

Chateau Chaumeton

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

Staying at Château Chaumeton allows you to experience the authenticity of a castle dating back over 600 years whilst truly relaxing in high-end surroundings, set within a working vineyard only 16km from France's famous wine town, Saint-Émilion.

Located on the edge of a small village near the Dordogne River, this wonderful French château dates back to the early 1400s when it was built as a fortified house by a Normandy family – the two towers still remain to this day. Having undergone a huge restoration in recent years, guests can soak up the castle's rich heritage whilst appreciating comfortable furnishings and contemporary style across its centuries old lounge and spacious country kitchen.

The air-conditioned bedrooms are beautiful, some with wood-beamed ceilings and exposed stone walls, many with the addition of an en suite bath or shower room. Sleeping up to 14 guests across the castle, the family bedroom and two-bedroom suite are especially attractive to families whilst we adore the rolltop bathtub and double walk-in shower in the master bedroom's bathroom. Meanwhile, the tower bedroom is like stepping back in time with its incredible ceiling!

Outside, the decked poolside terrace juxtaposes perfectly with the historic surroundings – it almost feels like you are staying at a boutique-style beach club rather than relaxing in rural south-western France! As well as the heated swimming pool, stylish sun loungers and day beds, backed by agapanthuses and lavender, the poolside converted barn houses a chic bar and lounge alongside an air-conditioned gym.

There is plenty to keep children and adults occupied at



Chateau Chaumeton; it has a games room with pool, air-hockey and babyfoot tables, plus a table tennis table near the terrace. There is also a yoga pavilion amongst the trees, an outdoor kitchen and barbecue as well as al-fresco dining which can be prettily lit up at night. As the sun sets over the vines, sit back with a glass of local wine on the kitchen terrace making the most of the evening sunlight.

This region is a paradise for wine-enthusiasts. Not only are you surrounded by a 4.5-hectare vineyard, but it is only around 20 minutes drive to the exquisite hilltop town of Saint-Émilion and its UNESCO World Heritage vineyards, and the Gironde wine regions of Pomerol, Sauternes and the great city of Bordeaux can be reached for a fine day out – wine tours and tastings can be arranged.

Enjoy local walks and cycle rides, canoe or kayak along the Dordogne and learn all about the Hundred Years' War in the nearby market town of Castillon-la-Bataille. Food lovers can visit so many atmospheric markets across the Gironde and Dordogne and dine out in an array of inviting restaurants from traditional auberges to Michelin starred establishments.

Further afield, spend the day by the Dordogne in Bergerac, visit the prestigious wine châteaux of the Médoc peninsula, embrace the beauty of L'Étang de Lacanau or simply venture to Arcachon Bay for white wine and oysters overlooking the Atlantic coast in this magnificent region of south-western France.

Facilities

Weddings • Romantic • Walking/Hiking Paths • Exclusive • TV • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Cycling • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Chateaux & Castles • Washing Machine • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Walk to Village • Rural Location • Chef/Cook Available • Indoor Games • Cots (Cribs) • Gym/Fitness Room • Private Pool • Outdoor Ceremony • Instagrammable • Allow Ceremonial Fire • Heritage Collection • Indoor Reception Available • Nearby Church/Chapel • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Table Football • Heating • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

Ground Floor

- Lounge with large stone fireplace
- Kitchen, well-equipped including large stone fireplace and dining area
- Study with sofa-bed (on request)
- WC

First Floor

- Master bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with WC
- 2-bedroom family suite with twin bedroom and double bedroom with en suite bathroom with WC

Second Floor

- Bedroom with double bed and en suite shower room with WC
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and partly open-plan en suite shower room
- Family room with double bed and two single beds
- Family bathroom with shower and WC

Converted Poolside Barn

- Bar and lounge
- Gym with air-conditioning
- Bathroom with shower
- Separate WC

Converted Games Barn

- Separate social area away from the main house or poolside barn
- Pool, air-hockey and babyfoot tables
- Retro style arcade machine

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (13x6m, depth: 0.85-1.85cm and 'plage' area of 0.2m) with electric safety cover. Open approximately May to end-October
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers, sun beds, water feature and poolside shower
- Poolside barn with bar, lounge, gym and shower room with WC
- Outdoor kitchen with gas plancha and separate barbecue
- Al-fresco dining terrace and lounge area
- Yoga pavilion with TV
- Boules pitch
- Table tennis (under cover)
- Large garden (2 hectares with lawn, orchards and small wooded copse)
- Working vineyard (4.5 hectares)
- Outbuildings (not accessible to guests - working agricultural barn and old wine cellar)

