

Chateau De La Manay

Region: Le Mans **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

The beautiful Château de La Manay comfortably sleeps 14 guests. During your stay you will enjoy relaxing around the large swimming pool and exploring the numerous castles of the Loire Valley. Château de La Manay is decorated with a combination of contemporary and antique-style furnishings, and each bedroom has its own en-suite bathroom.

The castle is situated on 36 acres of secluded grounds in Sarthe, adjacent to Lombron, a small and enchanting village of just 1,800 inhabitants, near Le Mans in the Loire Valley. Château de La Manay includes beautiful tree-lined paths, apple and pear orchards and a one and a half-acre lake. The château is even surrounded by a moat. Pastoral views of the moat and pond can be enjoyed from the dining terrace that overlooks the grounds. The lake teems with fish the whole year round and hosts an interesting variety of birds and fowl. The grounds also include well-kept boulevards and paths bordered by weeping trees and an extensive orchard. Walks on the property cross grassy fields and wooded areas, and join other well-marked lanes and trails in the surrounding countryside.

Château de La Manay was initially a 15th century building with 18th century additions and has been lovingly restored. Its renaissance architecture is found in many châteaux of the Loire region.



Facilities

- Canoeing/Kayaking • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Private Pool •
- Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Cycling
- Walking/Hiking Paths • Chateaux & Castles • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Heated Pool
- Maid Service Included • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Pool Safety Feature •
- Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Waterfront • Rural Location •
- Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities
- Tourist Towns & Villages • Indoor Games • Bicycles Provided • Tumble Dryer • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Working Fireplace/Woodburner
- Heating • Catering Available • Board games • Babysitting Available •
- Breakfast Included • Bikes • Badminton • Croquet • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

Ground Floor

- Living room
- Family room with TV and DVD player
- Formal dining room with doors leading to fountain courtyard
- Kitchen, well-equipped including informal dining area/breakfast room and fireplace
- Library and office



First Floor

- Master bedroom with king-size double bed and views of pond. En suite shower room with WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed, air-conditioning, and views of the terrace. En suite bathroom with shower, bathtub and WC. Adjoining mezzanine with seating area
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite shower room with WC
- Bedroom with twin beds and views of terrace. En suite bathroom with bath/shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed and two single beds with views of courtyard and fountain. En suite shower room with WC



Top Floor

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and countryside views. En suite shower room. Separate WC in hallway
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed with village views. En suite shower room with WC

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (13.5 x 5.10m) with shallow area for children and long lane for swimming. Open approximately June to September, subject to weather. Features security system.
- Poolside terrace
- Hot outdoor shower
- Large al-fresco dining and lounging terrace
- Gas Weber BBQ
- Orchard
- Small courtyard and fountain
- Pond (1 ½ acre)
- Moat with stone bridge
- Bikes
- Croquet, badminton and *boules*
- Private grounds (36 acres)
- Parking

Facilities

- Air-conditioning (only in one bedroom – see above)
- Music system (library and living room)
- Books (English and French)
- Games

- Music library
- Norditrack rowing machine and weights
- Fishing rods

Location & Local Information

The nearest international airports are Tours (88km), Paris Orly (176km) and Rennes (183km) whereas the nearest ferry port is Caen Ouistreham (177km).

The chateau is located in the Pays de la Loire region, which is within easy walking distance of a quaint village that has its own bakery, butcher/caterer, pharmacy, cafe and pizza machine. The Pays de la Loire is the perfect escape, whether you're looking for adventure or a relaxing break. The local waterways lend themselves to leisurely stops along the river and there are river cruises that offer lunch and dinner.

Echoes of history abound in the castles, abbeys, churches and the bustling market towns which continue ancient traditions. A visit to the world renowned 11th century Solesmes Abbey, where monks still sing Gregorian chant, will transport you back to the middle ages.

The property is ideally located for numerous interesting day excursions. Paris is less than a 2-hour drive by car or just 55 minutes on the TGV (high-speed train) from Le Mans. Brittany and Normandy are both within easy reach of the castle. You will be able to explore the many castles of the Loire Valley and return to the castle each night.

