# Chateau De Vigner

**Region:** France **Sleeps:** 24

## Overview

Ideally situated for exploring the delights of the Loire valley, this self-catering holiday château, coach house and farm cottage are beautifully set in lush and extensive grounds and offer flexible accommodation for between 12 and 24 guests.

Step back in time whilst staying at the glorious 19th century main château with its charming interiors and old-world character alongside elegant furnishings and modern comforts. Sleeping up to 12 guests across five attractive bedrooms, each one with an en suite bath or shower room, there is also ample living space across its period living-dining room and wonderful library. There are plenty of original features from tiled floors to exposed wood-work and the newly renovated farmhouse kitchen is a joy for keen cooks wishing to prepare French family feasts.

The estate also features a 4-bedroom coach house and cosy 2-bedroom cottage, each one possible to book alongside the château if additional space is needed. Whilst each property is individual in style, size and character, they all offer excellent facilities such as satellite TV with English Freeview channels, well-equipped kitchens, their own al-fresco dining areas and barbecues as well as books, games and toys for all the family.

On-site facilities include a lovely 12m long swimming pool and terrace set within a secured walled garden, shared between guests in the château, coach house and cottage (or if you book all three using the 24 person rate then the pool is for your exclusive use). Then there's the games room with a pool table and table tennis, lawns by the orchard for ball games, a badminton set, traditional boules and bikes for a variety of ages. The hospitable owners really do know how to create a fun and welcoming ambience for all !









Wine-lovers will appreciate the location of Château De Vigner so close to a small wine-producing village - vineyard visits alongside wine-tastings can of course be arranged. Pop into the specialist wine-shop in Doué-la-Fontaine, about 6km away, for great expertise on this subject matter.

Then there's the many wonderful Farmer's and Brocante markets dotted across the area each morning as well as the grand Loire châteaux that are known across the world, many of which can be reached in under an hour.

Even closer is the gorgeous town of Saumur on the banks of the Loire river, just 26km away, home to the Cadre Noir equestrian school as well as the impressive Château de Saumur. Canoe along the river, dine out in one of the many excellent restaurants or simply enjoy a glass of sparkling white in one of the many charming wine-bars.

## Facilities

Catering Available • France250 • Great Value • Chateaux & Castles • Go-Karting • Cycling • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Heated Pool • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Shared Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Dishwasher • Microwave • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Wine-Tasting Available • Board games • Children's videos/DVDs • Children's books • Bikes • Badminton • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds

# Interior & Grounds

**1) Château only (up to 12 guests)**
**2) Château and Cottage (up to 16 guests)**
**3) Château and Coach House (up to 20 guests)**
**4) Château, Cottage and Coach House (up to 24 guests – including exclusive use of swimming pool)**

*Up to two extra children may also stay in the main château using a sofa-bed – please enquire.*

**Main Château Interiors**

*Ground Floor*

- Entrance hall
- Living-dining room with TV and DVD player
- Library
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including dishwasher, microwave, gas hob, electric oven, coffee maker and Nespresso machine
- Utility room with extra fridge-freezer and washing machine

*First Floor*

- Bedroom with double bed and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with twin beds and en suite shower room
- Family suite with double bed, sofa-bed (suitable for children) and en suite bathroom

*Second Floor*

- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with spa-style bath and separate shower
- Bedroom with double bed and three single beds and en suite shower room

**Coach House Interiors** *(located alongside the cottage)*

*Ground Floor*

- Open-plan living room with TV/DVD player and doors leading to terrace and an area with table, chairs, sun-loungers and barbecue (a private area within a shared courtyard)
- Open-plan kitchen and breakfast room, fully-equipped including induction hob, fan oven, dishwasher, fridge-freezer, microwave, coffee maker, Nespresso machine and washing machine
- Bedroom with twin beds and en suite walk-in shower room

*First Floor (via rustic steep steps, low/sloping ceiling in landing area)*

- 2 x bedrooms with double bed and en suite shower room
- Bedroom with three single beds and en suite shower room

**Cottage Interiors** *(located alongside the coach house)*

*Ground Floor*









- Open-plan living and dining area with TV and DVD player. Doors lead to terrace with table, chairs, sun-loungers and barbecue (a private area within a shared courtyard)
- Open-plan kitchen, fully-equipped including fridge/freezer, oven, microwave, coffee maker and Nespresso machine

*First Floor (stairgate available for top of stairs on request)*

- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Family shower room

**Outside Grounds**

*All outdoor facilities are shared with separate guests who may have booked the cottage and/or coach house unless the estate has been booked for exclusive use (26-person rate only).*

