

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

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

Interior & Grounds

1) 4-person rate - access to the Winery/Le Chai only (2 double beds, living area, kitchen and dining area) - *not available in July and August*

2) 8-person rate - exclusive use of the entire estate, the Château and the Winery/Le Chai (4 double beds)

Château Interiors

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living area
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area
- Bedroom with double bed (160 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. An adjacent room equipped with a child's bed and cot
- TV lounge
- Library

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

The Winery/Le Chai

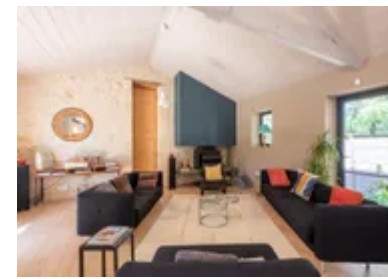
- Open-plan living area
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area
- Bedroom with double bed (180 cm or can be made into twin) and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed (160 cm) and en suite shower room

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 playhouse
- Bikes (adults and children)
- Enclosed parkland (8000m²)

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Cable TV
- Piano
- Outdoor play area



Location & Local Information

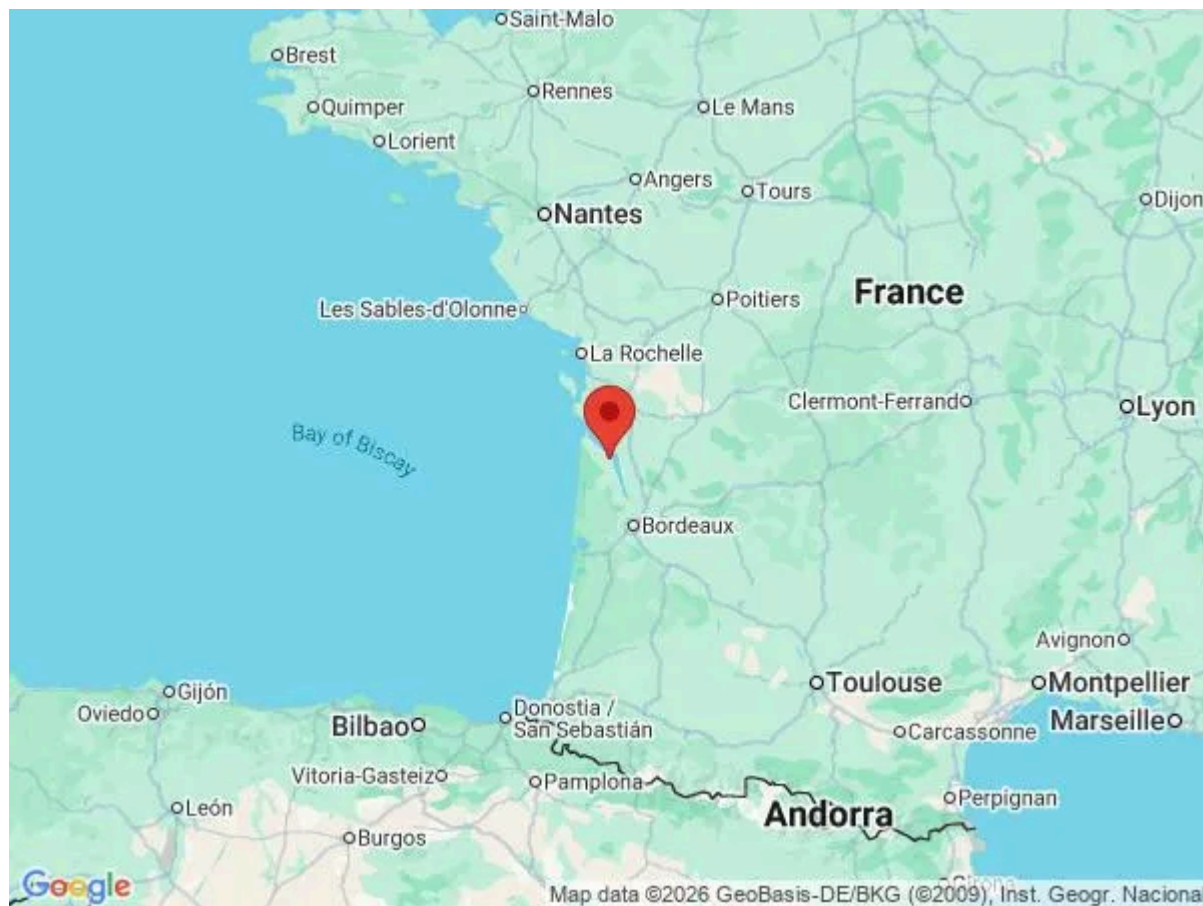
Château Art de Vivre is set in a small rural village on the Médoc peninsula, just a short stroll from the banks of the Gironde estuary and around a 90-minute drive north of Bordeaux.

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 Bar/Pub	Saint-Christoly-Médoc (550m)
Nearest Beach	Montalivet les Bains (30km)
Nearest City	Bordeaux (74km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Margaux (52km)
Nearest Restaurant	Saint-Christoly-Médoc (1km)
Nearest Town	Lesparre-Médoc (11km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Lesparre (12km)
Nearest Village	Saint-Christoly-Médoc (1km)
Nearest Supermarket	Carrefour Lesparre (11km)

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 playhouses, a 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 about a 10-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...

- A wonderfully welcoming retreat for families, with one bedroom specially designed for parents and young children alike - the adjacent room comes equipped with a child's bed and a cot, perfect for little ones sleeping close by.
- Walking distance to a village/restaurant.
- For those seeking the ultimate experience, the 8-person rate grants exclusive use of the entire estate - the Winery / Le Chai and the grand château are yours alone, with no other guests on the property. Feel free to roam, relax and make the whole place your own. 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.
- Guests booking for 4 enjoy an exclusive stay in the Winery / Le Chai - a fully self-contained and private retreat, complete with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a kitchen, living room and dining area, entirely independent from the main château. (The 4-person rate is not available during July and August)
- Due to the large window and open staircase leading to the mezzanine in the winery, we recommend this part of the property is not suitable for young children and toddlers. Please refer to the layout.

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:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **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.
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- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €240, paid to Oliver's Travels with the balance. 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.
- **Other 2:** Please note that the 4-person rate allows access to the Winery/Le Chai only (2 double beds). The 8-person rate allows access to both the Winery/Le Chai and château main house (4 double beds).
 The 4-person rate is not available during July and August.
 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.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in July and August. 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 is included.
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **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.