

# Chateau du Cardinal

Region: Biarritz Sleeps: 17

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## Overview

Rich in both history and tradition, this wonderful chateau is a far cry from the glitz and glamour that this coastline can be famous for. Within ten-minutes of the beaches of Ciboure and St-Jean-de-Luz, with both sea and mountain views, this is an incredible place to spend your days when staying in this beautiful part of the Pays Basque.

It's thought that the chateau and its chapel were built around the 16<sup>th</sup> century although the exact dates are not known. What historians are sure of is that the castle was a home to many important residents over this period, including a famous cardinal who is said to have lived here during the reign of Louis XIV.

The grand chateau is quite remarkable with much of its original style and character still intact with antique furnishings, impressive paintings and ornate features across the house. The ground-floor living space with its library and dining room includes a wonderful lounge with French windows opening out to the patio overlooking the town and sea. Each of the nine bedrooms over the top two floors differ in size and style yet some have wonderful sea-views and they all benefit from their own bath or shower room.

Step out onto the patio for leisurely lunches with friends and family looking out towards the sea or explore the glorious parkland surrounding the chateau, where you'll discover the heated swimming pool and pool house. From here you can gaze at the impressive Pyrénées mountains and you can see La Rhune on a clear day.

It's only a ten-minute drive into charming Ciboure with its pretty streets, picturesque cafes, lovely harbour and beach or head over the river to nearby St-Jean-de-Luz with lots of family-friendly activities, golf courses and more. Keen walkers can follow the magnificent coastal path all the way down to Hendaye on the Spanish border whilst to the north there are some of this coastline's most famous surfing beaches from Bidart to Biarritz.

Indeed, the glitz and glamour of beautiful Biarritz is only half-an-hour away or you may simply prefer to discover some of France's *Plus Beaux Villages* inland such as Ainhoa with its pretty Basque houses and Sare, where you can take a wooden train up to the summit of La Rhune. Whether the majestic mountains or the dazzling coastline, this part of south-western France is a captivating region to explore.



## Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Internet • <1hr to Airport • Cable TV • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Chateau Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Living room
- Dining room
- Library
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, oven, fridge, freezer, Nespresso machine
- Back kitchen

### First and Second Floors

- 8 double and twin bedrooms with bath/shower room
- Single bedroom with bath/shower room

## Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool
- Pool house
- Parkland (several hectares)
- Parking

## Facilities

- Lift
- Wi-Fi
- TV
- Washing machine



## Location & Local Information

Chateau du Cardinal offers a wonderful location elevated just behind Ciboure with wonderful views of the town and bay of Saint Jean de Luz in front of you. From the heated swimming pool you have majestic views of the Pyrénées afar.

With easy access to the motorway only a couple of minutes away, you can be on the Spanish border in under twenty minutes or as far north as Biarritz (22km) in 25-minutes.

It's only a ten-minute drive down to the village of Ciboure, once lived in by artist Henri Matisse. It's a quiet and relaxing place where you can visit the old town with its stone and timber-framed houses, wander along the pretty fishing port, find a picturesque café or restaurant or experience the bustling market on a Sunday morning.

Head to the Fort de Socoa where you'll find water-based activities such as diving, paddle-boarding, catamarans, water skiing and more. Keen walkers can follow the magnificent coastal path around Ciboure which stretches all the way to Hendaye (11km) on the Spanish border.

Across La Nivelle river, only 4.5km from your chateau, is the pretty seaside town of St-Jean-de-Luz. Originally a small fishing port, St-Jean-de-Luz later became a fashionable resort for well-to-do French, English and Spanish tourists in the late 19th century. Explore the pretty streets filled with shops and restaurants before heading down to the port, known for its tuna, anchovies and sardines.

The town's beach, La Grande Plage, is a lovely place to spend the afternoon, especially with children. Across the town there are lots of family-friendly activities such as trampoline parks, mini golf and a road-train along the coast to beaches featuring playgrounds and games.

Additionally, the surf here is gentler than further north, so an ideal place for those budding surfers to learn whilst experienced surfers should head north to Acotz beach for some impressive waves. Further north, head to the surfing hang-outs of Guéthary (10km) and Bidart (13km) where you can ride the waves amongst some of the world's finest surfers or just sit back and take in the magnificent beaches and landscapes.

This region is a paradise for golfers with this area having two beautiful golf-courses, the nearest one being only 3km away plus a wide range further north around Biarritz, many with stunning ocean views including the prestigious Chiberta Golf Course (23km) by some of Biarritz' most stunning northern beaches.

Indeed, you'll find the glittering gem of Biarritz just 22km away, an elegant



seaside resort dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century when aristocracy built their summer residences along this part of the coast. Dine in excellent restaurants along the beach, sip cocktails in trendy bars or shop in the wonderful Les Halles market full of Basque specialities to take home and cook.

For a change of scene, head inland towards the majestic Pyrénées where you will find characterful Basque villages, including two of France's *Plus Beaux Villages*; pretty Ainhoa (20km) and Sare (14km), where you can take the old wooden train up to the summit of La Rhune, one of the most dominant peaks of the Pyrénées.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Biarritz (20km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Ciboure (3.5km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Ciboure (4km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>St Jean de Luz/Biarritz ( 4.5km/22km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>(2km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>St Jean de Luz (4.5km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>(3km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(2-4km)</b>

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €5000 paid to the owner by bank transfer two weeks before arrival and refunded three weeks after departure at the very latest, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Included. 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, including pool towels.
- Energy costs included?: Included.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Pool heating charge?: Extra €150 per week/per week outside of July and August, paid locally. 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 published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Other Ts and Cs: Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms upon booking confirmation.
- Other Ts and Cs: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for civil liability as well as cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay. A copy of this policy may be requested by the owner before or upon arrival.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are not permitted.