

# Chateau De La Serenite

Region: Normandy Sleeps: 12

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## Overview

Surrounded by the rural landscapes of Normandy yet within easy reach of Bayeux, Caen and the D-Day Landing beaches, soak up the slow pace of life whilst staying in this stylishly restored French château with its gorgeous historic features and landscaped grounds.

There's such an aura of charm across Château de la Sérénité which dates back to the early 1700s. The elegant château has been so well-preserved over the many years, yet its current owners have added their own sense of sophistication whilst respecting its rich heritage.

You'll be inspired by its light-filled interiors as you stroll through every room admiring original features such as parquet flooring, 18th century wood panelling and large windows. The beautiful and spacious living room features a Louis XV fireplace whilst there are other spots to seek serenity across smaller lounges and the office/library. The dining room is classic in its design whilst the wonderful French kitchen is such an atmospheric place to create feasts by the open fire.

Up to 12 guests will sleep comfortably across six pretty bedrooms scattered across the two upper floors. Four of the doubles have en suite bathrooms – we especially love the bathtub with a view over the Normandy landscapes. Gentle yet stylish décor adds to the tranquillity and relaxed ambience across this unique and welcoming abode.

Experience yet more calmness as you sit back in the landscaped gardens with over 13 acres of lawns, ancient trees and roses. In the springtime the blossom is so delightful, then when summer comes you can enjoy picking plums, apples and cherries. The autumn colours are also magnificent, making this château a scenic place



to stay at any time of year.

Make the most of this fantastic setting in Normandy with Bayeux, Caen and the D-Day landing beaches of Arranches-les-Bains and Omaha all around half an hour away. Even Mont Saint-Michel can be visited for a superb day out, as can the utterly charming Belle Époque seaside towns of Trouville and Deauville.

You may simply prefer to explore the Normandy countryside, sampling Calvados in nearby orchards, cycling along the Caen canal or horse-riding in glorious surroundings. Head towards the stunning Cotentin peninsula, kayak along the River Orne in Clécy or potter around idyllic market villages and towns savouring the many delectable delights of Normandy.

## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Fishing • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Romantic • Walk to Village • Ideal for Teens • Maid Service Available • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Château Interiors

### *Main Floor (via steps)*

- Living room (40m<sup>2</sup>) with fireplace
- Small lounge/office/library (connected to living room) with fireplace
- Small lounge (connected to living room) with door leading to garden
- WC
- Small long living room
- Dining room with decorative fireplace

### *Garden Level*

- Kitchen, fully-equipped
- Laundry room
- Further rooms (not yet renovated)

### *First Floor*

- Bedroom suite with double bed (180x200cm) and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and sink
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200)
- Bedroom suite with small living area, double bed (180x200cm) and en suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

### *Top Floor (via steep stairs, sloping ceilings across this level)*

- Large open relaxation space leading to bedrooms
- Bedroom suite with double bed (160x200cm) and en suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom suite with double bed (160x200cm), fitness area and en suite bathroom with bath, sink and WC

## Outside Grounds

- Al-fresco dining area



- Barbecue
- Garden games (boules, croquet)
- Landscaped grounds (13.5 acres) including fruit trees and flowers

### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Laundry room

# Location & Local Information

In the Calvados department of Normandy, around half an hour from Caen, Bayeux and the D-Day Landing beaches, Château de la Sérénité is set in 13.5 acres of beautiful grounds. It's around 500m to a little village with a church and chapel dating back to the 13th century.

It's only a 4km drive to Caumont-l'Éventé with its *boulangerie*, a couple of restaurants and a large supermarket on the outskirts. Close to the village, take an underground tour of the former slate quarry at Souterroscope Ardoisières, accompanied by a light and sound show. Further amenities can be found in Villers-Bocage (11km), a small town that is especially well-known for a WW2 battle in June 1944, shortly after the Normandy landings.

This is a fantastic location for exploring some of Normandy's most popular sights from Bayeux (22km) to the north with its historic architecture, excellent restaurants and medieval tapestry to the university city of Caen (32km), home to vibrant food markets and the impressive Château de Caen and L'Abbaye-aux-Hommes. William the Conqueror's castle can be found in Falaise (70km) whilst the stunning Mont Saint-Michel (93km) is another perfect day out.

Look out for war cemeteries and museums in this part of Normandy including the D-Day Museum in Arromanches (33km) and the new British Normandy Memorial in Ver-sur-Mer (40km).

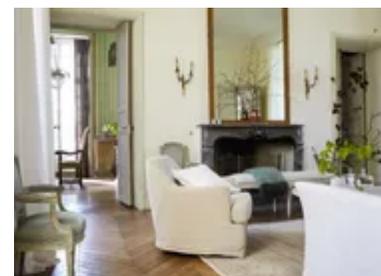
As well as vast stretches of sandy beaches, the Normandy coastline also offers sand yachting, kayaking, diving, sailing and stand-up paddle boarding. Cycling is extremely popular across the Calvados department and beyond whilst there are ample horse-riding opportunities both in the Normandy countryside and along the beach in glorious surroundings.

Further classic seaside towns can also be visited for the day including delightful Honfleur, Trouville and Deauville, all within a 70 to 90-minute drive, or Granville (80km), the birthplace of Christian Dior from where you can catch a ferry out to the wonderful Chausey Islands.

There will also be so many opportunities to try the delicious cuisine and drinks of this region - soak up the ambience at charming markets dotted across idyllic villages, dine in authentic country restaurants, sample fresh seafood along the coast or visit the many Calvados orchards and cellars and learn how this Normandy drink is made.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Paris Beauvais Airport (252km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Paris Orly/Paris CDG (288km/297km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Longues-sur-Mer (30km)</b>



Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Caen-Ouistreham/Cherbourg/Le Havre (50km/116km/134km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Omaha Beach Golf (33km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Caumont-sur-Aure (4km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Intermarché Caumont-sur-Aure (5km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Bayeux/Caen (22km/32km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare de Bayeux (22km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Small village/hamlet (500m)</b>

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## What we love

- A light-filled Normandy château which has been beautifully restored whilst respecting its 18th century heritage
- Wonderful features include parquet flooring, Louis XV and XVI fireplaces and a gorgeous classic French kitchen with an open fire
- Embrace the serenity of your surroundings in the landscaped gardens with fruit trees, summer roses and so much space
- Across Calvados and beyond, visit charming villages, atmospheric markets and follow the Normandy cider route
- It's a fantastic location for exploring Bayeux, Caen and the D-Day landing beaches

## What you should know...

- Guests will need to be able to manage the many steps of this historic and beautiful château
- Whilst you can stroll to a very small village, the nearest shops and restaurants are a five-minute drive away
- The village is within walking distance however please note that some parts of the route do not have pavements
- Please note that some fireplaces are for decoration only and it is not possible to use them

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 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, changed once for stays of more than 7 nights.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday in July and August. Flexible during all other periods.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €390, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (which will then be forwarded the owner). This is for a standard changeover clean. Guests should be respectful of the property and leave the accommodation in a clean and tidy condition. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **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 in July and August. 4 nights during all other periods.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.