Domaine Des Cours

Region: France **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

Surrounded by rolling countryside and summer sunflowers, close to some of the Loire valley's most glorious vineyards and iconic châteaux, Domaine Des Cours is a beautiful French abode in an enchanting setting just perfect for an extended family or group of friends.

Sleeping up to 14 guests, this charming little hamlet is home to a welcoming house and converted barn positioned between two traditional courtyards with a heated swimming pool and al-fresco dining terrace with spectacular valley and forest views. Embrace the history around you – the hamlet was constructed over two ancient water sources and you can still admire the mill, pigeonnier, wine press and bread oven from bygone years.

As well as six pretty bedrooms scattered across both buildings, most with en suite bathrooms, each house also features its own lounge and well-equipped kitchen-diner whilst a bar and games room add to the estate's relaxed and inviting ambience. This is truly a house for all generations and the owners are proud to have been awarded a 5* Meublé de Tourisme classification.

Beyond the enclosed hamlet and its gorgeous salt-water swimming pool, make the most of the seven-acre estate with meadows, an orchard, potager and a spacious play area which will delight youngsters. Meanwhile, stroll down to the lake with its rowing boat, perhaps passing the resident chickens and goats. If you can find a moment to yourself, seek out one of the hammocks and relax in splendid surroundings.

The lovely owners live within the hamlet and are renowned for their culinary creations – a home-cooked meal over charcoal and local wood is an absolute must during your time here, prepared by the winner of the 2022

‘Championnat de France de Barbecue’. With a fine reputation for their food, they are featured in Le Petit Futé travel guide as a 'gastronomic destination'. They can cater for every age and diet and menus are based on good seasonal produce.

You can also enjoy lunches at the café-bar in the local village or pick up a wealth of local delights at Richelieu’s Friday morning market, around a 15-minute drive away. A family-friendly cycling trail connects Richelieu to the historic riverside town of Chinon, via the grand Château du Rivau.

Other famous Loire valley châteaux nearby include Château d'Azay-le-Rideau and Château de Villandry whilst there are so many excellent vineyards; sample the red wines of Chinon, Saumur’s sparkling white and Chenin Blanc from the vines by the banks of the Loire near Vouvray.

As well as peaceful walks, pony-rides and local cycling, look out for canoeing opportunities and boat trips along the Vienne and Loire rivers, Sunday morning brocantes in market towns and even the healing waters and spas of La Roche-Posay, all within easy reach of the wonderful Domaine Des Cours.

Facilities

France250 • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Exclusive • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Catering Available • Ideal for Kids • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • EV Charger • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Weddings • Villa • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Private Pool • Special Offer • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Heated Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Saltwater Pool • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Games Room • Indoor Games • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Swings • Trampoline • Slide • Badminton • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Large House Interiors

Ground Floor

- Open-plan lounge with log-burner
- Open-plan dining area with table (for 14 guests) and open kitchen, well-equipped including Smeg oven, induction hob, fridge-freezer, wine fridge, dishwasher, microwave and toaster
- WC
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with shower

First Floor

- Mezzanine upper hallway
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with four single beds (or twin doubles) and en suite bathroom with bath/shower

Barn Interiors

Ground Floor

- Open-plan lounge, dining area (for 6 guests) and kitchen, fully-equipped
- WC

Upstairs

- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite Jack and Jill style bathroom with bath/shower, two sinks and WC
- Bedroom with bunk-beds (connects to above bathroom)

Outside Grounds (seven-acre estate)

- Heated saltwater swimming pool (10x5m, depth: 1.5m) with safety cover. Heated and open approximately May to September during daylight hours
- Poolside terrace with sun-loungers, shaded patio and fridge
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue
- Badminton
- Sunken trampoline
- Play area with swings and slide
- Hammocks
- Lake with rowing boat
- Orchard, meadows and stream
- Potager and herb garden
- Farm animals (chicken enclosure and goats)
- EV charging station (extra cost)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Smart TV
- Games room with table tennis
- Bar with table football
- Badminton
- Children's play area
- EV charging station (extra cost)
- Access to laundry facilities

Location & Local Information

Domaine Des Cours is set in the rolling countryside of Indre-et-Loire department, part of the Parc Naturel Régional Loire-Anjou-Touraine, close to some of the country's best vineyards and well located for visiting many of the Loire valley's iconic châteaux.

