Moulin D'Argent

Region: France **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Overlooked by a castle above, this charming *moulin* sits by the banks of a picturesque river within a historic estate dating back to the 12th century. Here you are a short drive from the riverside town of Argenton-sur-Creuse and around half an hour from the Parc naturel régional de la Brenne and the art galleries of the 'Vallée des peintres'.

In gorgeous natural surroundings, Moulin d'Argent welcomes up to 6 guests across its beautifully restored interiors. One of the twelve mills along the river, the *moulin* was a working mill until the late 1960s – it is thought that the origins of the mill date back many centuries although the current house was built in 1900. Having undergone a recent renovation, every effort has been made to preserve the essence of the original *moulin* whilst adding contemporary features to allow guests to stay in elegance and comfort.

Enter into the spacious living room with sumptuous sofas, wood-beamed ceilings and a modern open-plan fully-equipped kitchen. Old stone steps lead up to a stunning dining area with a large window framing the river and woodland view. So attractively designed, there's a vibe of understated luxury with the perfect blend of old character and modern style. Upstairs, find three inviting double en suite bedrooms all with glimpses of the water and trees.

Sit out in the shared grounds as the river meanders peacefully by, then explore your surroundings by canoe. The estate is home to a spa for more moments of pure relaxation and disconnection from modern life. Maison d'Argent (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/loire-valley/maison-dargent/) sits right next door, perfect if you wish to travel with family or friends.

Just 7km away is Argenton-sur-Creuse, a small yet









bustling historic town with restaurants, cafes, shops and a Saturday morning market. It's especially pleasant to stroll along by the Creuse and admire the old houses lining the river's banks.
To the north Châteauroux with its fantastic city park and vast oak forest for nature trails. Heading south instead, visit two of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', Gargilesse-Dampierre where George Sands once lived, and medieval Saint-Benoît-du-Sault.

It's also great being so close to the Parc naturel régional de la Brenne for kilometres of walking and cycling trails through wonderful landscapes of marshes and diverse flora and fauna, an absolute paradise for nature enthusiasts and bird watchers with over 260 species of birds recorded. There's also summer swimming at Étang de Bellebouche alongside canoeing and horse-riding, both superb ways to soak up the incredible scenery.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Villa • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Canoeing/Kayaking • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Horse Riding • Maid Service Available • Ideal for Teens • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Parking Space • Heritage Collection • Waterfront • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Spa/Massage • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Children's bikes • Bicycles Provided • Outdoor Games • Heating • Ruins • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Playground nearby • Bikes • Boules/Petanque

Interior & Grounds

Moulin Interiors (200m2)

Main Floor (via steps)

- Open-plan living area
- Open-plan kitchen, fully equipped
- Dining area (via steps) with long table and large windows overlooking the river

First Floor (loft level, some sloping ceilings)

- 3 x bedrooms with double bed and en suite bathroom

Outside Grounds

- Terrace area
- Garden/grounds bordering the river's edge (shared with Maison d'Argent (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/loire-valley/maison-dargent/))
- Access to estate's canoe and barge (shared with Maison d'Argent)
- Pétanque set (shared with Maison d'Argent)
- 2 x adult bikes and 2 x children bikes (shared with Maison d'Argent)

Other Facilities (shared with Maison d'Argent (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/loire-valley/maison-dargent/)**)**

- Spa
- Elliptical trainer









Location & Local Information

In central France, Moulin d'Argent is located on the banks of the picturesque Bouzanne river less than half an hour south of Châteauroux, the capital of the Indre department. The former mill is next door to Maison d'Argent (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/loire-valley/maison-dargent/), ideal if you are two families or a group of friends wishing to holiday together in separate houses. Each property has its own terrace and they otherwise share the estate's riverside access, canoe, barge, bikes and pétanque set.

The nearest airports are near Limoges, Bourges and Poitiers or arrive via train from Paris to Argenton-sur-Creuse (2 hours 30 minutes from Gare Austerlitz). Alternatively, it is a 4 to 5-hour drive from Caen Ouistreham/St-Malo/Le Havre ferry terminals and just over 6 hours from Calais. The estate is located just off a country road leading to a small rural village in one direction and towards Argenton-sur-Creuse in the other.

