

# Le Chateau Enchanteur

Region: Languedoc Sleeps: 16

## Overview

The most discerning of Francophiles can embrace the serene ambience of this beautiful and unique château set in a traditional Gard village in the south of France, within half an hour of Le Pont du Gard and only 26km from the historic city of Avignon.

As you step into this special home it feels like southern France of a bygone era. Once a 16th century hunting lodge, it fell into disrepair in the mid-1900s before being rescued by a famous Parisian who was a plastic surgeon to the stars! It's most recent owners fell in love with the château's warm energy and incredible beauty.

Nowadays the château and its cottages can be rented exclusively as an idyllic place to stay in southern France, the perfect way to experience the authenticity of this region. Artwork, tapestries, antiques and high-end furnishings can be found across the inviting living and dining spaces alongside true character and spirit. Outside, the stone bassin-style swimming pool is a restful spot for relaxing amongst the statues, summer roses and jasmine.

Sleeping up to 16 guests, there are nine gorgeous bedrooms to choose from including four across three pretty cottages alongside a spacious château suite with private access and four other bedrooms in the main part of the château. The huge air-conditioned master bedroom on the second floor is especially stunning with its emperor-sized bed, sunken bath for two and stone terrace ideal for sunbathing. Most bedrooms have their own bathroom and guests can expect Indian cotton bedlinen and high quality mattresses.

How enchanting to be able to stroll down to the heart of the village with its bakery, *épicerie*, pharmacy and café-restaurant with tables set out beneath the shady trees. Try the excellent local wine here (nearby wine areas include Laudun, Lirac and Tavel) and soak up the charm of this small village with a rich heritage. Energetic guests can follow the steep cobbled path up to the 12th century castle ruins on the hill overlooking the village.

Explore the glorious landscapes of Côtes-du-Rhône vineyards, oak forests, characterful villages and historic sites. The twice-weekly market in Uzès takes place amongst the century-old plane trees of Place aux Herbes whilst the Saturday morning *brocante* in Villeneuve-lès-Avignon is a must for antique lovers. Then there's the wineries of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the wonderfully



preserved Roman sites in Nimes and the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon.

Perhaps you would prefer to spend lazier days picnicking by the Gard River, kayaking beneath Le Pont du Gard, pottering around local market towns and enjoying gastronomic meals in atmospheric restaurants. However you spend your time, it is a truly magical experience staying at Le Château Enchanteur.

## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Wow Factor • Instagrammable • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Heating • Not for little ones • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic • Allow External Caterers • Indoor Reception Available • Outdoor Ceremony • Flexible Catering Options • Nearby Church/Chapel



# Interior & Grounds

## Château Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Salon
- Summer kitchen
- Bedroom (30m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size four-poster double bed (180x200cm). Bathroom with bath, hand-held shower and sink
- Bedroom (35m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed (180x200cm) and bathroom with walk-in shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom (25m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed (180x200cm) and bathroom with walk-in shower, sink and WC

### Ground Floor Château Suite (private access)

- Bedroom (50m<sup>2</sup>) with double bed (180x200cm), desk, library, sofa-bed (for two children aged 8+ on request), dressing room, private terrace with table and chairs (with pool/garden view) and bathroom with cast iron tub, two sinks and WC

### First Floor

- Grand salon
- Dining room
- Main kitchen, fully-equipped
- Study

### Second Floor

- Master bedroom (70m<sup>2</sup>) with emperor-size double bed (220x200cm), dressing room, study, terrace with garden views and two sunloungers and bathroom with sunken bath (for 2), two sinks, walk-in Italian shower and separate WC
- Study

*There is another bedroom within the château that is closed off by the owners.*

### Cottage 1 (Ground Floor)

- Bedroom (30m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed (180x200cm), pool view and bathroom with bath, shower and WC

### Cottage 2 (Ground Floor, 2 adults plus 2 children aged 8+ on request)



- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm)
- Connecting bedroom with twin beds (90x180cm each)
- Bathroom with bath, handheld shower and separate WC

#### *Cottage 3 (Ground Floor)*

- Bedroom (50m<sup>2</sup>) with queen-size double bed and bathroom with bath, handheld shower and WC

#### **Outside Grounds**

- Heated swimming pool (old stone bassin style pool, 15x7m, treated with hydrolysed magnesium) with underwater lighting and stone steps on one end (deep on the other end). Open approximately April to end-October
- Poolside terrace
- Garden/grounds with many flowers/plants, terraced levels, paths (uneven) and old stone steps
- Pétanque/boules

#### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (master bedroom only)
- Heating
- TVs (x2)
- Board games
- Books
- Fridges (in each of the cottages and château suite)
- Pétanque/boules



## Location & Local Information

In an idyllic setting, Le Château Enchanteur is on the edge of a small pretty village within easy reach of Le Pont du Gard, Uzès and Avignon. Across this area you will find beautiful landscapes of Côtes-du-Rhône vineyards, verdant hills, oak forests, characterful villages and a wealth of historic sites. As well as appealing to keen historians, this region is popular with wine enthusiasts, gourmands, market lovers, hikers and cyclists.

