Chateau Beau Medoc

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

A wine château that was left abandoned for over thirty years, Château Beau Médoc's new owners have created a unique and beautiful abode surrounded by the prestigious vines of the Médoc peninsula.

Architects and interior designers were called in from Bordeaux for this ambitious project, always ensuring the château's heritage was preserved whilst adding a wealth of 21st-century detail with sustainability at the forefront of their minds.

Now, as you walk through the living spaces of this stunning home, you can admire its stylish interiors alongside impressive features including sound systems, high-end speakers and a video projector with Prime, Netflix and Apple TV. The semi-professional kitchen is a cook's dream and meals can be served in the elegant dining room making the most of the tableware from Milan, or outside on the shady upper terrace. The lounge is the place to kick back with a glass of *Premier cru classé* listening to music on the record player.

The three bedrooms are just as gorgeous with no expense spared – guests can expect king-size double beds with hotel quality natural bedlinen, as well as Dyson hairdryers, organic local beauty products and Italian marble sinks in their private bath or shower rooms. The château even has its own personalised scent, created by the owners' favourite London based perfume maker who trained in Paris and Grasse.

It's all about embracing the authenticity of the setting outside in the 3.5 acres of gardens bordered by vineyards. Relax on the Italian designer furnishings surrounding the 15m long natural swimming pool, enjoy a picnic on the expansive lawns and gaze over the trees towards the Gironde estuary from the upper terrace beside the Weber barbecue.

In some ways it feels you are off the beaten track, yet there is so much to draw you into this part of south-western France. Potter along to the small local village with its wineries and restaurant and sample oysters, charcuterie, cheese and wine by the village's oyster shack open in July and August, close to the banks of the Gironde.

Taste some of the finest wines in the world as you visit châteaux such as Mouton-Rothschild, Latour and Château Beychevelle alongside many family-run wineries near Pauillac, Margaux and beyond. Dine in gourmet restaurants and soak up the atmosphere of bustling markets in this region known for its gastronomy as well as its wine.

Then of course there's the ocean! Spend the day in Soulac-sur-Mer with its Belle Époque ambience and sweeping Atlantic beaches perfect for sunbathing and surfing. Hire bikes to cycle through the pine forests and dunes of this wonderful peninsula or discover the scenery on horseback.









Enjoy nature walks and watersports around Lac d'Hourtin-Carcans and Étang de Lacanau, two of France's largest lakes.

With impressive wines, beaches, lakes and forests, not to mention the vibrant city of Bordeaux within an easy day trip, there is so much to experience across the captivating Médoc peninsula.

As mentioned in Condé Nast Traveller's 'The Hot List 2024'.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Chateaux & Castles • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Romantic • Air-Con • Fishing • Wine Tasting • Horse Riding • Private Pool • Historical Sites • Ideal for Kids • Cycling • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Maid Service Included • Cots (Cribs) • Wow Factor • Instagrammable • Heritage Collection • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Smart TV • Home Cinema • Heating • Yoga Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers

Interior & Grounds









Château Interiors

Main Floor

- Lounge with record player, speakers, video projector and screen (for Apple TV, Netflix and Prime Video)
- Dining room
- Library with sound system
- Kitchen, fully equipped to a semi-professional standard including high-end appliances

First Floor

- Bedroom suite with king-size double bed and bathroom with bath
- 2 x bedroom suites with king-size double bed and bathroom with walk-in shower

There is another bedroom and attic level which are both closed off to guests

Lower Floor

- Laundry room (and storage etc)

Outside Grounds (3.5 acres)

- Natural infinity swimming pool (15m with adjustable moving floor with a depth from 0-1.4m). Open approximately Easter to October
- Poolside hammocks and sun loungers
- Raised deck with al-fresco dining table and Weber gas barbecue
- Vegetable garden

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-con (3 bedrooms)
- Central heating
- Revo radio/sound system (library)
- Record player and speakers
- Video projector and screen for Apple TV, Netflix and Prime Video)
- Sound system (each bedroom)
- Dyson hairdryers (each bedroom)
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

