

Manoir De Levesque

Region: France **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

In a beautifully private and tranquil part of the Loire Valley, surrounded by countryside dotted with wineries, this 17th-century Manor House offers the perfect retreat within striking distance to some of the gems of this wonderful region.

Exposed beams, original stone walls and rustic fireplaces speak of the *manoir's* history, while modern amenities and furnishings offer guests comfort and warmth. Four spacious bedrooms in the Manor House accommodate up to eight guests, while the adjoining, newly renovated cottage, ideal for a family with children, sleeps an additional six across three bedrooms (both with the option of adding an extra bed for a supplement.) For larger parties, an additional gite can be requested for an additional three guests, allowing up to 19 guests in total to stay over the three homes.

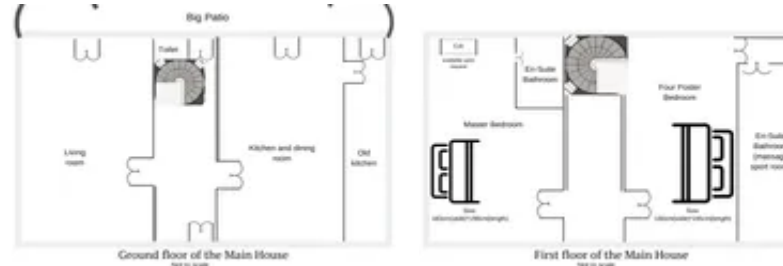
Perfect for a pampering holiday or perhaps a unique hen party, the owners can arrange for an in-house masseur to make the most of the massage table in one of the beautifully designed bathrooms for a moment of pure relaxation accompanied by music.

Fantastically secluded with glorious grounds and a heated salt-water swimming pool, spend the days relaxing in the outdoor lounge followed by an evening dining al-fresco by the barbecue and playing your favourite tunes on the duke box, sipping wine from the neighbouring vineyards – you may never want to leave! There's also a wonderful yoga viewing platform at the top of the garden.

Despite this private setting, just a few minutes by car brings you to the local historic town of Doué la Fontaine, well known for being the rose capital of Europe. Just outside you will also find the Bioparc, an animal park in a troglodyte site which provides an immersive experience amidst lush vegetation and waterfalls.

It's just under a 30-minute drive to the vibrant town of Saumur, resting on the Loire River, with its excellent shops and restaurants, the famous equestrian school Cadre Noir and the delicious sparkling white wine which you can sample in the area. Visit the fairy-tale château, take a boat up the Loire river or hire canoes.

That said, you needn't travel far to experience the true character of the Loire Valley with Manoir De Levesque's historical architecture and 17th century charm.



Facilities

Ideal for Kids • Pure France • Villa • Boat Trips • Cycling • Tennis Nearby
• Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking
Paths • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Heated Pool
• Ideal for Teens • Chef/Cook Available • Pool Safety Feature • Parking
Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Easy By Train • Outstanding Landscapes •
Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis
• Indoor Games • Dishwasher • Outdoor Games • Working
Fireplace/Woodburner • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available
• Board games • Bikes • Badminton • Boules/Petanque

Interior & Grounds

Manor House (8 guests plus option for one extra bed)*

The Manor House sleeps 8 people and has four en-suite bedrooms (2 double 160cm x 195cm, 1 double 160 x 198cm, 1 twin 85cm x 185cm each) plus the option for an additional bed in the twin bedroom, subject to an extra cost. There is also a kitchen which includes a dishwasher, microwave, fridge, freezer, toaster, oven, hob and coffee machine. An iron and ironing board can be made available on request. Please note there is an open-sided staircase.

Cottage (6 guests plus option for one extra bed)*

The adjoining Cottage sleeps up to 6 people and has three bedrooms (two twins and one double) plus the option for an additional bed in the upper twin bedroom, subject to an extra cost. One of the twin bedrooms is on the ground floor and is suitable for for guests with reduced mobility. The other bedrooms are on the first floor.

It has a delightful kitchen complete with microwave/oven, dishwasher and hob. There is a comfortable and spacious sitting/dining room with French windows leading out onto the private terrace, garden, and salt water swimming pool beyond. Downstairs there is a wet-room with the twin bedroom next door. Upstairs, both bedrooms have en-suite shower rooms.

