

Chateau Les Deux Cygnes

Region: Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 16

Overview

It's said that Napoleon gifted this elegant château in Gascony to one of his generals. On a hill with glorious views of southwestern France, how wonderful to be able stay in this 19th century abode that has been beautifully restored to sleep up to 16 guests.

Château Les Deux Cygnes is set within five acres of grounds with a heated swimming pool, children's play area and woodland with pathways for nature exploring. Step into the handsome home and unwind across the lounge with its cosy sofas, fireplace and Smart TV with Netflix, check emails quietly in the library and prepare feasts in the sociable kitchen with an Everhot range cooker and other high-end appliances. Dine in the charming Orangerie overlooking the garden or on the covered terrace in the courtyard.

There are five light-filled bedrooms with air-conditioning in the main part of the château, each one en suite – guests should expect high standards of comfort with excellent mattresses, cotton linen and beautiful bathrooms with rainfall showers or splendid bath tubs. There is a sixth bedroom (twin) on the ground floor and a final double bedroom (and shower room) in the south-wing that is simpler in style with a double bed and mezzanine bed, perhaps best suited to accompanying teens.

Step outside and be captivated by the sweeping vistas from the château's hillside setting. Stroll through the grounds to reach the heated swimming pool, relax on one of the sun loungers or watch as youngsters play on the trampoline, slide and swing. Whether holidaying with good friends or extended family, Château Les Deux Cygnes is ideal for all generations.

For a touch of decadence, breakfast can be served each



morning for an extra cost and a private chef can be arranged to cook delicious French meals making the most of seasonal local products. Other extra services that can be organised in advance include baby-sitting, yoga, massages and extra cleaning, allowing you the opportunity to truly embrace Gascony's slow pace of life.

Less than a 10-minute drive away is the picturesque bastide town of Beaumont-de-Lomagne with its medieval lanes and lovely Saturday morning market. Beaumont-de-Lomagne's lake is great for fishing, nature walks and summer water-based activities or look out for other seasonal Base de Loisirs dotted across Tarn-et-Garonne and Gers.

Try the Lomagne white garlic in the fortified village of Saint-Clar, potter around the two '*Plus Beaux Villages*' of Sarrant and Auvillar and soak up the atmosphere of the traditional weekly markets in Fleurance and Lectoure. Pass rolling hills, historic villages and summer sunflowers as you cycle or drive through the region – no wonder Gascony is often referred to as the 'Tuscany of France'.

Facilities

Fishing • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Watersports • Historical Sites • Cycling • Hairdryer • Chateaux & Castles • Wine Tasting • Coffee Machine • Air-Con • Washing Machine • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Chef/Cook Available • Rural Location • Indoor Games • Maid Service Available • Cots (Cribs) • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Private Pool • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Yoga Classes Available • Breakfast Available • Board games • Babysitting Available • Swings • Trampoline • Slide • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Croquet • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Smart TV • Wheelchair Access • Outdoor Games • Heating • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

Ground Floor

- Lounge with fireplace and 50-inch Smart TV (British and French cable channels, US Netflix)
- Kitchen, well-equipped including kitchen island, two dishwashers, electric range with two ovens, plate warmer, double hot plate and three induction hobs, large fridge with ice-dispenser and dining table for 10 guests
- Library with small table, desk and printer
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x200cm), air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with shower (suitable for guests with limited mobility – please enquire)
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm each)
- Separate WC (next to above bedroom)

Ground Floor - North Wing

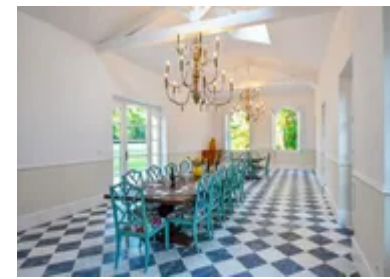
- Orangerie with dining table for 20 guests and door opening out to garden

Ground Floor - South Wing

- Bedroom (simpler in style) with double bed (140x200cm) on ground floor and raised mezzanine level/platform (accessed via a ladder) with king-size double bed (180x200cm) to accommodate 15th & 16th guests. Small en suite bathroom with shower
- Laundry room

