

Chateau De La Houlbardiere

Region: Le Mans **Sleeps:** 15

Overview

This elegant country chateau in the Loire Valley will help you return to your senses. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the modern open kitchen, then wander the 450 acre estate. You can fish or boat on the lake, or hop on a bicycle to explore the French countryside. On Saturday the market at Noyen-sur-Sarthe will introduce you to Loire Valley specialties - keep an eye out for cheese, tarte Tatin, and sablés (the preferred biscuit).

Back at your family chateau there's plenty of entertainment for the kids: games, toys, bicycles, an all-weather tennis court, and a private pool. Inside, the 9 bedrooms are each decorated to a theme, and 3 of them have the added privacy of en suite bathrooms, some with elegant roll top bathtubs.

Just a 20 minute drive from Le Mans, this holiday chateau offers an unparalleled balance of country delights and access to the city. If you miss the famous 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race, you can learn all about it at the museum. Le Mans is blessed with gorgeous Roman walls, and winding medieval roads filled with fine boutiques and restaurants. Come discover the sensory delights of Loire Valley from this splendid chateau.



Facilities

DVD • Chateaux & Castles • Table Tennis • Watersports • Waterfront • Rural Location • Indoor Games • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Available • Private Pool • Bicycles Provided • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Chef/Cook Available • Heritage Collection • Animal farm • Board games • Babysitting Available • Recommended • Xbox/Playstation/Wii • English speaking babysitter available • Professional nanny babysitter available • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Bikes • Badminton • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Pool inflatables • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Tennis Court • TV • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • High Chair(s) • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Horse Riding • Go-Karting • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Chateau de la Houlberdiere comprises of nine beautiful double bedrooms, one of which can be converted readily to second living room/ study.

There are five bath/shower rooms in total - three ensuite bath/shower rooms (one shower room, one with stand-up shower/bath and one with a bath with a shower attachment), one bathroom (with shower attachment) and one further shower room.

There are additionally an extra two WCs on the ground floor. Each bedroom has its own unique flavour: White, Colonial, Jardin, Blanche, Maroc, Boudoir, Corsair, Racing, Green.

A private heated swimming can be found in the provençale garden, and a private all-weather tennis court to the east of the main building.



Location & Local Information

The Loire Valley region

Chateau de la Houlberdiere is perfectly located with historic towns and villages dotted all around. It is 20 minutes to the centre of le Mans and under 5 hours from London by Eurostar. Fast trains to Paris from le Mans take less than an hour.

The nearest towns are 5 minute drive away, and you will find an array of supermarkets, boulangeries, charcuteries, town squares and cafés and weekly markets.

