

Chateau Princesse

Region: Dordogne Sleeps: 8 - 16

Overview

Just a 20-minute drive from the banks of the Dordogne, stay at this charming French château with glorious countryside views from its vast garden and heated swimming pool.

The fairy-tale turrets of Château Princesse will enchant you, as will the characterful ambience across its traditional yet welcoming interiors. As well as a delightful country kitchen on the ground floor, guests can relax and dine in the comfortable living-dining room on the first floor with doors leading out to the pretty castle terrace. Across the upper floors, find eight bedrooms and four rounded bathrooms – the château sleeps a maximum of sixteen guests in July and August or up to eight guests during other months.

There seems to be so much space outside for dining al-fresco by the barbecue and making the most of the heated swimming pool which is covered by a glass roof (except July and August when it is fully opened in the height of the summer sunshine). The countryside views of hills and woodland are beautiful and it is such a relaxing setting.

Savour the wonderful cuisine of the Périgord Noir at the bustling market in the historic town of Brive-la-Gaillarde or venture a little further to experience the gastronomy of Sarlat-la-Canéda, reached within an hour. Another spectacular destination just 33km away is Rocamadour with its amazing cliffside setting and, slightly closer, the fascinating and iconic caves at Gouffre de Padirac.

Enjoy riverside picnics by the Dordogne, look out for seasonal kayaking and canoeing opportunities or join locals at idyllic river swimming spots. Gorgeous villages are scattered nearby such as Curemonte, Loubressac and Carennac, all three classified as '*Plus Beaux Villages*', and spend time in nearby Martel with its markets, historic towers and half-timbered houses down pretty lanes. Take a trip on Martel's heritage railway, a superb way to appreciate the captivating scenery of this part of south-western France.



Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool •
Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet
• Pets Welcome • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Satellite TV • Table Football •
DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) •
Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby
• Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities •
Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites



Interior & Grounds

Chateau Interiors (344m2)

Ground Floor

- Kitchen, fully-equipped with dishwasher, fridge-freezer, electric oven, stove, kettle, coffee maker, toaster, mixer, juicer and large fireplace
- Laundry room with washing machine, dryer and large fridge-freezer

First Floor

- Lounge and dining room (50m2) with doors leading to terrace
- Kitchen corner with small fridge
- Bedroom with double bed, sink and shower
- Bedroom with double bed, sink and WC

Second Floor

- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed

Third Floor

- 3 x bedrooms with double bed
- Bathroom

There are 3 x queen-size double beds (160x200cm) and 5 x French double beds (140x200cm)

Outside Grounds (3000m2)

- Heated swimming pool (10x5m, depth: 0.6-1.6m) with safety alarm. Features a glass roof cover which is pulled back in July and August
- Barbecue
- Garden

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Satellite TV
- DVD player
- Table football
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

15km from Brive-Souillac Airport, situated in the Lot department of France and only a 20-minute drive from the Dordogne River, Château Princesse is perfectly located for exploring this beautiful region of south-western France.

The château is in a rural setting with gorgeous views and just a couple of neighbouring properties. Le Vignon-en-Quercy is 4km away with a *boulangerie*, supermarket, restaurant (open for lunch), small train station and other amenities. Furthermore, a traditional French auberge can be found in a charming little village also 4km away. The attractive town of Brive-la-Gaillarde (20km) is home to a wider range of restaurants, shops and a wonderful market three mornings a week.

The picturesque town of Martel (12km) is also easily reached, classified as 'a town of art and history' thanks to its medieval past with historic towers, half-timbered houses and charming lanes. Combine your visit with the twice-weekly market and take a ride on Martel's scenic railway where you can admire the countryside scenery in open-sided carriages lead by a steam or diesel locomotive.

Slightly further south, by the banks of the Dordogne, Carennac (18km) is one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' and is a delight to explore with its 15th century stone houses and 16th century castle. A little further west along the river are seasonal canoeing and kayaking opportunities as well as idyllic spots for lakeside picnics and summer river swimming near Mézels, Floirac, Gluges and beyond.

Crossing over to the Correze department, Curemonte (14km) is a picture-perfect village with glorious valley views, home to three 15th to 16th century castles and a Wednesday evening night market in the height of the summer. Back in the Lot, Loubressac (28km) is another one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' and worthy of a visit for its historic charm and wonderful vistas.

You are also well located for spending the day in Rocamadour (33km), one of France's most popular destinations with its incredible cliffside setting, religious buildings, pilgrim's staircase and imposing château. Another great trip out are the fascinating caves at Gouffre de Padirac (28km) which you can tour on foot or by boat.

Elsewhere in the Dordogne, visit iconic riverside villages such as Domme, La Roque-Gageac and Beynac-et-Cazena, all around an hour away by car, whilst gastronomes and history lovers alike should spend the day in Sarlat-la-Canéda (50km) with its exquisite architecture, fine restaurants and atmospheric markets showcasing the best produce of the Périgord Noir.



Keen golfers note that Golf Puy d'Arnac and Résidence Souillac Golf & Country Club are both around a 25-minute drive away as well as a course near Brive-la-Gaillarde.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Brive–Souillac Airport (15km)
Nearest Train Station	Brive-la-Gaillarde (20km)
Nearest Restaurant	Traditional French auberge (4km)
Nearest Supermarket	Just outside Le Vignion-en-Quercy (3.5km)
Nearest Town	Brive-la-Gaillarde (20km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Puy d'Arnac/Résidence Souillac Golf & Country Club (20km/24km)

What we love

- A fairy-tale French château with glorious countryside views, just a 20-minute drive from the banks of the Dordogne
- Such a relaxed setting in vast gardens with a wonderful heated swimming pool
- Potter around idyllic medieval villages, visit wonderful markets, admire gorgeous vistas and canoe or kayak along the Dordogne
- You are only 20km from the very attractive and historic market town of Brive-la-Gaillarde
- Visit the famous towns of Rocamadour and Sarlat-la-Canéda for fine days out

What you should know...

- In July & August, the minimum occupancy is 16 guests. Outside of July & August, the minimum occupancy is 8 guests although bookings of up to 16 guests are available for an extra €100 per person per week.
- The swimming pool features an attractive glass roof cover which is pulled back in July and August. The poolside terrace is due to be re-designed in the spring – watch this space!
- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded 48h after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Changeover day: Sunday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €200 payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment. This is for a standard changeover clean. Guests are also 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.
- Energy costs included?: Included up to 200kWh per week. Excess charged extra, payable locally.
- Linen & towels included?: Extra €12.50 per person, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €50 per pet per week will apply.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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