

Le Domaine Des Hiboux

Region: Atlantic Coast Sleeps: 18

Overview



Whether you yearn a peaceful getaway in stunning natural surroundings or wish to spend family time on cycle rides and by glorious sandy beaches, Le Domaine Des Hiboux is an exceptional abode in the Loire-Atlantique region offering ample space and authentic charm for up to 18 guests, just a short drive from the Atlantic coast.

Set in a 41-acre estate, the château is a haven of peace where you can recharge your batteries and marvel at the surrounding nature. Take a stroll through the private woodland and look out for owls, deer, rabbits, storks, red squirrels and even the famous kingfisher, then relax by the fishing pond. The heated swimming pool is also a delight or spend time with loved ones cooking up a feast by the barbecue with delicious produce bought from local markets.

The origins of the domaine date as far back as the 14th century and there are three houses where guests can stay – the elegant 4-bedroom château and two inviting guesthouses. In the main château, sleeping 8 guests, rooms have been sensitively restored, thus creating a traditional and warm ambience with beautiful windows allowing light to flood into the home. A guesthouse by the swimming pool offers further charming accommodation for eight guests whilst a third house near the entrance, the most modern in terms of interiors, is perfect for another small family or group of friends. All three homes are rented together allowing guests to benefit from full exclusivity of this marvellous estate.

Hop on the château's six bikes and head off for cycle rides through the Marais, some of France's best preserved wetlands and also an exceptional place for bird-watching, long nature walks and canoeing trips. Cycle as far as the Atlantic coast, perhaps visit the bustling morning market in Pornic or Les Moutiers-en-Retz and discover sandy beaches for a day by the ocean.

Further afield, learn about regional salt production on the idyllic island of Noirmoutier-en-l'Île, also much loved for its stunning beaches, cycling trails and shellfish digging. Or head north to the historic city of Nantes with its artistic vibe and fantastic food scene.

Then there's the Loire valley and its châteaux and vineyards – bring back a bottle or two to enjoy on your veranda as you gather with family and friends back at Le Domaine Des Hiboux.

Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Electric Car Charger • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • DVD • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Main Château Interiors (up to 8 guests)

Ground Floor

- Entrance hall with cloakroom
- Lounge with fireplace, TV and DVD player
- Dining room with dining table, twelve chairs and fireplace
- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped including dishwasher, fridge-freezer, gas hob, oven, Nespresso coffee machine, toaster and kettle
- Reading room with fireplace and piano
- Laundry room and shower room with shower, sink and WC
- Separate WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with king-size four-poster double bed (180x200cm), adjoining dressing area and bathroom with bath, shower, two sinks and WC
- Bedroom with queen-size four-poster double bed (160x200cm), fireplace and bathroom with bath, sink and WC
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split into two singles), fireplace and bathroom with bath, shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split into two singles), fireplace, sofa and bathroom with bath, sink and WC
- Library

Guest House I Interiors (near swimming pool, up to 8 guests)

Ground Floor

- Living room with fireplace and TV
- Dining room with table and 8 chairs
- Games room/pool house
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, fridge-freezer, gas hob, oven, Nespresso coffee maker, toaster and kettle
- Master bedroom with king-size double bed (180x200cm) and bathroom with bath/shower and two sinks
- Laundry room
- Separate bathroom with bath, sink and WC
- Separate WC (x2)

First Floor

- Bedroom with king-size bed (180x200cm, can be split into twins)
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm each)



- Bedroom with double bed (140x200cm)
- Bathroom with bath/shower, sink and WC

Guest House II Interiors (near entrance of domaine, up to 3 guests)

Ground Floor

- Living area with TV
- Dining area with table and six chairs
- Kitchen, well-equipped including oven, microwave, electric hob, fridge, freezer, dishwasher, filter coffee maker, Vertuo Nespresso coffee maker, kettle and toaster
- WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with king-size bed (180x200cm, can be split into twins)
- Bedroom with single bed (90x200cm)
- Bathroom with bath, shower and WC

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (14x7m, depth: 1.2-1.6m) set at 24 degrees with electric safety cover. Open approximately 25 April to 20 September
- Al-fresco terrace with charcoal barbecue
- Gas barbecue
- Woodland walks and cycling trails
- Fishing Pond
- Bikes
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi (all houses)
- Heating
- Smart TV (you can use your own log-ins)
- TV and DVD player (main house only)
- DVD library
- Nintendo Wii (and a couple of games)
- Library with English books
- Computer and printer
- Piano
- Ironing facilities
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

Le Domaine Des Hiboux is situated in the heart of the Marais in the Loire-Atlantique department, around 40km south-west of Nantes and the Loire estuary and only a short drive from the Atlantic coast.