The cottage is centrally heated for cooler weather during the winter months. The cottage is the most suitable accommodation at Manoir De Levesque for families with children.

*The extra beds are subject to a supplement, please request at the time of booking

Gite (extra cost on request and subject to availability only)**

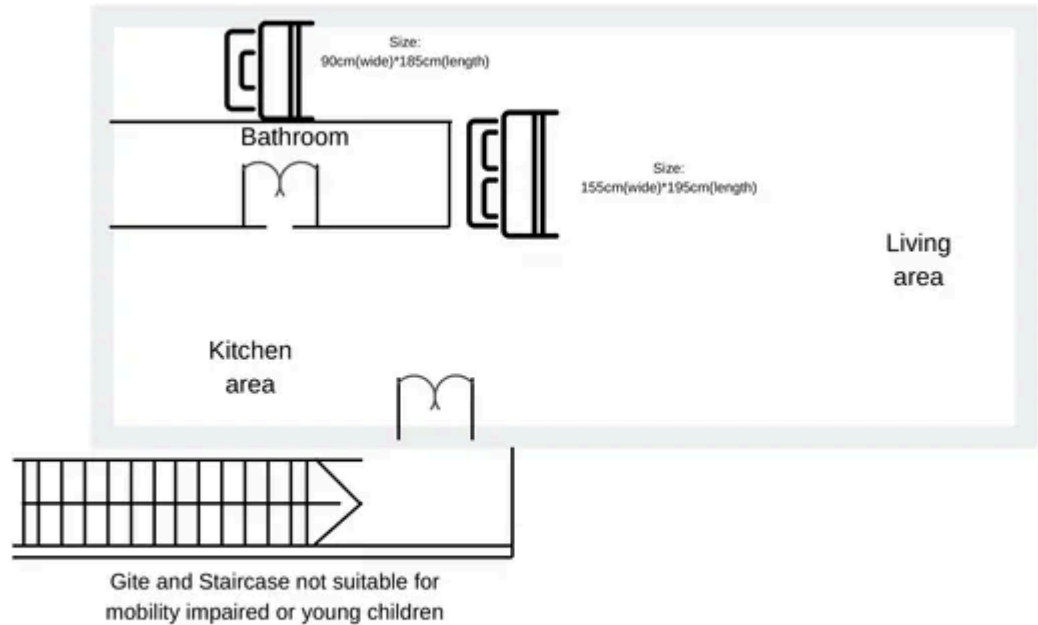
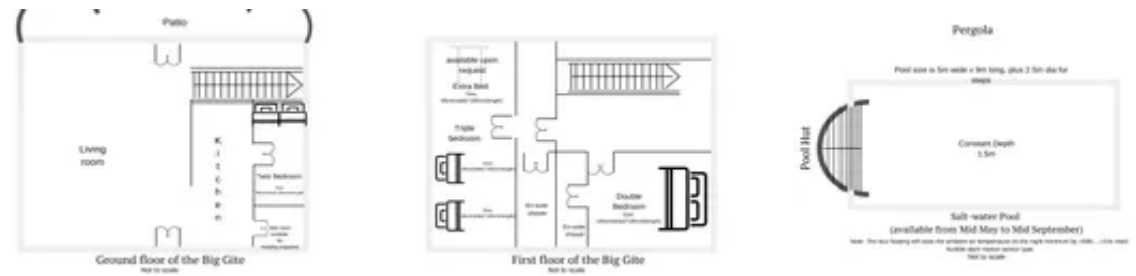
The owner may occasionally occupy this small gite when not booked, however guests' privacy is not affected and only the driveway and car park are shared areas. The gite is at the end of the drive at the beginning of the property and entirely separate.

The property also offers an adjoining smaller open-plan studio gite which sleeps 3 people (1 double bed 155cm x 195cm and 1 single bed 90cm x 185cm) which can only be booked in addition to the Manor House and Cottage. Please note the gite has an external staircase and is not suitable for small children or guests with reduced mobility.

**Please note that the gite is subject to availability only and must therefore be requested and confirmed at the time of booking. Please enquire for pricing.

