# La Grand Cour

**Region:** France **Sleeps:** 10

## Overview

La Grand Cour offers a delightful blend of rustic charm and family comfort in a privileged setting for exploring the Loire valley. Tucked behind a large front courtyard, this spacious country home is set in one hectare of private grounds, with lawns that invite garden games, a poolside terrace and shaded spots perfect for long, leisurely lunches.

Inside, the house radiates warmth and conviviality. The fully equipped kitchen flows out to the garden, ideal for al fresco breakfasts or evening barbecues by the trees. Original beams and stone fireplaces add character to the inviting living and dining room, while a library/games room complete with billiard table offers a quiet spot for reading or family competitions after a day's exploring.

With five bedrooms arranged across two wings, the layout suits both privacy and togetherness. A separate staircase leads to the master en suite bedroom, while the second staircase reveals a further double ensuite, a family shower room and three additional bedrooms including a dorm-style bedroom with five single beds beneath the eaves.

Outdoors, days pass easily between dips in the heated 13-metre pool, games of *boules* and relaxed meals on the terrace. Younger guests will love the trampoline and swings, while adults can unwind with a glass of local wine overlooking the verdant garden.

La Grand Cour is perfectly placed for discovering the best of the Loire. Just five minutes by car from the bakery in Benais and only 3km from Bourgueil, where you can hire bikes or linger over lunch, the area is rich in charm and convenience. Saumur, with its majestic château and riverside cafés, is just half an hour away, while the historic city of Tours is within easy reach for grander days out.

Ideal for families and groups seeking a relaxed base with space to spread out, La Grand'Cour promises a classic French countryside escape in a superb location for exploring the many highlights of the Loire valley.









## Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Pure France • Cycling • Historical Sites • <1hr to Airport • Ideal for Kids • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Heated Pool • Pets on Request • Cottage • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Games Room • Garage • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Swings • Trampoline • Boules/Petanque

# Interior & Grounds

### House Interiors

*Main Floor (with some steps)*

- Entrance hall
- Living and dining room with sofa, fireplace, dining table and door to garden
- Games room/library with billiard table
- Kitchen with breakfast table, well-equipped including fridge-freezer, microwave, oven, hob and dishwasher

*First Floor Wing I (via first staircase)*

- Master bedroom 1 with double bed and ensuite bathroom with WC, bath/shower, separate shower and two sinks

*First Floor Wing II (via second separate staircase, sloping ceilings)*

- Bedroom 2 with double bed and ensuite bathroom with WC, bath/shower, separate shower and two sinks
- Bedroom 3 with narrow double bed
- Shower room with shower and sink
- Separate WC
- Bedroom 4 with double bed (connects with Bedroom 5 below)
- Bedroom 5 (dorm-style room accessed via Bedroom 4) with five single beds and shower room with WC, shower and sink

### Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (13x5m)
- Poolside terrace and sun loungers
- Shaded dining terrace with barbecue
- Trampoline, swings and boules court
- Garage with washing machine and dryer
- 1 hectare of private lawned gardens with mature trees and flowers
- Large front courtyard and private parking