Facilities



- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (all bedrooms and gym)
- Yoga pavilion with TV
- Gym
- Bar
- Table tennis
- Games room with pool, air-hockey and table football
- Boules
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

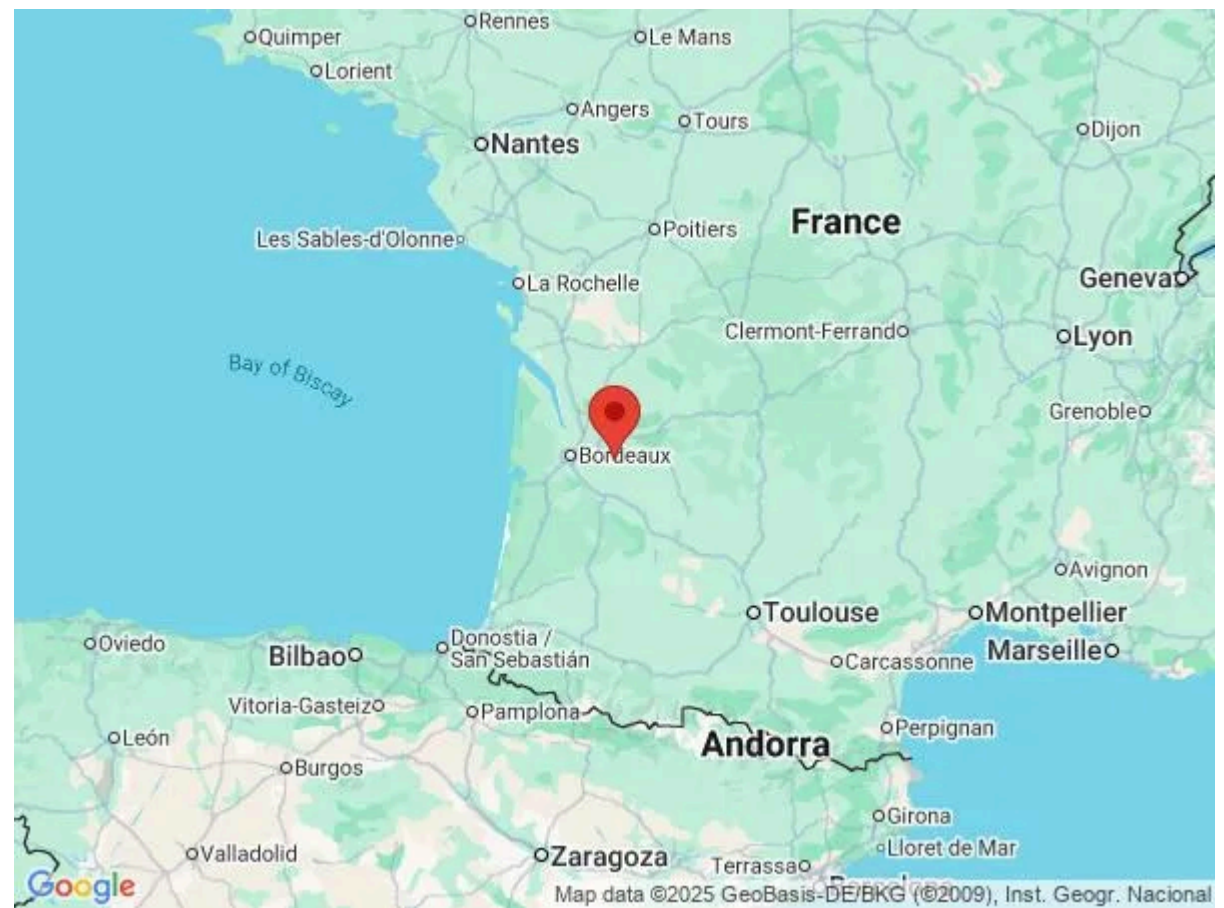
Set within a working vineyard, surrounded by 4.5 hectares of vines and only 16km from Saint-Émilion, this 14th century castle is not just a paradise for wine-lovers but any Francophile looking to experience the beautiful Gironde region of south-western France, just to the south of the Dordogne River and around an hour from Bordeaux.

If flying to France you can arrive via Bordeaux or Bergerac Airports whilst the TGV train service heads into Bordeaux Saint Jean (the fastest direct services from Paris Montparnasse to Bordeaux take around 2 hours 10 minutes).