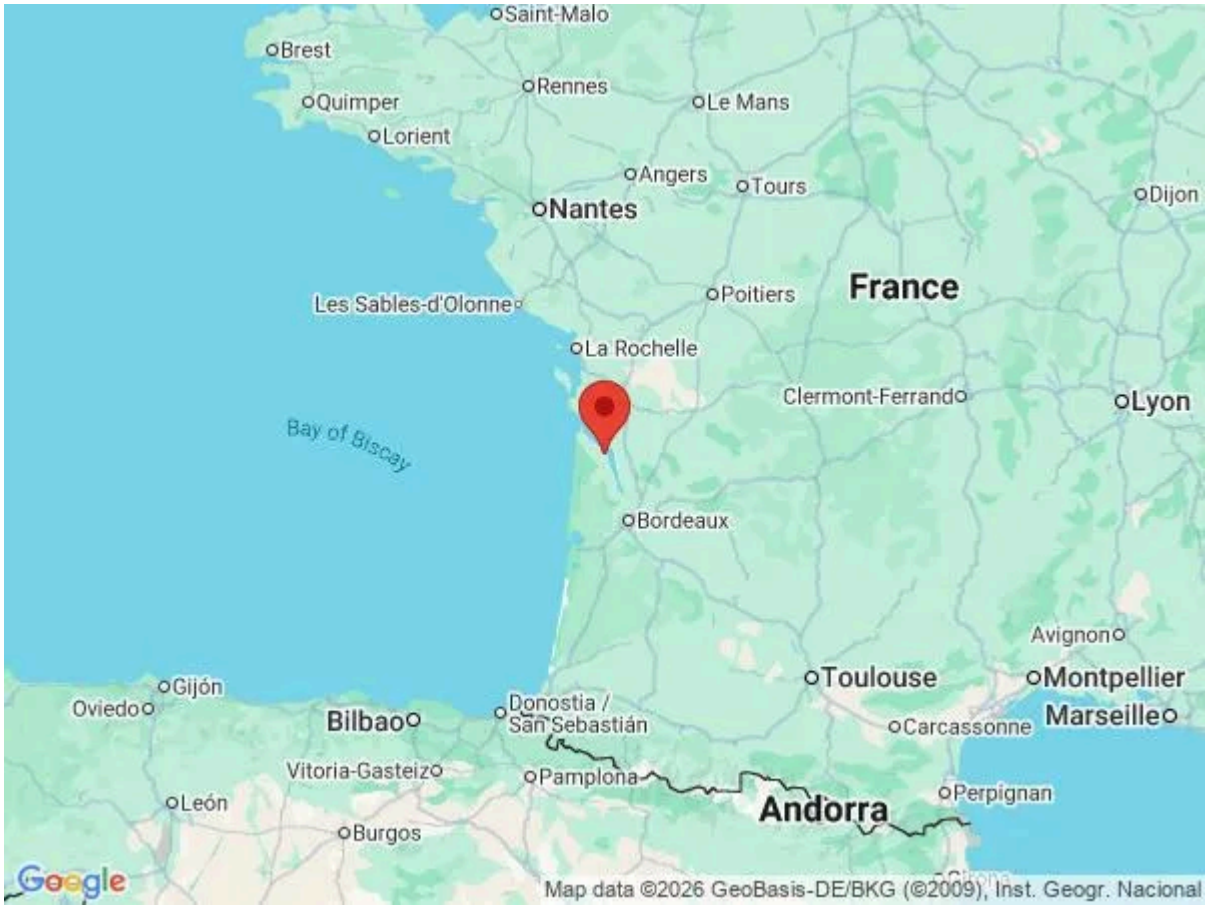
Surrounded by vineyards so typical of this region, Château Beau Médoc can be found on the edge of a small rural village on the Médoc peninsula, a short stroll to the banks of the Gironde estuary and a 90-minute drive from Bordeaux.

You can stroll into the small village where there is a restaurant overlooking the Gironde (check for seasonal opening times and dates). If staying in July and August, look out for the popular oyster hut within a 15-minute walk where you can enjoy a plate of oysters, charcuterie or local cheeses alongside wine. Further amenities including a supermarket and more restaurants can be found 11km away in Lesparre-Médoc.

Across the Médoc peninsula, wine-lovers have a range of wonderful vineyards to visit within a short drive from small family-run wineries to prestigious wine châteaux including Mouton-Rothschild, Latour and Château Beychevelle. The wine-town of Margaux (52km) is under an hour by car whilst charming Pauillac (23km) is even closer. Nearby Saint-Estèphe (14km) is home to an excellent restaurant and Saint-Vivien-de-Médoc (20km) hosts one of the best local markets. Enjoy all sorts of delicious specialities across this region including fresh mussels, oysters, *foie gras* and garlic, accompanied of course by some of the best wines in the world.

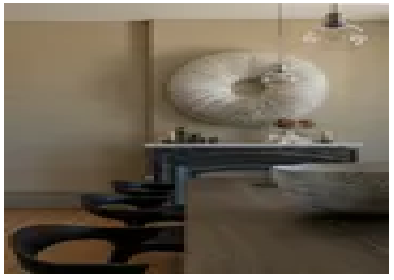
The stunning Atlantic beaches of the Médoc peninsula are also within easy reach – Soulac-sur-Mer and Montalivet les Bains are around half an hour by car whilst Lacanau, famous for its surfing, is a 55km drive. Discover wonderful horse-riding and cycling trails by the sand dunes and pine forests of the peninsula's Atlantic coastline, following part of La Vélodyssée which extends all the way to Arcachon Bay.

Lac d'Hourtin-Carcans is France's largest freshwater lake with such fascinating biodiversity alongside lakeside beaches and seasonal water-based activities. Étang de Lacanau is yet another idyllic spot for walks, hikes, cycle









rides, fishing and boating.

For a complete change of scene, you could also spend the day in Bordeaux (75km) with its magnificent sights, restaurants, wine bars, boat trips and the highly regarded wine museum, La Cité du Vin.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bordeaux Airport (75km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare de Lesparre (11km)**
Nearest Village	**Small rural village (Short walk)**
Nearest Restaurant	**On the edge of the village (seasonal opening) (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 (75km)**

What we love

- A former wine château where the past and present intertwine beautifully, surrounded by the prestigious vines of the Médoc peninsula
- 21st-century features include designer furnishings and fittings alongside state-of-the-art appliances
- Sustainability is key here from the treatment-free swimming pool to natural bedding, organic beauty products and collaboration with companies who follow these principles
- Stroll to the small local village with its restaurant, wineries and summer oyster shack by the Gironde estuary
- Visit some of the world's most famous wine châteaux near Pauillac and Margaux – names include Mouton-Rothschild, Latour and Château Beychevelle
- The sweeping beaches, forests and sand dunes of the Atlantic coastline are just half an hour away

What you should know...

- The natural swimming pool has a 'movable floor' – this means that the pool can be closed and look like a terrace but when it is open the floor moves down to a maximum depth of 1.4m.
- Air-con is featured in the 3 bedrooms only. The rest of the chateau is kept cool from the thick stone walls.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €5000 paid via bank transfer to the owner 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 every week.

- **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 not allowed.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.

- **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.

- **Other Cleaning:** Daily cleaning (2 hours per day from Monday to Friday) also included

- **Smoking Allowed?:** No.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.

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

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.

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

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