Chateau De Briand

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

Beyond a long driveway, Château de Briand reveals itself as a countryside abode where heritage and modern comfort coexist with ease. Dating back to 1887, this beautifully restored château sits within expansive private grounds, close to the charming riverside town of Mansle.

Inside, the château unfolds across three spacious floors, thoughtfully designed for both relaxation and sociable living. A contemporary kitchen with a central island anchors the home, alongside an attractive dining area and lounge, each opening onto the front terrace. Sleeping up to 12 guests, six well-appointed bedrooms provide flexibility for families or groups, alongside four good-sized bathrooms on the first and second floor.

Outside, the private heated pool sits to the rear, surrounded by a sun terrace and loungers, ideal for cooling off in the warmer months. The front garden stretches wide, perfect for games or moments with a book, while table tennis adds a playful touch for all ages. Evenings are best spent dining al-fresco by the barbecue, no doubt enjoying good produce from local markets.

Set in the Charente region of France, the château enjoys a well-connected location between Luxé and the riverside town of Mansle. In Mansle, cafés, bakeries and local markets offer an authentic taste of French life, while the gentle flow of the Charente River invites walks, fishing, summer kayaking and relaxed afternoons by the water.

Dine out in restaurants across villages such as Luxé, Tusson and Aigre, discover wonderful markets and brocantes across the region. Indeed, one of the oldest Cognac houses in France, Maison Gautier, is only 12 minutes away in Aigre and offers an excellent tour and tasting experience.

Further afield, Angoulême brings cultural flair and vibrant streets or spend the day soaking up the charm of Poitiers - both cities can be reached by train from nearby Luxé. Meanwhile, Cognac itself offers the chance to explore its world-renowned distilleries.

Whether gathering with family or escaping for a slower pace of life, Château de Briand offers a setting where each day unfolds with rural elegance and effortless charm.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Pure France • Chateaux & Castles • Cycling • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Ideal for Kids • Fishing • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Special Offer • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • Pool Safety Feature • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Washing Machine •

Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • Theme park • Forest park/High-rope course • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

- Entrance hall with access to front terrace and rear courtyard
- Salon with Smart TV, high-speed Wi-Fi and door opening to front terrace
- Dining room with table, chairs and door opening to front terrace
- Large kitchen with central island, well-equipped including two fridge-freezers, separate wine fridge, oven/hob, dishwasher, air-fryer, coffee makers and other appliances. Door opens to front terrace
- Utility room/WC with washing machine, dryer, WC and hand basin

First Floor (via beautiful winding staircase)

- Bedroom 1 with king-size double bed and ensuite WC, shower and hand basin
- Bedroom 2 with super king-size double bed
- Bedroom 3 with king-size double bed
- Separate bathroom with WC, shower and hand basin

Second Floor

- Bedroom 4 with king-size double bed and ensuite WC, shower and hand basin
- Bedroom 5 with two double beds (140 cm each)
- Bedroom 6 with double bed
- Separate bathroom with WC, shower and hand basin

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (10x4m) with safety cover
- Private grounds with large front garden, parkland and woodland (seven acres)
- Al-fresco dining area
- Barbecue
- Table tennis, boules set and cornhole
- Steps leading down to grounds
- Long driveway and parking

Additional Facilities

- High-speed Wi-Fi (inside and outdoor areas)
- Softened water supply

Location & Local Information

Set in the Charente countryside, Château de Briand enjoys a beautiful setting within seven acres of grounds including woodland. This is a place where days unfold to the rhythm of rural French life, yet with easy access to nearby towns and villages rich in character and charm.

