

# Chateau Des Tourelles Rouges

Region: Cannes Sleeps: 24 - 30

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## Overview

This historic château in Cannes has a truly remarkable heritage and has inspired so many visitors over the years. How wonderful to have the opportunity to stay at Château Des Tourelles Rouges and experience its character and beautiful grounds whilst being able to explore the French Riviera coastline and the Côte d'Azur's enchanting villages.

Close to Cannes and hilltop Mougins, this impressive château is set on a hilltop boasting sea and mountain views alongside a gorgeous swimming pool, private tennis court and landscaped gardens. It is thought that the original château and its octagonal tower date back to the 1500s before being used as a hunting lodge in the 18th century. Several distinguished guests have been hosted over the years from Princess Diana when her step-mother owned the château to Queen Victoria who planted the century-old pine tree that stands proudly providing dappled shade for the garden terrace.

The most recent owners have restored the château and modernised some of its features whilst retaining as much historic charm as possible. The décor is traditional with a wealth of paintings, objets d'art and classic furnishings, some which remain having been brought over last century from the Spencer family's Althorp estate.

There are 12 bedrooms in the château, nine of which are on the first and second floors (five en suite) and four (two en suite) in the annexe, once the servant quarters. Another three bedrooms can be found in a separate villa with its own living area and kitchen, located within the grounds a short stroll along the driveway.

The views towards the Estérel mountains and twinkling lights of the French Riviera coast are especially wonderful from the château's upper terrace, reached via the air-conditioned loggia kitchen, the perfect spot for al-fresco meals – a cook can be arranged. Sip coffee overlooking the formal grounds surrounded by summer flowers, then stroll through the garden admiring the unique flora and fauna as well as the grand trees. Take a dip in the oval swimming pool, and play tennis on the private court.

The allure of Cannes awaits just 6km away with the iconic La Croisette boulevard, palm-fringed beach, high-end restaurants, marina and Le Palais des Festivals. Then there's the charm of flower-filled Mougins where Picasso



once lived, nowadays home to gastronomic restaurants, pretty cafes and art galleries. Golf-lovers have a great choice of courses to choose from including the prestigious Royal Mougins Golf Resort just 4km away.

Dine in idyllic beachside restaurants overlooking the sea in Théoule-sur-Mer, backed by the impressive Estérel Massif and its dramatic red cliffs. The chic seaside resort of Juan-les-Pins also awaits, as does Antibes' old town with a warren of medieval lanes and historic ramparts overlooking the marina below.

Venture to the Côte d'Azur hinterland to discover perched villages, historic market towns, superb hiking routes and other outdoor adventures. Alternatively, hop on a train and travel towards Nice, Villefranche-sur-Mer, Monaco or even Italy – Ventimiglia hosts one of the largest markets in Italy on a Friday morning!

## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Wow Factor • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • Tennis Court • TV • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Seaview • Watersports • Sailing • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips • Allow External Caterers • Marquee Hire Permitted • Outdoor Ceremony • Flexible Catering Options

# Interior & Grounds

1) Up to 24 guests = Château & Annexe only

2) 25-30 guests = Château, Annexe & Villa

## Château Interiors (1120m2, three floors)

- Main hall with grand piano
- Sitting room with doors leading to garden terrace
- Formal dining room with doors leading to garden terrace
- Ground floor kitchen (mostly used by caterers)
- Laundry room
- First floor kitchen with doors leading to upper terrace (and steps down to lower terrace and gardens)

## Château Bedrooms

*There are eight bedrooms (five en suite) on the first and second floor and four bedrooms (two en suite) in the annexe (formally the servant quarters).*

- 8 x bedrooms with double bed
- 3 x bedrooms with twin beds
- Quad bedroom with double bed and two single beds
- 2 x en suite bathrooms with bath and shower
- 5 x en suite bathrooms with shower
- 4 x bathrooms with shower
- Additional ground floor shower room with disabled access

## Separate 3-Bedroom Villa Interiors (408m2)

*The villa is a short walk down the drive from the main chateau*

### Ground Floor

- Open-plan living and dining area with doors leading to a small terrace
- Kitchen, well-equipped including kettle, toaster, oven, dishwasher, microwave, Nespresso machine, cafetieres, fridge-freezer

### First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedrooms with double bed and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with twin beds and en suite bathroom with shower

## Outside Grounds (approximately 2750m2)



- Swimming pool (20x8m, depth: 3.5m) with safety alarm
- Poolside sun beds
- Gas barbecue and smaller charcoal barbecue
- Lower terrace and garden with tables and chairs
- Upper terrace with table and chairs
- Formal gardens and terraces (with steps and different levels)
- Tennis court
- Boules set
- Fenced grounds (inner gardens have electric fence)
- Electric gate (remote controlled)
- Parking (50 cars)

#### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (upstairs kitchen only)
- Decorative fireplaces (not in use)
- TV
- Hairdryer (x1)
- Safe (x1)
- Ironing facilities (in chateau)
- Washing machines and dryers (in chateau and villa)

## Location & Local Information

Just set back from the French Riviera, this beautiful 16th century French château rental is just a 10-minute drive from Cannes. Surrounded by wonderful landscaped gardens and in a hilltop position, the views towards the Esterel mountains and Mediterranean are stunning.

