

# Chateau Dans Le Temps

Region: Midi-Pyrenees Sleeps: 14

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## Overview

Fall under the spell of this picture-perfect pink château in southern France which has been in the same loving family for eighteen generations. Set in six hectares of vast parkland featuring ancient trees, and a short stroll from a gastronomic restaurant, this is a wonderful base for visiting the Montagne Noire, the Canal du Midi and the great historic city of Carcassonne.

Take a step back in time at Château Dans Le Temps and immerse yourself in the French way of life as you stay in the third-floor guest quarters of this enchanting 15th-century castle. Its hospitable owners, who live in their own château quarters, will be able to tell you many stories from their family history and even show you the special ceremonial rooms downstairs together with the castle's rare 19th-century panoramic wallpapers, the perfect backdrop to a special event or wedding.

Follow the curved staircase up to the very top of the château where up to 14 guests can stay across five pretty bedrooms, each one with characterful furnishings and its own private bathroom. Alongside a little blue kitchen, spend quality time with family or friends in the charming living-dining room, soaking up the historic ambience and admiring the superb garden views around you.

The parkland is simply glorious as well as extensive, not just its swimming pool and terraces, but also its century-old trees including a 500-year-old oak, officially classified as a 'remarkable tree'. Find the little children's play area, sit on a bench by the river or take a stroll through the six hectares of parkland. The grounds also border an upmarket hotel with a spa, indoor heated swimming pool and gastronomic restaurant – book ahead with the hotel for spa treatments and special meals.

As well as romantic weddings and celebrations, the château owners can also arrange 19th-century themed costumed events across its parkland and ceremonial rooms as well as cookery lessons and wine courses so you can truly experience the French '*art de vivre*'. Hire a cook to create delicious family feasts and arrange tours of this beautiful region.

In nearby Revel, 7km by car, don't miss the bustling Saturday morning in the town's historic square and market hall, perhaps followed by a summer swim at Bassin de Saint-Ferréol, a gorgeous place for woodland walks, seasonal watersports and even tree-top adventures.



Cycle or sail along the Canal du Midi, stopping off to try cassoulet in Castelnaudary, and drive into the heart of the Montagne Noire with its streams, forests, castles and characterful villages. Admire the gorgeous riverside houses in Castres, experience the lovely market in Mirepoix and visit Cathar castles scattered across the landscapes. If you can, find time to spend the day in Albi or Carcassonne, two of France's UNESCO World Heritage sites in this remarkable part of southern France.

## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Watersports • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic • RWC-Toulouse



# Interior & Grounds

## Château Guest Quarters Interiors (190m<sup>2</sup>, all on 3rd floor, no lift)

- Lounge with sofa-bed and dining area
- Kitchen, well-equipped
- Bedroom with double bed, single bed and bathroom with bath, sink and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (can be made into twins) and bathroom with bath, sink and WC
- Bedroom with three single beds and bathroom with bath, sink and WC
- Bedroom with four-poster bed and bathroom with bath, sink and WC
- Bedroom with two double beds and bathroom with bath, sink and WC

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (6x11m, depth: 1.1-2.8m) with diving board
- Pool house with fridge
- Barbecue
- Children's play area (swing, slide, outdoor house)
- Trampoline and zip line
- Badminton and balls
- Parkland including ancient trees and river

*The owners also have access to the swimming pool and grounds*

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Children's games, books and toys
- Access to laundry room



## Location & Local Information

In the Tarn department of southern France, around an hour by car from Toulouse and Carcassonne's airports, in the foothills of the Montagne Noire, Château Dans Le Temps is set within six hectares of glorious parkland.

Wander down the driveway and within a couple of minutes you will reach a gastronomic restaurant and spa, part of an upmarket hotel in the same little hamlet bordering the back of the château (their grounds are separated by a moat). The spa, usually open Monday to Saturday, offers treatments, massages and a heated indoor swimming pool (you can purchase special passes for multiple use) whilst the restaurant specialises in modern regional cuisine – reservations for both services are required directly with the hotel.

Crossing the border into Haute-Garonne, it's just over a 10-minute drive to the 14th century bastide town of Revel (7km). The town is home to a characterful medieval market hall and central square with arcaded houses and cafes, home to one of the best markets in southern France on a Saturday morning. There are also many charming restaurants, shops and other useful amenities including supermarkets.

One of the great highlights of this area is the wonderful Bassin de Saint-Ferréol (10km) with summer holiday activities such as swimming, canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding and pedaloes. It's a beautiful spot for walking, horse-riding, biking and lakeside picnics. In July and August there's also a tree-top activity centre and mini-golf by the lake. If visiting the fascinating Canal du Midi Museum, stop off in the picturesque Jardin de Saint-Ferréol.

Heading into La Montagne Noire, discover incredible areas of woodland, streams, vineyards, caves and historic castles. Bassin de Lampy is another gorgeous lake for walking and summer swimming whilst there are pretty villages to visit in the mountains and beyond such as Sorèze, Durfort, Lacombe, Saissac and Montolieu, the latter known for its bookshops.

The Canal du Midi passes through Castelnaudary (25km), a lovely town in the Aude department with a pretty *bassin*, attractive walks and cycle rides, boat trips as well as traditional restaurants serving *cassoulet*, a regional speciality.

Spend time admiring the colourful riverside houses of Castres (30km), soak up the ambience of the delightful market in Mirepoix (58km) and appreciate the charm of Limoux (66km). This region is also known for *vide-greniers* markets taking place in local villages over the weekend as well as summer festivities and ample opportunities for wine-tasting.

Other day trips include famous Carcassonne (55km) and Albi (64km), both



UNESCO World Heritage sites, and the pink-hued city of Toulouse (58km), known as 'La Ville Rose'.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Carcassonne Airport (60km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (64km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare de Castelnaudary (25km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Gastronomic hotel restaurant (Short walk )</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Revel (7km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Revel (7km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf de Castres-Gourjade (35km)</b>

## What we love

- Stay in the top floor of a French château that has been in the family for over eighteen generations.
- There's such a romantic ambience across the château and its parkland, a perfect venue for weddings and celebrations
- Admire the 550-year-old oak tree that sits proudly within the grounds
- A gastronomic restaurant and spa can be found just next door
- The Saturday morning market in medieval Revel is known to be one of the best in southern France
- Visit the Montagne Noire, cycle along the Canal du Midi and spend the day Carcassonne – just some of the highlights of this wonderful region

## What you should know...

- Guests stay in the top floor of this beautiful château (third floor, no lift).
- Please note some of the photos feature the château's ceremonial rooms which are closed off to guests. You can of course request to view them during your stay and they can be made available for weddings/events.
- As is often the case with large châteaux, there are other parts of the château which are not accessible to guests, including family private living quarters.
- The hospitable owners also use the vast gardens and the swimming pool.



# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 paid via bank transfer to the owner one week before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 12.00 p.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: No. If required, guests can request pool towels but they will be subject to availability and should be requested in advance.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and mid-stay cleaning for stays of 7+ nights also 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 rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 2 nights.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note some of the photos feature the château's ceremonial rooms which are closed off to guests. You can of course request to view them during your stay and they can be made available for weddings/events (all on request).
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- 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: A highchair is provided and a cot is available on request.
- Pool opening dates?: 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.