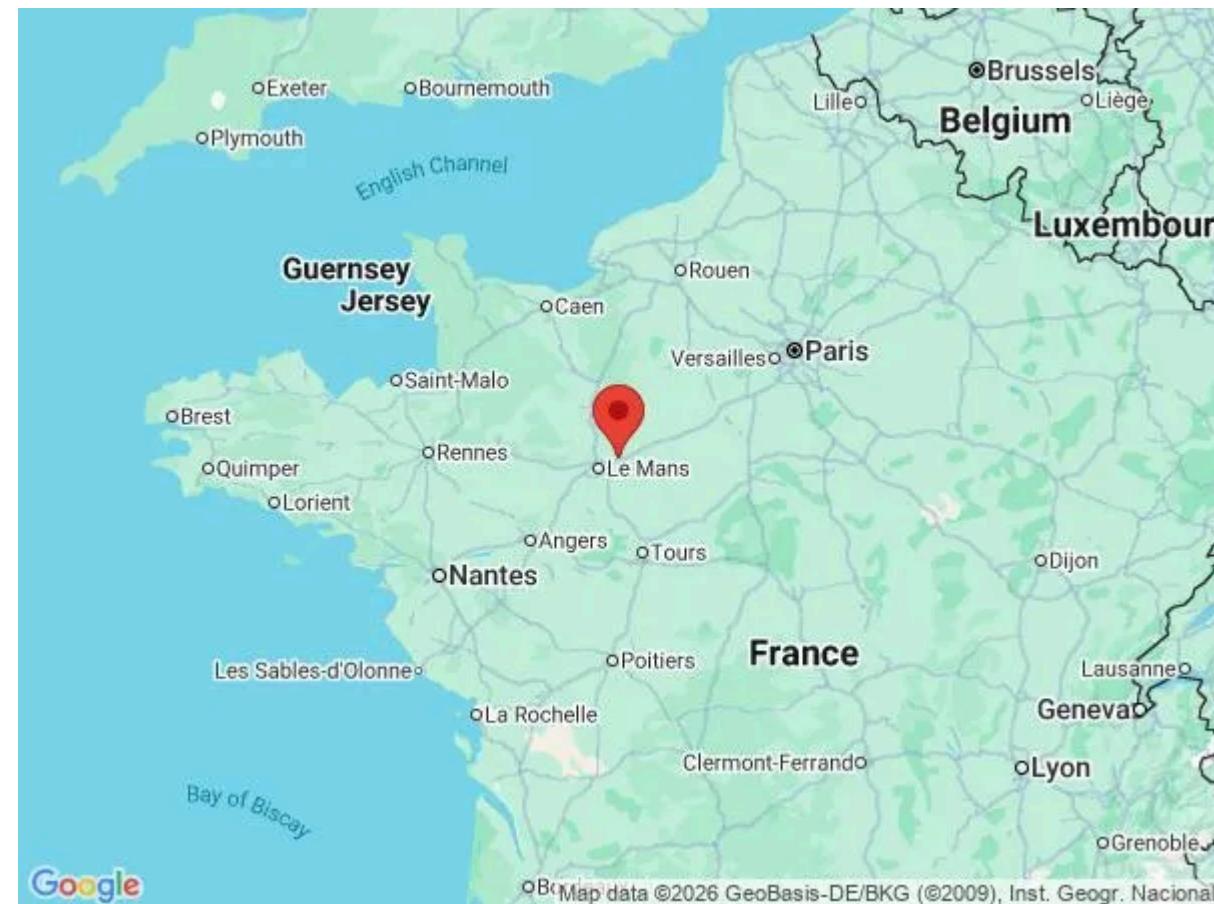
The château is also just a short 20-minute drive from the famous motoring city of Le Mans. The old town and its beautiful medieval historic quarter is one of the preferred medieval and renaissance locations. It is also one of the most filmed, appearing in many French movies, including Cyrano de Bergerac.

A beautiful 18 hole golf course with a château setting is approximately 16km away. Further afield, exciting hot air balloon or helicopter rides above the Loire castles with photos shoots are also available.

There is a very nice swimming lake about a 10 km away and even some small boat sailing as well as kayaking possible there. Bicycles are at your disposal and the ride to the lake is through beautiful small country roads. There is horse riding in the village as well as 3 nice tennis courts.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Tours Val de Loire Airport (88km)
Nearest Airport 2	Paris Orly/Charles de Gaulle Airport (176km/208km)
Nearest Train Station	Montfort-le-Gesnois/Le Mans (6km/25km)
Nearest Village	(600m)
Nearest Shop	Bakery and butchers in village (750m)



Nearest Bar/Pub	Cafe in village (750m)
Nearest Supermarket	Super U et Drive (6km)
Nearest Restaurant	Montfort-le-Gesnois (6km)
Nearest City	Le Mans (22km)
Nearest Golf	Le Mans Golf Club (16km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Caen Ouistreham (177km)
Nearest Tennis	In the local village (1.3km)

What we love

- This château has a beautifully manicured garden and a moat!
- All the elegantly furnished bedrooms are en-suite
- There is a lovely courtyard for you to relax and have early evening drinks
- The fantastic heated swimming pool has shallow areas for safe bathing for children while simultaneously leaving a long lane open for lap swimming. There is also a hot outdoor shower!
- Bikes, badminton, boules, table football and croquet are all available to keep everyone entertained
- Fabulous location just 20 minutes from the legendary Le Mans 24 hour race circuit
- A delicious breakfast of local products picked up each morning from the village bakery is provided, each room will also be remade while you're enjoying yourself. To top it all, a chef/catering can be arranged on request!

What you should know...

- Whilst the moat is beautiful and adds a great historical touch, you'll need to keep an eye on the little ones!
- Please note that air-conditioning is available in one room only (the bedroom in the terrace wing, just above the moat), but the other bedrooms have portable fans if required.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 9.30 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?**: Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?**: Yes.
- **Pets welcome?**: Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that air-conditioning is available in one room only (the bedroom in the terrace wing, just above the moat), but the other bedrooms have portable fans if required. Weddings, stag/hen parties and events are not allowed. Special celebrations may be permitted on request, with prior agreement with the owner (but no outside guests will be allowed).
- **Changeover day:** Saturday from end-May to beginning-September. Flexible during all other periods.
- **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 rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?**: No.
- **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.
- **Minimum stay:** 4 nights from October - April. 7 nights during all other periods.
- **Pool heating charge?**: Included (approximately June to September, as per pool opening dates). 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 June 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.