Within the vast *domaine* there are cycle and walking trails through the woodland as well as a pond where fishing is permitted. It's a paradise for nature lovers – look out for red squirrels, owls, deer, rabbits and you may even see a kingfisher. The surrounding Marais wetlands are also wonderful for bird-watching and an ideal area for cycling, canoeing and long nature walks.

The Atlantic coast nearby is stunning and offers a range of experiences for everyone. Les Moutiers-en-Retz, around 14km away, has a fantastic sandy beach or continue north up the Côte de Jade for more blue-flag beaches, as far as Pointe Saint-Gildas, an area of incredible natural beauty with some excellent coastal walks. Amble around the harbour at Pornic (24km), take a boat trip along the coast, enjoy a picnic on the beach and admire traditional Breton pottery at Faiencerie de Pornic. La Bernerie-en-Retz is a delightful former fishing village with vast sandy beaches, watersports and a sea lake for swimming even when the tide is out.

Crossing over to the Vendée department, learn all about salt production on the picturesque island of Noirmoutier-en-l'Île, also known for its idyllic beaches and dunes, shellfish digging, cycling trails, watersports and other outdoor activities.

A trip to one of the food markets of the region is a must during your time here – look out for markets in nearby Machecoul, only 6km away, on a Wednesday and Saturday morning and others in Challans, Pornic and Les Moutiers-en-Retz amongst many other places.

Another wonderful aspect of this location is the proximity to the Loire valley for wine-tasting and to visit some of the impressive châteaux near Nantes. Indeed, Nantes itself is a brilliant day out, on the banks of the Loire river and with a rich heritage as well as an artistic vibe. Food-lovers will adore the many fashionable restaurants and there are some amazing markets including the historic Talensac market which dates back to the 1930s, a particular must if you adore seafood.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**Nantes Atlantique Airport
(35km)**

Nearest Ferry Port	La Rochelle (150km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Machecoul (5km)
Nearest Village	Small village (2.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (2.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Machecoul (5km)
Nearest Town	Machecoul (5km)
Nearest Beach	La Bernerie-en-Retz (17km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Blue Green Pornic (26km)

What we love

- An absolute paradise for nature lovers – look out for owls, deer, red squirrels and maybe even the local kingfisher across the vast estate
- Enjoy swimming in the heated pool, fishing in the pond or following the cycling and walking trails through the domaine's woodland
- The glorious sandy beaches and traditional seaside towns of the Atlantic are just a short drive away
- In the heart of the Marais, this is a wonderful area for bird-watching, cycling, canoeing and of course long nature walks
- Try some of the best seafood either found at atmospheric local markets, nearby restaurants or from little oyster shacks along the coastline

What you should know...

- The *domaine* features a 4-bedroom château (8 guests) and two separate guest houses, one with four bedrooms (8 guests) and one with two bedrooms (3 guests). Please see the Features tab for details on the layout.
- If travelling with children, be aware that there is a fishing pond in the grounds.
- The Electric Vehicle charging point is subject to an extra charge.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €4000 charged to client's credit card by the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m. Late arrival is possible between 8.00 pm. and 11.00 p.m. subject to a €25 fee or €50 after 11.00 p.m., payable locally.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes. The Electric Vehicle charging point is subject to an extra charge.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: No. €900, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of booking. This is for a standard changeover clean. 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.
- Pool heating charge?: Included up to approximately 24C. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately late-April to mid-September. 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.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties and other special events are not allowed.
- Internet access?: There is Wi-Fi – it can be quite slow but it is usually good enough to be able to watch Netflix etc.
- Other Ts and Cs: The domaine features a 4-bedroom château (8 guests) and two separate guest houses, one with four bedrooms (8 guests) and one with two bedrooms (3 guests). Please see the Features tab for details on the layout.
- Other Ts and Cs: Highchair and 2 cots are available on request. A baby bath and changing mat are also available on request, subject to a €3/night fee per item, payable locally.