- Swimming pool (12x6m, depth: 1.2-2.1m) with flood-lighting, within a secured walled garden
- Terrace with sun-loungers
- Games room with pool table
- *Boules*
- Table tennis
- Badminton
- Bikes (variety of ages)
- Orchard with grass playing area
- Each property has its own table, chairs, sun-loungers and barbecue for al-fresco dining

**Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Satellite TV with UK Freeview channels
- DVD player
- Books
- Board games
- Children's books and toys
- Use of washing machine
- Ironing facilities

# Location & Local Information

Château De Vigner is in a great location for exploring the Loire valley, set around half an hour south-west of Saumur and close to many excellent local wineries and vineyards.

Walk out of the estate's grounds and there are lots of opportunities for walking, fishing and cycling – turn left and be greeted by fields of summer sunflowers at certain times of year! The local village, under 2km away, is a small wine-producing village and there is a little *auberge* where you can also pick up fresh morning bread.

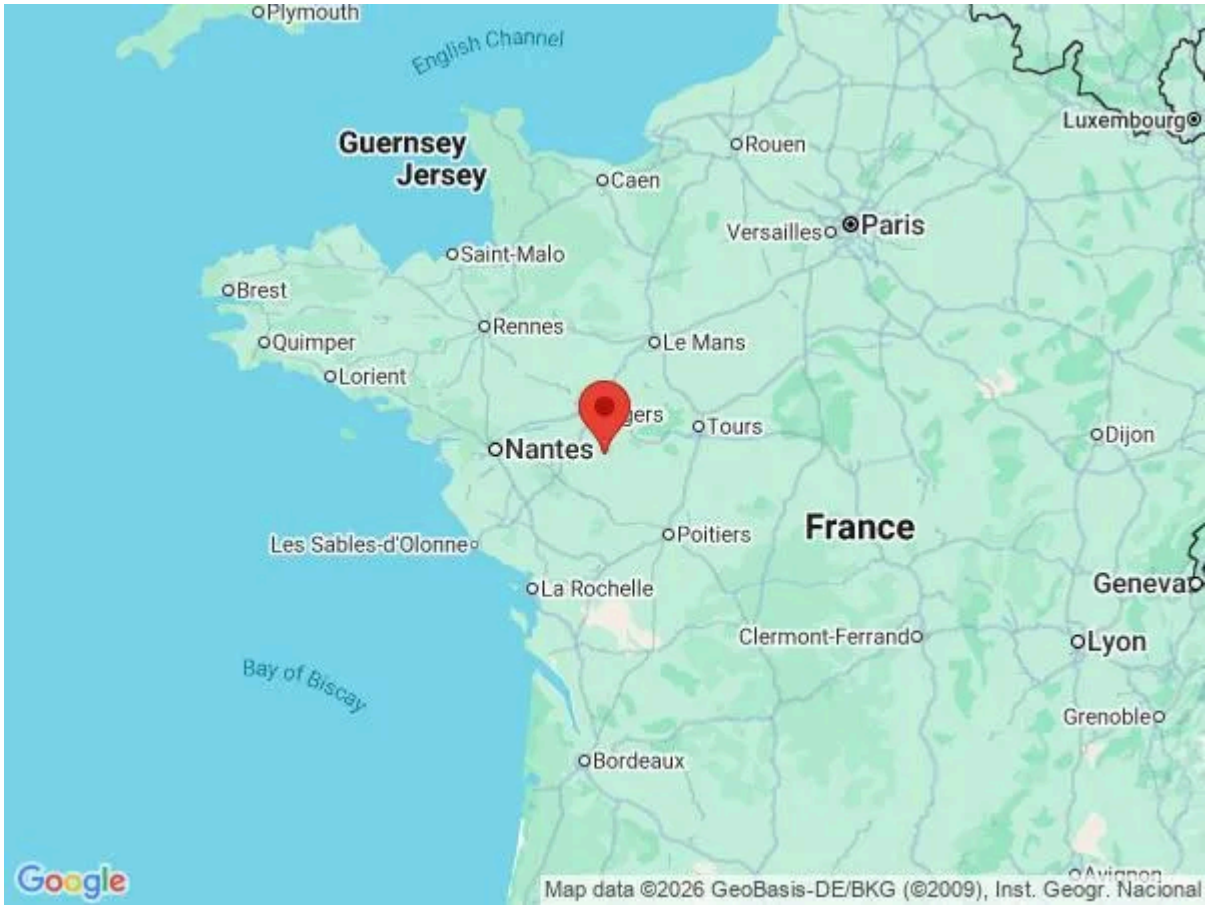
Doué-la-Fontaine is around 6km away and this is where you will find a large supermarket as well as a greater choice of restaurants and amenities. Pop into the wine-specialist shop in the centre if you are looking for great recommendations on what to drink during your stay. Of course, wine-tastings and vineyard visits can also be arranged for your time in this region.

