La Petite Maison Bleue

Region: France **Sleeps:** 2

Overview

Overlooking the ever-changing flow of the Loire, La Petite Maison Bleue offers a special retreat in the heart of Montsoreau. This charming stone abode is a beautifully curated hideaway for two, exuding historic character and classic French style, once featured in The Sunday Times as one of the "10 best gîtes in France".

Inside, the open-plan living space is inviting and well-equipped, with a modern kitchen, comfortable seating, exposed stone and heavy wood beams. The double bedroom offers a pretty place to rest, with a shower area and separate WC. Outside, your very own terrace is an idyllic spot whether enjoying morning coffee or evening apéritifs with remarkable views stretching over the roof tops and across the river.

Set in the heart of the village, everything you need is just steps away. Stroll along the characterfully steep lanes to the boulangerie for fresh croissants, enjoy a riverside lunch at a local restaurant or browse the Sunday market for regional produce. Bike and canoe hire are available in the village, perfect for exploring this idyllic stretch of the Loire at your own pace.

The location places you perfectly to discover the best of the Loire Valley. Just 12km away, Saumur enchants with its hilltop château, vibrant streets and the renowned Cadre Noir equestrian school. Nearby, the abbey of Fontevraud, the medieval town of Chinon and the charming lanes of nearby Candes-Saint-Martin offer rich cultural excursions. Further afield, discover iconic châteaux from the storybook turrets of Château d'Ussé to the regal splendour of Château Royal d'Amboise.

Whether you're sipping local Crémant on the terrace, cycling the riverside paths of the Loire à Vélo or simply soaking in the rhythm of village life, La Petite Maison Bleue promises an authentic and unforgettable escape in one of France's most captivating regions.

Facilities

<1hr to Airport • Pure France • Boat Trips • Cycling • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Watersports • Horse Riding • Golf Nearby • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Walk to Restaurant • Parking Space • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • DVD • Dishwasher

Interior & Grounds

La Petite Maison Bleue Interiors (60m2)

- Steps to front door
- Open-plan living area with sofas, chairs, TV, DVD player and Wi-Fi
- Open-plan kitchen area with gas hob, oven, dishwasher and fridge
- Bedroom with double bed, shower and sink
- Separate WC

Outside Grounds

- Private terrace with table, chairs, parasol and sun loungers (and views of Loire River)
- Private parking

Other Facilities

- Independent utility room with washing machine (shared with next door apartment)

Location & Local Information

La Petite Maison Bleue sits at the heart of the riverside village of Montsoreau, surrounded by characterfully steep lanes, stone façades and sweeping views of the water. Just moments away, the confluence of the Loire and Vienne rivers marks the meeting point of some of the most enchanting destinations in the Loire Valley. The village offers a good range of amenities including a bakery, small supermarket, butchers, wine-bars and restaurants as well as bike and canoe hire. The Sunday morning street market is especially atmospheric.

Stroll to neighbouring Candes-Saint-Martin (2km), where Gothic spires rise above half-timbered houses, or cycle/drive through vine-lined country roads to Fontevraud-l'Abbaye (4.5km), home to one of Europe's largest monastic complexes and the resting place of Eleanor of Aquitaine.

A short drive also leads to Saumur (12km), where the white-turreted château crowns the skyline, and the legendary Cadre Noir displays the grace of classical horsemanship. Here, beneath the tuffeau caves, some of France's finest sparkling wines await discovery.

Wine-lovers are in their element, with tastings at family-run estates and grand domaines alike, from Chinon's rich reds to Saumur's delicate crémants. Canoeing or kayaking along the Loire offers a fresh perspective of the valley's quiet splendour, while the Loire à Vélo cycle trail provides a scenic route along UNESCO-protected landscapes.

This region is a treasure trove of châteaux. From the romantic turrets of Château d'Ussé (21km), said to have inspired Sleeping Beauty, to the historic grandeur of Château Royal d'Amboise (85km), once the home of kings and da Vinci himself, every excursion is a step through centuries of French heritage.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Tours Val de Loire Airport (72km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Poitiers-Biard Airport (80km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Montsoreau (Short walk)**
Nearest City	**Tours (61km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Saint-Malo (266km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Loudun-Fontevraud (8km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Montsoreau (Short walk)**

Nearest Shop	**Small supermarket, bakery and butcher (Short walk)**
Nearest Town	**Saumur (12km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Saumur (13km)**
Nearest Village	**Montsoreau (0km)**

What we love

- A beautifully restored stone hideaway for two, as featured in The Sunday Times' "10 best gîtes in France"
- Panoramic views over the Loire River from your very own terrace – perfect for morning coffee or sunset apéritifs
- Brimming with charm, from exposed stone walls to wooden beams and classic French touches throughout
- Ideally located in the heart of Montsoreau, with boulangeries, restaurants and the riverside just steps away
- Explore nearby treasures including Saumur, the abbey of Fontevraud and the medieval town of Chinon

What you should know...

- Guests need to be able to manage steps/stairs when staying at La Petite Maison Bleue, as well as the characterfully steep lanes across the village.
- Guests can access an independent utility room with a washing machine, shared with the rental apartment next door.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €150 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:** 5.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.