Chateau De La Chance

Region: France **Sleeps:** 40

Overview

Dating back to the 11th century, Château de la Chance is a magical holiday château in an equally enchanting setting on the banks of the river Layon. The country château enjoys spacious grounds, has stunning gardens and a large, central swimming pool. The main château can sleep up 10-15 whilst 25 extra guests can be accommodated in the surrounding apartments and studios owned by the estate, making the maximum capacity 40 guests.

The château's impressive character is preserved in its thick stone walls, high ceilings and stunning antique furniture yet it offers modern comforts while still retaining its original grandeur. Château de la Chance offer a unique opportunity to experience a slice of French life as the history and culture of the region live on. It's an ideal venue for gatherings with family and friends, celebrations or even intimate weddings.

With kitchens in the château and apartments as well as two barbecues, you can prepare meals and dine al-fresco in the château courtyard at sunset whilst enjoying local wines. It is easy to arrange for catering for your stay should you prefer to spend more time relaxing by the pool side or exploring many of the incredible châteaux across the Loire Valley. Directly opposite the château you'll find walking and cycling trails taking you to the local village around the vineyards and even to the Loire river.

Other glorious places to visit include the historic city of Angers, Château de Brissac (the tallest castle in France) and the beautiful town of Saumur on the Loire River, famous for it's famous equestrian school, Cadre Noir, as well as its delicious white sparkling wine.

There is a wonderful feeling at the Château de la Chance and the kind owners have ensured in every way that your holiday experience in the Loire Valley will be unforgettable.

Please note that the château and all grounds is exclusively yours for the rental period.









Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • France250 • Weddings • Great Value • Chateaux & Castles • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Cycling • Historical Sites • Walk to Village • Ideal for Parties • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Catering Available • Golf Nearby • Heated Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Outdoor Ceremony • Saltwater Pool • Flexible Catering Options • Pool Safety Feature • Allow Ceremonial Fire • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • No Corkage • Rural Location • No Curfew • Washing Machine • Coffee

Machine • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Indoor Games • DVD • Dishwasher • Microwave • Outdoor Games • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Wine-Tasting Available • Breakfast Available • Board games • Badminton • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Supports the local community (promotes local businesses) • Boules/Petanque • Promotes Sustainable Living (Recycling) • Promotes Sustainable Living (Vegetable Patch) • Protects and conserves local Heritage • Sustainable Travel • Travel by Train possible • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

1) Château only (10-15 guests)
2) Château and apartments (15 guests)
3) Château and apartments (20 guests)
4) Château and apartments (25 guests)
5) Château, apartments and studios (30 guests)
6) Château, apartments and studios (35 guests)
7) Château, apartments and studios (40 guests*)

For options 2-6, up to 10 guests will stay in the château and all remaining guests will be allocated an apartment (and studios for up to 25 guests). The number of apartments/studios allocated will depend on how many guests are staying and will be based on each guest sharing a double/twin room (therefore some apartments/studios will be closed off for smaller groups). Supplements apply if guests require single occupancy of bedrooms in the apartments/studios - please enquire.

** For option 7 (40 guests), 15 people will be housed in the château and 25 guests will stay in the apartments and studios.*

Château Interiors

- Great hall with 5m long dining table (for up to 18 guests) and large 17th century fireplace, candelabras and antique furnishings. Music system with amp and speakers and grand piano. Windows and doors open up to the courtyard and river
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, fridge, oven, microwave, bench-top hobs, toaster, coffee machine, cafetière, electric jug
- Separate WC

Opposite Wing

- Lounge with TV with DVD player
- Store-room with additional fridge, washing machine and rubbish facilities

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

- Bedroom on first floor with four-poster double bed (150x200cm) and single bed (100x200cm), sitting area and en suite bathroom. Pool, courtyard and garden views
- Bedroom on top floor with double bed (140x200cm) in alcove and single bed (90x200cm) in living area. En suite bathroom and 180 degree views over pool, grounds, courtyard and vineyards
- Bedroom in south-wing with double bed (150x200cm) and two single beds (100x200cm each). En suite bathroom. North-facing looking over pool
- Bedroom in south-wing with double bed (150x200cm) and single bed (100x200cm). West-facing looking over courtyard and grounds
- Bedroom in south-wing with king-size double bed (180x195cm). South-facing looking over river
- Shared bathroom

