

Chateau Persee

Region: Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

Surrounded by the rolling fields of the Aveyron countryside, Château Persée is a storybook escape where heritage and French charm live side by side. Dating back to the 15th century, this majestic estate invites guests to experience life at a gentler pace, wrapped in the elegance of a bygone era. As you arrive, the timeless façade and spacious grounds offer a sense of grandeur, setting the tone for a stay defined by comfort and connection.

Inside, the château's richly layered interiors reveal centuries of character. A grand salon with a crackling fireplace and an intimate sitting room provide spaces for gathering and reflection. The rustic kitchen and dining area invite long, candle-lit meals, where culinary exploits begin on the Lofra Doubleoven and end with stories shared over local wine. For moments of solitude, all five bedrooms offer restful sanctuaries, each uniquely styled with antique flourishes, two with en suite bathrooms.

Step outdoors and the enchantment continues. Days drift by beside the secluded pool or in the soothing embrace of the hot tub, surrounded by expansive gardens. As dusk settles, al fresco dining under the glow of string lights becomes a cherished ritual, whether it's wood-fired pizza with the family or a celebratory feast under the stars.

Located near the village of Montbazens, Château Persée lies in one of southern France's most captivating yet underexplored regions. From the cobbled charm of Belcastel to the medieval mystery of Peyrusse-le-Roc, every day offers a new discovery. Local markets brim with regional flavour, while day trips to Saint-Cirq-Lapopie or Rocamadour unveil some of France's most iconic treasures. Outdoor enthusiasts will find endless adventure across the wider region's rivers, trails and gorges, while culture lovers can uncover the artistic heart of Rodez and beyond.

Ideal for couples, families or groups, the château provides generous space without losing its warmth or historic character – a place where past and present weave together to create something rare.

Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Walking/Hiking Paths • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Cycling • TV • Coffee Machine • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Heritage Collection • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Board games • Pool Safety Feature • Dishwasher • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Fire Pit • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages



Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

Entrance Level

- Main Entrance
- Chapel
- Vaulted cave/cellars
- Laundry room

First Floor (via spiral staircase from entrance)

- Entrance hall
- Drawing room with fireplace
- Dining room
- Tower room
- Kitchen, well-equipped including breakfast table, Lofra range, coffee maker, kettle and dishwasher
- Pantry
- Small lounge/study with TV

Second Floor

- Bedroom with double bed and en suite with shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite with claw-footed bath and WC
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with two single beds
- Bedroom (attic room, sloping ceiling) with two single beds and exposed wood beams
- Separate shower room and WC

The third floor is not accessible to guests

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (17x5m, depth: max 2m), pool area accessed via lockable gate. Open approximately Easter to October
- Hot tub
- Al-fresco dining table beneath ancient trees with string lights
- Gas-fired barbecue, pizza oven and firepit
- Outdoor games
- Large garden/grounds



Location & Local Information

Located in the Aveyron countryside, Château Persée is a short distance from the village of Montbazens. This undiscovered corner of southern France is rich with traditional character and authentic charm. To the north is the Lot River or venture south to iconic gems such as Najac, Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val and the Gorges de l’Aveyron.

Montbazens (1.5km) itself offers essential conveniences, including a good bakery, a butchers and a simple local restaurant (best visited in the evening). Be sure to experience the village’s Wednesday morning market where stalls brim with regional produce. Some guests choose to walk to Montbazens (along country roads, no pavement) or it’s a quick drive/cycle ride.

Within a short distance, guests can uncover a tapestry of picturesque villages. The fairytale hamlet of Bournazel (7km) is home to a beautifully restored Renaissance château, while the medieval ruins of Peyrusse-le-Roc (10km) are steeped in mystery and intrigue. One of the region’s crown jewels is Belcastel (20km), a riverside village of stone houses and cobbled lanes, famed not only for its breathtaking setting but also for its Michelin-starred dining.

For a deeper dive into local life, venture to the weekly markets of Villefranche-de-Rouergue (28km) or Decazeville (13km), each offering a colourful slice of rural culture. Get there early to soak in the best of the stalls and savour the atmosphere. Rodez (40km), the historic capital of Aveyron, is also within easy reach and offers a vibrant cultural scene, including museums, galleries and the renowned Soulages Museum dedicated to France’s celebrated abstract artist.

For adventurous day trips, the dramatic cliffside village of Rocamadour (73km) and the vast underground caverns at Gouffre de Padirac (80km) make for an unforgettable outing. Alternatively, soak in the beauty of Saint-Cirq-Lapopie (60km), one of France’s most beloved villages, or explore the medieval streets and outdoor activities around Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val (60km) and the spectacular Gorges de l’Aveyron.

Indeed, this part of France is a paradise for outdoor adventurers who love cycling, hiking, canyoning, rafting, kayaking, wild swimming and so much more. The owner can also advise on the best wine tasting routes across the wider region.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Rodez-Marcillac Airport - summer only (36km)
Nearest Airport 2	Brive-Souillac Airport (118km)
Nearest Airport 3	Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (152km)



Nearest City	Rodez (40km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Bilbao/Caen Ouistreham/Saint-Malo (567km/683km/690km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local restaurant in Montbazens (1.5km)
Nearest Shop	Bakery in Montbazens (1.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	U Express et Drive (3.5km)
Nearest Town	Decazeville/Villefranche-de-Rouergue (13km/28km)
Nearest Village	Montbazens (1.5km)

What we love

- Step back in time at this enchanting 15th-century château, where heritage and historic elegance blend seamlessly
- Relax in the grand salon by the fire or gather for candle-lit dinners beside the charming rustic kitchen with its Lofra range
- Unwind outdoors with a dip in the private pool or soak in the hot tub, followed by al-fresco feasts beneath twinkling string lights – perfect for barbecues and pizza nights
- Explore nearby gems like Belcastel and Peyrusse-le-Roc and soak up the atmosphere at wonderful local markets
- Venture further to iconic sites such as Rocamadour, Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val and the incredible Gorges de l'Aveyron

What you should know...

- The kind and hospitable owner lives next door to the château in a separate dwelling.

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:** 5:00 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.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** 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:** Flexible
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Additional €300 taken by OT, mid stay clean also included for stays over 14 nights. 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.
- **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 in July & August. 3 nights in all other months.
- **Tax:** Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.