Maison Porthos

Region: Paris **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Around an hour south of Paris, how wonderful to be able to stay in a grand maison on the edge of a 17th century château's domaine, a short stroll from an authentic village, boulangerie, farm shop and restaurant.

Hear the village church bells ring as you sit back admiring the views of the estate's "Petit Parc" beyond your private garden. Maison Porthos, by the gates of the château's estate, was historically lived in by the château's manager and was a symbol of the Baron's status and wealth. Recently, however, it has undergone a beautiful restoration to create elegant living and sleeping quarters for up to 8 guests.

Admire the historic features of Maison Porthos with its high ceilings, wooden floors, original doors and marble fireplaces. Its décor is classic and tasteful, inspired by the style of the private château; indeed many of the furniture pieces have come from the château itself. Of course there are plenty of modern touches as well such as in the well-equipped kitchen, perfect for preparing delicious feasts perhaps using produce from the château's farm which you can buy at weekends in the village farm shop.

You can wander to the charming village for your morning croissants and fresh bread and the domaine has a restaurant, usually open April to end-October, for weekend brunch and evening meals from Thursday to Sunday. Check to see if the tea-shop is open as well and of course make time to visit the château's exquisite gardens and fountains, open to the public at the weekend in spring, summer and autumn (entry charges apply).

The gorgeous town of Milly-la-Forêt is 5km away with its atmospheric Thursday morning market, monthly weekend brocante and traditional medicinal herb shops in the main









square. It's the gateway to the Parc Naturel Régional du Gâtinais for long nature walks, horse-riding, biking and other outdoor adventures.

Golf-lovers can play in magnificent surroundings at Golf De Cély or Fontainebleau Golf Club whilst the Forêt de Fontainebleau is ideal for rock-climbing as well as cycling, yet more walking, horse-riding and more, followed by lunch out in the idyllic and artistic village of Barbizon. Not forgetting of course one of France's most famous historic residences, Château de Fontainebleau, a UNESCO World Heritage site reached in only 18km by car.

Facilities

<1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Walk to Village • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Cycling • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Has Offer • Special Offer • Pets on Request • Maid Service Available • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Bicycles Provided • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors (split across two connected apartments)

- 2 x living rooms
- 2 x kitchens
- 4 x bedrooms with double bed
- 4 x bathrooms

Outside Grounds

- Private garden
- Bikes
- Access to the château domaine's "Petit Parc"

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- Ornamental Fireplace









Location & Local Information

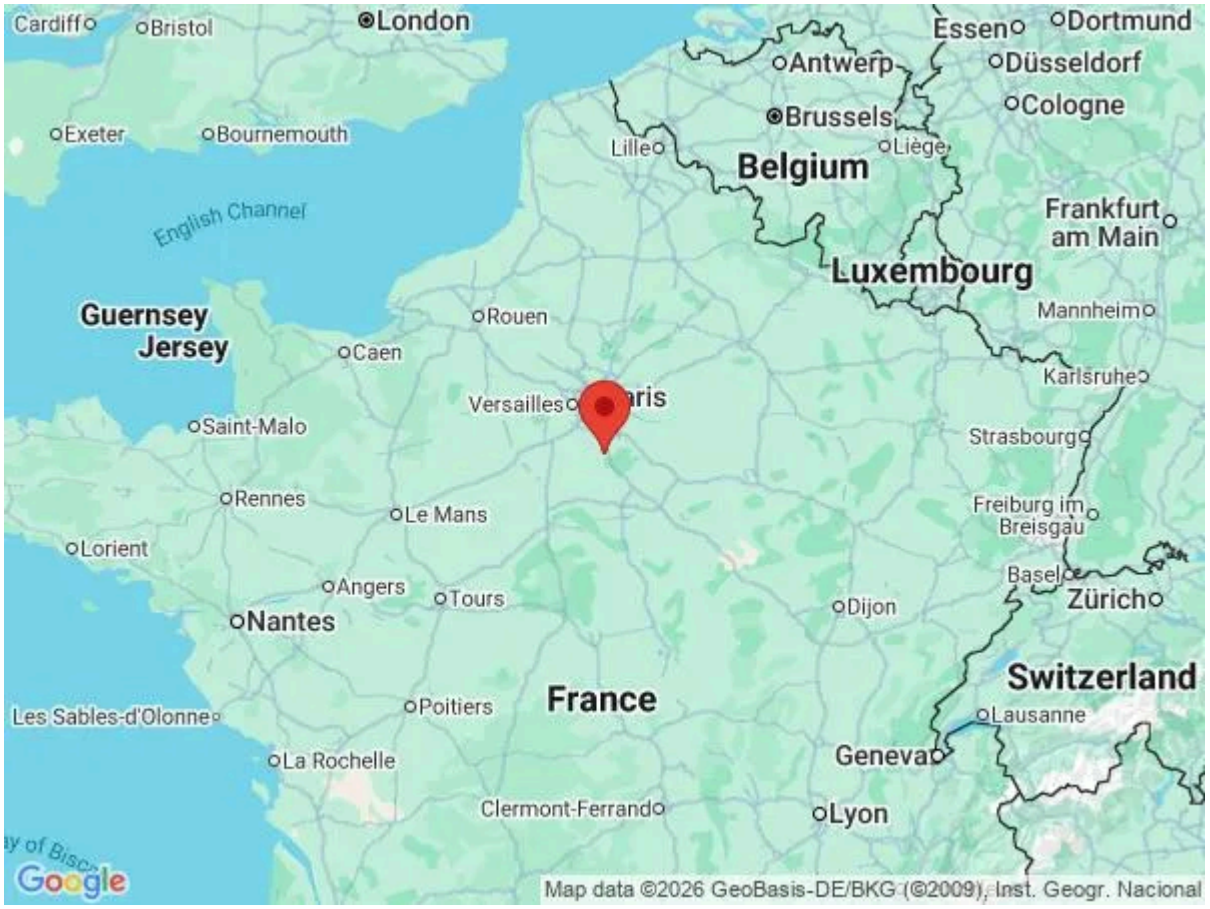
In the Essonne department, close to the border with Seine-et-Marne, Maison Porthos enjoys a privileged setting on the edge of a private château's *domaine* and its stunning public gardens. Guests have access to the "Petit Parc" of the château whilst the formal gardens and water features can be visited during normal opening times (see below).

