

Chateau Des Roses

Region: Normandy **Sleeps:** 15

Overview

Chateau Des Roses was built as the family seat for a famous Count and was completed on the eve of the French Revolution. Today's chateau stands on the vestiges of a medieval building dating back to the 11th century and unusually the chateau and the estate, (350 acres) which includes a farm, remained in the same family for generations until it was recently bought and lovingly restored by an American woman from New York.

Since 2005 the entire residence has been extensively renovated marrying the charm and style of France's elegant past with the most modern conveniences and comforts. The chateau is centrally heated and all rooms have en-suite bathrooms. The result is a property with the atmosphere of a welcoming family home which is large enough to host family celebrations, and intimate enough to make everyone feel relaxed and happy. Furthermore, the Chateau is listed on the National Register of Historic Monuments.

The castle is conveniently situated, just a couple of hours west of Paris by car or train and within easy reach of the Normandy coast offering guests an ideal base from which to explore Normandy's rich heritage. Local activities and nearby towns provide cultural and recreational fun. Farther afield, you are only two hours from the D-day Beaches, Mont Saint-Michel, Giverny and the Chateaux of the Loire.

Alternatively, you may just want to relax locally, explore the Chateau's private parklands, sip wine in the *Cour D'honneur*, or explore the surrounding countryside by bicycle or on foot. The property offers something for everyone who wants to experience the French 'savoir vivre' and the best of Normandy country life.

The village is just a few minutes away and offers a full range of local services, including a *boulangerie* which still bakes bread in a traditional wood oven, a local café where you can enjoy a coffee or a simple lunch, and a local cider producer. There are regular open-air markets in the village offering you a chance to meet local producers selling fresh, seasonal vegetables and a wide variety of cheeses.

During the 'Ancien Regime' (pre-revolution) the Chateau and its estate was completely self-sufficient and a wander around the private grounds reveals traces of this rich past. Throughout the grounds guests will find buildings that bear witness to chateau life - the *glacière* which was used for making and keeping ice, the spring house where the chateau laundry was washed, the *Orangerie* which was built to grow exotic fruit, and an exceptional 17th-century Protestant chapel.

The Chateau can be enjoyed as a self-catered venue or we can organise full-service support for guests who are looking for an increased level of attention during their stay. Additional services, which need to be pre-booked, can include on-site concierge, housekeeping, catering or private chef, and



special event management for celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings. We also offer tailor made packages for conferences and meetings. No customer requirement is too big or too small so don't hesitate to contact us to discuss your needs.

Facilities

Weddings • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Golf Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Fishing • Recommended • Wine Tasting • Chateaux & Castles • Ideal for Teens • Maid Service Available • Cots (Cribs) • Pets on Request • Outdoor Ceremony • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Flexible Catering Options • Walk to Restaurant • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • No Corkage • Rural Location • Indoor Reception Available • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Conference Facilities • Catering Available • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Chateau Interior and Outside Grounds

Chateau des Roses was designed for easy entertaining of friends and family, with an accent on comfort and elegance. The ground floor is designed 'enfilade', this means that all the rooms open one onto the other through a series of double doors creating an impression of both space and intimacy at the same time. Whether you are in the *petit salon*, large salon or the library, with its open fire and fine collection of books, you and your guest will enjoy light filled rooms and the sweeping views across the park and beyond.

The large dining hall, with the original parquet floor is lit by sparkling chandeliers and wall lights and seats 40 guests comfortably. The smaller private dining room is just the place for breakfasts and more intimate dinners for between 10-12 people. The fully equipped kitchen makes the chef's job easy, whether you decide to use an outside caterer or choose to 'do it yourself'.

No visit to France would be complete without the opportunity of tasting the local produce and so the chateau's kitchen has been equipped to a professional standard which makes catering for large house parties a pleasure for the DIY chef or the professional. In addition to all the small utensils there are electric ovens, induction plates, microwaves, dishwashers, refrigerators and a plate warmer. The kitchen has direct access to both the large and the small dining rooms which makes serving easy. The cellar houses extra freezer space and a cold room and is accessed directly from the kitchen too.

At the far end of the west wing we are also able to provide an en-suite ground floor bedroom, in the event of any guests having restricted mobility. Please let us know if you require this facility at the time of booking.

This grand 18th-century country house offers 8 bedrooms all with luxurious en-suite bathrooms. All bedrooms have luxurious en-suite bathrooms, thermostatically controlled heating and picture windows which frame the lovely open views onto the park and farm.

The chateau includes a large dining hall and a smaller private dining room (comfortably seating up to 10), an entrance *foyer* with magnificent *chandelier*, a sweeping "escalier d'honneur" with full-size portrait of the Marquis, two elegant and comfortably appointed salons, a charming library with working fireplace, a "fumoir" (18th-century gentleman's den), a Catholic chapel in the main house and a rare 17th-century Protestant temple in the grounds.