The small historic town of Argenton-sur-Creuse (7km) is by the banks of the River Creuse – there are several beautiful houses lining the water's edge that can be admired as you wander along the river banks. Pass watermills as you explore – the town has a rich heritage in producing flour, leather goods and shirts which brought wealth to Argenton-sur-Creuse in the 19th century – learn all about the history of the town's shirt making at French-speaking Le Musée de la Chemiserie et de l'Elégance Masculine. Back in the centre of the town, there is a good selection of cafes, restaurants and shops as well as a Saturday morning market.

Visit Châteauroux (24km) on a Tuesday, Friday and Saturday morning to experience the vibrant market across the main square. There is an attractive city park just north of Châteauroux with a playground, fitness trails and a huge lake for supervised summer swimming and other water-based activities (canoeing, kayaking, pedaloes, stand-up paddle boarding etc). Furthermore, there are wonderful nature trails and bird watching opportunities across the Châteauroux forest, one of the largest oak forests in France (some of Bordeaux's oak barrels are made from Châteauroux's forest).

Heading south instead, Gargilesse-Dampierre (20km) is classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' with its riverside setting and pretty historic houses. The village is also home to the impressive Château de Gargilesse and the house where George Sands wrote many of her works. Elsewhere, Saint-Benoît-du-Sault (27km) is another one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' thanks to its medieval houses, half-timbered buildings and ancient streets.

There are more outdoor adventures across the magnificent Parc naturel régional de la Brenne around half an hour to the west of the moulin. Start off at the Maison du Parc in the village of Rosnay (34km) before venturing out to explore the varied landscapes of marshes and fields, a paradise for wildlife enthusiasts and bird-watchers. It's best explored on foot or by bike with several marked trails to follow. In the height of the summer there is supervised swimming and a children's play area at Étang de Bellebouche (39km) before you reach Mézières-en-Brenne (42km).

The magnificent scenery of this region has inspired so many artists over the years - art-lovers should find the time to visit Espace Monet Rollinat (40km) and Hôtel Lepinat (37km), both in a beuatiful area known as the 'valley of the painters'.









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Limoges Airport (108km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bourges Airport (95km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Poitiers-Biard Airport (114km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Ouistreham/Saint-Malo (408km/444km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Argenton-sur-Creuse (7km)**
Nearest Village	**Small rural village (2km)**
Nearest Town	**Argenton-sur-Creuse (7km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Argenton-sur-Creuse (7km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Intermarché SUPER Saint-Marcel (7km)**
Nearest City	**Châteauroux (24km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Tennis Club Val de Creuse (8.5km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Club Val de l'Indre (29km)**

What we love

- Stay in a charmingly restored mill with such a rich heritage, so beautifully positioned by the banks of the river
- Admire characterful features alongside elegant décor and comfortable furnishings
- Dine together with the most wonderful views of the river and woodland
- Guests have use of the estate's canoe, barge, pétanque set and bikes
- Visit the historic market town of Argenton-sur-Creuse with beautiful houses lining the water's edge
- Outdoor lovers will adore the Parc naturel régional de la Brenne, a paradise for keen walkers, cyclists and bird-watchers – there's even summer swimming in one of the lakes

What you should know...

- On the water's edge, children will need to be supervised very carefully at all times during their stay at this beautiful moulin.
- For guests wishing to holiday with friends/family yet stay in separate houses, consider Maison d'Argent (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/loire-valley/maison-dargent/) next door. The picture with the sheep shows Moulin D'Argent next to the sheep and the maison to the right.
- Maison d'Argent (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/loire-valley/maison-dargent/) and Moulin d'Argent share the grounds surrounding the two properties with riverside access. Both properties share use of a canoe, barge, bikes and pétanque set.
- 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.

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. (free late checkout on Sundays)

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

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

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. The grounds, riverside access, a canoe, a barge, bikes and a pétanque set are all shared with neighbouring Maison d'Argent. Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager. 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.

- **Changeover day:** Everyday 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?:** Not allowed.

- **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.