A traditional village is 2.5km away, home to a café-bar (serving lunchtime meals) and shop for fresh bread and basic groceries whilst further amenities can be found in the historic town of Richelieu (17km), home to a bustling market on a Friday morning.

Look out for events and festivities taking place in Richelieu and take a stroll around the town's elegant park where the Château de Richelieu once proudly stood. A 20km cycling trail connects Richelieu and the beautiful town of Chinon, via the very grand and much-visited Château du Rivau (17km).

Surrounded by endless vineyards, Chinon (31km) lies on the Vienne River and is a charming medieval town with pretty shops, cafes and wine-bars, canoeing opportunities along the Vienne as well as the impressive Château de Chinon. Just beyond Chinon is Abbaye Royale de Fontevraud (46km), classified as a French National Monument, and the elegant town of Saumur (61km) with its sparkling white wine and renowned Cadre Noir equestrian school.

The Vienne and Loire Rivers converge near Candes-Saint-Martin (44km), one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' where you can enjoy boat trips along the Loire. Keen cyclists can pick up the La Véloire route towards Saumur or even towards Villandry and Tours.

As well as the amazing castles of Chinon and Rivau, other famous châteaux of the Loire valley include Château d'Azay-le-Rideau (35km), Château de Villandry (48km) and Château Royal d'Amboise (75km). The exquisite city of Tours (55km) is another wonderful day out, perhaps combined with a visit to the vineyards around Vouvray (61km).

The owners will also let you know when local brocantes are taking place, usually on a Sunday morning once a month in villages and towns such as Saumur, Chinon and Montsoreau.

For a change of scene, the healing waters and spas of La Roche-Posay (42km) are easily reached, as is the handsome town of Châtellerault (26km) by the banks of the Vienne River.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Tours Val de Loire Airport (58km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Aéroport de Poitiers-Biard (59km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare de St-Pierre-des-Corps (56km)**

Nearest Village	**(2.5km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Cafe-bar for lunchtime meals (2.5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Intermarché SUPER Nerac et Drive (13km)**
Nearest Town	**Richelieu (17km)**
Nearest Golf	**Beaumont Saint-Cyr (38km)**
Nearest City	**Tours (55km)**

What we love

- Rolling countryside and views over the valley and forest – this setting is magical, close to the Loire valley's iconic vineyards and châteaux
- Embrace the beauty of the vast estate with its meadows, goats, lake and rowing boat
- As well as the heated swimming pool in one of the two charming courtyards, families will adore the games room and outdoor play area
- The owner is an award-winning chef and can prepare amazing meals cooked over local wood and charcoal fire – a truly unique experience!
- Indeed, the property is listed in Le Petit Futé travel guide as a 'gastronomic destination'
- You are also well located for visiting Chinon, Saumur and the beautiful city of Tours

What you should know...

- There are three bedrooms in the main house and three bedrooms in a beautifully converted barn, both connected by two beautiful courtyards.
- The lovely owners and their family (cats and goats) live on site and are there to help if needed (and cook delicious wood-fired meals on request).
- You may see the owners carrying out chores and feeding the chickens etc but they otherwise remain discreet. Their son may occasionally use the swimming pool but he will always check if guests are present.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation one week before 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 (excluding electric vehicle charging).

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes and mid-stay linen/towel change included for stays of more than 7 nights.

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Domaine Des Cours sleeps up to 14 guests and three babies. Three cots and three highchairs are available on request. Small weddings are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties are not allowed. Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms before the arrival. External caterers are not permitted at this property.

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

- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €200, payable locally. 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.

- **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. A copy of the policy may be requested by the owners before arrival.

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

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

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

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €3-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **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.