The grounds also include an *Orangerie*, fitted with a handsome stone chimney and French doors, a "glacière" (an C18th ice house), a spring house once used as a laundry, stables, and an active farm. There are three conference rooms, a business centre, and Wi-Fi throughout the chateau and grounds.

Please note that up to 10 extra guests can be accommodated on request at a supplement. Contact our team for details.



Location & Local Information

The closest train station is called L'Aigle which can be reached directly from Paris. The closest international airport is Paris Charles de Gaulle, which is 160km away.

The local town is just 10mins walk from the chateau and has two boulangeries (one with a wood-fired brick oven), a wine cave (where you can also buy the local calvados and cider for which Normandy is famous), an excellent butcher and charcutier, a mercerie (where the town's hospitable mayor presides over sewing supplies), a pharmacy, a convenience store, a bank and a bar.

On a Sunday, you'll be able to buy locally-produced camembert and foie gras, fresh vegetables and locally-raised meat and poultry. You'll also note the 19th Century church with its stained windows of the saints of France and ornately carved altars. On hallowed ground outside the church is the obligatory war monument to the France's lost generation of 1914-1918. Outside the mairie is artillery from the Battle of Normandy of 1945.

A 15-minute drive away is the charming cathedral town of Seés, one of the oldest diocese in France. The twin towers of its 13th-century gothic cathedral, lit from within at night, are a luminous beacon for miles around. Today, Seés is a bustling small town with a lively Saturday market.

Bayeux: This lovely town combines the roots of Norman history with proximity to the D-Day beaches of World War II. The Bayeux Museum displays one of oldest and certainly most famous embroidered "tapestries" (it is actually a cloth, not a woven tapestry) in the world. The 11th-century tapestry depicts the Norman conquest of England in 1066 and is said to have been embroidered by William the Conqueror's Anglo-Saxon queen, Mathilda. The soaring cathedral, dating from the same epoch, was built by William's half-brother, Bishop Odo.

Numerous D-day beaches, museums and memorial sights are located along the Normandy coast, about 100km to the north of the chateau.



Not just for history enthusiasts, people also visit the seaside and coastal towns of Normandy for the sandy beaches and excellent seafood. You will find the best oysters in Courseulles!

Mont St Michel: Monastery and fortress, Mont Saint Michel rises from the sea just off the coast of Normandy: “like a fantastical manor, like a palace in a dream, eerily strange and beautiful” wrote Guy de Maupassant. You can walk to Saint-Michel at low tide. The abbey was founded in 708, one of the first sites consecrated to the Archangel Michael. The abbey is a textbook example of medieval architecture and its gardens, where the intrepid monks cultivated vegetables for their austere meals, are magnificent. You’ll eat richer fare in one of the harbor town’s many restaurants. Be sure to visit the boutique of Mère Poulard, known to generations of French schoolchildren for her buttery cookies.

Paris: The ultimate day trip from the Chateau is, of course, Paris. Only 1.5 hours on the train you can spend the day in Paris exploring the fast-paced City of Light and return back to the quiet French countryside for a locally prepared dinner and restful night’s sleep.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Charles de Gaulle (195 km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Le Havre (135 km)
Nearest Village	Courtomer (1 km)
Nearest Town/City	Sees (14km)
Nearest Restaurant	Courtomer (1 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Courtomer (1 km)
Nearest Beach	Deauville (107 km)

Nearest Golf	Golf Club de Belleme (40 km)
Nearest Tennis	Sees Tennis Club (17 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Courtomer / Sees (1km / 14km)

What we love

- The surrounding area is great for day trips! Beaches, historical sites and even Paris itself are close by, and the monastery of Mont St Michel has to be seen to be believed
- The local town (only 10 minutes walk away!) provides an amazing, authentic French holiday experience with a wine cave and *charcutier*, and the market on Sundays sells some mouthwatering local produce
- Light flooded rooms with fine views across the country park and farmland
- Furnished to a very high standard with a focus on elegance and comfort
- Professionally equipped kitchen to make catering a pleasure
- Ensuite bathrooms and thermostatically controlled central heating in each bedroom

What you should know...

- The chateau is perfect to host weddings and special events. However, please note there is surcharge for the use of the stunning *Orangerie*. See our 'Features', 'T&C's and 'Events' tabs for details.
- Please note that the walking route to the nearest village is a country road with no footpath and car hire is strongly recommended for ease.
- The Estate features a working farm and the caretaker lives on the Estate on the Stud Farm

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 paid before arrival and refunded after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 11.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Up to 10 additional guests may be accepted on request. Please contact Oliver's Travels for further information and prices. Stag/hen parties are not allowed. There is an additional fee for the rental of the Orangerie. Weddings and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** 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:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- **Minimum stay:** 3 nights.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).