# Location & Local Information

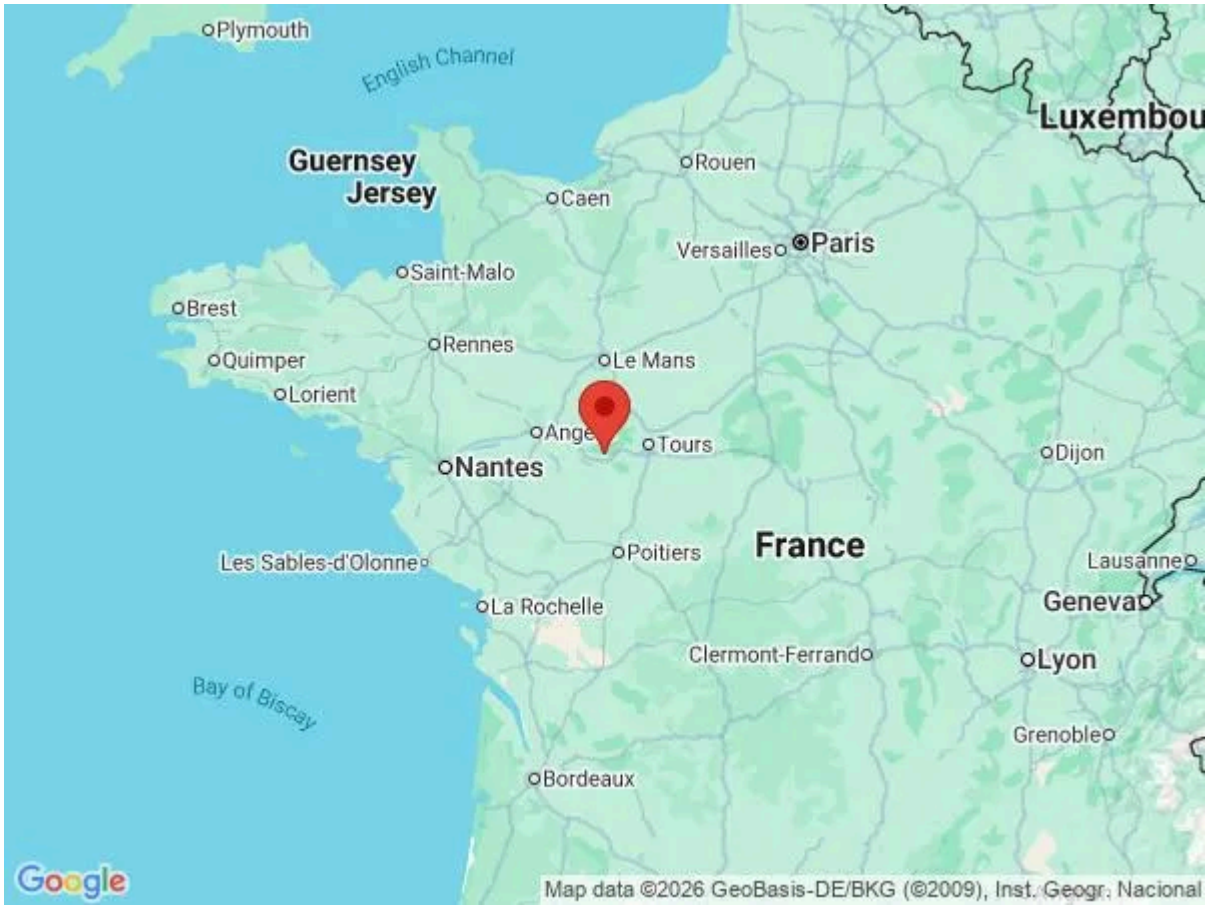
On a country road leading to the Indre-et-Loire village of Benais (1.5km), this Loire Valley setting offers rural charm and cultural richness. Benais, just a five-minute drive away, is home to a traditional bakery for your morning baguettes whilst you are also only 4km from the market town of Bourgueil, where you'll find restaurants and local bike hire.

The area is a gateway to the best of the Loire Valley. Just 30 minutes west lies the elegant riverside town of Saumur, with its fairytale château, bustling wine-bars serving sparkling white wine and excellent shopping. Head east and you'll reach Tours in 45 minutes – a vibrant city full of museums, markets and stylish boutiques. For wine lovers, the entire region is a treasure trove. Taste the celebrated reds of Chinon and Bourgueil or enjoy guided tours through vineyards, sampling the best of the Loire's world-renowned vintages.

Active travellers will delight in the many outdoor pursuits on offer. The Loire River invites exploration by boat or canoe, and the famed Loire à Vélo cycle route weaves through charming hamlets and riverside landscapes. A short drive south takes you to Candes-Saint-Martin (18km), one of France's Plus Beaux Villages, where cobbled streets meet majestic river views. A little further in Chinon (23km), paddle along the Vienne River or unwind in one of the town's intimate wine bars, soaking in the storybook setting.

History and architecture enthusiasts will be spoilt for choice. Visit the spectacular Fontevraud Abbey (24km), final resting place of Eleanor of Aquitaine, or admire the Renaissance elegance of Château d'Azay-le-Rideau (28km). The manicured gardens of Villandry (29km) are a feast for the senses, while the turreted skyline of Saumur adds a romantic flourish to any day out.

Whether you're exploring on two wheels, sampling fine wines or marvelling at centuries-old architecture, this location offers an authentic taste of the Loire – picturesque and irresistibly French.










## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | **Tours Val de Loire Airport (59km)** |
| Nearest Airport 2 | **Aéroport de Poitiers-Biard (96km)** |
| Nearest Airport 3 | **Nantes Atlantique Airport (168km)** |
| Nearest City | **Tours (49km)** |
| Nearest Golf | **Golf de Loudun-Fontevraud (27km)** |

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| Nearest Restaurant | **Bourgueil (4km)** |
| Nearest Town | **Chinon (22km)** |
| Nearest Train Station | **Port-Boulet (10km)** |
| Nearest Village | **Bourgueil (4km)** |
| Nearest Supermarket | **Bourgueil (5km)** |

# What we love

- Set within a hectare of private grounds, with a heated 13-metre pool, shady terraces and lawns for garden games
- Full of character with original beams, stone fireplaces and a cosy library/games room with billiards
- Kids will love the trampoline, swings and boules court in the spacious garden
- Just 3km from Bourgueil – perfect for bike hire, long lunches and tasting the region's famous wines
- Explore Loire treasures nearby, from riverside Saumur and historic Tours to the Loire River and its grand châteaux

# What you should know...

- There are five bedrooms in total across two separate wings of the first-floor – please see the "Layout" tab for details.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 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:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Friday.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.
- **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 payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.
- **Internet access?:** Yes.
- **Pool towels included?:** Not included.
- **Pool opening dates?:** 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.