Set on the road leading to the village in one direction and the château's main gates and beyond in the other, you can stroll to the village in a few minutes where there is an excellent *boulangerie*, open every morning except Tuesday and Wednesday. The village itself is an atmospheric place to stay – feel like a local as you pass children on their way to school and listen out for the church bells every half hour from morning to late evening.

From April to end-October the château's *domaine* features a restaurant (open for weekend brunch and evening meals from Thursday to Sunday), a tea room (most weekends and public holidays) and a village farm shop (open Friday afternoons and all day at the weekend). The farm shop is a delight, selling fresh herbs, organic fruit and vegetables, honey and flowers straight from the estate as well as jam, eggs, cheeses, juices and more.

The château's beautiful gardens and water features are usually open weekends and public holidays from April to end-October and there are occasional short tours of part of the private château – entry fees apply in both instances. The garden's natural springs and ornamental ponds are stunning – it's said that when King Louis XIII was in residence at nearby Château de Fontainebleau, he would insist on only drinking water from one of the fountains. Nowadays the gardens are classified as a 'Jardin Remarquable'.

There is also the opportunity to play polo organised by the château's prestigious polo club – please enquire in advance or look out for matches as a spectator.









Meanwhile, golf-lovers will appreciate the close proximity of the 18-hole course at Golf De Cély (7km) and Fontainebleau Golf Club (20km).

Beyond the château's *domaine* and village, you are just 5km from the charming town of Milly-la-Forêt (5km). As well as its wonderful Thursday morning market and monthly Sunday brocante, the town is famous for its Maison Jean Cocteau, now a museum, and the medicinal herbs which are grown in this region – you can visit two traditional herb shops in the main square.

Milly-la-Forêt is the gateway to the diverse landscapes of the Parc Naturel Régional du Gâtinais, ideal for nature walks, long hikes, horse-riding, biking and a wealth of other adventures. The Forêt de Fontainebleau is also amazing for outdoor activities and it is especially popular with rock-climbers.

Elsewhere, potter around the shops, restaurants and art galleries of Barbizon (13km), an idyllic village with surrounding landscapes that inspired a wave of 19th century landscape artists. One of France's most famous royal residences, Château de Fontainebleau (18km) is also within easy reach, now listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Orly Airport (49km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (80km)**
Nearest City	**Paris (60km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Dieppe/Le Havre (250km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf De Cély (7km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Château Gardens restaurant open for weekend brunch and some evenings (Within 500m)**

Nearest Shop	**Bakery open five mornings a week (500m)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Milly-la-Forêt (5km)**
Nearest Town	**Milly-la-Forêt (5km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Boutigny/Paris Gare du Nord Eurostar/Thalys (10km/66km)**
Nearest Village	**Small village (Within 500m)**

What we love

- Such a privileged location on the edge of a vast *domaine* belonging to a 17th century private château
- The interiors of the *maison* are classic and stylish with a wealth of period features and some furnishings from the château itself
- You can stroll around the estate's "Petit Parc" beyond Maison Porthos' private garden
- If staying at the weekend from April to October, make sure you visit the formal gardens and beautiful fountains of the château (entry fees apply)
- The gorgeous town of Milly-la-Forêt is just 5km away, the gateway to the Parc Naturel Régional du Gâtinais
- Château de Fontainebleau, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is only 18km by car

What you should know...

- Maison Porthos is designed as two 2-bedroom apartments, each one with a lounge and kitchen, which are connected so that up to 8 guests can enjoy the house together.
- The restaurant within walking distance is usually open for weekend breakfast/brunch and evening meals from Thursday to Sunday (April to end-October). There are lots of other lovely restaurants in Milly-la-Forêt (5km).
- The "location" tab gives you information on the opening dates and times of the chateau's formal gardens, village farm shop and tea-shop but it is always worth re-checking this in advance of your stay.
- A car is recommended to be able to explore everything this beautiful region has to offer.
- 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.
- Please note that rates for bookings during the Olympic Games may differ and are on request only.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels 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:** 11.00 a.m.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €20 per pet per stay will apply (payable locally).

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. 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:** Any day except Sunday.

- **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?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 2 nights.

- **Tax:** Please note that to pay French Visitors Tourist Tax the property manager will provide a secure online payment link in advance, and guests are required to settle the amount directly through this link prior to or during their stay. The exact amount will be confirmed before arrival.