Apartment One Interiors
Can connect to Apartment Two via a secure door

Ground Floor









- Living-dining room with sofa-bed
- Open-plan kitchen area, equipped with fridge, dishwasher, stove top, toaster-oven and Nespresso machine
- Bathroom with shower and WC
- Access to private courtyard with picnic table

First Floor

- Double bedroom
- Double bedroom on mezzanine floor
- Bathroom with bath, shower over bath and separate WC

Apartment Two Interiors
Can connect to Apartment One via a secure door

Ground Floor

- Living-dining room with sofa-bed
- Open-plan kitchen area, equipped with fridge, dishwasher, stove top, toaster-oven and Nespresso machine
- Bathroom with bath, shower over bath and WC
- Access to courtyard with picnic table

First Floor

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and two single beds
- Separate WC

Apartment Three Interiors

Ground Floor

- Living area with sofa-bed
- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped with dishwasher, stove top, toaster-oven and Nespresso machine
- Storage room and WC
- Access to private courtyard with picnic table

First Floor

- Double bedroom with queen-size bed
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom with bath, shower over bath and separate WC

Apartment Four Interiors (smaller apartment)

Ground Floor

- Living room with sofa, and counter-height dining table with four chairs
- Open-plan kitchenette with fridge, stove top, toaster-oven and french press cafétière
- Double bedroom with door leading to shower room with WC
- Access to private courtyard with table

Mezzanine Level (child-proof gate at top of stairs)

- Twin beds

Studio One, Two and Three Interiors

Ground Floor

- Small living area with sofa-bed
- Shower room with WC

Mezzanine level

- Queen or double bed

Studio Four Interiors (ground floor)

- Twin beds (raised)
- Bathroom (wheelchair friendly) with shower and WC

Outside Grounds

- Salt-water heated swimming pool (14x6m, depth: up to 2.6m), open from mid-May to mid-September (9am-8pm). Features safety cover.
- Outdoor solar shower
- Poolside terrace (150m2) with sun loungers, picnic tables
- Spacious courtyard overlooking grounds and Layon River
- Courtyard dining table (up to 14 guests)
- Trestle tables (x5) each for 8-10 guests (on request)
- Two barbecues (charcoal)
- Picnic tables
- *Pétanque* court
- Badminton
- Mölkky
- Well-established gardens and parkland
- Unfenced access to river, via steps
- Parking area

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Fire bowl in château courtyard (with initial supply of firewood)
- Music system with amp, speakers and Bluetooth connection (in château)
- Grand piano (in château)
- TV and DVD player (TV has no reception)
- DVDs
- Library
- Washing machine and drying racks
- Hairdryers in each bathroom
- Board games
- Badminton
- *Petanque*
- Mölkky
- Boules set
- Badminton set

Little Sustainability Gems About the Property

The owners encourage guests to compost with buckets in all of the kitchens and give clear directions on how to recycle plastics, glass, card and aluminium. All firewood for the fire-bowl is felled and cured on the property.

When possible they also source ingredients for the welcome hamper and catering from local suppliers.

Location & Local Information

Château de la Chance is located on the banks of the river Layon in the Loire Valley between two rural wine-producing villages, only a 30-minute drive from the city of Angers. This region, in the Maine-et-Loire department, is known as 'Anjou' and the château is located directly on the Anjou Wine Trail ("*Route des Vins & Villages de l'Anjou*").

The nearest village is an easy 1.2km walk from the château where you will find a supermarket, two *boulangeries*, an *auberge* (for lunch), butcher/caterer, bar/tabac, florist, ATM machine, cinema, garage, petrol station, a covered swimming pool and amenities such as a pharmacy, doctors and dentist. There is also a Farmer's market on a Tuesday morning.

In the other direction, another village just over 2km away has a bakery, bar/tabac, mini-supermarket and tennis courts. There is also a Michelin starred restaurant a 15-minutes away by car, as well as a good selection of restaurants and bars within a 10-15 minute drive.

There are plenty of beautiful walks amongst the trails and vineyards directly across the road where you can follow the old railway track of 'Petit Anjou'. The Thouarcé - Chalonnes-sur-Loire route takes you to the very heart of the Coteaux du Layon and Aubance vineyards where you will discover a stunning landscape that is a patchwork of vines, mills, wine-growing estates and character properties. There are also further cycling trails along the Loire river, known as the famous *Loire à Vélo*.

