

Chateau Beaux Champs

Region: Midi-Pyrenees Sleeps: 15

Overview

In the heart of rural Gascony, uniquely created using local stone and surrounded by a 500-acre estate featuring wild deer and boar, this family château is a remarkable place to stay.

Step back in time into the characterful interiors of this 8-bedroom château featuring antique furnishings and a rustic yet classic style. Records show that Château Beaux Champs dates as far back as the early 15th century and it has been the home to important aristocratic French families over the years.

Presently, beautiful features such as the sweeping staircase, grand fireplaces and rolltop baths add to the historic yet homely ambience whilst there are modern comforts throughout such as Wi-Fi, Sonos speakers in nearly every room and Netflix. The elegant kitchen is the perfect place to cook up a Gascon feast with its large Aga and Smeg oven, which can be served by candlelight in the dining room or out in the gardens on a warm summers evening. You can also make the most of the catering options offered by the owner's talented daughter including meal deliveries and brilliant barbecues.

During the day the swimming pool affords magnificent views of the Pyrenees in the distance or take a dip in the evening as the pool is beautifully lit up at night. Relax in the gardens whilst the kids play boules or croquet before heading out to the woodland to build dens in the vast and wonderful grounds. There is even a 14-acre lake, perfect for fishing or simply take out the rowing boat for a picnic in breathtaking surroundings as you appreciate the space, peace and quiet around you.

The largest organic farm in Gers, this is a fascinating area and there are some wonderful walking trails through the estate and beyond; indeed this region is a paradise for walkers, hikers and cyclists. Keen golfers only need to head 20 minutes north to Eauze whilst families are spoilt for activities from horse-riding to swimming and kayaking or simply picnicking by the local lakes within a short drive.

As well as shops and restaurants, the local village has a lovely Farmer's market on a Monday morning or head to Eauze on a Thursday where you can buy oysters, bread and cheeses amongst other delicious local products in the remarkable market before enjoying *foie gras* and local duck in one of the excellent restaurants.



There's an abundance of idyllic villages nearby from Lectoure to Fourcès whilst the beautiful cities of Auch and Pau are also worthy of a wonderful day out. Or simply head to the River Adour where you can walk peacefully by the riverside with its tumbling waterfalls and pools, finding the perfect spot for a picnic, fishing or bird-watching.

After making the most of all that this remarkable region has to offer, return to the peaceful surroundings of your historic château and with the services on offer and glorious grounds around you, you may never wish to leave.

Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Canoeing/Kayaking • 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 • RWC-Toulouse

Interior & Grounds

Interior of Château

Ground Floor

- Entrance hall and main staircase
- Grand salon with working fireplace and two sets of French doors opening up to terrace
- Family TV lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen, well-equipped including Aga, Smeg gas and electric cooker, microwave, coffee machine, dishwasher and table. Large fridge/freezer in hallway
- Library
- Laundry room and access to East Tower staircase
- WC
- Office (adults only) with desk, printer and Wi-Fi. Access to West Tower staircase

First Floor

- Landing
- Master bedroom with super king-size bed and en suite bathroom with rolltop bath, shower and WC
- Bedroom 2 with king-size bed and en suite bathroom with rolltop bath, shower and WC
- Bedroom 3 with two double beds and en suite bathroom with rolltop bath and WC
- Bedroom 4 with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and WC
- Tower Bedroom 5 (accessed via East Tower Staircase or via Bedroom 9) with double bed
- West Tower Bedroom 6 (accessed via West Tower Staircase or via Bedroom 2) with king-size double bed
- Bedroom 9* (accessed via East Tower Staircase or via Bedroom 3) with single bed

* Bedroom 9 is only opened on request if needed

Top Floor (via East Tower Staircase)

- East Tower Bedroom 7 (accessed via East Tower Staircase) with double bed
- East Tower Bathroom with bath, shower and WC

Top Floor (via West Tower Staircase)



- West Tower Bedroom 8 (loft-style, no door at top of the stairs) with two or four single beds (additional beds on request)

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (12m x 6m, depth: 1-2m) with hard cover. Open approximately April to end-September. Lit for evening/night swimming. Heated when required.
- Pool house with fridge, table and chairs
- Pool terrace with electric shades and sunloungers
- Barbecue
- Boules
- 14-acre lake with rowing boat
- 500-acre of grounds featuring woodland, farmland, wild boar and deer
- Off-road parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- TV with Netflix
- Sonos sound system
- Printer
- 2 x bridge tables
- Boules
- Bikes/kids bikes
- Swing
- Washing machine and dryer
- Ironing facilities

Location & Local Information

Château Beaux Champs is located in rural Gascony in a 500-acre estate with woodland, organic farmland, deer and boar and a 14-acre lake which is suitable for fishing and has its own rowing boat. The owner has created some wonderful walks through the estate and guides can be provided to guests. You can even camp out for an adventure under the clear starry skies at night.

