

Chateau des Pyrenees

Region: Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

A short walk from the heart of Bagnères de Luchon, Château Des Pyrénées is a remarkable reminder of the region's Belle Époque heritage. Completed in 1874 during the town's golden age as one of Europe's most fashionable thermal destinations, this atmospheric neo Gothic château has been thoughtfully restored to offer an extraordinary retreat. Rich in architectural character yet designed for modern living, it invites guests to experience the charm of a genuine French château without compromising on comfort or convenience.

Spanning more than 650 square metres across four principal floors and an attic, the château provides an abundance of space for memorable holidays. Eight beautifully appointed double bedrooms, including an impressive master suite, are complemented by a collection of elegant reception rooms that encourage both lively celebrations and moments of relaxation. The thoughtful layout creates an easy rhythm for extended families and groups of friends, allowing everyone to enjoy privacy while sharing unforgettable experiences together.

Original Belle Époque features remain at the heart of the château's appeal. Hand painted ceilings, colourful stained glass, decorative plasterwork and decorative fireplaces reflect its rich architectural heritage, while the magnificent Grand Salon is home to a beautifully restored 1904 Érard grand piano in rare palissandre wood, celebrating the artistic spirit of the era. The dining room sets the scene for leisurely dinners around the antique table, with meals prepared in the gorgeous kitchen and served on the home's exclusive collection of vintage Villeroy & Boch porcelain tableware. Meanwhile, the study, billiards room and games lounge provide welcoming spaces to unwind throughout the day.

Outside, the château enjoys an elevated position at around 650 metres above sea level, bringing refreshing summer temperatures and far reaching views. Manicured lawns, mature trees and a majestic Lebanese cedar frame the grounds, while the main terrace provides the perfect spot for morning coffee or relaxed evening aperitifs with the Pyrenees visible in the distance.

The location combines beautiful surroundings with exceptional convenience. Guests can stroll into Bagnères de Luchon to discover restaurants, cafés, bakeries, shops and the lively twice weekly outdoor market. The renowned thermal spa complex continues a wellness tradition dating back to Roman times, while nearby tennis courts and a 9-hole golf course offer plenty of opportunities for recreation.

The town's cable car (open seasonally) provides easy access to hiking, cycling and skiing, while spectacular natural landmarks within driving distance include Lac d'Oô, the Vallée du Lis and the famous Port de Balès. With the Spanish border only around fifteen minutes away by car, spontaneous day trips into the beautiful Val d'Aran complete the appeal of this exceptional Pyrenean escape.



Facilities

Historical Sites • Romantic • Walk to Village • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Exclusive • Canoeing/Kayaking • Recommended • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Paragliding • Chateaux & Castles • Catering Available • Pets on Request • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Maid Service Available • Chef/Cook Available • Walk to Restaurant • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Games Room • Indoor Games • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Heating • Climbing • Rafting • Kid-friendly excursions • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Transfers Available • Forest park/High-rope course • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

Garden Level

- Entrance hall
- Cloakroom/WC
- Games room with table tennis
- Billiard room
- Original cellar (currently used for storage)

Main Floor

- Main entrance hall with original staircase
- Grand salon with 1904 Érard grand piano, original Belle Époque architectural features, antique furnishings, two large modern sofas and large antique fireplace (decorative only, not in use)
- Dining room with antique dining table, six antique dining chairs and cosy seating area with a small sofa
- Library/study
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including Smeg range cooker, Bosch appliances (fridge-freezer, dishwasher, coffee machine, built-in combi microwave oven, electric kettle and toaster)
- Utility/laundry room with Bosch washing machine/dryer and ironing facilities
- Bedroom with double bed (1.6m)
- Separate shower room with shower, wash basin and WC (next to bedroom)
- Access to large terrace overlooking garden with panoramic views of Pyrenees

First Floor

- Master suite (two connecting rooms) with double bed (1.6m) and en suite bathroom with bath, separate shower, wash basin and toilet
- Bedroom with double bed (1.8m) and en suite bathroom with shower, wash basin and toilet
- Bedroom with double bed (1.6m) and en suite bathroom with shower, wash basin and toilet
- Tower bedroom with double bed (1.45m)

Second Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (1.45m)
- Bedroom with double bed (1.45m)
- Tower bedroom with double bed (1.45m)
- Additional room – a bed can be added if needed
- Bathroom with bath, separate shower, washbasin and toilet

Attic

- Attic room – a single bed can be added if needed

Outside Grounds

- Chateau terrace overlooking garden with panoramic views of Pyrenees with outdoor seating and coffee table
- Garden dining area with large wooden dining table with matching chairs
- Barbecue (on request only)



- Manicured lawns and mature trees
- South-facing garden settings
- Plenty of parking (and driveway up to château grounds)

Additional Facilities

- High-speed fibre Wi-Fi

Location & Local Information

On the edge of the elegant spa town of Bagnères-de-Luchon, Château Des Pyrénées enjoys an enviable setting in the heart of the French Pyrenees, approximately 650m above sea level with glorious vistas of forested peaks and beautiful valleys. Often referred to as the "Queen of the Pyrenees", Luchon has long been celebrated for its refined charm, thermal heritage and spectacular mountain scenery. Furthermore, this area often brings cooler summer temperatures than much of southern France.

