Chateau Des Remparts

Region: Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Close to three of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', stay in style at this impressive French château and its private cottage set amongst glorious parkland and castle ruins in the captivating region of Gers.

This late 16th-century château has been gracefully restored by its current owners who rescued this beautiful abode following its abandonment for many years. Its transformation has been remarkable – step through the sun-dappled courtyard into the light-filled hallway with stone flag flooring and a Venetian chandelier and you will be immediately amazed. The living spaces are elegant yet welcoming whilst the kitchen-diner is the social hub of the house with a perfect blend of classic and contemporary furnishings.

Upstairs, the four en-suite bedrooms are so spacious & pretty with delicately designed décor and the loveliest of bathrooms, two with romantic rolltop baths and the master bedroom's bathroom with its huge tub and vintage-style sinks.

Wherever you are in this house, there is a sense of light and beauty with wonderful pieces of artwork, sculptures and good-looking furnishings. French windows from the living room open up to the grand balcony terrace with picturesque views on the château's private vineyard as you relax with a glass of local wine or follow the grand steps down to the swimming pool. In the upper landscaped garden, admire the castle ruins in this incredible setting.

The château can be rented by itself or for larger groups, there is the option to also rent a private cottage and another private swimming pool, making it the perfect hideaway for up to 16 guests in total. Decorated and furnished lovingly and with impeccable taste, the 4-bedroom cottage, has it's own living and dining space, lovely bedrooms and al-fresco terrace. Rental of the cottage in addition to the château is subject to availability and an additional fee.

You will soon adapt to the slow pace of life that the Gers is so well known for as you visit fortified villages, market towns, endless vineyards or simply walk and cycle through the rolling landscapes. The trio of '*Plus Beaux Villages*', Montréal, Fourcès and Larressingle, are all minutes away whilst the gastronomic delights of this region, famed for its *foie gras*, can be discovered at markets such as Condom, Lectoure and Fleurance.

Canoe or boat along the River Baise, visit Grand Armagnac vineyards, take a hot air balloon ride over summer fields of sunflowers or simply sit back and relax in the magnificent surroundings of your historic and beautiful château in Gascony.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Pure France • Weddings • Great Value • Chateaux & Castles • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Romantic • Ideal for Kids • Private Pool • Catering Available • Tennis Court • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Has Discount • Cots (Cribs) • Special Offer • Ideal for Teens • Maid Service Available • Marquee Hire Permitted • Outdoor Ceremony • Instagrammable • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Flexible Catering Options • Pool Safety Feature • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • No Corkage • Indoor Reception Available • Outstanding Landscapes • Nearby Church/Chapel • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • DVD • Satellite TV • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Transfers Available • Board games • Babysitting Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

Ground Floor

- Lounge with satellite TV and DVD player and doors leading to balcony terrace
- Drawing room
- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped including dishwasher and oven. Doors lead to terrace
- Utility room with washing machine
- WC

First Floor

- Master bedroom with double bed, dressing room and large en suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with shower

Château Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (11x3.2m, depth: 1.8m with Roman steps) and automatic hard safety cover. Open approximately May to end-October
- Parking
- Courtyard
- Various terraces for al-fresco dining or relaxing
- Surrounding parkland and gardens (including steps)
- Hard court tennis court (shared with the owners)*

*It is a 5-minute cycle from the château

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Fans
- TV and DVD/CD player
- SONOS sound system (ground floor of the château only)
- Board games
- Table tennis
- E-bikes*
- Barbecue

*Available on request, subject to an extra charge

Location & Local Information

Surrounded by dreamy landscapes of the Gers, Château Des Remparts is set on a vast estate featuring beautiful parkland and castle ruins, just a short drive to Montréal-du-Gers, Fourcés and Larressingle, three of France's classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

