

# Chateau Rochette

**Region:** Dordogne **Sleeps:** 8

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## Overview

*As featured on Channel 4's 'Escape To The Château'*

Chateau Rochette stands majestically, looking down across a valley once lorded over by this 12th-century Baronnie. The château was both witness and party to the Hundred Years War, now a sleeping giant of peace and tranquility.

Château Rochette has been meticulously restored with an eye towards preserving its original features. Modern comforts and amenities have been subtly woven into the fabric allowing the original château to remain at center stage. It is the perfect place for couples, families, and friends to come, relax, adventure and just be.

Château Rochette is central to and minutes away from all the remarkable places and adventures in the Dordogne and the Perigord Noir. Exploring the magnificent landscape and medieval surroundings will transport you to another century. It is minutes away from such places as Castelnaud, Beynac – the one-time stronghold of Richard the Lion heart, the ancient town of Sarlat, Domme and a seemingly unending list of places and remarkable experiences.



## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Private Pool • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Ideal for Kids • Go-Karting • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Romantic • Walking/Hiking Paths • Great Value • Ideal for Teens • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Animal farm • Supports the local community (promotes local businesses) • Promotes Sustainable Living (Recycling) • Protects and conserves local Heritage • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

When you arrive at Chateau Rochette, you turn into the long grassy drive and traverse the hillside until you are facing the Chateau, its terrace, and french doors leading into the kitchen. A massive wisteria clings to the Chateau. Great fortune if you are there during its bloom!

## Kitchen

Entered through the French doors. Overhead are huge hewn beams as in all the rooms. The kitchen is fully equipped including a dishwasher, a microwave, a refrigerator, an electric kettle and gas four burner stove.

## Dining Room

From the kitchen pass to the dining room. A huge fireplace, high beamed ceiling and stone walls the color of champagne greet you. Light pours in from the facing view of the valley on to the warm chestnut floors.

## Stair Hall

From the dining room pass to the stair hall. One of our favorite parts of Chateau Rochette, it ascends to the 2nd and 3rd floor.

## Living Room

Pass now to the living room whose chestnut floors, huge fireplace and dimensions nearly duplicate those of the dining room. The furniture is decidedly comfortable as is the atmosphere. It is a place to relax with friends and family after a day of adventure or to just read a good book.

## 1st Floor Bedroom

Pass out of the living room and up five steps to the 1st floor bedroom. A double bedroom faces view of the valley.

A stone fireplace stands against the high peaked ceiling. This part of the chateau was built somewhat later and as a result captured the lower portion of one of the towers which interestingly now functions as this sleeping chamber.

## 1st Floor Crimson Bathroom

Pass through the 1st floor bedroom into the bathroom. Without any question, this ensuite bathroom is by far the most incongruous part of Chateau Rochette. Created lovingly for a teenage daughter during the 1960s - with a sunken tub! - The walls, the floor, and yes, the ceiling, are all very beautiful crimson red tiles. Dazzling! Photographs don't do it justice.

## Duplex Room

Pass again through the 1st floor bedroom and through another door, and you will find a small room with a small table and chair, two tables for suitcases and then a spiral stairway leading up into the tower and the small tower double bedroom. Certainly a great place to be banished to and very romantic, it has a 1820's style double bed and the best view at Chateau Rochette over the pool and valley beyond. Through its own door, the tower room shares the crimson bathroom with the 1st floor bedroom.

## Master Bedroom 1 - second floor

Opposite the bed and its hangings a massive fireplace is centered. The room is large and nearly duplicates the size of the dining room below. Adjoining it and also large is the master bathroom with tub, free standing shower, bidet,



toilet and sink. A casement window looks out over the distant hills and valley.

### **Master Bedroom 2 - second floor**

A beautifully carved stone fireplace stands adjacent to the bed with its warm red bed hangings. From there you can look out the tall windows across to the hills on the other side of the valley. The bathroom is located in the watch tower. The windows, once used by lookouts, were designed for these commanding views.

Included are a tub/shower, toilet, and sink.

### **3rd Floor**

The 3rd floor is not occupied and not accessible to guests.

### **Swimming Pool**

Please note the swimming pool measures approximately 8m x 4m. There is also a charcoal bbq for you to enjoy your summer.

# Location & Local Information

A wonderful area for exploring off the beaten path where others don't go.

- You can find the untouched and original French countryside, farms, and amazing diversity of architecture.
- A canoe or kayak voyage down the Dordogne with a sandwich at hand is a day to remember.
- Very early mornings watching the mist burn off the hills and valley with a cup of hot coffee.
- Speaking or struggling with your French at the local village markets and meeting the lovely people who live here.
- Get everywhere before the others.
- Take a simple walk in a forest that attracts you along the roadside for just fifteen minutes- you'll be surprised.
- Keep bathing suits and a towel in the car at all times.
- Find a secluded spot on the Dordogne and slip into the water for just 10 minutes, dry, dress and continue on.

The Dordogne is one of the world centers of pre-history and holds Europe's earliest art treasures. At Les Ezyies, 10 minutes away, you will find the magnificent newly constructed National Museum of Pre-history, the cave paintings at Lascaux, and the site of the remains of the Cro-Magnon Man.

Directly below Chateau Rochette is a wonderful vegetable farm that sets up at all the weekly village markets. Walk down the driveway and buy your dinner fresh from these lovely people.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Bergerac (45 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Miremont Haut (Under 1 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>La Bugue, Les Ezyies (9 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>La Bugue, Les Ezyies (9km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>La Bugue, Les Ezyies (9km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>La Marterie (4 km)</b>



## What we love

- Château Rochette and its owners were featured in the popular Channel 4 TV show, Escape to the Château
- The château is every bit a real castle yet unlike many, it's a manageable size (so you won't get lost trying to find the bathroom!)
- The château's peaceful hillside location and easy access to all things good in the Perigord Noir make it hard to beat
- This is a property with a palpable sense of history, as it dates back to the Hundred Years War
- There is an amusement park nearby (and one in La Bugue) as well as the Dordogne River

## What you should know...

- Due to the ancient thick walls Wi-Fi is mainly available in the master bedroom and dining room with some coverage in the kitchen and patio.
- The third floor of the château is not occupied and not accessible to guests

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 charged to clients' credit card prior to the arrival.
- **Arrival time:** Between 5.00 and 8.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including pool towels.
- **Pets welcome?:** No
- **Other Ts and Cs:** The owner requires guests to sign an agreement prior to the arrival. The party leader must be 25+
- **Changeover day:** Saturday
- **Smoking Allowed?:** No
- **Insurance:** All guests are strongly recommended to purchase comprehensive travel insurance which includes accident, cancellation, and civil liability insurance.
- **Heating costs included?:** Not included. Extra cost for heating applicable based on consumption in winter months, payable locally in cash.
- **Pool opening dates?:** 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.