

# Chateau Art De Vivre

**Region:** Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 8

## Overview

On the Médoc peninsula north of Bordeaux, it's wonderful to be able to combine tastings at some of France's finest wine châteaux with family fun on the Atlantic coastline whilst staying at the very welcoming Château Art de Vivre.

With vineyard views from its picture-book windows and the most beautiful sunsets as the evening falls, Château Art de Vivre is such an inviting family home which allows you to spend quality time with loved ones whilst experiencing the authenticity of this part of southern France. Ideal for families or a group of friends, the open-plan living and dining area is a convivial space to gather together, create feasts in the contemporary kitchen and drink fine wine from nearby Médoc wineries.

Four double bedrooms, which can also be made up as twins, allow space for up to 8 guests and benefit from en suite shower rooms. Artwork adorns the walls and traditional features such as exposed stone and wood beams add to the château's character and ambience.

Set within 8000m2 of enclosed parkland, there is so much space whether you wish to cool off in the charming swimming pool, relax in the hot tub, play on the swing and trampoline or visit the friendly animals – as well as hens, geese and a couple of sheep, there are two donkeys who love to be groomed, fed and walked.

Wander through the local village to the beautiful banks of the Gironde estuary where you will find a picturesque restaurant as well as an oyster hut and wine-bar open in the height of the summer. Of course, there are so many wineries to visit from prestigious châteaux to family-run establishments. The famous wine town of Pauillac is only 23km away, also a paradise for food lovers with its weekly market and excellent restaurants.



The Médoc peninsula is also known for its vast beaches, sandy dunes, surfing spots, sailing lakes, cycling trails and forests ideal for long walks and horse-riding. The seaside resorts of Montalivet les Bains and Soulac-sur-Mer, around half an hour away, are especially atmospheric in the summer or head to Plage du Pin Sec for endless shores and the most stunning sunsets.

## Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • TV • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Cycling • Hairdryer • Special Offer • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Walk to Village • Indoor Games • Has Discount • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Available • Private Pool • Chef/Cook Available • Bicycles Provided • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Board games • Babysitting Available • Swings • Trampoline • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Bikes • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Hot Tub • Walk to Restaurant • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages



# Interior & Grounds

1) Winery/ Le Chai- 2 double beds only ( 4 person rate)

2) Château and Winery/ Le Chai- 4 double beds only ( 8 person rate)

## Château Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Open-plan living area
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area
- Bedroom with double bed (180 cm or can be made into twin) and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed (160 cm or can be made into twin) and en suite shower room

*Please note one of the en suite bedrooms has an open mezzanine level*

### The Winery/ Le Chai

- Open-plan living area
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area
- Bedroom with double bed (180 cm or can be made into twin) and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed (160 cm) and en suite shower room

## Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (3x7m) with fencing/gate access and safety alarm.
- Open approximately May to September
- Outdoor hot tub
  - Al-fresco dining area
  - Barbecue
  - Children's play area with swing and trampoline
  - Animal enclosure (two donkeys, two sheep, two geese and hens)
  - Bikes (adults and children)
  - Enclosed parkland (8000m<sup>2</sup>)

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Fireplace
- Cable TV
- Piano
- Board games



- Table tennis
- Outdoor play area
- Bathrobes
- Hairdryers

## Location & Local Information

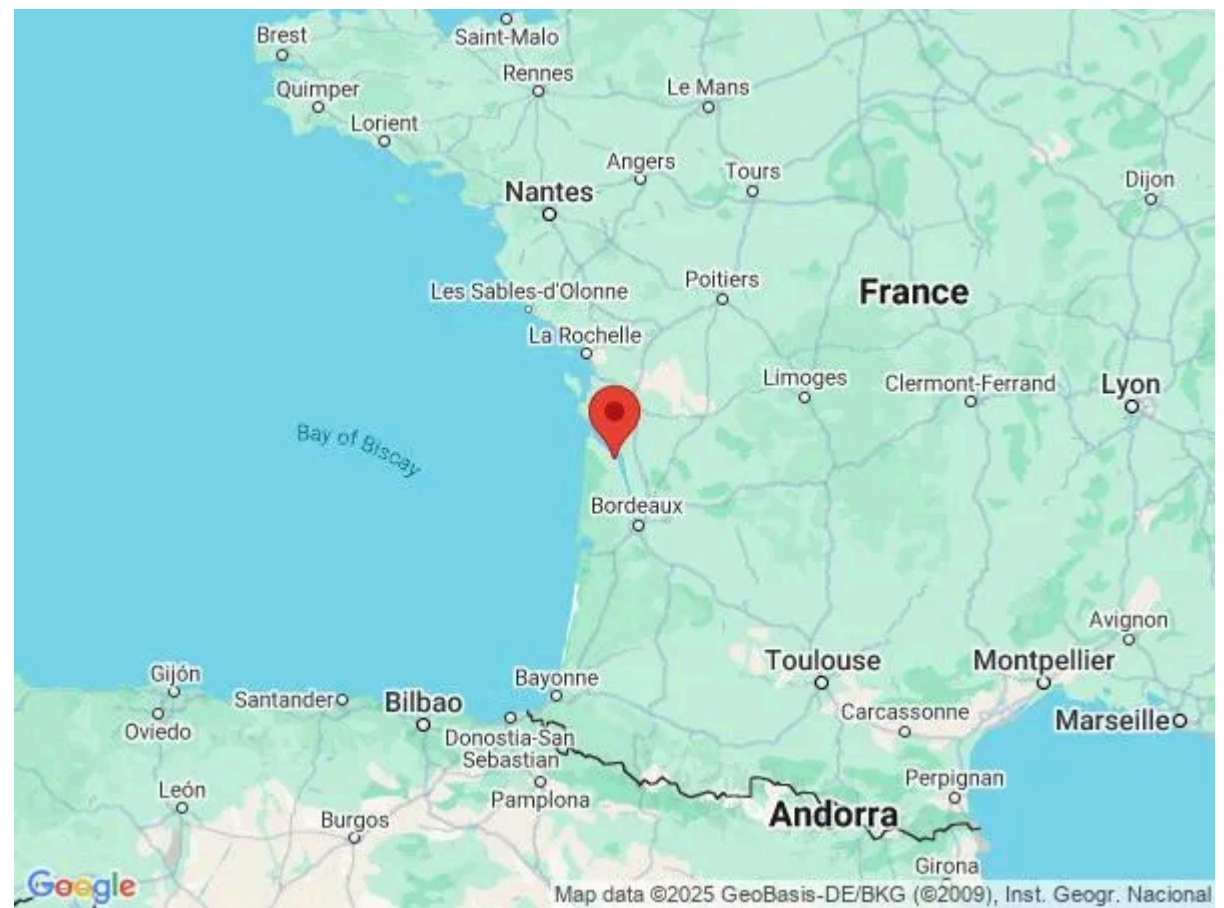
Château Art de Vivre is set in a small rural village on the Médoc peninsula, just a short stroll from the banks of the Gironde estuary and around a 90-minute drive north of Bordeaux.

