Chateau De Flora

Region: France **Sleeps:** 13

Overview

Live like royalty when you stay at this beautiful château in the Loire Valley. Built by a French nobleman over two centuries ago, Château de Flora offers a unique taste of history alongside fantastic amenities and great charm.

Be amazed by the grandiose living spaces on the ground floor. The main salon showcases its 16th century tapestries on the wood-panelled walls whilst antique furnishings surround the marble fireplace. The second salon is ideal for delightful evenings playing cards or listening to music; in the summer open up the French windows leading to the terrace and gardens. Enjoy fine dining with family and friends in the majestic dining room after creating a feast in the brilliantly equipped kitchen. Even kids have been thought of with a lovely children's corner featuring toys and games.

Up to 13 guests can sleep in six beautifully decorated bedrooms, each one strikingly individual – will you stay in one of the charming bedrooms with its own en suite bathroom decorated with Toile de Jouy wallpaper, the pretty double with its own library cabinet of English and French books or the delightful twin looking over the French gardens? Don't miss the little chapel on the second floor as well, another one of the enchanting attractions of this home.

Set in over seventy acres of parkland, Château de Flora features a heated swimming pool, private tennis court, table tennis, boules and badminton – enough to keep all the family entertained. Explore the arboretum of over 200 species of rare trees, pick flowers in the walled kitchen garden and relax by the pond.

If you can tear yourself away from the château then you'll find wine tours, historic villages, canoeing on the Loire and









some of France's most magnificent castles close by. Try local cuisine at the Michelin starred restaurant 30 minutes away or visit the atmospheric on a Thursday morning in Ancenis. The Mont of Saint-Michel day trip is a must and The Puy du Fou medieval park in Les Epesses is fun for all.

Facilities

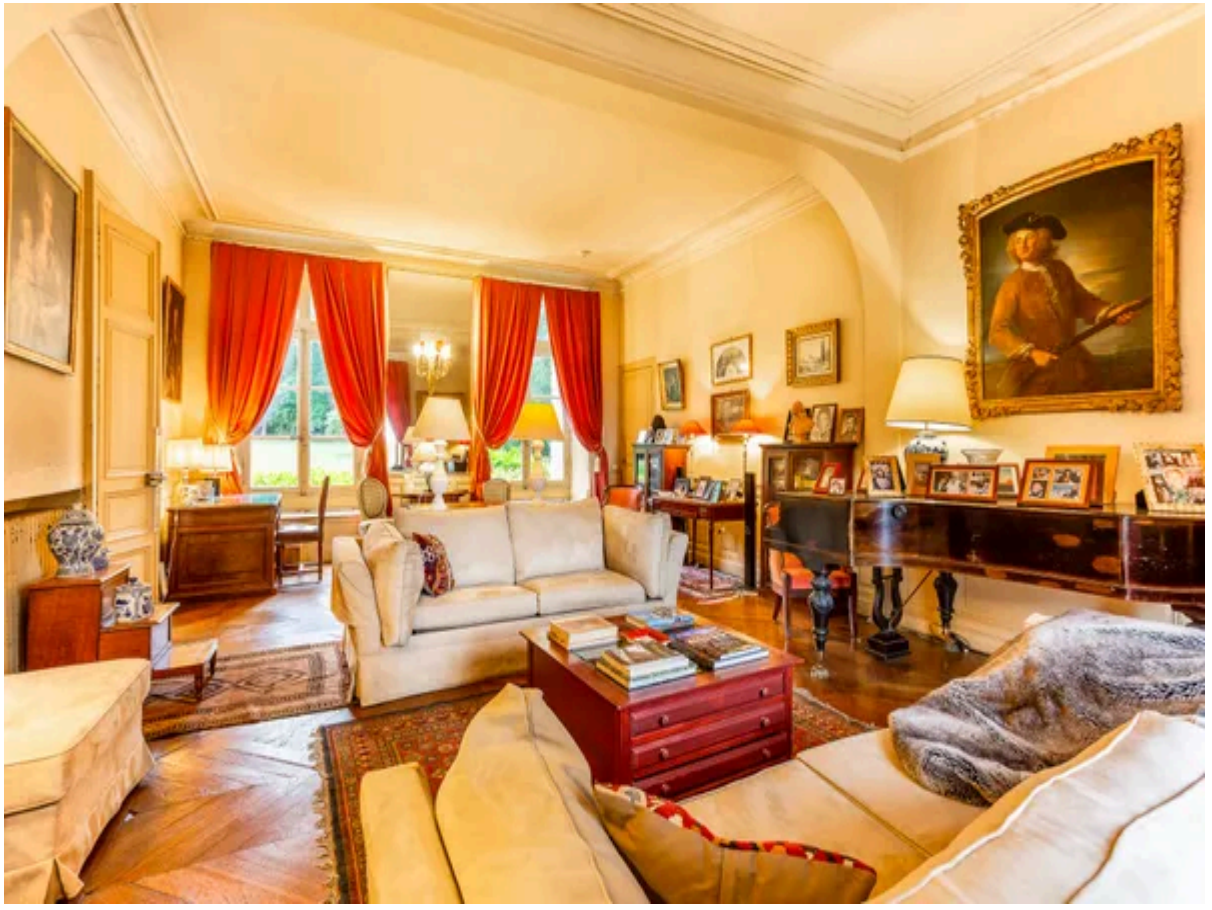
Ideal for Kids • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Tennis Court • Private Pool • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Chateaux & Castles • France250 • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Available • Chapel on Site • Heated Pool • Chef/Cook Available • Pool Safety Feature • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Waterfront • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Indoor Games • Bicycles Provided • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Outdoor Games • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Ruins • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Theme park • Forest park/High-rope course • Board games • Babysitting Available • Children's books • Badminton • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Château Interiors