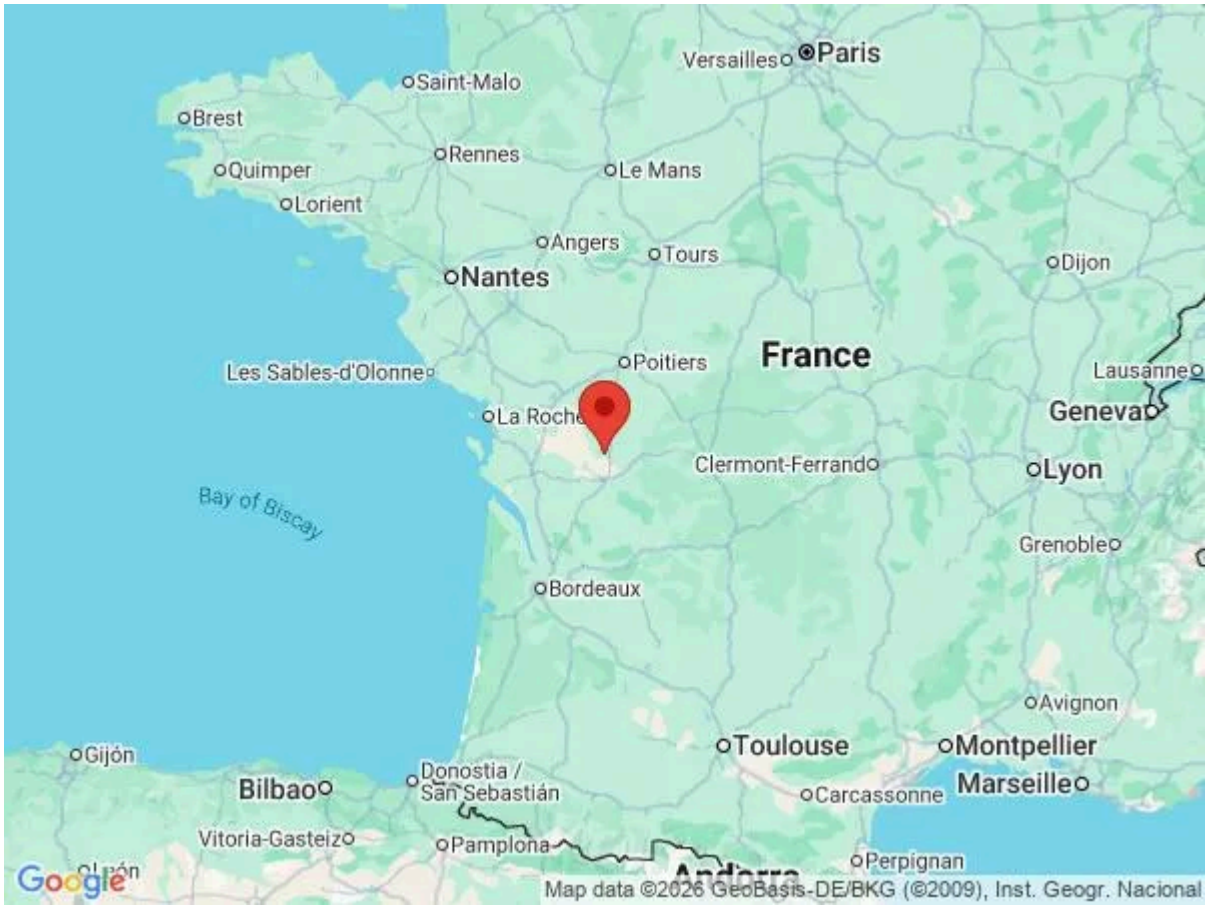
The château is located on the road leading to the historic town of Mansle, a relaxed yet well-serviced hub with supermarkets, bakeries, café bars and restaurants. Set along the banks of the Charente River, the town is ideal for leisurely strolls, summer canoeing and kayaking, fishing or simply enjoying the authentic atmosphere.

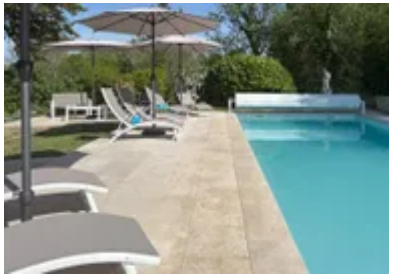
Even closer to the château, there is a train station only 2km away with services to Ruffec, Angoulême and Poitiers (and connecting TGV services to Bordeaux and Paris) as well as a couple of highly regarded restaurants – do check opening days/times in advance. The local hippodromes in Luxé and Mansle have events throughout the summer.

Further restaurants can be found within a short drive. Indeed, the surrounding area is dotted with picturesque villages and lively market towns, each offering its own appeal. Discover the medieval charm of Tusson (9km), visit and tour the famous Cognac distillery in Aigre (11km) or explore the riverside beauty of Verteuil-sur-Charente (17km) and the abbey at Nanteuil-en-Vallée (28km). Meanwhile, Ruffec (22km) is particularly delightful on market day.

For a wider range of shops and cultural experiences, Angoulême (32km) makes an excellent day trip, famed for its hilltop old town, vibrant café culture and the renowned National Comic Strip and Image Centre, as well as its classic car race in September.

For a memorable excursion, Cognac (50km) invites you to tour its famous distilleries and sample its world-renowned spirit, while the Charente Valley itself offers endless opportunities for scenic walks and river adventures. The theme parks Futuroscope and Aquascope are just over one hour away and can even be accessed by direct train from nearby Luxé.





Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Poitiers-Biard Airport (89km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Limoges Airport (91km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**La Rochelle Airport/Bordeaux Aéroport (129kn/155km)**
Nearest City	**Angoulême (32km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Saint-Malo/Caen-Ouistreham (416km/460km)**

Nearest Golf	**Golf Club d'Angoulême (37km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Luxé (2km)**
Nearest Town	**Mansle (4.5km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare de Luxé (2km)**
Nearest Village	**Luxé (2km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Super U et Drive (4.5km)**

What we love

- A beautifully restored 19th-century château blending heritage charm with high-end interiors
- Set in 7-acres of grounds with parkland and woodland – the heated swimming pool and sun terrace offer a relaxing spot to unwind
- Just a short drive from Mansle, with riverside walks and kayaking along the Charente River
- One of the oldest Cognac houses in France, Maison Gautier, is in nearby Aigre and offers an excellent tour and tasting experience
- Alongside pretty Charente villages and market towns, Angoulême, Poitiers and Cognac also make rewarding day trips

What you should know...

- Located on the road leading to the historic market town of Mansle, a car is essential to be able to reach local amenities and explore the region. There is also a rural train station only 2km away with departures towards Ruffec, Angoulême and Poitiers (connecting to Paris and Bordeaux via TGV).
- Some local restaurants tend to be closed Mondays and Tuesdays so do check ahead.

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:** 9.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Celebrations 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:** 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?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in July and August. 5 nights otherwise.

- **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).

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

- **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.