

# Chateau De La Perse

Region: Aquitaine Sleeps: 2 - 24

## Overview

Nestled in the farmland and rolling hills of the Lot-et-Garonne in the South-West of France you will discover Château de la Perse. The original house dates back to the 1400s though much of the original building was re-built in the 18th-century, creating the stunning example of Neoclassical design we see today.

This expansive home can sleep between 16-24 guests across twelve en suite bedrooms. There will be plenty of space for everyone in this U-shaped home, the east-wing in particular has a fantastic 62m<sup>2</sup> *grand salon* where everyone can spend evenings together before retreating to their own bedrooms. The home also has a number of smaller living spaces for when you wish for a little privacy and you will even discover a fantastic air-conditioned games room on the first floor.

The château sits in 8 hectares of private grounds filled with ancient trees, lawns and native plants that blend seamlessly with the surrounding countryside. Whether you wish to sit in the sun and enjoy a good book or dine al-fresco you are sure to want to spend lots of time outdoors in the beautiful gardens. If you are feeling a little more active you can swim in the inviting pool or try your hand at boules and croquet!

Though the home is a rural idyll, you will not be isolated as there are two lovely villages close by. Moirax is under 6km away and is dominated by the 11th century Cluniac Priory which is an incredible protected monument. There are also a number shops and eateries in the village including Auberge Le Prieuré which is a Michelin-starred restaurant in a historic building.

Another nearby village to discover is Laplume which is just 5.5km away and has a few shops and hosts regular farmers markets. You can also enjoy great views from the village or join a number of hiking and cycling routes from here including a botanical walk.

If you would like a wider selection of shops and restaurants then you are perfectly placed for visiting the city of Agen which is a mere 15km away. Agen has had a long and interesting history as it has been settled 11 times since 200BC by different groups before being returned to French control. Lots of the city is easy to explore on foot, so you can wander through the cobbled back streets and spot half-timber framed houses before popping in to some of the



local artisan shops. The Musée des Beaux-Arts which is a fine art museum and the enchanting Saint-Caprais cathedral are some of the must-see sights.

## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • BBQ • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Games Room • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • DVD • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Toulouse

# Interior & Grounds

- 1) Main Chateau - up to 8 bedrooms (16-person price)
- 2) Main Chateau - up to 12 bedrooms (24-person price)

*Bedrooms will be allocated depending on the number of guests - therefore some bedrooms may be closed off in the case of lower occupancy.*

## Chateau Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Open-plan room (62sqm) with living and dining areas, fireplace and a fully fitted kitchen
- Formal dining room with a round table seating 10
- Formal sitting room with armchairs and sofa
- 2 x Suites with king-size double beds (2m each), sofa, desk and en-suite bathrooms with shower, shower over bath, sink and WC
- Secondary kitchen and laundry room with washing machine and dishwasher

### First Floor

- 6 x bedrooms with king sized beds and en-suite bathrooms with shower, shower over bath, sink and WC
- 4 x double bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms with shower, shower over bath, sink and WC (*four of these will be closed off if booking the lower rate*)
- Air-conditioned games room with pool table, TV and board games

*The chateau also features further bedrooms (and two annexes) which will also be closed off during your stay.*

## Outside Grounds (8 hectares)

- Heated swimming pool with alarm system (12m x 6m, 1.8m deep). Open approximately May to September
- Landscaped gardens
- Pool house with toilet and shower
- Covered dining terrace
- Sun loungers and parasols
- Croquet and boules
- Barbecue
- Parking spaces

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi (some rooms in downstairs chateau)



- Air-conditioning (Games room and Room 8 only)
- Smart TV with cable and Netflix
- DVD player
- Honesty bar
- Washing machine

## Location & Local Information

Chateau de la Perse is the ideal base for exploring Lot-et-Garonne; a rural region of south-west France which is dotted with some lovely villages and towns to visit. With history, culture, hiking routes and incredible cuisine all on your doorstep, there is something for everyone in your party in this diverse area.

