Chateau Belle Vie

Region: Picardy & Nord-Pas de Calais **Sleeps:** 26

Overview

Château Belle Vie has always been about the good life. It was built in the 1880s by a wealthy family as a home where they could entertain in grand style. Not surprisingly, the reception rooms are the highlight of the house. Most have intricate wood paneling, all have views of the garden and the dining room still has the original table, which can extend to seat up to 30 lucky *bon vivants*.

The new owners had a similar dream: to restore the château to its former grandeur and create a spectacular holiday or events venue offering an intoxicating mix of both elegance and fun for all guests, from children to grandparents. And all of this so close to the UK!

Besides the elegance of the bedrooms, the grand dining room and the impressive entrance hall with grand staircase, the château also offers entertaining touches like indoor mini-tennis, a snooker room, table tennis and even an indoor trampoline room. The setting is tranquil and idyllic, in four hectares of gardens and woodland, with the River Aa running through the grounds. There is a heated swimming pool very close to the house, in a wonderful sunny, secluded spot surrounded by banks of wild flowers. The tennis court is in a beautiful setting, with trees all around, and lots of seating for spectators!

As well as being an easy journey from the UK, Château Belle Vie is also on the edge of a lovely village and just 400 meters from the village *boulangerie*. The village also has a cafe and a pharmacy.

The area has attractions galore: local markets, shopping, cathedrals, war museums and important sites and even the lovely beaches of the Opal Coast. Saint Omer, with all amenities as well as its well-known golf course, is only fifteen minutes away and Dunkirk is also within easy reach.

Thanks to this magnificent restoration, Château Belle Vie is once again the perfect setting for memorable holiday or event of friends and family who are celebrating '*la belle vie*'.









Facilities

Ideal for Kids • France250 • Weddings • Chateaux & Castles • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Parties • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Tennis Court • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Heated Pool • Special Offer • Has Offer • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Outdoor Ceremony • Flexible Catering Options • Pool Safety Feature • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • Rural Location • Indoor Reception Available • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Home Cinema • Heating • Board games • Xbox/Playstation/Wii • Swings • Trampoline • Boules/Petanque • Indoor mini tennis • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Château Interior (4 levels)

Ground Floor

- Fully equipped kitchen with kitchen table (seats: 12), large range cooker, 2 fridge/freezers, chest freezer, hob, oven, microwave, 2 dishwashers, Nespresso machine
- Dining room (seats: 30)
- 2 sitting rooms
- Library with large TV

First Floor

- 9 bedrooms
- 8 bathrooms

Second Floor

- 3 bedrooms
- 3 bathrooms
- Games room with table tennis and table football
- High-ceiling playroom with full-size trampoline
- TV room with Playstation and DVD collection

Basement

- Entrance hall
- Snooker room
- Guest W.C.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms in Château

- 12 bedrooms: 1 with super king size bed, 7 with king size beds, 2 with twin single beds, 1 with four single beds and 1 double room
- 11 bathrooms: 10 en-suite bathrooms (with bath and/or shower), 1 shower room

Outside Grounds

- 4 hectares of lawn and woodland
- Private heated swimming pool (8x6m, depth around 1.5m, two steps), reached via a safety gate (guests are given the key). Open approximately May to September
- Terrace
- Stables with indoor mini-tennis court for event use (fees apply)
- Parking space
- Barbecue area
- Outdoor seating area for up to 24
- Boules
- Swing
- Tennis court

Facilities

- Wi-Fi

- Central heating and logs
- Working fireplace
- Satellite TV
- DVD player with large collection of Blu-rays and DVDs
- 2 music systems
- Play Station 3
- Indoor mini-tennis court with rackets
- Indoor trampoline (5m)
- Snooker table
- Table tennis
- Boules
- Games room with table tennis and table football
- 8 bikes
- Large gas BBQ
- Washing machine
- Tumble dryer
- Iron & ironing board

Location & Local Information

Château Belle Vie sits on the edge of a quiet village with a small cafe, whilst lovely Saint Omer, only 15 minutes away, is where guests will find supermarkets, other shops and an excellent golf course.

This part of France is rich in history, cathedrals, war museums and important sites, markets and shopping. Dunkirk is nearby and the lovely beaches of the Opal Coast are just a 45-minute drive away.

Other must-see towns are Boulogne-sur-Mer, Le Touquet and Wimereux.
Within easy reach of Château Belle Vie are Tournehem and Clairmarais Forests, which are perfect for walking, cycling and picnics.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Lille/Brussels/Paris Charles de Gaulle (80km/200km/240km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Calais (45km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Calais-Frethun (45km)**
Nearest Beach	**Wimereux (50km)**
Nearest Golf	**AA Saint Omer Golf Club (11km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Saint Omer/Calais/Boulogne-sur-mer (8km/42km/49km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Aldi (5km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(2km)**
Nearest Village	**(500m)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**(600m)**









What we love

- An idyllic château so close to the UK
- The château is grand and elegant but remains fun and is perfectly suited to groups of friends and family, whether an event, wedding or relaxing holiday
- Everyone is entertained and catered for, with plenty to do in the château and also in the area
- There is a fabulous tennis court on site and a heated swimming pool, hidden behind a bank of wild flowers

What you should know...

- The château is a 30-minute drive from the Eurotunnel terminal. From the UK, by car it takes 3 hours from Junction 5 of the M25. By train and then taxi/car it is under 2 hours from St Pancras International Station.
- Due to the fabulous location on the edge of the village, excessive noise is not permitted.
- There is a cottage in the grounds sleeping up to four additional guests, which can be made available at an extra cost for bookings of over 26 guests - please enquire.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £1200 to be paid to the owner via bank transfer before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection. Please note that in case of stag/hen parties or single sex groups, the amount of the deposit is £2400 (on request only and subject to prior arrangement with owner).

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

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

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

- **Pets welcome?:** No.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, hen/stag parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms before the arrival. The guest signing the rental agreement must be aged 30 or above (an exception may be made for weddings - please enquire at the time of booking).

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. This requires that all rubbish is disposed of, and that the kitchen, fireplace, BBQ and all rooms are left clean and tidy. 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. Alternatively, guests may choose to book an optional exit cleaning fee of approximately £260/week or £240/3 days. Fees are subject to change - please check at the time of booking.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** No.

- **Minimum stay:** 3 nights.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, including fire logs.

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to September. 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.