Arrive by plane into Nice Airport (26km) or by private charter into Cannes Mandelieu Airport (2.5km). The nearest train station is only 1.2km away with departures towards Grasse or Ventimiglia in Italy (via Cannes, Antibes, Nice and Monaco) - the train passes through and beneath part of the château's grounds. The château is also just set back from La Provençale (A8) meaning direct access by car towards Nice (38km), Aix-en-Provence (147km) and beyond.

You could walk through the château grounds and down the hill to the surrounding neighbourhood for supermarkets and other suburban amenities (pharmacy, bakery, bar) and guests have been known to venture as far as Plage La Bocca on foot, around 2.5km away, for its local market, bars, cafes and beach.

There are some wonderful restaurants and pretty cafes in the old town of Mougins (6.5km), just over a 10-minute drive away, a picture-perfect hilltop village famed for its flower-filled medieval lanes where Picasso once lived. The prestigious golf course, Royal Mougins Golf Resort (4km), is also within easy reach, as is Golf Old Course Cannes Mandelieu (6km).

Cannes (6km) is of course a great highlight of the region with its iconic boulevard, La Croisette, alongside palm-fringed beaches, upmarket restaurants, bustling markets, its glamorous marina and Le Palais des Festivals. Find time to explore Cannes' old quarter, Le Suquet, where fishermen once lived, and take a ferry from Cannes harbour to the tranquil Lérins Islands.

Wander around the narrow lanes of Antibes (19km), a French Riviera town full of historic charm, before dining in one of the chic beachside restaurants of Juan-les-Pins (18km). The Cap d'Antibes is a paradise for keen walkers who can follow coastal trails passing pretty bays that have inspired artists and writers over the years.

In the other direction are the quieter and idyllic bays around Théoule-sur-Mer (11km), backed by the dramatic red cliffs of the Esterel Massif - the owners recommend the beachside restaurant, Chez Philippe.

There are so many day trips from this setting whether driving west towards



Saint-Raphaël and Fréjus (both just over half an hour away via the A8) or onwards to Saint-Tropez (81km) and the beach clubs of Plage de Pampelonne. Heading east, passing Nice and Monaco, cross the Italian border and experience one of the country's largest markets at Ventimiglia, just over an hour away.

The Côte d'Azur hinterland also awaits with the handsome market town of Valbonne (13km), the perfume studios of Grasse (16km), the perched villages of the Pays de Fayence (Fayence, Montauroux and Seillans are all within a 45-minute drive) and the beauty of Lac de Saint-Cassien (24km) with its nature and water-based activities.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Nice Airport (26km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Small train station on Grasse to Cannes/Italy route (1.2km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Mougins/Cannes (and local area) (Short drive )</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>E.Leclerc (Within 1km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Plage de la Bocca (2.5km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Cannes (6km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Royal Mougins Golf Resort (4km)</b>

## What we love

- This 16th century château sits proudly on a hilltop overlooking the French Riviera below, just 10 minutes from Cannes
- The landscaped hilltop gardens are beautiful. Alongside idyllic terraces, make the most of the swimming pool and tennis court
- Seek shade beneath the century-old pine tree that was planted by Queen Victoria in the late 19th century
- Follow the footsteps of other celebrities – the château has been known to host high-end events and concerts

## What you should know...

- There are 12 bedrooms in the main château (split between the first/second floor and annexe) and 3 bedrooms in a separate villa a short walk down the drive from the château. Please note that the price for up to 24 guests includes the château and annexe only and the 25-30 guests price includes the château, annexe and villa.
- The château's *gardiens* live on site within the grounds.
- Car hire is strongly recommended - the château is just set back from La Provençale (A8) road meaning direct access towards Nice, Monaco, Aix-en-Provence and beyond.
- There is also a train station just over 1km away with departures to Grasse, Cannes, Nice and onwards to Italy. The train tracks pass through and beneath part of the grounds so you may be able to hear passing trains occasionally.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €7000 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: From 9.00 a.m.
- Departure time: Before 12.00 p.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and 4 hours cleaning per day. 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 to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (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.
- Changeover day: Flexible, depending on calendar availability (as there needs to be a minimum amount of time between rentals).
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: Small 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 cot can be provided. There is no highchair but the owner may be able to purchase one if needed - please enquire.
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