Chateau Lucien

Region: Dordogne **Sleeps:** 18

Overview

Surrounded by the serene landscapes of the Charente region, near the Dordogne border, Château Lucien emerges as a testament to 19th-century elegance and architectural grandeur.

Upon arrival, guests are greeted by the château's commanding presence, set atop a gentle hill that offers panoramic views of the surrounding forests and rolling hills. The 6.5-hectare estate is a harmonious blend of manicured gardens and natural woodlands, providing an idyllic retreat from the bustle of everyday life.

Stepping inside, the main château seamlessly marries historical authenticity with modern luxury. Kick back in the light-filled living room with doors opening to the garden terrace for relaxing lunches or evening apéritifs. Prepare Périgord feasts in the modern kitchen and dine al-fresco or in the vaulted dining room. Upstairs, both the heritage lounge and modern art salon await for more socialising, drinks by the bar, or simply appreciating vibrant art and antiques from across the world.

On the next level, the entertainment lounge boasts an 85-inch Smart TV, PlayStation 5 and VR set, whilst the master bedroom on the same floor offers a sanctuary of comfort with its walk-in wardrobe and huge en suite bathroom. There's another three beautifully designed bedrooms on the top floor, alongside another lounge and two shower rooms. Up to 8 guests can expect king-size double beds, five-star hotel quality mattresses, air-conditioning and elegant décor across all four château bedrooms.

Walk through the château grounds where you will find a collection of traditional outbuildings that have been sensitively restored to provide further accommodation for up to 10 guests across four annexes. Simpler in style yet









still brimming with historic character and great amenities, they include a delightful 2-bedroom cottage annexe surrounded by lavender and a charming loft annexe with a 19th century window from the estate's original church. They all feature queen or king-size beds, coffee makers, en suite facilities, air-conditioning (excluding the 2-bedroom cottage) and most also have a Smart TV.

The outbuildings face the gorgeous swimming pool which can be heated on request and there is a spacious terrace for outdoor dining with a barbecue and sound system. A sauna, gym and games room (with ping-pong, billiard, table football and more) complete this part of the estate.

Meanwhile, a range of services can be arranged from a private chef and wine-tasting sessions to cookery classes and massages.

Both the Dordogne and Charente regions are a treasure trove of cultural and gastronomic delights. Guests can explore medieval villages, visit atmospheric markets and vineyards or indulge in regional specialties such as truffles and foie gras in restaurants across the region (some with Michelin stars). The area also offers ample opportunities for outdoor activities from hiking and horse-riding to go-karting and kayaking along the Tardoire or Dronne Rivers.

Whether seeking a romantic getaway, a family retreat, or a gathering with friends, Château Lucien provides an unparalleled setting where history, luxury, and natural beauty converge for the quintessential French château experience.

Facilities

Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Cycling • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Romantic • Ideal for Kids • Chateaux & Castles • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Wellness • Air-Con • Heated Pool • Pets on Request • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Wow Factor • Instagrammable • Parking Space • Heritage Collection • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Gym/Fitness Room • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Smart TV • Sauna/Steam • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Home Cinema • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting

Available • Transfers Available • Board games • Xbox/Playstation/Wii • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • Darts • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Château Interiors (600m2 across four floors)

Main Floor

- Main entrance and foyer with antiques and artwork
- Historic living room with antiques
- Art lounge and bar
- Library

Lower Garden Level

- Living room with 55-inch Smart TV and doors opening to south-facing dining terrace
- Dining room with vaulted ceiling and table for 8 guests
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including induction hob, dishwasher, microwave, fridge, freezer, American fridge with ice-maker, espresso machine, coffee grinder, Jura coffee machine, toaster, raclette machine, mixer and table for 6 guests
- Pantry
- WC

First Floor

- Entertainment lounge with 85-inch Smart TV, PS5, VR headset and surround sound
- Master bedroom (80m2) with king-size double bed, air-conditioning, 55-inch TV, small drinks fridge, office, walk-in wardrobe and en suite bathroom with two open showers

Second Floor

- Lounge and relaxation area with pantry and coffee maker
- Bedroom 2 (18m2) with king-size double bed, desk and air-conditioning
- Bedroom 3 (29m2) with king-size double bed, sofa-bed (on request), desk and air-conditioning
- Bedroom 4 (18m2) with king-size double bed, desk and air-conditioning
- 2 x bathrooms

Poolside Outbuildings (around 80m from main château)

Games and Fitness room (100m2, part of the western outbuilding)

- Gym with exercise bench, rowing machine, free weights and yoga mats
- Games area with table tennis, darts, table football, billiard table, boules
- Open kitchen with fridge, electric hob, oven, toaster and coffee machine

Pool Annexe (45m2, part of the western outbuilding)

- Bedroom with king-size double bed, desk, air-conditioning, 55-inch Smart TV, mini fridge, kettle, French press coffee maker and garden access. En suite bathroom

Garden Annexe (45m2, part of western outbuilding)