Other activities in the area include kayaking along nearby rivers, visiting some of the magnificent Loire châteaux and heading to atmospheric Farmer's markets in places such as Doué-la-Fontaine, Montreuil-Bellay, Cholet, Saumur and Angers amongst many other local villages and towns.

Saumur is an especially lovely market town to visit, well known for its Cadre Noir equestrian school as well as its picturesque setting on the banks of the Loire river. Sample some of its sparkling white wine in a little bar, dine out in an excellent restaurant and take some time to visit the town's fairy-tale like château.

The amazing Fontevraud-l'Abbaye is just over half an hour away by car, a UNESCO World Heritage site, whilst even closer are the fascinating troglodyte caves at Rochemenier, only 12km by car.

The pretty riverside town of Chinon and the historic city of Angers are both within an hour or drive 100km east to Tours, an incredible city on the banks of the Loire river with museums, beautiful buildings and close to some of










the most famous châteaux such as Villandry and Amboise.

If you are travelling to Château De Vigner via Paris, it's around a 3hr drive or the TGV takes 90 minutes from Paris Montparnasse or Charles de Gaule airport train station. If arriving into Angers then the château is around a 45-minute drive away and there are car hire options from the train station.

## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | **Aéroport de Poitiers-Biard (98km)** |
| Nearest Airport 2 | **Nantes Atlantique Airport (113km)** |
| Nearest Golf | **Golf de Saumur (25km)** |
| Nearest Restaurant | **Doué-la-Fontaine (6km)** |
| Nearest Supermarket | **Doué-la-Fontaine (5km)** |
| Nearest Town/City | **Saumur/Angers (26km/46km)** |
| Nearest Train Station | **Gare de Saumur /Angers (28km/45km)** |
| Nearest Village | **Small wine village (Within 2km)** |

# What we love

- A characterful château with original period detail alongside plenty of modern comforts
- Pick up all sorts of regional delights from local Farmer's markets to prepare in the château's recently renovated farmhouse-style kitchen
- The estate's coach house and cottage offer flexible accommodation options for larger groups
- The fabulous on-site facilities include a heated swimming pool, an orchard with lawns perfect for ball games, badminton, boules and a games room
- The setting is fantastic for exploring the Loire valley with its vineyards, great wines, beautiful river and world-famous châteaux

# What you should know...

- Château De Vigner comprises of the main château, the cottage and the coach house.
- The 12-person price is for the château only, the 16-person price is for the château and cottage whilst the 20-person price is for the château and coach house. In these cases, the cottage and/or coach house may be rented out by other separate guests (who will share the pool, games room and other outside facilities).
- The 24-person price is for the whole estate (château, cottage and coach house) in which case the pool and grounds are for exclusive use.
- Availability for the 16-person, 20-person and 24-person options must be requested at the time of booking (in case the coach house and/or cottage are already booked).
- There is also space for two extra children, on request, using a sofa-bed in the main château.
- There is a ground floor bedroom and walk-in shower room in the coach house (which may be suitable for guests with restricted mobility).
- The owner and housekeeper live in a discreet home onsite.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £250 (château only), £400 (château and coach house or cottage) or £550 (château, coach house and cottage) paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.

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

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

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Bed linen is included in the rental rate. Towels are available to hire at €7.50 per set (bath towel, hand towel and pool towel) payable locally on arrival.

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please request a cot and highchair at the time of booking. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. The 12-person price is for the château only, the 16-person price is for the château and cottage whilst the 21-person price is for the château and coach house. In these cases, the cottage and/or coach house may be rented out by other separate guests (who will share the pool and grounds). The 24-person price is for the whole estate (château, cottage and coach house) in which case the pool and grounds are for exclusive use. The 16-person, 21-person and 24-person options are on request only, subject to availability of the coach house and/or cottage. The only ground floor bedroom (with walk-in shower room) is in the coach house. This bedroom may be suitable for guests with restricted mobility.

- **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.

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

- **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:** 2 nights.

- **Pool heating charge?:** 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 €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access is provided.

- **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.