The local village is a 4km drive and here you will find cafes, restaurants, a pharmacy and a small supermarket as well as tennis courts. The Farmer's market is on a Monday morning and there are regular *Vide Greniers* (garage sales) which are popular with locals and visitors alike. There is also an unusual but charming English pub around a 5-minute drive away.

Just a little drive further through the woods you will find a lake with summer waterslides and a sandy beach plus area where you can picnic or barbecue as well as lakeside walks and a centre for paint-balling and tree-top activities.

Another village, just under 6km away, also has a village restaurant and a market on a Tuesday evening in the summer. Here you will also find another beautiful lake where you can enjoy some summer watersports, play volleyball or go out for a swim.

Indeed, this is an amazing area for those looking for activities with vast trails suitable for hiking and cycling across the wonderful landscapes and many horse-riding centres across the region. Golf is just 20 minutes away near Eauze whilst families may especially enjoy the waterpark in Gondrin (30km), open in July and August.

This is true Gascony, known also as The Gers, one of France's most unspoilt and rural regions well known for its vineyards and wonderful gastronomy. One of the best ways to experience its amazing cuisine is by exploring some of the fantastic markets scattered across villages and towns. As well as the market in the local village on a Monday morning, the Farmer's market in Eauze (22km) on a Thursday is also worthy of a visit where you can buy oysters, breads, cheeses in one of the three different market zones, followed by a delicious lunch of duck and Foie Gras. There is also a great market in nearby Vic-Fezensac (20km) on a Friday or head further afield to the idyllic village of Lectoure (65km) with its beautiful Friday morning market.

Other villages further afield to explore include three of France's 'Plus Beaux Villages', Fourcès (42km), Larresingle (41km) and Montréal du Gers (36km).

Another wonderful day out is walking by the beautiful River Adour with its waterfalls and pools, a lovely place for all ages with fishing, picnics or bird



watching in wonderful surroundings.

Not forgetting some of the great towns and cities of the region such as Condom (47km) with its Michelin-starred restaurant as well as boat rental or Auch (50km), with its old quarter raised high above the Gers river, has an incredible cathedral. Pau (78km) should be visited for its excellent spa as well as wonderful sightseeing opportunities in this historical city.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulouse-Blagnac/Tarbes-Lourdes-Pyrenees (121km/76km)
Nearest Train Station	Auch (47km)
Nearest Village	(4km)
Nearest Restaurant	local village (4km)
Nearest Supermarket	local village (4km)
Nearest Town/City	Eauze (22km)
Nearest Tennis	local village (4km)
Nearest Golf	Golf De Guinlet (27km)

What we love

- The stunning 500-acre Gers estate includes wild boar, deer and a lake with a rowing boat. There are some wonderful walks straight from the château
- The views towards the Pyrenees from the heated swimming pool are magnificent
- The owner's daughter is a fantastic cook - she can prepare meals for you as well as host a barbecue
- Families will love it here; play croquet, bounce on the huge trampoline, create dens in the woods or even camp out under the starry skies at night
- Visit local villages, historic towns, atmospheric Farmer's markets and *Vide Greniers*
- There are two lakes nearby offering beaches, picnic spots, watersports and other great activities

What you should know...

- Maximum capacity at the château is 15 guests across eight main bedrooms. There is also a ninth bedroom with a single bed that can be made available on request, if needed.
- Check the "Features" tab and Video Tour for details on the layout of each of the bedrooms, with some rooms interconnecting and/or reached via the tower staircases.
- Children should be supervised around the pool.
- The owner's daughter and her husband live in a cottage beyond the end of the stable block - on request they can assist with catering and also wedding planning if available.
- There's also an elderly cat in residence.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £3000 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 £500 per week or pro rata if applicable, payable locally.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- 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 beginning-April to end-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.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 3 nights.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax is included.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings are strictly on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties and other special events are not allowed.
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