Outside Grounds

- Heated salt water swimming pool (5m x 9m, depth: 1.5m) with safety alarm. Open approximately mid-May to mid-September
- Sun Loungers
- Patio Furniture



Plan of the Little Gite (accomodate 3 people)

- Private garden
- Communal garden
- Terrace/patio
- Barbecue
- Belvedere (yoga viewing platform)
- Badminton
- Boules
- Parking

Facilities

- Satellite TV with international channels
- Wi-Fi Internet
- Radio
- Massage table
- Gym equipment
- Hairdryers on request
- Books and games

Location & Local Information

Manoir De Levesque is in a beautiful and secluded setting in the Maine-et-Loire department of the Loire region, only 5km from the local town.

The owners co-own some of the neighbouring vineyards and tours and private wine-tastings in a studio can be arranged. Bread delivery can also be arranged three times a week, as can wine and beer delivery! The owners have three bikes that can be hired in order to explore this wonderful region.

It's just 5km from the town of Doue La Fontaine, a commune steeped in history and known as the rose capital of France, within a region reputed to be the number one producer of the flowers in Europe, exporting them since the 18th century.

Within 4km sits the famous Bioparc of Doue la Fontaine, an animal park located in a shelled sedimentary rock quarry, providing a unique and immersive experience amidst lush vegetation, watered by numerous waterfalls.

The vibrant town of Saumur (26km), resting on the Loire River, has a reputation for its excellent restaurants, its famous equestrian school Cadre Noir and the delicious sparkling white wine which you can sample in the area. Visit the fairy-tale château, take a boat up the Loire river or hire canoes. Other highlights nearby include a visit to the Fontevraud Abbey (36km) or the fascinating Troglodyte caves in Rochemenier (10km).

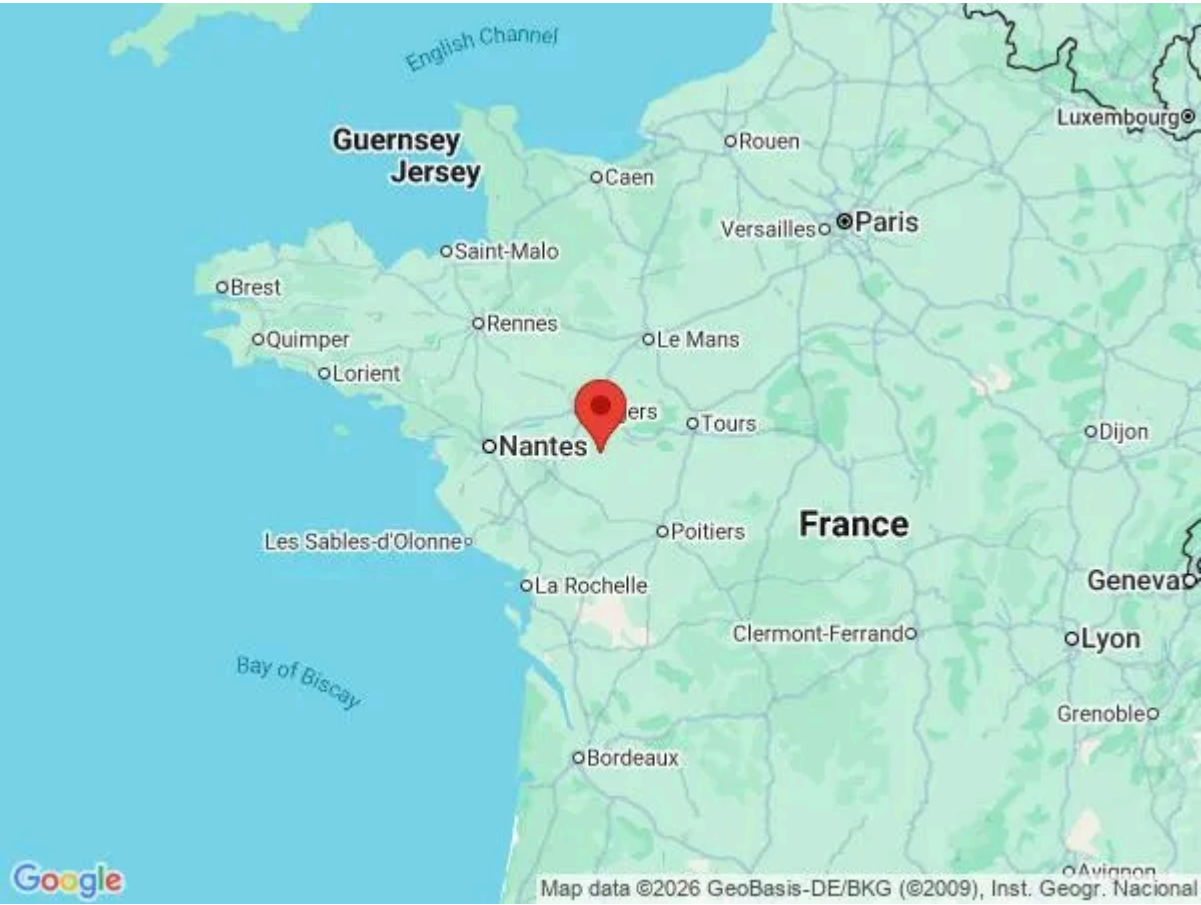
Heading north, cross the Loire River and you'll reach the city of Angers (46km) on the River Maine with its magnificent 13th century castle and vibrant cultural and student vibe. Explore the narrow cobbled streets of the old town, full of cafes and restaurants and visit the largest tapestry in the world.

