

# Chateau De La Porte

Region: France Sleeps: 17

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## Overview

Château De La Porte is an 18th-century château equipped with 21st-century pleasures. Designed for entertainment as well as relaxation, the château is south facing with large windows giving each room a bright, warm and comfortable feel, overlooking the French gardens and swimming pool area.

Up to 14 adults and 3 children (under 12) can be accommodated here. With 1000m<sup>2</sup> of living space with various reception rooms alongside seven attractive bedrooms (and three children's single bedrooms), this magnificent residence has been redecorated and furnished with period flair and taste. Highlights include the Napoleon-style music room, medieval library and dining hall with huge fireplace for winter months. We also love the Louis XVI salon and the bar, not to mention the newly renovated kitchen.

Château De La Porte is surrounded by over seven acres of manicured private gardens with a heated swimming pool, 7-seater Jacuzzi, sauna, magnificent French garden with fountains and marble statues, Japanese garden with pond, a 14th-century moat, kitchen garden, barbecue and outdoor dining in the conservatory. Families will also appreciate the playground with a zipline, tree house, swings and trampoline.

The château has atmospheric lighting both indoor and outdoor with a surround sound system that augments the romantic atmosphere across the ground floor and pool area. Enjoy champagne in the Jacuzzi after dinner or head to the billiard room for a glass of Cognac.

Château De La Porte is set in the heart of a Loire Valley village, making it the perfect base to explore the famous vineyards, grand châteaux and even the beaches of the



Atlantic coast. Don't miss the bustling Tuesday morning market by the gates of the château and there is also a village tennis court that guests can use within walking distance.

Meanwhile, make the most of the château's bikes as you cycle through local forests, look out for horse-riding opportunities, enjoy a day out in nearby Cholet or venture further afield to the likes of Saumur, Chinon, Angers and Nantes to truly soak up the historic beauty of this captivating region.

## Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Private Pool • Ideal for Parties • Stag/Hen Allowed • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Ideal for Kids • Romantic • Fishing • Walk to Village • Golf Nearby • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Weddings • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Chateaux & Castles • Wellness • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Marquee Hire Permitted • Special Offer • Has Discount • Heated Pool • Outdoor Ceremony • Flexible Catering Options • Pool Safety Feature • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Washing Machine • Indoor Reception Available • Nearby Church/Chapel • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Gym/Fitness Room • Hot Tub • Sauna/Steam • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Board games • Babysitting Available • Swings • Trampoline • Slide • Treehouse • Bikes • Boules/Petanque • Pool inflatables • Baby proofing • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Chateau Interior (max. 14 adults + 3 children under 12)

### Ground Floor

- Entry Hall with double staircase and colonnades
- Dining hall with huge fireplace
- Sitting room, perfect for afternoon tea (or champagne)
- Office/study for those who need to stay in touch with the outside world (computer, Wi-Fi, copier & printer)
- Billiard room, perfect for a game and a cognac
- Music Lounge, Napoleon style sitting room with gilded and painted wall decor and a baby grand piano
- Winter TV lounge with plasma TV, comfortable seating and ceiling to wall paintings.
- Kitchen, fully equipped with new appliances including microwave, 2x fridges, freezer, hob, grill/oven, washing and drying machines, dishwasher
- Medieval library
- WC

### First Floor

*All the bedrooms are spacious and have brand new mattresses, bed linen and towels. Each has its own authentic decor and furniture.*

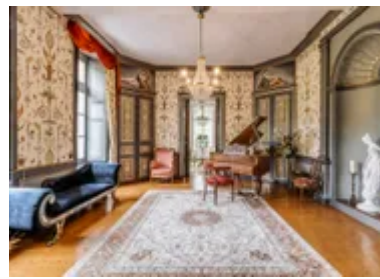
- Family suite with double king poster bed, adjoining a single child's bedroom (with space for a cot on request), en suite bathroom and 2 walk-in wardrobes.
- Bedroom 2 with king-size 4-poster bed, en suite bathroom.
- Bedroom 3 with king-size 4-poster bed, en suite bathroom.
- Bedroom 4 with king-size 4-poster bed and en suite bathroom.
- Bedroom 5 with 2 single beds (and doors lead to bedroom 4's en suite bathroom)
- WC
- Laundry room

### Second Floor

- Playroom (leading to bedrooms 8 and 9)
- Kitchenette
- Dining room
- Bedroom 6 with double bed
- Bedroom 7 with twin beds
- Bedroom 8 with single bed (children's bedroom)
- Bedroom 9 with single bed (children's bedroom)
- Bathroom

### Outside Grounds

- 7 acres of lush gardens surrounded by an ancient moat.
- Heated salt-water swimming pool (7m x 5m) with child area surrounded by palm trees. Open approximately May to October.
- Pool terrace fitted with designer sofas and deck chairs.
- 7 seater Jacuzzi overlooking the pool and the chateau.
- Terrace by the dining room for aperitifs.
- Conservatory with outside dining table and Webber barbecue.
- Antique gazebo overlooking the French gardens



- 14th Century moat and stone bridge
- French manicured gardens with water fountains, sculpted trees, roses and lavender bushes.
- Japanese exotic plant garden with Koi fish pond, bridge and sculpted marble bench.
- English park with magnolias, hortensias, rhododendrons and rare ancient trees.
- Fruit orchard
- Kitchen garden with vegetables
- Tree house in the old hollow oak tree
- Swings
- Hammock
- Firepit
- Remote control large entry gate.

### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Brand new sauna
- Large Gym & double showers in outdoor studio
- Large yoga room & dance studio all equipped
- Complimentary bicycles for adults and children
- Brand new outdoor ping pong table
- Renovated South & West facades & lighting
- Sonos sound system in all ground floor rooms
- All lounge rooms renovated & decorated in period style
- Animals which will entertain all ages (peacocks, ducks, black swans on the moat, 10 parakeets)
- Lots of fruit trees (cherries, apples, pears, figs, kiwis, apricots, plums,) and bushes giving berries, which are wonderful throughout the year from spring blossoms to picking time
- 1,500 trees and plants, including 300 flowers and new marble statues throughout the estate
- Zipline between trees for children to enjoy
- Professional cleaning room (professional washing machine, dryer and ironing board) in the outbuilding, as well as a laundry room in the chateau

## Location & Local Information

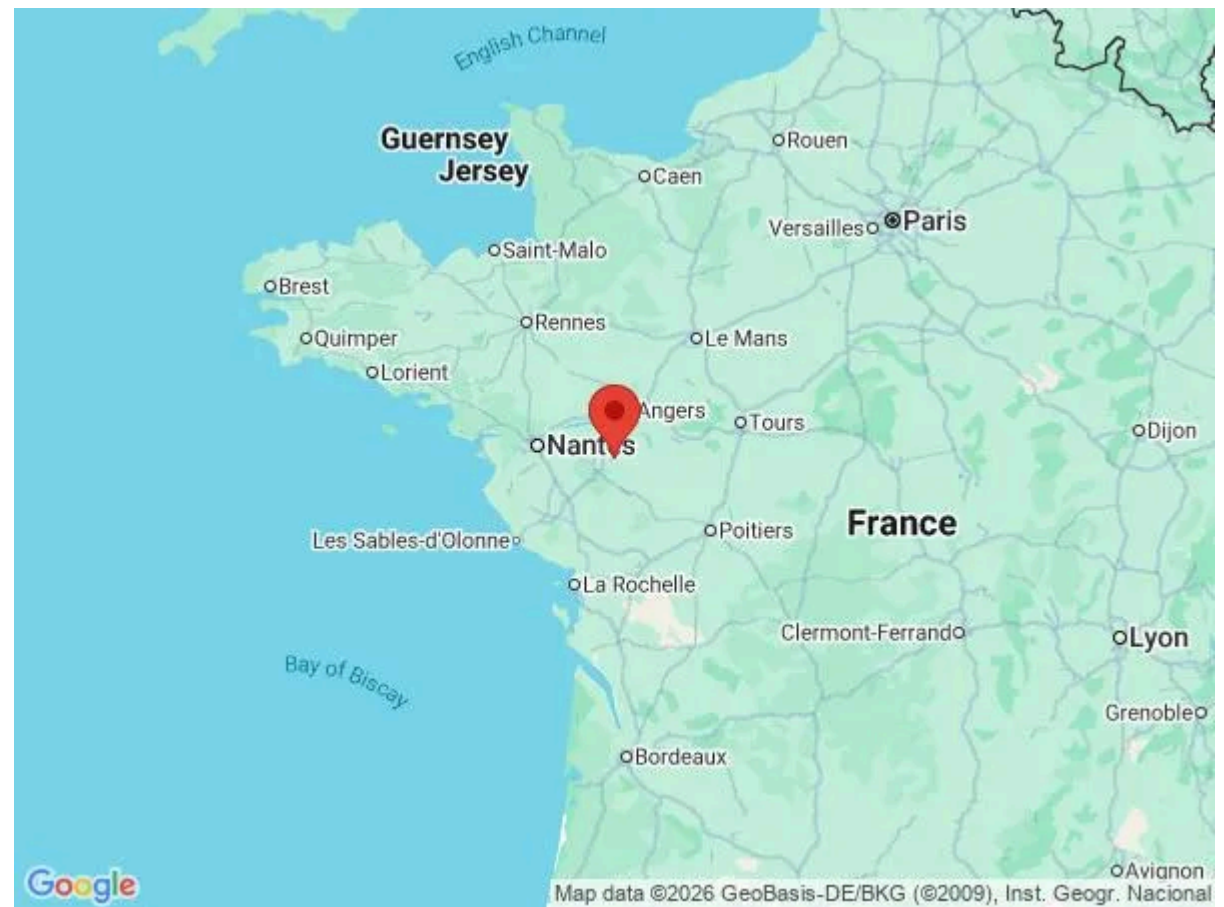
In the Maine-et-Loire region of central France, just over an hour from the city of Nantes, Château De La Porte is a great place to experience authentic French living in the heart of a small village. Step out of your private grounds and you will find yourself on the village square, home to a bustling Tuesday morning market. Amenities like a *boulangerie*, pharmacy, 24/7 grocery store, tennis court and a historic church are all within walking distance.

