

Chateau Des Remparts

Region: Midi-Pyrenees Sleeps: 8 - 22

Overview

Close to three of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', stay in style at this impressive French château set amongst glorious parkland and castle ruins in the captivating region of Gers.

This late 16th-century château has been gracefully restored by its current owners who rescued this beautiful abode following its abandonment for many years. Its transformation has been remarkable – step through the sun-dappled courtyard into the light-filled hallway with stone flag flooring and a Venetian chandelier and you will be immediately amazed. The living spaces are elegant yet welcoming whilst the kitchen-diner is the social hub of the house with a perfect blend of classic and contemporary furnishings.

Upstairs, the four bedrooms are so pretty with delicately designed décor and the loveliest of bathrooms, two with romantic rolltop baths and the master bedroom's bathroom with its huge tub and vintage-style sinks.

Wherever you are in this house, there is a sense of light and beauty with wonderful pieces of artwork, sculptures and good-looking furnishings. French windows from the living room open up to the grand balcony terrace with picturesque views as you relax with a glass of local wine or follow the grand steps down to the château's swimming pool. In the upper landscaped garden, admire the castle ruins in this incredible setting.

The château can be rented by itself or for larger groups of up to 22 guests, follow the driveway and reach two gorgeous cottages which have their own gated swimming pool set in the estate's parkland. Decorated and furnished lovingly and with impeccable taste, there's a 4-bedroom and 3-bedroom cottage, each with their own living and dining spaces, lovely bedrooms and al-fresco terraces. A perfect option for accompanying family or friends whether it's a holiday with loved ones or a picture-perfect French wedding.

You will soon adapt to the slow pace of life that the Gers is so well known for as you visit fortified villages, market towns, endless vineyards or simply walk and cycle through the rolling landscapes. The trio of '*Plus Beaux Villages*', Montréal, Fourcès and Larressingle, are all minutes away whilst the gastronomic delights of this region, famed for its *foie gras*, can be discovered at markets such as Condom, Lectoure and Fleurance.



Canoe or boat along the River Baise, visit Grand Armagnac vineyards, take a hot air balloon ride over summer fields of sunflowers or simply sit back and relax in the magnificent surroundings of your historic and beautiful château in Gascony.

Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Wow Factor • Instagrammable • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Bicycles Provided • Table Tennis • DVD • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

Interior & Grounds

- 1) Main Château only (8-person price)
- 2) Main Château and 8-person Cottage only (16-person price)
- 3) Main Château, 8-person Cottage and 6-person Cottage (22-person price)

Main Château Interiors

Ground Floor

- Lounge with satellite TV and DVD player and doors leading to balcony terrace
- Drawing room
- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped including dishwasher and oven. Doors lead to terrace
- Utility room with washing machine
- WC

First Floor

- Master bedroom with double bed, dressing room and large en suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with shower

8-person Cottage Interiors

Ground Floor

- Open-plan kitchen-diner and lounge area. Kitchen well-equipped including dishwasher, oven, microwave
- Utility room with washing machine and fridge-freezer
- WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bathroom

6-person Cottage Interiors



Ground Floor (some steps)

- Living room
- Kitchen, well-equipped including oven and microwave
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bathroom
- Shower room and washing machine

Main Château Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (11x3.2m, depth: 1.8m with Roman steps) and automatic hard safety cover. Open approximately May to end-October
- Barbecue
- Courtyard
- Various terraces for al-fresco dining or relaxing
- Surrounding parkland and gardens (including steps)
- Parking

Cottages Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (10x7.2m, depth 1.2m) with fencing and safety gate (shared between two cottages). Open approximately May to end-October
- Al-fresco terrace by each cottage
- Barbecue
- Surrounding parkland
- Private parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Fans
- TV and DVD player
- CD player
- Board games
- Table tennis
- Bikes (x4)
- Barbecue

Location & Local Information



Surrounded by dreamy landscapes of the Gers, Château Des Remparts is set on a vast estate featuring beautiful parkland and castle ruins, just a short drive to Montréal-du-Gers, Fourcès and Larressingle, three of France's classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

This alluring part of south-western France is known for its slow pace of life, glorious scenery and its authentic yet excellent food and wine. Discover Gascony's gastronomic delights by visiting local restaurants and atmospheric markets, including night markets in local villages in the height of the summer. Sample the region's famous *foie-gras* and *magret* as well as an abundance of seasonal fruit and vegetables and delicious cheeses. This is also the land of Grand Armagnac and you will have the opportunity to visit some of Gascony's best vineyards nearby.