- Bedroom with king-size double bed, 55-inch Smart TV, desk, sofa-bed, air-conditioning, mini fridge, kettle, French press coffee maker and garden access. En suite bathroom

Cottage (143m2, two levels, part of the southern outbuilding)

- Living area with sofa, 55-inch Smart TV, wood-burning stove, dining table for 6 guests and small kitchen with fridge, microwave, coffee machine and oven
- Bedroom (16m2) with king-size double bed and fan
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- 2 x bathrooms
- Terrace with table and chairs

Loft Annexe (50m2, two levels, part of the southern outbuilding)

- Living area with sofa, wood-burning stove, mini fridge, kettle and French press coffee maker
- Bathroom
- Bedroom (on raised platform via open-tread stairs) with queen-size double bed and air-conditioning

- Access to garden sitting area

There is also a northern outbuilding that is not accessible to guests, other than the sauna. The gardien/caretaker lives in this outbuilding.

Outside Grounds (6.5-hectare estate)

- Swimming pool (14x7m, depth: max 2m) with sensor safety alarm. Open approximately May to September. Can be heated on request (with advance notice)
- Sun loungers (x8) and parasols (x4)
- Covered dining area with table for 12 guests (more on request) and charcoal and gas barbecue
- Château south-facing terrace with table and chairs for 10 guests with extendable shade, ambient lighting and area with sun loungers
- Gardens and grounds (raised in parts) with trees, flowers, lawns, meadows and forest
- Bikes (x2)

Other Facilities

- Underfloor heating (château only, for seasonal use)
- Reversible air-conditioning (all bedrooms only, excluding 2-bedroom Cottage)
- Alarm system (main château)
- Video intercom
- Smart TVs (log-in to your own accounts for Netflix etc)
- PS5 with four controllers
- Sony VR2 Virtual Reality headset
- Games disc library
- Bluesound hi-res streaming with speakers (château)
- Sonos speaker (outbuildings)
- Celestron computerised telescope and binoculars

Location & Local Information

Chateau Lucien is located in the Charente department of southwestern France, very close to the Dordogne border. Fly into Bergerac, Limoges or Bordeaux Airports or take the high-speed train service from Paris to Angoulême, just over a 35-minute drive away.

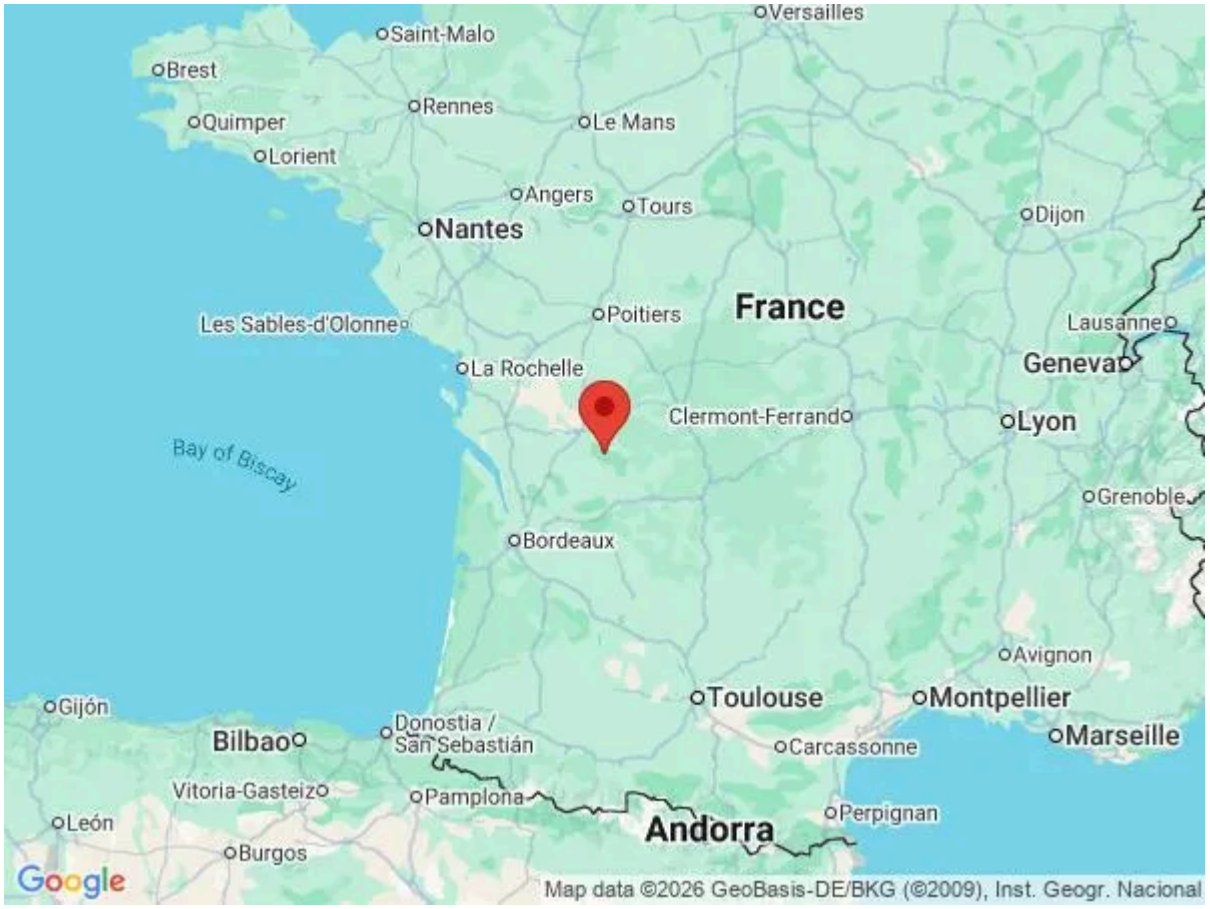
In the heart of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region, a stay here offers an authentic French experience, far removed from the bustling tourist crowds yet still close to many iconic attractions in southwestern France.