If you would like to spend some time out in nature making memories with family or friends then you are well-placed at this chateau. Near to the chateau you can join the 15km long Brimont- Cap du Bosc trail which you can traverse on foot or by bike to take in some staggering scenery. Within a few kms of the house there are a number of equestrian centres if you would like to explore on horse-back. Choose from lessons for beginners or guided treks for those with experience, you could even pack a gourmet picnic hamper for a special day out.

Another way to make the most of the great outdoors is to visit a local vineyard where you can learn about wine production, take a tour and of course bring back some bottles for dinner! You will find some great vineyards in Buzet-sur-Baïse which is a 35km drive away.

When you need to pick up some groceries or pop out for a coffee then the villages Laplume and Moirax are each under 6km away and have a selection of amenities. You will even find a Michelin-starred restaurant in Moirax which would be the perfect place to book for a celebratory meal.

Agen is the place to go for shopping or sightseeing. Just 15km from the chateau, this bustling historic city has plenty to see and do, you could visit a number of times and still have more to discover. The more modern part of the city has lots of shops, restaurants and markets but head down Rue Beauville into the old town to seek out authentic medieval homes, maze-like cobbled alleys and stunning places of worship. The Saint-Caprais Cathedral is one of the more famous sights and contains some amazing preserved frescoes inside, but do not overlook some of the little churches such as the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Chapelle Notre Dame. Escape the heat of the day to take in some great works of art at the Musée des Beaux-Arts which is one of the finest galleries in the south of France. Finally, you could end your day with an early evening boat trip down the Garonne River and a meal in a traditional restaurant.

Another charming place to visit is La Romieu which is 19km away from the house. This village is counted amongst France's most beautiful and is part of the Santiago de Compostela pilgrim trail. Visit to see the lovely botanical gardens, the Collegiate church which is a UNESCO world heritage site and the medieval fortress. The village is also famous for its association with cats!



Legend has it that a peasant girl named Angeline and her pet cats once saved the village from a dreadful famine and today you can see stone statues which honour the cats in the village centre.

### Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Toulouse (105km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Laplume (5.5km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Laplume (5.1km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Laplume (5.6km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf du Château d'Allot (16km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Laplume (6km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Agen (16km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Agen (15km)</b>

## What we love

- As featured on Channel 4's Château DIY, this is a stunning 18th-century home which is ideal for family holidays and special occasions
- The home is filled with period charm and antique furnishings and yet has all the modern conveniences you should need such as Wi-Fi and Smart TVs
- Set in 8 hectares of grounds with dining areas and a private pool you are sure to spend lots of time enjoying the gardens
- Though the château is located amidst rolling fields, the villages of Moirax and Laplume are each under 6km away and the city of Agen is just 15km away

## What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in the games room and Room 8 only.
- The 16-person price includes up to 8 en suite bedrooms whilst the 24-person price includes up to 12 en suite bedrooms. Please see the "Features tab" for further details.
- In all cases, bedrooms will be allocated depending on the number of guests - therefore some bedrooms may be closed off in the case of lower occupancy.
- Please also note the château features further bedrooms (and two annexes) which will also be closed off during your stay.
- Quiet and non-intrusive owners live on-site in an apartment above the entrance gate, they will be very happy to help.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Friday except in July & August when it will be Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes, and mid-stay cleaning included for stays over 7 nights. 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, changed once for stays over 7 nights.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: No.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Pool heating charge?: Included. 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 May to 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Quiet and non-intrusive owners live on-site in an apartment above the entrance gate, they will be very happy to help.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Other Ts and Cs: Air-conditioning is featured in the games room only.
- Other Ts and Cs: The 16-person price includes up to 8 bedrooms whilst the 22-person price includes up to 12 bedrooms. Please see the "Features tab" for further details. Please also note the château features further bedrooms (and two annexes) which will also be closed off during your stay.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi is only available in some downstairs rooms of the main chateau. As is typical in this part of France, Wi-Fi speed can sometimes be slow.
- Other Ts and Cs: In all instances, bedrooms will be allocated depending on the number of guests - therefore some bedrooms will be closed off in the case of lower occupancy.