Chateau De Culas

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 15

Overview

Built in the 12th century by the Knights Templar as a fortress protecting the land against pillaging Saracens, this château in the French Riviera is now a stunning holiday retreat with a dramatic backdrop within the French Alps.

Hosting up to 15 guests across the seven-bedroom home, this château is ideal for friends or families travelling together. The château has been uniquely renovated to include all the comforts of home, not to mention superbly designed bathrooms with craftsman-style features, the well-appointed kitchen, elegant sitting rooms and charming outdoor lounge and dining spaces.

Set on 11 private acres, guests will enjoy relaxing dips in the heated private pool, plus hiking trails straight from the château with views that will never be forgotten.

The château's hilltop location provides ultimate peace and serenity, with no neighbours in sight. However, when in need of a bit of culture, the village of Saint Andre les Alpes is just over 2.5km away, with shops, delicious cuisine and village tours.

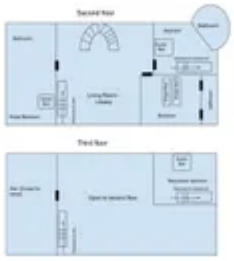
The highlight of the area has to be Lake Castillon, with pristine turquoise waters that make it one of the most popular watersports lakes in France. The château not only offers beautiful aerial views of the lake, but exclusive access to a private beach as well!



Facilities

Weddings • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Private Pool • Horse Riding • Watersports • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Cycling • Chateaux & Castles • Wellness • Ideal for Teens • Marquee Hire Permitted • Chef/Cook Available • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Available • Pets on Request • Heated Pool • Chapel on Site • Outdoor Ceremony • Heritage Collection • Pool Safety Feature • Waterfront • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Nearby Church/Chapel • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Pool/Snooker • Indoor Games • DVD • Gym/Fitness Room • Hot Tub • Tumble Dryer • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Home Cinema • Heating • Water park • Forest park/High-rope course • Babysitting Available • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)







Interior & Grounds









Château Interiors

Ground Floor

- Entrance and hallway with grand piano
- Living room (via steps)
- Billiard room
- Kitchen, well-equipped
- Bathroom (in the château tower) with bath and toilet

First Floor

- Family bedroom with king-size double bed, two singles and bathroom (in tower) with bath and toilet
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and toilet
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, toilet and balcony
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite bathroom

Second Floor

- Bridal suite with queen-size double bed and open bathroom with bath, two showers and toilet
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed, bathroom (in tower) with shower and toilet. Stairs leading to mezzanine attic level with queen-size double bed
- Bedroom with twin beds (can be joined as a double) and open bathroom with shower and toilet
- Open-plan hallway with living area and library

Basement

- Vaulted stone cellar/wine and food tasting room

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (14mx7m) with safety fencing. Open mid-May to mid-September.
- Barbecue and bar area

- Al-fresco dining area with sound system
- South-facing garden terrace
- 11 acres of private land
- 5-person jacuzzi
- Gym

Facilities

- Music system
- Jacuzzi
- Grand piano

Location & Local Information

The château is situated just over 2.5km from the village of Saint André les Alpes where you will find bakeries, cafes, a supermarket, ATM and petrol station. There are also great restaurants in the village and locally, as well as a small local market on a Wednesday and Saturday morning.

There is fishing on the private lake less than 300m away, accessed via a small fairly steep track, or alternatively head 3km by road to the public beach on the other side. Watersports that are available on the lake in the summer include canoes, pedalos, windsurfing, catamarans and stand-up paddle boards. There is also lovely swimming and canoeing opportunities in the river Verdon that flows into the lake.

There is horse riding, pony trekking and golf nearby the château. You will also be able to find quad-biking, white-water rafting and canyoning in the area, cycling plus some wonderful trekking opportunities, with some routes straight from the château. Castellane (23km) is an especially great town for those seeking exciting activities, about half an hour away by car.

There are also some great flying schools and it's great fun watching the tandem-paragliding nearby if you don't wish to take part!

The incredible and famous Verdon Gorge (53km) is just over an hour away, ideal for hikers but can also be enjoyed from your car.

There are many beautiful villages in the region for you to discover where you can soak up the Provencal charm and admire their rich history. These include Colmars (32km), Annot (44km), Entrevaux (58km), Moustiers St Marie (66km) and a little further, but worth it, is Sisteron (74km), a delightful village of flowers.

Other highlights include the spa towns of Digne (45km) and Gréoux-les-Bains (80km) or head south to the stunning town of Grasse (85km) with its fascinating perfume heritage and marvellous landscapes.

Nice, Cannes, Monaco and the French Riviera coast are all just over 100km of the château for a brilliant day-out.









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Nice Airport (125km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Marseille Airport (169km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Saint André les Alpes (3km)**
Nearest Shop	**Bakery in Saint André les Alpes (3km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Saint André les Alpes (3km)**

Nearest Town/City	**Digne (45km)**
Nearest Village	**Saint André les Alpes (3km)**

What we love

- The first sighting of the hilltop château is a memorable, feel-good experience – one that never dissipates
- The wealth of activities nearby including private beach access and fishing on Lake Castillon, hang-gliding, skiing, horseback riding and more
- The village of Saint Andre les Alpes, where you will find cafes, shops and restaurants, is just over 2.5km away

What you should know...

- The Château sleeps up to 15 guests across seven bedrooms including one family quad bedroom and one bedroom with a mezzanine level - please see the "Features" tab for more details.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 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, although please note that there may be some additional costs during the low season.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including pool towels.

- **Pets welcome?:** Yes.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** The pool is open approximately start-June to end-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. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday in July and August. Flexible during all other periods.

- **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?:** Outdoors only.

- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights from April to end-September. 3 nights during all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, although please note that there may be some additional costs during the low season.

- **Pool heating charge?:** No. 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 (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.