Ground Floor

- Grand hall
- Grand salon (50m2) with marble fireplace and period detail
- Salon with chairs, tables, French windows leading to terrace, puzzles and boardgames.
- Dining room (for up to 22 guests)
- Small kitchen (next to dining room)
- Large kitchen, extremely well equipped, leading to informal dining area/library and French doors leading to gardens
- WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath/shower and WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite shower room with WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite bathroom with bath (this en suite is shared with the next bedroom)
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and library cabinet (shared bathroom with the previous bedroom. Accessed from the lobby.)
- Triple bedroom with three single beds and en suite bathroom with bath/shower and WC
- Twin bedroom with two single beds (shared bathroom)
- Separate WC

*Garden views from all bedrooms

Second Floor

- Chapel
- Room with toys and children's books

There may be the possibility of sleeping extra guests in the château, on request only and subject to a supplement. If required, please enquire for further details. One room that may be opened has very precious furnishings and extra care should be taken.

Please note the top-floor (the original servant quarters and attic) is closed off.

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (6x12m)
- Al-fresco dining area
- Barbeque
- Tennis court
- Badminton
- Table tennis (basement)
- Boules
- Pond
- Two horses

Location & Local Information

The château is just half-an-hour from Angers (37km) which is easily reached by TGV from Paris Montparnasse in 90 minutes. If you arrive by ferry, there is a choice of ports including Saint-Malo just over two hours away or by aeroplane it's just over an hour from Nantes Airport.

The local town is just 5km away where you will find a variety of amenities; make sure you visit the town's *chocolatier* during your stay.

The Loire Valley is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site with good reason – some of the most prestigious châteaux of France can be visited for a great day out. Close by, head to Château de Challain-la-Potherie (14km, by appointment only) or admire the 15th century Château du Plessis-Bourré (42km) with its wonderful setting surrounded by water – take a picnic to enjoy in the grounds after a guided tour. Further afield around the city of Tours, you will find the well-known Château de Villandry (140km), Château de Chenonceau (180km) as well as Château Royal d'Amboise (190km) near the tomb of Leonardo da Vinci.

Closer to home, enjoy all that the Loire river has to offer – hire canoes on the river around twenty minutes away in Mauges-sur-Loire or take leisurely boat trips along the river departing from Saint-Mathurin-sur-Loire (56km). Visit the typical Loire town of Ancenis (30km), especially on a Thursday morning with its vibrant market and don't miss a trip to the town's *Maison du Vin*! ndeed, this region is wonderful for wine-lovers with Anjou vineyards to the east and the wineries of Nantes to the west.

The Loire is also well-known for its brilliant cycling route, *Loire à Vélo*, whilst golf-lovers will appreciate the Anjou Golf & Country Club (40km) in beautiful surroundings. Other outdoor activities include tree-top trails in the Anjou woodland, go-karting near Ancenis and great walking trails. A hot-air balloon ride is another way to discover the amazing landscapes!









Saturday is a good day to visit Angers (37km) with its atmospheric morning market. The town is also well-known for its medieval château featuring 14th century tapestries, wonderful museums and beautiful Renaissance architecture.

Alternatively, spend time in the French city of Nantes (70km) with its recently restored Château des Ducs de Bretagne or you could even drive up to southern Normandy with the outstanding Mont Saint-Michel (170km) just over two hours by car.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Nantes (78km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Saint-Malo (165km)**
Nearest Town	**(5km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Local town (5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Local town (5km)**
Nearest Golf	**Anjou Golf & Country Club (40km)**
Nearest City	**Angers (37km)**
Nearest Tennis	**(5km)**

What we love

- Stay in your very own historic château in the Loire valley - this beautiful 19th century home is steeped in family heritage.
- Relax by the heated swimming pool, play tennis, explore the French gardens and be wowed by the château's arboretum with over 200 rare species of trees!
- You'll receive a warm welcome including a wonderful hamper filled with local delicacies, two bottles of sparkling *Crémant*.
- Canoe on the Loire river, visit local markets and vineyards or drive to some of the Loire Valley's most magnificent châteaux - there is so much to see and do across this wonderful region.
- The caretaker is a keen gardener who will be happy to show you around the vegetable garden where you can cut some flowers together.

What you should know...

- The grounds are beautiful - they include a large pond and you can sit nearby to enjoy the views.
- There are also two horses on site - experienced riders may wish to ride them as long as they have relevant insurance.
- There is the possibility of opening up an extra room in the château, subject to a supplement. If available, please note this room has very precious furnishings and care should be take.
- Quiet and non-intrusive caretaker lives on-site in their own residence, they will be very happy to help.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 is paid to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 5:00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10:00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Included in the rental price. There may be a charge for the low seasons.

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

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that groups under 30 and single sex groups are not accepted. Weddings, stag/hen parties and special celebrations are not allowed. Only experienced riders may ride the chateau's horses and only if they have the relevant insurance. Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms before their arrival. It is not permitted to charge electric cars by plugging them into the castle sockets. It can be done at the local supermarket.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request outside of the high season.

- **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?:** Not allowed.

- **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 approximately June to end-September. 4 nights during all other periods, on request - please enquire for pricing.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** No. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs approximately between €1-€5 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.