Palais D'Or

Region: France **Sleeps:** 11

Overview

Walk in the footsteps of Joan of Arc and Richard the Lionheart as you stay in *La Cité Royale de Loches*, an incredible and unique location in one of France's most historically significant towns, in the Loire Valley.

It's hard to imagine a more privileged setting for a holiday home – this 18th-century palace is perched high in Loches' citadel with its grand garden set behind the town's 15th-century ramparts. Yet step through Palais D'Or's wrought-iron gate and experience true relaxation within the *palais*' historic walls.

Made with local white stone and steep slate roof tiles, the palace will charm you with traditional furnishings, antique pieces and exquisite attention to detail such as fabric walls and real gold gilding on the ceilings. The spacious living room enjoys views of the formal garden and leads straight through to the graceful dining room, a romantic spot for candlelit feasts prepared in the French kitchen with its vaulted ceiling, elegant La Cornue stove and all-important wine fridge.

The palace features three pretty doubles, one single bedroom and two luxuriously fitted shower rooms in the towers, including a striking gold spine shower, whilst a further three bedrooms and a bathroom can be found in the Pavilion within the grounds, also home to a second lounge and kitchen.

Outside, within your private oasis, stroll through the acre of gardens passing lawns and fruit trees, laze in a hammock or find a bench where you can admire views of Loches and beyond. Dine al-fresco on the terrace with St-Ours church's bell tower peeping through the trees. Guests, both young and old, will adore the table football and table tennis to be found in the garden's underground games room.

How wonderful to be neighbours with the famous Château de Loches with its gardens and castle keep just down the lane – its history is fascinating and it has hosted a number of important figures over the years.

Then, of course, there is the lower town of Loches to explore, right on your doorstep, where you will find cobbled lanes filled with restaurants and cafes as well as many shops and a delightful twice-weekly market. Wander across the picturesque Indre river to the public gardens and admire the views back up towards the historic citadel – this is a truly special location.

Canoe or kayak along the river, hire bikes to follow the Indre à Vélo trail or enjoy shady walks and cycling through the old woodland surrounding Loches. Take the train to the magnificent city of Tours on the Loire river, visit the vineyards of Vouvray and drive to idyllic places such as the garden village of Chédigny and Montrésor, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

Seek out many more of the Loire valley's grand châteaux, such as Château









de Chenonceau and Royal d'Amboise, both within half an hour, before stepping back through the Porte Royale gates and returning to your own remarkable sanctuary above the battlements of Loches.

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Facilities

Villa • Golf Nearby • Recommended • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Exclusive • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Romantic • Walk to Village • Special Offer • Maid Service Available • Has Discount • Pets on Request • Parking Space • Walk to Restaurant • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • On-Street Parking • Easy By Train • Washing Machine • Indoor Reception Available • Outstanding Landscapes • Nearby Church/Chapel • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Indoor Games • Gym/Fitness Room • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Smart TV • Table Football • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available

Interior & Grounds









Palais Interiors

Main Floor

- Entrance hall
- Living room with marble fireplace and French doors opening up to garden
- Dining room with table and chairs and French doors opening up to garden
- Kitchen and utility room, fully-equipped including La Cornue stove, dishwasher (x2), fridge-freezer (x2) and wine fridge
- Library with TV
- Guest WC
- Bedroom with single bed

First Floor

- 1 x bedrooms with king-size bed
- 2 x bedroom with double bed
- Bathroom with bath, rain shower, bidet and sink
- WC
- Bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Lower Ground Floor

- Gym equipment and pool table

Pavilion Interiors

Main Floor

- Living-dining room with lounge seating and table (for up to 6 guests)
- Kitchen area, well-equipped including oven, hob, dishwasher and fridge-freezer
- Guest WC
- Laundry room

First Floor

- 2 x bedroom with double bed
- Bathroom with bath and shower

Second Floor (via steep stairs)

- Bedroom with twin beds (low sloping ceiling and no door)

Outside Grounds (one acre)

- Al-fresco dining area (for up to 14 guests)
- Benches and outdoor lounge furnishings
- Formal garden with fruit trees
- Games room (underground) with table tennis and table football
- Parking (up to 2 cars). Additional parking spaces available just outside the cité walls, a 3-minute walk away. Please enquire with the house keeper to find

out where street parking is permitted

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Smart TV
- Hairdryers in bedrooms
- 2 irons and ironing boards

Location & Local Information

Palais D'Or is set within the historic walled citadel of Loches, one of the Loire Valley's most remarkable medieval towns. Perched on a rocky spur in the heart of the old city, the property is surrounded by ancient battlements yet enjoys a peaceful sense of privacy within its own walled garden.

Loches is among the best-preserved towns in France and the only fully walled town in the Loire Valley. The villa sits close to the Château de Loches, the impressive 11th-century Donjon, and the Romanesque St-Ours church, placing you at the centre of centuries of French history. Below the citadel, the charming town offers excellent restaurants, boutiques and a lively twice-weekly market along narrow medieval streets.

The River Indre flows nearby, ideal for canoeing, cycling and scenic walks. The vibrant city of Tours is about 45 minutes away, while famous Loire Valley châteaux such as Chenonceau and Amboise are within easy reach. This privileged location combines rich heritage, natural beauty and easy access to some of France's most iconic landmarks.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Tours Val de Loire Airport (47km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Loches (1km)**
Nearest City	**Tours (44km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Loches-Verneuil (12km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Loches (100m)**
Nearest Tennis	**Tennis Club Lochois (2.5km)**









Nearest Town	**Bourges (151km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare de Loches (1km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Small supermarket (Within 500m)**

What we love

- An extraordinary and private setting within the ancient ramparts of the Cité Royale de Loches, one of the Loire Valley's most remarkable medieval fortified towns.
- An acre of enchanting private gardens, with sweeping views across the rooftops of Loches and the surrounding countryside.
- Palais d'Or stands at the heart of French royal history. Just beyond its gates lie the magnificent Logis Royal, where Joan of Arc met King Charles VII, the imposing medieval Donjon, and the beautiful Romanesque Collégiale Saint-Ours, resting place of Agnès Sorel, the king's celebrated favourite.
- Discover the pleasures of idyllic French life, from Loches' lively Wednesday and Saturday markets, charming cafés and independent boutiques to exceptional dining at Arbore & Sens, the town's Michelin-starred restaurant.
- An ideal base for exploring the Loire Valley's magnificent châteaux & gardens, celebrated vineyards, and historic villages.
- Experience the best of both worlds: the serenity of a secluded private estate and the pleasures of a vibrant historic French town.

What you should know...

- The Palais is home to four bedrooms and two bathrooms whilst the separate Pavilion has three bedrooms and one bathroom.
- The Pavilion's twin bedroom on the top floor has low sloping ceilings so may be better suited to children due to its size - do also note it is accessed via very steep stairs and has no door, as you can see on the virtual tour.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1800 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before 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?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.

- **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. However, please note it is a quiet residential area.
 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.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **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?:** Not allowed.

- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.

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

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

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.