The owners have very good relationships with local wineries and they can help arrange a wine-tasting. Other activities include golf, horse-riding and boating on the Loire river which is just a 30-40 minute drive away.

The region is crammed with rich, cultural heritage and some experiences you won't find anywhere else in France. The beautiful city of Angers (25km) on the River Maine features a wonderful 13th century castle and a lovely old town where you can explore the cobbled lanes filled with









cafes and restaurants.

On the Loire river, visit Saumur (40km), known for its famous equestrian school, Cadre Noir, and its excellent sparkling white wine. Also heading east you can visit the amazing Troglodyte caves in Rochemenier (22km) or the impressive Fontevraud Abbey (55km).

Tours (120km) is another great day trip, a city filled with history and excellent restaurants and markets. Perhaps combine with one of the Loire's famous châteaux such as Château de Villandry (96km) or Château Royal d'Amboise (150km) as well as many others nearby.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Nantes (110km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare d'Angers Saint-Laud (27km)**
Nearest Village	**(1.2km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Local village (1.2km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Local village (lunch only) (2km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Angers (25km)**
Nearest Tennis	**(2.5km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf d'Angers (20km)**
Nearest Beach	**St Nazaire/Pornic (160km)**

What we love

- The château keeps to it's original medieval style with exposed stone walls, beams, leadlight windows and tile floors. There's even a resident owl who nests in the top of the tower
- Cyclists can follow the old railway track of the ‘Petit Anjou’ leading either to the local village and beyond or a flat ride through the vineyards of the ‘Coteaux du Layon’ and small villages along the river Layon to its confluence with the Loire
- The owner has very good local wine knowledge and offers a bespoke group wine tasting which is casual, fun and informative
- The estate is ideal for family get-togethers, reunions and intimate weddings
- Wonderful places to visit include Angers, Saumur, Tours and of course the famous châteaux of the Loire Valley

What you should know...

- The 10-15 person rate includes the château only. For 15 guests or more, lovingly restored apartments and studios in the former farm buildings are allocated to guests depending on the number of people travelling. Please see the 'Property layout' tab for more details
- The Layon River runs beside the property and is unfenced while there is a gate dividing the swimming pool from the château
- Wi-Fi is available around the pool area only. Due to the rural location, quick or strong access cannot be guaranteed
- Please note that the owners and their cat live onsite; they are on hand if needed, otherwise remain discreet

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 paid to the owner via online transfer at least two weeks in advance and refunded within two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** After 4.00 p.m. only.

- **Departure time:** By 11.00 a.m. only.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** All linen and bath towels are included in the rental price. Mid-stay change of linen, towels and room cleaning available on request for additional charge of €75 per room.

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Children who require a bed are counted as a guest and therefore must be part of the total charge. Please note that guests are kindly required to specify the purpose of the holiday (family reunion, birthday celebration, wedding etc.) at the time of booking. Weddings, stag/hen parties and other special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. The 10-person rate is for the château only. The 15 to 40-person rate includes the use of the apartments and studios which are allocated depending on the rate booked and number of guests based on double/twin share (some will remain closed unless you pay the 40-person rate). Please see the 'Property layout' tab for further details. Supplements apply if guests require single occupancy of bedrooms in the apartments/studios - please enquire. Please note that clients will be provided with a copy of the owner's rental terms during the booking process. Contact us for full T&Cs. Angers train station pick up/drop off available at an additional cost per 4 guests.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **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.

- **Other Cleaning:** Extra cleaning can be requested at an hourly rate of €35.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Other 2:** Extra surcharge for singles requesting their own room – €50 per night. Please note that the owners and their cat live onsite; they are on hand if needed, otherwise remain discreet.

- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.

- **Other 3:** Extra firewood available at an additional cost of €50 per refill.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights during July and August, 3 nights at all other times.

- **Heating costs included?:** No, there is a charge of €75 per day for central heating, advance notice required.

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

- **Internet access?:** Internet access is available by the pool only. Due to the rural location, quick or strong access cannot be guaranteed.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The swimming pool is open mid-May to mid-September from 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. 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.