Chateau D’Aurelle

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

Set amid meadows and centuries-old trees, Château D'Aurelle invites guests to experience the grandeur of French aristocratic life in the heart of the Vienne countryside. Following an extensive restoration, this remarkable riverside château has been thoughtfully reimagined, preserving its extraordinary heritage while introducing contemporary comforts and a wonderfully intimate atmosphere.

With origins dating to the 12th century, the estate has witnessed generations of noble families, including the Marquise de L’Hôpital, who commissioned the château in 1710. Its illustrious past lives on through beautifully preserved architectural details, from the grand carved staircase to the magnificent Grand Salon, where a sculpted Neo-Renaissance ceiling, rich wood panelling and imposing marble fireplace create an unforgettable setting. Throughout the interiors, original 18th-century artworks mingle with carefully collected antiques and pieces by celebrated artists including Picasso and Georges Jouve.

Designed for gatherings of family and friends, the château accommodates up to 15 guests across seven individually styled bedrooms, each with a private bathroom. Elegant spaces encourage leisurely afternoons, while the atmospheric library, intimate Petit Salon and games room with billiards and poker table spaces for every occasion. A professional kitchen and characterful dining room complete the experience, complemented by daily breakfasts and the attentive service of a private concierge.

Beyond the château, expansive grounds invite exploration. Wander woodland paths, gather seasonal produce from the vegetable garden, enjoy a match on the tennis court or spend sunlit afternoons beside the swimming pool. Paddle boarding along the River Vonne and horse riding (on request) offer further opportunities to discover the estate.

Just 30 minutes south-west of Poitiers, Château D'Aurelle is perfectly positioned for exploring western France. Discover medieval Lusignan, the historic streets of Poitiers or the celebrated vineyards and châteaux of the Loire Valley. Families can enjoy Futuroscope, while the waterways of the Marais Poitevin promise peaceful adventures.

For those seeking history, refined hospitality and the pleasures of French country living, Château D'Aurelle offers an exceptional setting for time together.









Facilities

Private Pool • Romantic • Walking/Hiking Paths • <1hr to Airport • Ideal for Kids • Horse Riding • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Cycling •

Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Tennis Court • Wine Tasting • Chateaux & Castles • Air-Con • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Wow Factor • Ideal for Teens • Heated Pool • Chapel on Site • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Pool Safety Feature • Parking Space • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Waterfront • BBQ • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Pool/Snooker • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Games Room • Indoor Games • Bicycles Provided • Outdoor Games • Heating • Transfers Available • On-Site Concierge • Breakfast Included • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Château Interiors

Ground Floor

- Entrance foyer
- Grand salon with marble fireplace and wood panelling
- Petit salon with wet bar and working fireplace
- Library
- Dining room with table for 10 guests (can be extended to 15 with additional table)
- Breakfast room
- Games room with poker table, billiards table and board games
- Professional kitchen
- WCs (x4)

First Floor

- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and WC
- Bedroom with king-size double bed, sofa-bed (for child/teen) and en suite bathroom with bath and WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and WC
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath, shower and WC

Mezzanine Level (between first and second floor)

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and WC

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (15x7m, depth: 0.8-2.8m, heated up to max 28C) with safety barrier/walled access
- Large terrace
- Barbecue
- Parterre landscaped garden
- Tennis court (competition-grade)
- Bikes
- Vegetable garden and orchard
- Fountain and water feature
- Private chapel
- River access and paddle
- Woodland with footpaths and riding paths
- Extensive parking

Location & Local Information

Located in the countryside of the Vienne department, Château D'Aurelle enjoys an beautiful setting just half an hour south-west of Poitiers. Surrounded by extensive grounds, within the estate guests can enjoy a game of tennis, woodland walks or paddling along the river, whilst on-site horse-riding can also be arranged.

The charming medieval town of Lusignan (9km) is the nearest destination for shops and restaurants. Steeped in history and associated with the legend of the fairy Mélusine, its historic streets and medieval heritage offer a delightful glimpse into traditional French life.

A little further away, Poitiers (29km) is renowned for its remarkable Romanesque architecture, historic churches and atmospheric old town, with inviting cafés and restaurants. Families will also love Futuroscope (43km), an innovative theme park celebrated for its immersive attractions, spectacular shows and futuristic experiences.

Nature lovers should not miss the enchanting Marais Poitevin Regional Natural Park, around an hour by car, a vast network of peaceful waterways, wetlands and picturesque villages. Often referred to as the Green Venice, this beautiful natural landscape is best explored by traditional flat-bottomed boat or canoe, gliding beneath leafy canopies and discovering its rich wildlife.

For other memorable day trips, venture north towards the magnificent Loire Valley, where Chinon (93km), Saumur (104km) and Tours (133km) offer an enticing combination of historic châteaux, picturesque riverside scenery and celebrated vineyards.

Château D'Aurelle benefits from being easily accessible. Poitiers is approximately 90 minutes from Paris Montparnasse by TGV, whilst Poitiers Airport (29km) provides another convenient arrival option. For those travelling by car, the A10 motorway connecting Paris and Bordeaux passes close by, with the Saint-Maixent junction just 18km from the château.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Poitiers-Biard Airport (29km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Lusignan (9km)**
Nearest Town	**Lusignan (9km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Poitiers (31km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Intermarché Super Lusignan (10km)**









What we love

- Step into centuries of history at this beautifully restored château, filled with exquisite antiques, original artwork and magnificent period features
- Enjoy the services of a private concierge, with breakfast included and bespoke experiences possible throughout your stay
- Make the most of the extensive estate with a swimming pool, tennis court, woodland walks and paddle boarding along the River Vonne
- Discover the medieval charm of nearby Lusignan or treat the family to a fun-filled day at Futuroscope
- Further afield, explore the beautiful waterways of the Marais Poitevin or discover the historic châteaux and vineyards of the Loire Valley

What you should know...

- The château can sleep up to 14 adult guests across 7 bedrooms, one of which also features a sofa-bed suitable for an additional child/teen. Please see the “Layout” tab for details.
- A concierge service is included - the on-site manager acts as a host and concierge and helps organise everything during your stay (chef, restaurants, horse-riding, taxis, other activities etc). All organised activities and services are paid for locally. He lives on the estate and stays in a separate building within a wing of the château – it’s quite far from the main house so guests can still enjoy full privacy.
- With riverside access and a beautiful fountain, children should be supervised across the extensive grounds.
- While there is no television, a video projector is available upon request, which can be set up anywhere in the property.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3000 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:** 3pm
- **Departure time:** 12pm
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Small dogs may be allowed on request, please enquire at the time of booking. If accepted they must stay off furnishings and outside of the bedrooms.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and special events are not permitted.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.
- **Minimum stay:** 3-nights
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally at the property (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.