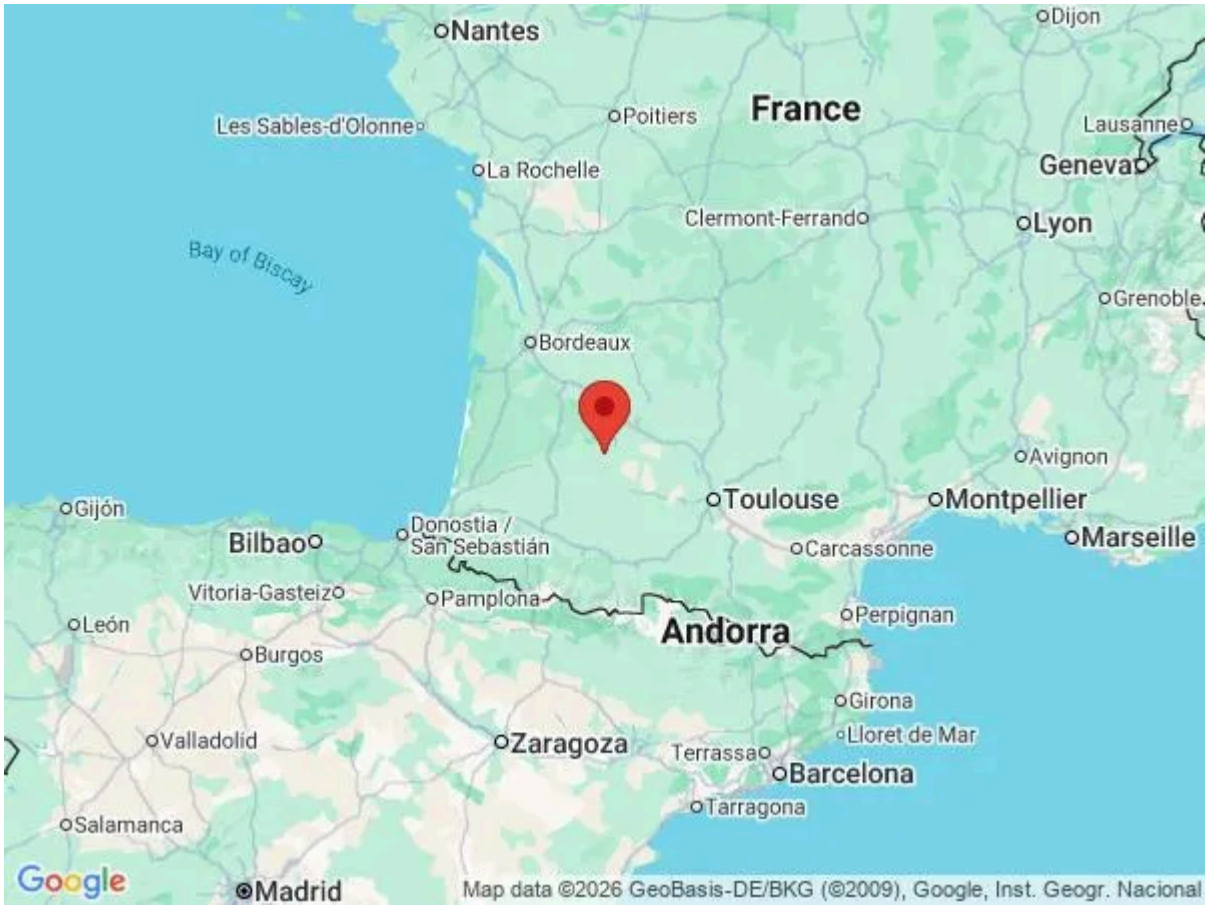
This alluring part of south-western France is known for its slow pace of life, glorious scenery and its authentic yet excellent food and wine. Discover Gascony's gastronomic delights by visiting local restaurants and atmospheric markets, including night markets in local villages in the height of the summer. Sample the region's famous *foie-gras* and *magret* as well as an abundance of seasonal fruit and vegetables and delicious cheeses. This is also the land of Grand Armagnac and you will have the opportunity to visit some of Gascony's best vineyards nearby.

The Gers' famous trio of '*Plus Beaux Villages*' are within easy reach - Montréal (5km), Fourcès (5km) and Larressingle (7km). The bastide town of Montréal has a couple of charming restaurants in its 13th century central square and hosts wonderful medieval night markets in the summer.

Fourcés is a characterful warren of medieval lanes leading to the historic main square with its flower market in late April whilst Larressingle is home to an impressive Gascon castle. Take a walk around Larressingle's fortified walls and admire the rolling landscapes of vineyards and countryside. There are some fantastic walking trails around the villages, after all Larressingle and Montréal are on the Santiago de Compostella pilgrimage route.

The historic town of Condom (12km) is home to a magnificent cathedral as well as a Wednesday morning market and some excellent restaurants. Take boat trips along the Baise river, hire a little motorboat in the summer or if you prefer canoeing and kayaking then head slightly further south to Beaucaire (23km).

Éauze (20km) is worthy of a visit on a Thursday morning to



experience its market day and there is also an 18-hole golf course just outside the town. Other well-known and historic market towns in this region include Lectoure (35km) and Fleurance (43km) whilst enchanting Auch (55km), the historic capital of Gascony, is around an hour away.

Horse-riding, cycling and even hot-air ballooning are other ways to explore the undulating scenery of the Gers. Then there is summer swimming at Castéra-Verduzan and the thermal spas around Barbotan-les-Thermes or a tree-top adventure courses near Aignan for the most adventurous of guests.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Toulouse (125km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bordeaux (155km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Agen (TGV) or Auch (55km)**
Nearest Village	**Montréal/Fourcès (5km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Montréal/Fourcès (5km)**
Nearest Shop	**Montréal (5km)**
Nearest Town	**Condom (12km)**
Nearest City	**Agen/Auch (55km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Guinlet (18km)**

What we love

- This historic château exudes elegance with its beautiful transformation
- Light-filled rooms, striking artwork and gorgeous furnishings make this a stunning place to stay
- The majestic balcony enjoys views of the rolling Gascon countryside whilst grand steps lead down to the château's private pool
- The fortified villages of Montréal, Fourcès and Larressingle are just minutes away, all classified as '*Plus Beaux Villages de France*'
- Discover the gastronomic delights of Gascony at local restaurants and the many enchanting Farmer's markets across this region

What you should know...

- An 8-person cottage (around 100m away via the driveway) is available to rent for a supplement for those looking for extra accomodation for up to 16 guests. Please enquire for availability and a quote.
- For weddings and events, the main Château, 8-person Cottage and also a 6-person Cottage (20m from the other cottage) may be rented (sleeping up to 22 guests) on request only. Please enquire for pricing and availability.
- If guests rent the main Château only, rest assured the cottages will not be rented separately.
- A discreet but helpful *gardien* lives on site and is on hand for anything you may need.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3000 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** Pets will be considered on request. If accepted, an additional security deposit and/or fee will apply (payable locally).

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner. Guests must book the Château and 2 cottages accommodating up to 22 guests. Short stays may be possible and pricing and availability is on request. Stag/hen parties are not permitted.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights (excluding special events/weddings which is 3 nights).

- **Heating costs included?:** Extra cost, payable locally - please enquire for pricing.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to end-October. 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. A second pool is located near the two cottages and is available to guests on request only and subject to additional costs.