Start off by making the most of the château's two bicycles and cycle to nearby villages, each with its own charm and local heritage. For outdoor enthusiasts, discover the natural beauty of the Perigord-Limousin Natural Park offering an abundance of outdoor activities including hiking and biking in beautiful surroundings.

No visit to this region is complete without indulging in its renowned gastronomy. Charente and Dordogne are famous for their exquisite cuisine, from rich foie gras to earthy truffles. With vineyards dotted throughout the landscape, you'll find a wealth of local wines that perfectly complement your meals or you could venture further afield to the likes of Cognac (75km), Saint-Émilion (101km) and even Bordeaux (140km).

Closer to home, visit the famous markets in Piégut-Pluviers (35km) and Ribérac (35km), experience the arts and crafts of the pretty village of Nontron (30km), then soak up the character of Aubeterre-sur-Dronne (43km). Meanwhile, Montbron (26km) sits by the Tardoire River with its watermills, not far from the Michelin starred Moulin de la Tardoire.

For history and culture lovers, the Dordogne is steeped in fascinating heritage. Explore the charming town of Brantôme en Périgord (28km), often referred to as the 'Venice of the Dordogne', with its riverside walks and ancient abbey. The Dordogne is also home to several grand châteaux, such as the stunning Château de









Bourdeilles (31km) and Château de Jumilhac (72km), where you can immerse yourself in the region's noble past.

If you can find the time, a day trip to the historic town of Périgueux (54km) is another must, with its Roman ruins and vibrant markets offering a glimpse into the area's rich history.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Limoges Airport/Bergerac Airport (90km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bordeaux Airport (147km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Angoulême (30km)**
Nearest Village	**Rural Charente villages (Within a 10 to 15-minute drive)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Five recommended restaurants in local area (5 to 15-minute drive)**
Nearest Shop	**Bakery (6km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Carrefour Contact/Super U et Drive (10km/15km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Brantôme en Périgord/Angoulême (28km/30km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Club d'Angoulême (31km)**
Nearest Beach	**Royan (130km)**

What we love

- A stunningly beautiful French château that has been styled with artistic flair and historic character
- Superb features across the estate include an entertainment lounge with 85-inch Smart TV, games room, sauna, gym and private swimming pool
- The parkland is wonderfully maintained with magnificent views of the French countryside – enjoy long walks, cycle rides and picnics across the 6.5-hectare estate
- With a clear night sky and no pollution, enjoy star-gazing using the Celestron telescope
- Here you are off the beaten track, yet many fine French destinations await across the Charente and Dordogne

What you should know...

- The main château sleeps up to 8 guests (plus 2 children using a sofa-bed on request) across 4 bedrooms. A further 10 guests can stay in the charming annexes/outbuildings near the swimming pool which are more traditional in style – please see the 'Layout' tab for full details.
- Air-conditioning (hot and cold) is featured in seven bedrooms only. The two bedrooms in the Cottage Annexe (part of the outbuildings) do not have air-conditioning, however fans are provided.
- There are two caretakers who take care of the property – one lives in part of the northern outbuilding within the grounds but remains discreet and respectful of guests' privacy. If this is an issue, please discuss this with us at the time of booking in case alternative arrangements are possible.
- There is various wildlife across the grounds from deer and foxes to bats and owls – you may also see the caretaker's dog on occasion.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3000 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:** 17:00 - 10:00

- **Departure time:** 10:00

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

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

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, pets will only be allowed in the outbuilding accommodation. Pets are not allowed in the main chateau.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** A cot and highchait can be requested. Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms upon confirming the booking. Weddings and other special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties are not allowed. Air-conditioning is featured in seven bedrooms only. The two bedrooms in the Cottage Annexe (part of the outbuildings) do not have air-conditioning, however fans are provided.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **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.

- **Other Cleaning:** Mid-stay clean for bookings of 8+ nights

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

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

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes (only turned on if needed in spring and winter).

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. Pool heating should be requested in advance. 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 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.