The Gers' famous trio of '*Plus Beaux Villages*' are within easy reach - Montréal (5km), Fourcès (5km) and Larressingle (7km). The bastide town of Montréal has a couple of charming restaurants in its 13th century central square and hosts wonderful medieval night markets in the summer.

Fourcès is a characterful warren of medieval lanes leading to the historic main square with its flower market in late April whilst Larressingle is home to an impressive Gascon castle. Take a walk around Larressingle's fortified walls and admire the rolling landscapes of vineyards and countryside. There are some fantastic walking trails around the villages, after all Larressingle and Montréal are on the Santiago de Compostella pilgrimage route.

The historic town of Condom (12km) is home to a magnificent cathedral as well as a Wednesday morning market and some excellent restaurants. Take boat trips along the Baise river, hire a little motorboat in the summer or if you prefer canoeing and kayaking then head slightly further south to Beaucaire (23km).

Éauze (20km) is worthy of a visit on a Thursday morning to experience its market day and there is also an 18-hole golf course just outside the town. Other well-known and historic market towns in this region include Lectoure (35km) and Fleurance (43km) whilst enchanting Auch (55km), the historic capital of Gascony, is around an hour away.

Horse-riding, cycling and even hot-air ballooning are other ways to explore the undulating scenery of the Gers. Then there is summer swimming at Castéra-Verduzan and the thermal spas around Barbotan-les-Thermes or a tree-top adventure courses near Aignan for the most adventurous of guests.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulouse (125km)
Nearest Airport 2	Bordeaux (155km)
Nearest Train Station	Agen (TGV) or Auch (55km)
Nearest Village	Montréal/Fourcès (5km)
Nearest Restaurant	Montréal/Fourcès (5km)
Nearest Shop	Montréal (5km)
Nearest Town	Condom (12km)
Nearest City	Agen/Auch (55km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Guinlet (18km)

What we love

- This historic château exudes elegance with its beautiful transformation
- Within the estate, two pretty cottages and a second swimming pool offer flexible accommodation options for larger groups
- Light-filled rooms, striking artwork and gorgeous furnishings make this a stunning place to stay
- The majestic balcony enjoys views of the rolling Gascon countryside whilst grand steps lead down to the château's private pool
- The fortified villages of Montréal, Fourcès and Larressingle are just minutes away, all classified as '*Plus Beaux Villages de France*'
- Discover the gastronomic delights of Gascony at local restaurants and the many enchanting Farmer's markets across this region

What you should know...

- This estate features the main Château with a private pool and two separate cottages which share a second swimming pool (both swimming pools are included only in the 22-person price)
- The 8-person price is for the main Château with its private swimming pool; the 16-person price is for main Château with its private swimming pool plus the 8-person Cottage; the 22-person price is for the whole estate (the main Château with its private swimming pool, the 8-person Cottage, the 6-person Cottage and the cottages' shared pool).
- The whole estate sleeping 22 guests can only be booked for weddings/events and for 3 nights
- The two separate cottages are around 100m away from the main Château via the driveway and sit approx. 20m from each other
- If guests rent the main Château only, rest assured the cottages will not be rented separately
- A discreet but helpful *gardien* lives on site and is on hand for anything you may need

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2500 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 11.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Extra cost, payable locally - please enquire for pricing.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- 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.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights (excluding special events/weddings which is 3 nights). All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Friday. All other changeover days on request.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges (and when booking whole estate only). Stag/hen parties are not permitted.
- Other Ts and Cs: The 8-person price is for the main Château only. The 16-person price also includes the 4-bedroom Cottage whilst the 22-person price includes the full estate (Château, 4-bedroom Cottage and 3-bedroom Cottage). Please note that the whole estate sleeping 22 guests can only be booked for weddings/events and for 3 nights.
- Pool opening dates?: The pools are open approximately May to end-October. If booking the 8 or 16-person price, only the main Château's pool will be available. If booking the 22-person price, both the main Château's and Cottages' pools will be available. 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.