Manoir Anoir

Region: France **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

This elegant 15th century *manoir*, partially moated and set in the centre of 52 acres of beautiful park and fields, has been lavishly decorated with exquisite antiques, custom sofas and chairs, Persian carpets, Chinese porcelains and oil paintings. A 15th century gigantic working fireplace warms the evenings and the private exclusive large swimming pool cools you during the day.

Flowers grace every room and if you feel like stepping up to the plate (or the stove) yourself, the kitchen is kitted out with every modern convenience and stocked with all herbs, spices, vinegars and oils.

Take a ride out into the countryside on the bikes provided or fire up the barbecue in the garden - either way, you'll be in a calm, relaxing and carefree atmosphere for children and adults alike. The nearby city of Saumur provides additional charm and and a great range of dining options, and Tours and Angers are around an hour by car for a bigger city experience. The train station in Saumur is only 12km from the house, with connections to Angers and Paris.

Facilities

Romantic • Horse Riding • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Ideal for Kids • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Boat Trips • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Pure France • France250 • Walk to Village • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Walking/Hiking Paths • Chapel on Site • Ideal for Teens • Manor • Saltwater Pool • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Tumble Dryer • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds

Manoir Interiors

- Entrance hall
- Living room and dining room with two sets of French windows leading to terrace
- Kitchen, fully-equipped with small island and breakfast stools, leading out to living room
- Bedroom with 4-poster bed and en-suite shower room with sink and toilet
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and adjoining chapel
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed
- Bathroom with claw-footed bath (with hand-held shower), sink and toilet

Outside Grounds

- Private saline swimming pool (5x10m, depth: 1-2m) lined with slate blue-grey solar warming lining and safety alarm/fencing. Open approximately May to end-October
- Poolside sun loungers
- Access to vast grounds (52 acres, partially moated with fish)
- Garden furniture

Facilities

- Satellite TV
- Central heating
- Fireplaces and wood (winter only)
- Badminton
- Boules set
- Bikes 4 x adult and 2 x children (not suitable for long distance)
- Washing machine & dryer
- Fans can be provided in the bedrooms if necessary

Location & Local Information

Manoir Anoir is located just minutes from the banks of the Loire River, in the Maine-et-Loire department close to the border with Indre-et-Loire, 12km from the beautiful riverside town of Saumur and under an hour by car from Tours.

You can stroll or cycle to the local village, around 1.5km away, where you will find a grocery store, *boulangerie*, *tabac*, service garage as well as two restaurants and a bar. Keen cyclists note that the *Loire à Vélo* passes nearby on the other side of the Loire River (through Candes-Saint-Martin, 5.5km away) and there are many popular walking routes across the area including trails from the village itself, a wonderful way to discover the local landscapes and Loire River.

Elegant Saumur lies only 12km by car, a vibrant town known for its picturesque riverside setting, impressive château and delicious sparkling white wine which you can sample in characterful bars. The weekly market on a Saturday morning is a great way to stock-up on a range of locally produced delights and there are plenty of shops and charming restaurants dotted across the town's medieval lanes. Look out for guided tours or even performances at the Cadre Noir, the famous national equestrian school in the heart of Saumur.

Closer to home, spend time in Candes-Saint-Martin (5.5km), one of France's classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*' where the Loire and Vienne rivers converge and home to the Saint-Martin collegiate church. Montsoreau (5km) is another gorgeous spot on the banks of the river with its 15th century château or drive south-east towards Chinon (23km) with its atmospheric lanes, castle, wine caves and surrounding vineyards. In the summer there are canoeing and kayaking opportunities along the Loire and Vienne as well as boat trips from Candes-Saint-Martin.

Europe's largest abbey, Fontevraud-l'Abbaye, is only 8km by car whilst the fascinating troglodyte caves at Rochemenier are around half an hour away.

Of course, there are so many iconic Loire valley châteaux to choose from within an hour such as Château de Villandry (45km), Château Azay-le-Rideau (42km), Château du Rivau (32km) as well as Château Royal d'Amboise and Château de Chenonceau, both just over 90km away beyond the historic city of Tours.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Tours Val de Loire Airport (80km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Nantes Atlantique Airport (164km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Saint Malo (268km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare de Saumur (12km)**
Nearest Village	**Varennes-sur-Loire (1.5 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Local village (1.5km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Saumur (17km)**
Nearest Town	**Saumur (12km)**
Nearest City	**Tours/Angers (57km/68km)**

What we love

- Elegant and historic décor in a 15th Century turreted *manoir*
- We love the four-poster en suite bedroom and the gorgeous double with an adjoining chapel
- It's a quiet setting with large, beautiful gardens yet only a short stroll to the village
- So close to the Loire River, hire bikes to follow the *Loire à Vélo* which passes through nearby Candes-Saint-Martin
- A fantastic location for visiting many of the Loire valley's iconic châteaux and the beautiful riverside town of Saumur

What you should know...

- With a countryside setting, despite being close to a village, guests will need a car to be able to explore the beautiful area.
- The owners live on the estate. They are welcoming yet discreet - you may see them tending to the pool and grounds.
- The estate is also home to Maison Pierre Louis (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/loire-valley/maison-pierre-louis/) (2 guests).

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** No security deposit is required for this villa. Please be aware that guests are still required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival.

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
 The property does not have a cot but a highchair can be requested.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday in peak season. Flexible during all other periods.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean and mid-stay cleaning are 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.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in peak season. 3 nights during all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes and wood for fire (winter only).

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** The swimming pool is open approximately May to end-October. 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.