There are plenty of hiking routes in this area or you can hire bikes to follow some wonderful trails both locally and further afield such as parts of the *Loire à Vélo*, a cycle route which follows the Loire river.

The *Manoir* is around 3 hours drive from Paris, or the TGV takes 1.5 hours to Angers (46km), either from the centre of Paris (Montparnasse) or directly from Charles de Gaulle airport. The Chateau is then 40 mins drive from Angers and car hire is very easy from the station.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Angers (65km)
Nearest Airport 2	Tours Val de Loire Airport (112km)
Nearest Ferry Port	St Malo (250km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Saumur (24km)



Nearest Restaurant	Doué-la-Fontaine (6km)
Nearest Supermarket	Doué-la-Fontaine (6km)
Nearest Town/City	Doué-la-Fontaine (6km)

What we love

- Despite this private setting, just a few minutes by car brings you to the local historic town of Doué la Fontaine, well known for being the rose capital of Europe but also for its Bioparc
- This is the perfect place for a pampering holiday or a hen-night. There's even a massage table in one of the bathrooms and an in-house masseur can be arranged
- Beautiful Saumur on the Loire River is just a 30-minute drive
- The historical architecture and unique 17th century charm allows you to experience the true character of this captivating region
- For something extra special you can arrive or be collected by helicopter in the *Manoir's* grounds!

What you should know...

- There is the option of adding two extra beds (one to the Manor House, one to the Cottage) subject to a supplement - please request at the time of booking.
- There is also an additional gite for up to 3 extra extra guests on request and subject to availability - please see the 'Property layout' tab for further details and enquire for pricing. The gite is not suitable for young children or guests with reduced mobility.
- Please note that the Manor house also has an open staircase (the Cottage is most suitable for families with children).
- The mobile signal at the property is weak so there is a telephone guests can use in the main house, payable locally.
- Please note that only 2 nappy age infants per booking are permitted to stay at Manoir De Levesque (one in the *manoir* and one in the cottage).

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, excluding pool towels.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Hen parties, celebrations and other special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag parties and weddings are not permitted.
 If guests wish to use a chef or catering service in the chateau there is an additional catering fee payable locally - please enquire for further details.
 A telephone in the main house can be used for incoming and local outgoing calls (payable locally) as mobile coverage in the property is weak.
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- **Changeover day:** Saturday.

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** 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?:** Smoking and vaping are not permitted.

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

- **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 (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Internet access?:** Internet is delivered by fibre and provides a UK IP address (BBC iPlayer works). When it works it works well but sometimes it is unpredictable, therefore it is not guaranteed.

- **Pool towels included?:** Not included.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is guaranteed from June to August, before and after it is weather-dependent. 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.

- **Beach towels included?:** Not included.