Upstairs

- Master bedroom with king-size double bed (180x200cm), air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with bath, shower and two sinks
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x200cm), air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160x200cm), air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm each), air-



conditioning and en suite bathroom with bath

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (10x4m, depth: 2m). Open all year round, heated approximately mid-May to mid-October. Poolside area protected by child safety fence/gate
- Poolside sun loungers
- Walled courtyard with covered terrace and outdoor dining area for 16 guests
- Barbecue
- Garden dining area
- Children's play area with swing, slide and trampoline
- Croquet set
- 5-acre open grounds (sloping gardens, meadow, woods, pathways)

Other Facilities

- Air-conditioning (five bedrooms only)
- Ironing facilities

Location & Local Information

In the Tarn-et-Garonne, close to the Gers border, Château Les Deux Cygnes enjoys a beautiful setting surrounded by landscapes so typical of Gascony, a region often referred to as the 'Tuscany of France'.

The château is in a tiny village/hamlet, near the marie and church, with a handful of other properties scattered around. Despite this rural setting, the picturesque bastide town of Beaumont-de-Lomagne (6.5km) is less than a 10-minute drive away. Dating back to the 1400s, admire its medieval buildings and the 14th century market hall. There's a handful of restaurants in Beaumont-de-Lomagne and a lovely Saturday morning market showcasing seasonal delights of the region (garlic, hazelnuts, cheeses, *foie gras*, melons etc).

Food lovers will also appreciate the fortified village of Saint-Clar (15km), famed for its white garlic (usually in season July to autumn) – look out for the Thursday morning market, a garlic museum just outside the village (which also sells other local produce) and a garlic festival in August.

Potter around the cobbled lanes and half-timbered houses of Sarrant (18km) or head north to Auvillar (27km) above the Garonne River with its incredible views of the surrounding countryside – both villages are officially classified as two of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

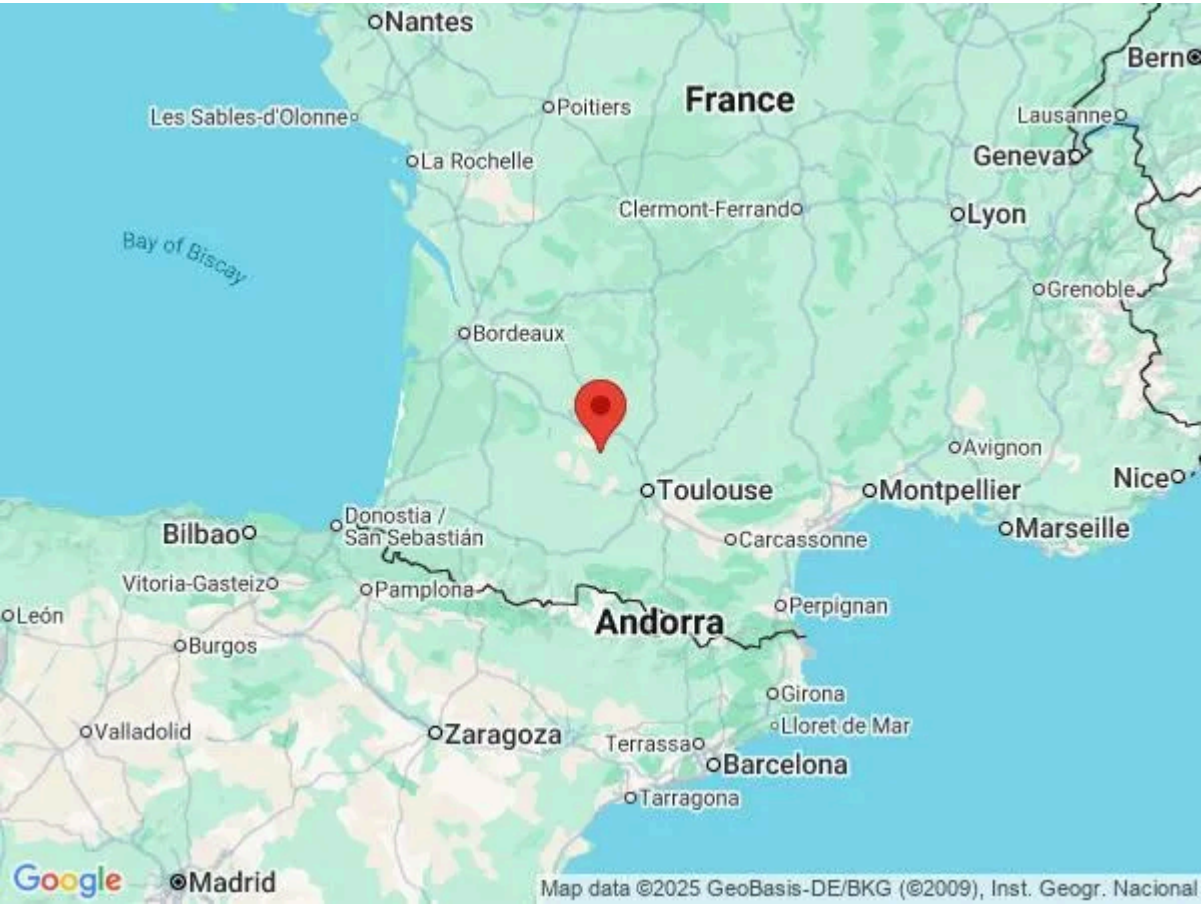
Pass fields of summer sunflowers, rolling hills, woodland and historic villages as you drive across the landscapes of Gascony. Walking, cycling and horse-riding are popular here, whilst there is a lake near Beaumont-de-Lomagne for fishing, gentle nature walks, picnics and, in the height of the summer, some water-based activities.