The village is surrounded by glorious landscapes and outdoor activities. Explore local cycling paths through nearby forests or enjoy horse-riding within a short distance. For culture and shopping, the vibrant town of Cholet (17km) is just a short drive away. Known for its rich textile heritage and bustling markets, Cholet is a hub of creativity and tradition. Wander its streets to discover unique shops, indulge in local gastronomy, stock-up at its twice-weekly market and delve into its fascinating museums. Be sure to visit the Musée du Textile et de la Mode to learn about the town's historical role in the French textile industry.

This location is also within reach of many highlights the Loire region from medieval villages surrounded by vineyards to grand châteaux, fortresses and palaces. From here, you can experience the cultural riches of Angers (55km) or explore the medieval towns of Saumur (56km) and Chinon (88km), ideal for canoeing/kayaking along the Loire or Vienne rivers as well as wine-tasting. Wine enthusiasts will also delight in visits to renowned vineyards like Savennieres and Domaine De Cloisel near Angers.

For a day out at the seaside, venture to the Atlantic coast and spend time at glorious beaches around Pornic (128km) and La Bernerie-en-Retz (124km) in the Loire-Atlantique region of western France.

## Local Amenities



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| Nearest Airport       | <b>Nantes Atlantique Airport<br/>(85km)</b>                           |
| Nearest Ferry Port    | <b>Saint-Malo/Caen Ouistreham<br/>(251km/311km)</b>                   |
| Nearest Train Station | <b>Chemillé-en-Anjou/Gare de Cholet/Angers<br/>(13km/17.5km/55km)</b> |
| Nearest Village       | <b>Village square by the château's gates<br/>(Short walk)</b>         |
| Nearest Shop          | <b>Bakery and grocery store in village<br/>(Short walk)</b>           |
| Nearest Restaurant    | <b>(10-minute drive)</b>  |
| Nearest Supermarket   | <b>Small supermarket in next village<br/>(5.5km)</b>                  |
| Nearest Town          | <b>Chemillé-en-Anjou/Cholet<br/>(11km/17km)</b>                       |
| Nearest City          | <b>Angers/Nantes<br/>(55km/77km)</b>                                  |
| Nearest Golf          | <b>Golf De Cholet<br/>(19km)</b>                                      |
| Nearest Beach         | <b>Pornic<br/>(127km)</b>   |
| Nearest Tennis        | <b>In the village<br/>(Short walk)</b>                                |

## What we love

- Château De La Porte has featured in Tatler, Vogue, House and Garden and GQ Magazines
- Relax by the heated swimming pool and 7-seater jacuzzi, make the most of the sauna or wander around the château's beautiful gardens
- It's wonderful for families with its tree-house, play area, zip-line, table tennis and plenty more games to keep everyone entertained
- There is also a yoga and dance studio as well as a well-equipped gym with showers
- Don't miss the village's Tuesday morning food market on the main square by the château's gates
- Enjoy fantastic days out to famous vineyards, grand châteaux of the Loire Valley or even the beaches of the Atlantic coast

## What you should know...

- The château sleeps up to 17 guests: 14 adults + 3 children under 12.
- There's a fish-pond and a moat around the boundary of the château.
- Please note due to the expansive grounds, despite a full clean, there may be bugs.
- From April to October, a caretaker lives on site in the caretaker's cottage and is available for concierge services (charges/rates apply for concierge services).
- Please note maintenance staff work week days onsite to keep the grounds beautiful and functional.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Included in the rental price, excluding heating.
- **Linen & towels included?:** All linen, bath and pool towels are included in the rental price.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** The chateau sleeps a maximum of 14 adults + 3 children under the age of 12. A cot and a high chair are available upon request. Please enquire at the time of booking. Weddings, hen/stag parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. From April to October, a full-time caretaker lives on site and can provide concierge services during the season - hourly rates and charges apply for concierge services. Please note maintenance staff work week days onsite to keep the grounds beautiful and functional.
- **Changeover day:** Monday in peak season (May to end-September) or flexible during the week in low season.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. However, 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** No smoking in the property.
- **Insurance:** It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in peak season (May to end-September). 3 nights during all other periods.
- **Heating costs included?:** Approximately €1000/week, when required.
- **Pool heating charge?:** No. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.