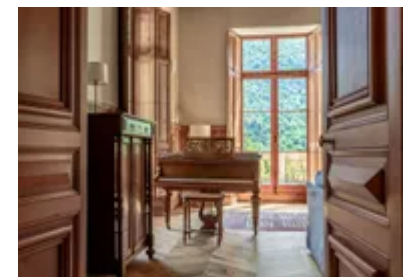
The château is set slightly above the road leading to Luchon, approached by a private driveway (a gentle uphill slope). Guests can stroll into the thriving spa and market town to soak up its relaxed atmosphere, where inviting cafés, bakeries, shops and a twice-weekly market line the streets. The renowned thermal spa complex (750m), recently reopened, continues a wellness tradition dating back to Roman times, offering the perfect place to unwind after a day outdoors.

The surrounding area offers a range of excellent activities including year-round courts at the town's excellent tennis club (1km) and a wonderfully maintained 9-hole golf course (1.7km). In the height of the summer, the Crémaillère Express cable car (1.3km) to Superbagnères opens up a network of scenic hiking, cycling and mountain biking trails, allowing visitors to experience the Pyrenees from breathtaking new perspectives. The Crémaillère Express cable car is open seasonally - both during the winter ski season and the summer mountain season (usually early-July to early September as well as certain weekends in June and September) - exact dates vary year by year.

Nature lovers will be spoilt for choice with unforgettable landscapes close at hand. The striking Lac d'Oô (16km), one of the Pyrenees' most iconic mountain lakes, rewards walkers with crystal-clear waters framed by towering peaks and a dramatic waterfall cascading into the lake below. Equally captivating is the peaceful Vallée du Lis, where woodland trails, rushing streams and picturesque picnic spots create an idyllic setting for a day immersed in nature. For keen cyclists and lovers of mountain scenery, the spectacular Port de Balès (21km) offers sweeping panoramic views and is renowned as one of the Pyrenees' most celebrated mountain passes.

Other regional activities include trail running, paragliding, rafting, canyoning and fishing whilst the winter brings skiing, snowshoeing and other mountain winter sports. Discover further golf courses within driving distance, while the Spanish border can be reached in around fifteen minutes, making spontaneous day trips into the beautiful Val d'Aran wonderfully easy.

Whether discovering traditional mountain villages, enjoying authentic local cuisine or simply admiring the changing alpine scenery, guests can experience the unique blend of French and Spanish Pyrenean culture from this exceptional location.



What we love

- Stay in a beautifully restored 19th-century neo-Gothic château, where Belle Époque elegance meets modern comfort just a short walk from Bagnères de Luchon
- Admire remarkable original features, from hand-painted ceilings and stained glass to the Grand Salon's rare 1904 Érard grand piano.
- Relax in elegant reception rooms, a billiards room and games lounge, or enjoy the south-facing gardens and grand terrace with idyllic views
- Wander into the heart of Bagnères de Luchon for cafés, restaurants, shops and the town's popular twice-weekly market
- Discover the Pyrenees with summer hiking and mountain biking - the seasonal cable car to the ski resort of Superbagnères is just a short walk away
- Fancy crossing borders? The Spanish Val d'Aran is only around a 15-minute drive away for memorable day trips

What you should know...

- Château Des Pyrénées sleeps up to 14 guests across eight double bedrooms. There are two additional rooms that can have single beds added on request - please see the "Layout" tab for details and enquire for more information.
- Bagnères-de-Luchon is a year-round spa and market town with shops, cafés and many restaurants serving locals and visitors throughout the year. That said, some restaurants, outdoor activities and mountain attractions are seasonal. This includes the Crémaillère Express cable car, which operates only during the winter ski season and on certain dates in summer (usually daily from early July to early September, plus some weekends in June and September). It's worth checking exact operating dates in advance, as they can vary.
- Winter stays at Château Des Pyrénées are possible for skiing and wintersport adventures – please enquire.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2500 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:** 3.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 12.00 p.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. Small pets only. An additional €500 security deposit will also be required.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Small celebrations or events may be considered and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €750, payable to Oliver's Travels with the balance payment. 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:** 3 nights.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.