Stroll to the village centre with its bakery, tabac, *épicerie* food store and café-restaurant where you can dine amongst locals as you sit out beneath the shady sycamore trees. Here you are off the beaten track, away from hordes of tourists, yet the village is a true hidden gem with old stone houses, a 19th century fountain and remarkable vistas of the 12th century château ruins on the hill overlooking the village. A steep cobbled path takes you up to the castle ruins!

Within a short drive you will find further restaurants and shops in the larger wine-making village Laudun-l'Ardoise (6km), home to a Monday morning market and surrounding vineyards producing highly regarded AOC Côtes-du-Rhône wine. Find time to visit the Roman remains at Camp de César and the 19th century Aqueduc de Balouviere.

Alongside local Côtes-du-Rhône vineyards (including the wines of Lirac and Tavel) head towards Châteauneuf-du-Pape (22km) for some of France's finest wineries in the Rhône valley. Discover delightful markets – there are two especially wonderful markets in nearby Uzès (23km) at the very charming Place aux Herbes on a Wednesday and Saturday morning, a great way to appreciate the delicious produce of this region. Uzès' market square is famous for its ancient shady plane trees, the perfect spot for a coffee before wandering around this picturesque historic town.

Avignon (26km) is also loved for its historic architecture (including two UNESCO World Heritage sites, Le Palais des Papes and Le Pont d'Avignon), wine-bars and bustling markets whilst antique lovers will adore the Saturday morning *brocante* in Villeneuve-lès-Avignon, one of the most famous in southern France.

Le Pont du Gard is another highlight of this part of southern France, perfect for riverside picnics, paddling and even canoeing beneath the incredible Roman aqueduct. The wonderful city of Nîmes (46km) is also home to some of France's most beautifully preserved monuments including Maison Carrée and the city's Roman amphitheatre.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Avignon Airport (35km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Nîmes Airport (55km)</b>
Nearest Airport 3	<b>Marseille Airport (128km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Bagnols-sur-Cèze/Gare d'Avignon TGV (16.5km/28km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>In a traditional Gard village (Short walk to centre )</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Cafe-restaurant in the village (Within 200m)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Grocery store, bakery, tabac and pharmacy in the village (A short walk)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Intermarché Contact (7.5km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Bagnols-sur-Cèze/Uzès (16km/23km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Avignon/Nimes (26km/46km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Club d'Uzes (27km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>In the village (Short walk)</b>

## What we love

- The most discerning of Francophiles will fall in love with this very special château where you can truly experience the authenticity of southern France
- Admire artistic décor, antiques, tapestries and beautiful furnishings as you soak up the château's charm
- Sit back by the old bassin-style swimming pool surrounded by statues, trailing roses and scented jasmine
- Dine amongst the locals beneath the sycamore trees at the village's cafe-restaurant just a short walk away
- A private chef can also be arranged for delicious feasts – he's very popular so book early!
- Embrace the French way of life as you potter around antique markets, visit the vineyards of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and kayak beneath Le Pont du Gard

## What you should know...

- The bedrooms are spread across the main château, the château suite and three cottages - please see the "Features" tab for full details of the layout.
- A maximum of 16 guests can stay at Le Château Enchanteur plus, on request, two additional children aged 8+ using the sofa-bed in the château suite, or Cottage 2's twin bedroom.
- This house is only suitable for children aged 8 and over. If travelling with older children please be mindful of the many antiques, tapestries and high quality furnishings.
- Please also take care across the terraced garden with uneven paths/old steps and on the main stone staircase.
- There are three gorgeous cats living on the property.
- Please note that the one bedroom (not included in the nine) will be locked for the owner's personal things and unavailable to guests.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €5000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes. Linen and towels are changed mid-week.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. Please note that the owner has 3 cats which will be on the property.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. 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.
- Pool heating charge?: Pool heating is included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Other Ts and Cs: 2 cots and 1 high chair are available on request.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax is included.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
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- Other Ts and Cs: This house is only suitable for children aged 8+ due to the high quality furnishings and valuable antiques, tapestries, artwork and other items across the home. Please also take care across the stairs, steps and terraced grounds with some uneven paths.
- Other Ts and Cs: Music is only permitted until 11.00 p.m. (unless a licence has been granted to play later for special events).
- Other Ts and Cs: Small weddings may be considered. They 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.
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