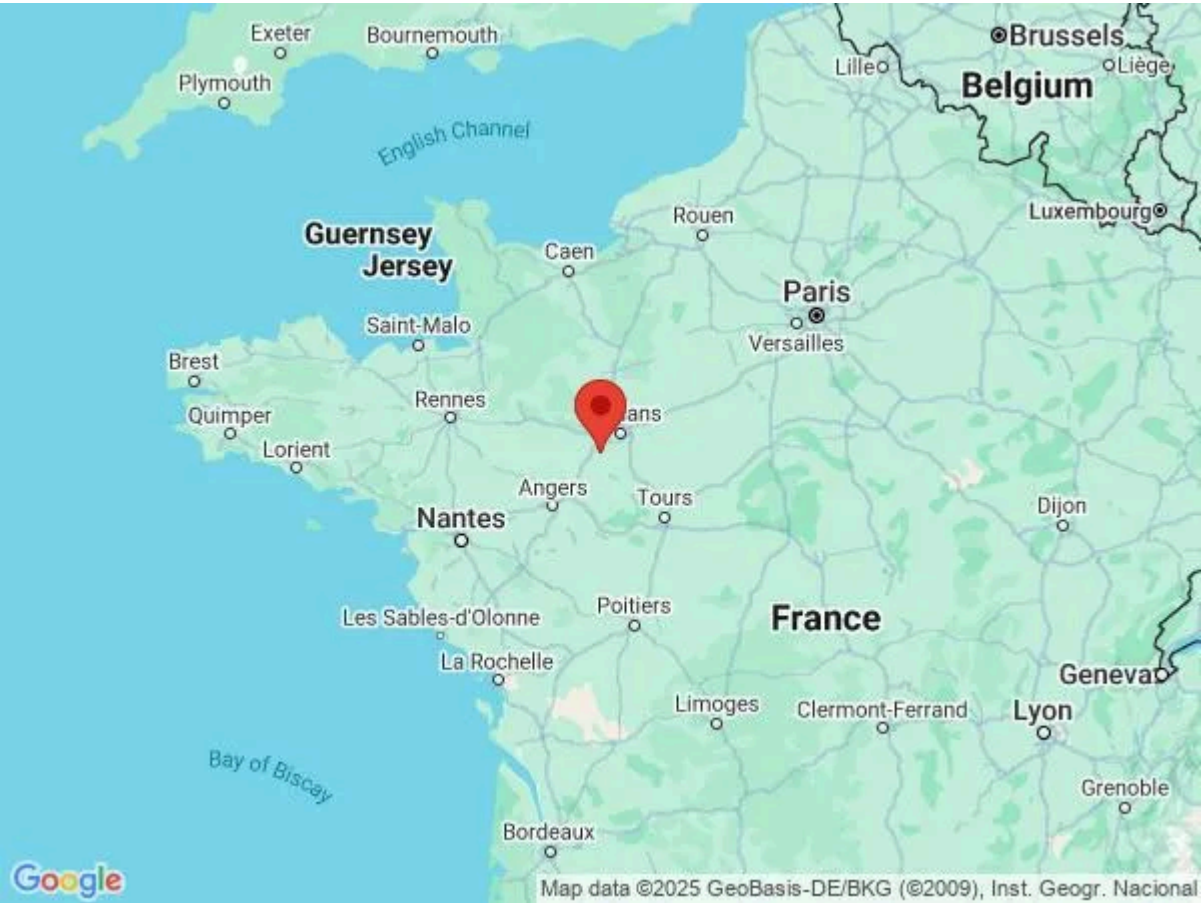
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Chateau de la Houlberdiere is about a 20 minute drive to the world famous le Mans race track - the site of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the grueling round-the-clock car race. But it's also an ancient town, with Roman walls, a beautiful cathedral and plenty of museums to see. *Car aficionados* will especially like the Musée Automobile de la Sarthe, where there is a vast collection of vehicles.

The Loire valley region is full of old-world villages and story-book chateaux. It was once fought over by Gauls, Romans, Visigoths and even Attila the Hun. You can roll through the lush valley, visiting fortresses in Amboise and Angers, UNESCO-designated Chartres Cathedral and the Gothic cathedral in Nantes.

Local Amenities

Nearest Village	(3km)
Nearest Supermarket	(3km)



What we love

- This chateau in the Loire Valley is a wonderful family holiday venue, with plenty of entertainment options for the little ones
- You're only 20 minutes from Le Mans!
- The blend of old and new: you'll love the contrasting elegant formal dining room and contemporary kitchen.

What you should know...

- You may hear a little noise from the road from time to time.
- You'll want to bring a car, as the nearest towns are a 5 minute drive away.
- During the Le Mans car race, advertised rates will not apply. These dates are 'price & availability on request' only - please contact us for a full, up to date quote.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £1000 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:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes
- **Pets welcome?:** Dogs are welcome on request only (guests must specify the breed) and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** During the Le Mans car race, advertised rates will not apply. These dates are 'price & availability on request' only - please contact us for a full, up to date quote. Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes
- **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:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Heating is included as well as a supply of fire wood for the fireplaces. More can be purchased on request.