite bathroom with walk in shower and underfloor heating, drawers and hanging space
- Bedroom 6 with king size bed, en-suite wet room in the tower. (can be converted into a very spacious family room)

### Second Floor (accessed via second spiral staircase from ground floor)



- Bedroom 7 with double bed, en-suite bathroom with walk in shower and underfloor heating, drawers and hanging space
- Bedroom 8 with double bed, en-suite bathroom with walk in shower and underfloor heating, drawers and hanging space
- Bedroom 9 with double bed, en-suite bathroom with walk in shower and underfloor heating, drawers and wardrobe
- Bedroom 10 with double bed, en-suite bathroom with walk in shower and underfloor heating, drawers and wardrobe
- Bedroom 11 with king size bed, en-suite bathroom with walk in shower, large wardrobe (can be converted into a family room)
- Bedroom 12 with king size bed, small en-suite bathroom with bath and shower, walk in wardrobe (can be converted into a family room)

*Basement closed to guests.*

### **Self-contained Attic Apartment**

- Kitchen
- Bedroom 13 with double bed
- Bedroom 14 with double bed and hanging rail
- Bathroom with walk in shower and underfloor heating
- Open plan living area with with 2 very comfortable sofa beds

*The apartment is completely self-contained and offers independence from other chateau guests if required.*

### **Outside Grounds**

- Terrace
- Private swimming pool (size: 16mx8m/depth: 1.5m-1.7m/shape: rectangular) with sensor system, open approximately May to October - *parental supervision is recommended at all times.*
- Wooden decking area
- 100 acres of park, farm and woodland
- Outdoor dining area
- Barbecue
- Parking space

### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Heating throughout
- Underfloor heating in all bathrooms
- 2 working fireplaces (ground floor)
- 2 decorative fireplaces
- Fans available on request
- Satellite TV (75")

- Microwave
- Hob
- Oven
- Fridge/freezer
- Coffee machine
- DVD player
- I-pod docking station
- Hairdryers
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing boards
- Dishwasher
- Pilates studio
- Table tennis
- Table football
- Bikes
- Toys
- Pool inflatables
- Children's books and DVDs
- Baby bath

## Location & Local Information

The chateau is located in the rural Midi-Pyrénées, just five minutes from the UNESCO classified ancient village of St. Lizier, one of France's *Plus Beaux Villages*.

It is set within the Natural Regional park of the Ariège Pyrénées so outdoor activities such as cycling, kayaking (including private lessons) and horse-riding are in abundance amongst its lakes, mountains and forests. Hiking is a great way to discover this beautiful National Park and in the Spring the waterfall at Cascade d'Ars is a highlight. You can even take amazing discovery flights, private lessons and taster gliding sessions at a centre just five minutes away.

Skiing is possible just half-an-hour away at the nearby resort of Guzet. The area is also rich with Roman churches to visit and medieval villages to explore, such as La Bastide-de-Serou and Le Mas-d'Azil.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Toulouse-Blagnac</b> (100km-1h 10mins)
Nearest Village	<b>St Lizier</b> (2km-20 mins walk)
Nearest Piste	<b>Guzet</b> (45km-1h)



## What we love

- The beauty of the château lies not only in the care taken with its refurbishment but also with the seclusion offered to its guests.
- Guests will enjoy absolute privacy, without being cut off from the outside world, as the nearby villages offer a wealth of services, activities and places to visit
- The legacy of a past arboriculturalist of the château means that there are still impressive rare species of trees on the grounds
- Outdoor activities and things to see are endless, alternatively guests can simply relax by the pool or in the peace and tranquillity of the extensive gardens within the estate
- During winter months skiing and snow-boarding are possible just half-an-hour away at the nearby resort of Guzet
- The self-contained attic apartment is modern and ideal for guests requiring their own space
- The airfield adjacent to the property offers gliding and flying lessons too

## What you should know...

- The ancient part of the village is a 30-minute walk (uphill), while its modern quarter is a 20-minute walk away.
- The on site management team live discretely in the coach house on the estate.
- One of the downstairs sitting rooms can be converted to a bedroom for guests who require a ground floor bedroom (there is also a ground floor shower room).

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £2,000 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 3.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 12.00 p.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: No, charges apply from November to March, payable locally based on consumption.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels.
- Minimum stay: 2 nights.
- Pets welcome?: No.
- Smoking Allowed?: In designated areas only.
- 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.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately May to October. 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any other special events are not permitted.