The small local village is just 400m from the château, home to a 12th century church, whilst the next village along, around 2.5km by car, has a boulangerie and small local restaurant. The attractive bastide town of Castillon-la-Bataille (6.5km), by the banks of the Dordogne, has several shops, restaurants and café-bars as well as a bustling market on a Monday morning. If staying in late July or August, look out for the incredible re-enactments of the battle of Castillon which take place on Friday and Saturday evenings – book ahead for this very impressive event.

Castillon-la-Bataille is also home to the nearest train station with departures to Bordeaux (39 minutes), Sainte-Foy-la-Grande (18 minutes) and Bergerac (36 minutes). You could also take the train to Saint-Émilion (6 minutes) if you don't mind the 20-minute walk up to the hilltop town from the train station.

Whether arriving by train or car, Saint-Émilion (16km) is one of the highlights of this region, an exquisite hilltop town steeped in rich heritage and famous for its UNESCO World Heritage vineyards, some of which date back to Roman times. With its old quarter, Romanesque churches and fascinating catacombs, its beauty will enchant you as you stroll around its labyrinth of narrow lanes. Step into high-end wine shops, pretty boutiques and excellent restaurants including the two Michelin starred La Table de



Pavie.

Food-lovers also note that there is a Michelin starred restaurant even closer in Saint-Jean-de-Blaignac (5km) as well as many other wonderful bistros, restaurants and markets where you can experience the very best cuisine of the Dordogne and Gironde regions. Look out for atmospheric markets in places such as Sainte-Foy-la-Grande (28km), Duras (30km), La Réole (30km) and Monségur (27km) as well as the much-loved markets of Bordeaux, Libourne and Saint-Émilion.

Beyond Saint-Émilion , wine connoisseurs can visit the wine areas of Pomerol and Sauternes (47km) or venture slightly further afield to the Médoc peninsula with Pauillac (100km) and Margaux (72km) reached within a 90-minute drive. Perhaps combine with a trip to the peaceful shores of Étang de Lacanau (107km) or the surfing beaches north of Cap Ferret. Sipping white wine accompanied by oysters on Arcachon Bay (110km) is another iconic experience of the Atlantic coastline of France.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bergerac Dordogne Périgord Airport (55km)
Nearest Airport 2	Bordeaux Airport (61km)
Nearest City	Bordeaux (50km)
Nearest Golf	Grand Saint-Emilion Golf Club (14km)
Nearest Restaurant	Saint-Pey-de-Castets (2.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	E.Leclerc Drive (7km)
Nearest Town	Castillon-la-Bataille (6.5km)
Nearest Train Station	Castillon (7km)
Nearest Village	Small rural village (250m)

What we love

- How wonderful to be able to stay in a 600-year old fortified castle within a working vineyard, close to the banks of the Dordogne River
- The restoration has been carried out so sensitively – expect beautiful air-conditioned bedrooms, contemporary bathrooms and an array of modern comforts alongside a rich sense of history
- Relaxing on the chic poolside terrace feels more like a boutique-style beach club than rural south-western France!
- We love the poolside bar and air-conditioned gym within the converted barn as well as the games barn for teenagers or the more peaceful yoga pavilion amongst the trees
- A wine-lovers paradise with Saint-Émilion only 16km away and Bordeaux easily reached by train!
- If staying in late July and August, don't miss the incredible historic re-enactments of the 100 Years' War battle that take place in nearby Castillon-la-Bataille

What you should know...

- Château Chaumeton sleeps up to 14 guests across six bedrooms (including a family suite) plus an extra guest (on request only) using a sofa-bed in the study.
- There is air-conditioning in the bedrooms and in the gym.
- When staying in this beautiful 14th century chateau, expect low wood beams and doorways, sloping ceilings and well-trodden spiral stone stairs.
- In a rural part of France, a car is definitely needed and it's worth noting there is wildlife around (including a pair of nesting barn owls!)
- The château is part of a working vineyard - the farming machinery use different entrances and the grapes are taken to the local cooperative at harvest time.

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:** 4.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 7 nights.

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** A cot and a highchair are available on request. Weddings and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties are not allowed. There is air-conditioning in the bedrooms and in the gym only. Château Chaumeton sleeps up to 14 guests across six bedrooms (including a family suite) plus an extra guests (on request only) using a sofa-bed in the study.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday (July and August), flexible during all other periods.

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes and mid-stay cleaning for stays over 7 nights also included (and two maid visits per week). However, 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:** 7 nights (July and August), 3 nights during all other periods.

- **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 is included.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 7 nights.

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