Driving into the heart of the Gers, visit traditional market towns such as Fleurance (27km) and Lectoure (30km), both hosting fantastic weekly markets. Further afield, Montauban (44km), Auch (51km) and Agen (60km) are yet more wonderful days out, especially for keen gastronomes and historians, or venture to the grand city of Toulouse (63km), also known as '*La Ville Rose*'.

Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (53km) is less than an hour away whilst Montauban Ville Bourbon train station (42km) and Agen (60km) have direct arrivals from Paris via Bordeaux.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (53km)
Nearest Airport 2	Bordeaux Airport (190km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Club D'espalais (29km)



Nearest Restaurant	Beaumont-de-Lomagne (6.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Intermarché Beaumont De Lomagne (7km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Club Beaumontois (7km)
Nearest Town	Beaumont-de-Lomagne (6.5km)
Nearest Train Station	Montauban/Agen/Toulouse (42km/60km/62km)

What we love

- As featured in Italy's Harper's Bazaar as the number one luxury villa for large group getaways
- The elegant interiors have been beautifully restored – the kitchen is a chef's dream and most of the bedrooms have gorgeous en suites
- The sweeping views of Gascony are simply glorious from the château's hilltop setting
- Within five acres of grounds, make the most of the heated swimming pool, children's play area and nature paths through the woodland
- It's possible to arrange extras such as daily breakfast, a private cook, massages, yoga and more
- Enjoy the historic Saturday morning market in the nearby bastide town of Beaumont-de-Lomagne
- Visit picture-perfect villages, dine in gastronomic restaurants and admire summer fields of sunflowers across the landscapes of Gascony

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in five bedrooms only – please see the 'Layout' tab for details.
- There is a ground floor bedroom which has been designed for guests with limited mobility - please contact us for further details so we can ensure its suitability.
- There is another ground-floor bedroom in the south-wing (the unrenovated part of the château) with two double beds, one of which is situated on a raised mezzanine-style platform, reached via a ladder – this is best suited to teens/young adults.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 charged to client's credit card 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:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 14 nights.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement may apply - please enquire.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings and stag/hen parties are not allowed. Other special events/celebrations are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Air-conditioning is featured in five bedrooms only. There is a ground floor bedroom which has been designed for guests with limited mobility - please contact us for further details so we can ensure its suitability. Two cots and two highchairs can be requested.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday (end-June to end-August) or flexible at other times.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Included in weekly stays in July & August. Extra €295 fee payable to OT during all other periods for standard changeover clean. 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 (end-June to end-August), 3 nights (Xmas, New Year, Easter, June and certain other times) or 2 nights at other times.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. The pool is heated approximately mid-May to mid-October only. 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.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open all year round but only heated approximately mid-May to mid-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.