The small village is surrounded by idyllic Médoc vineyards and there are a number of wineries nearby. There is also a restaurant within a 15-minute stroll overlooking the Gironde estuary, usually open for lunch and dinner (check opening days in advance depending on the time of year) and a charming wine-bar and oyster hut in July and August. A wide range of amenities including restaurants and supermarkets can be found in Lesparre-Médoc, about 11km by car.

Some of France's finest wine appellations can be sampled within a short drive. The well-regarded wine town of Pauillac is around 23km away whilst Margaux is a 50-minute drive – look out for famous châteaux such as Latour, Lafite-Rothschild and Mouton-Rothschild as well as plenty of small family-run wineries. Food-lovers should visit Pauillac's Saturday morning market and look out for a number of excellent restaurants serving the very best cuisine of this region from fresh mussels and oysters to *foie gras* and garlic.

The Médoc peninsula is also home to a stunning coastline of vast beaches, sand dunes and forests, perfect for watersports, long walks, horse-riding and cycling along the many trails. The seaside resorts of Montalivet and Soulac-sur-Mer are fantastic days out or head south to Lacanau with its surfing spots and sailing on Étang de Lacanau.

It's around a 90-minute drive to Bordeaux or pick up the train from in Lesparre-Médoc. The restaurant scene is fantastic, there are so many wonderful wine bars and its historic centre will amaze you in so many ways. Take a boat trip along the Garonne, visit La Cité du Vin or cool off by the fountains at the spectacular Miroir d'eau.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bordeaux (72km)
Nearest Airport 2	La Rochelle (128km)
Nearest Village	Small rural village (Short walk)
Nearest Restaurant	On the edge of the village (1km)
Nearest Supermarket	Carrefour Lesparre (11km)
Nearest Town	Lesparre-Médoc (11km)
Nearest Beach	Montalivet les Bains (30km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Margaux (52km)
Nearest City	Bordeaux (74km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Lesparre (12km)

## What we love

- Spectacular Médoc vineyard views and wonderful sunsets from the château's picture-book windows
- The fully enclosed parkland is great for families with a trampoline, swing and ample space for playing
- Animal lovers will adore the mini farm with geese, hens, a couple of sheep and two friendly donkeys – guests are welcome to feed, groom and walk with them
- In a rural village setting, it's just a 15-minute stroll to the banks of the Gironde estuary and a picturesque restaurant
- Arrange tastings across many excellent wine château and visit the famous wine villages of Pauillac and Margaux
- The beautiful beaches of the Atlantic coast can be reached in half an hour

## What you should know...

- This is a lovely and very welcoming house for families – do note however that the mezzanine bedroom (with open sides) is not suitable for children.
- Two additional beds for children can be made available in the The Winery upon request.
- Walking distance to a village/restaurant however please note that some parts of the route do not have pavements
- The 4 person rate includes 2 double beds in the The Winery/ Le Chai
- The 8 person rate includes 2 double beds in the The Winery/ Le Chai and 2 double beds in the chateau main house
- When booking the 4 person rate, please note that the discreet owner may be residing in the main house. You will have exclusive use of the pool if that is the case.



# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2500 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:** 5.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 11.00 a.m.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed weekly.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** A cot and highchair are available on request. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. Two additional beds for children can be made available in the loft area upon request. Please note that the Chai (4-bed) cannot be booked during July and August. The 4 person rate includes 2 double beds in the The Winery/ Le Chai. The 8 person rate includes 2 double beds in the The Winery/ Le Chai and 2 double beds in the chateau main house. When booking the 4 person rate, please note that the discreet owner may be residing in the main house. You will have exclusive use of the pool if that is the case.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Extra €240 for 8 guests in the Chai and Main House. Extra €100 for 4 guests in the Chai, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment. 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.

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

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in August, 5 nights in July, and 2 nights during all other periods.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. Please request during the booking process and note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes, changed weekly.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to September. 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.