Chateau Noble

Region: Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 21

Overview

Chateau Noble is a unique jewel in the South of France.

Founded 400 years ago by a Lord, using funds gifted to him for his service in war by King Louis XIII, today its modern-day guardians pay homage to its heritage and offer their passion and respect to its founding families, by preserving their coats of arms, cherishing each past century and generation and ensuring that every guest is made to feel like a king.

This has always been a noble residence and guests today will be treated with befitting care and attention by its friendly and highly skilled team who are devoted to their guests and their guests' enjoyment. If guests wish, an exceptional chef is on hand for delicious meals, as are a host of extra services such as a charming host-butler, bar-stocking and shopping service, pampering massage and beauty treatments, baby-sitting and much more.

The château has been beautifully restored to a high standard and decorated with classical French and English furniture dating from 700 years ago to today and elements from across the world, old and new. Every well-appointed bedroom has a modern en-suite bathroom and comfortable beds dressed in the finest Egyptian cotton. There is also a fabulous, well-equipped kitchen, elegant dining for fourteen both indoors and outdoors, a Grand Salon with ancient blazons, impressive fire places, a music room with perfectly tuned Ibach baby grand piano and a fun, well-stocked games room complete with minstrels' gallery.

Four-hundred-year-old, one metre thick castle walls keep it fresh in summer and warm in winter and the large array of windows keep it beautifully light, whilst framing glimpses of the original towers and two romantic *pigeonniers*, as well as the charming gardens, fields and surrounding woods which are perfect for walking and exploring.

Guests will enjoy stunning views of the rolling hills of the Gers to the Pyrenées and of prairies and woods where wild boar, deer and hare roam free. Delightful walks can also be enjoyed on the château grounds, which offer an abundance of delights including the park, *potager*, vineyard, orchard, wild flowers, Lebanese cedars, duck-pond, ducks and beehives.

Honey, jam, herbs and fruit are produced at the château or by local friends, whilst Samatan nearby, will provide endless supplies of their world-renowned duck and foie gras. As well as being the duck and *foie gras* capital of the world, Samatan is also home to one of France's most famous markets.

This is The Gers, the heart of Gascony, Musketeers, *foie gras* and Grand Armagnac country. This is the real France where guests can immerse themselves in authentic, fortified villages, market towns, plenty of traditional local events and some of the best food and wine in the world.









Château Noble provides the perfect, tranquil retreat for relaxing and unwinding, with the option of enjoying top quality food, wine and service and as much or as little to do as desired, whilst staying in a historic residence full of warmth, character and charm.

Facilities

Weddings • Chateaux & Castles • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Watersports • Horse Riding • Exclusive • Ideal for Kids • Recommended • Stag/Hen Allowed • Private Pool • Maid Service Included • Special Offer • Has Discount • Marquee Hire Permitted • Heated Pool • Chef/Cook Available • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Outdoor Ceremony • Flexible Catering Options • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • BBQ • Indoor Reception Available • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Games Room • Indoor Games • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Children's books • Butler Available • Xbox/Playstation/Wii • Trampoline • Badminton • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Boules/Petanque

Interior & Grounds









Chateau Interior

Ground Floor

- Grand Salon with large working open fireplace. There is also an adjacent office with a desk and printer and extensive tourist information and an adjacent bar with beer pump, fridge and ice-maker.
- Grand entrance hall with grand staircase and bronze sculptures
- Fully equipped kitchen with broad dining table for 12
- Music room with various instruments, aquarium, 65 inch Sky TV, Xbox 360, large working fireplace
- Games room with ping-pong table, toys, games and well-stocked bookshelves, working fireplace, and minstrels' gallery with a small day double bed for extra guests. This room is connected to bedroom 7.
- W.C. and utility room

First Floor

- Master Bedroom ('Muskeeter') with four-poster bed, sofa, bureau, en-suite bathroom with double tub, walk-in shower and W.C.
- Bedroom 2 ('Pyrenées') with king size/twin bed, sofa, en-suite walk-in shower and W.C.
- Bedroom 3 ('Oak') with double bed, en-suite walk-in shower and WC.
- Bedroom 4 ('Tower') Tower castle-style suite with vestibule and passageway, one king size bed, one single bed up a spiral wooden staircase (steep), en-suite shower room with W.C.
- Bedroom 5 ('Lavender') with double bed, en-suite walk-in shower and W.C.
- Bedroom 6 ('Sunflower') with twin beds, en-suite bath/shower, wash basin and W.C. Space for an additional bed. The bathroom can be accessed from the landing, or be locked if required making it ideal for a family.
- Bedroom 7 ('The Secret Bedroom') with double bed, large en-suite shower room with walk-in shower, double tub, wash basin and W.C. Please note this room is low-beamed (6ft plus) and connected to the Minstrels' gallery in the games room.

Outside Grounds

- 18 hectares (43 acres) of grounds comprising of ornamental park, sunken 'moat' garden with ornamental bridge, vegetable garden, open-barn, vineyard, orchard with fruit and nut trees, beehives and woodlands with trails
- Private heated swimming pool with Roman steps, diving end, lockable fence and wave alarm system (size: 12m x 6m/depth: 0.8m - 2.4m). Heated via heat exchange pump to min. 21° (temperature appropriate to the season, average 27°-28° in summer).

- Poolside terrace and shaded area with eight sunloungers
- Dining areas
- Oil drum barbecue
- Large gravel terrace and courtyard with a granite outdoor dining table for 10-12
- Two grand and historic *pigeonniers*
- Views over the beautiful rolling Gers countryside and the distant Pyrénées mountains

Location & Local Information

If you are looking for calm, nature and authenticity, Chateau Noble is the place to be. Nestled in the very heart of the Gascony, a truly authentic area in the South West of France, famous for its beautiful rural landscapes and fine cuisine. Its territory stretches from the departments of the Gers, the Landes and the Hautes Pyrénées.

The Gers in particular is often referred to as the 'Tuscany of France': rolling hills dotted with gorgeous fortified villages and market towns. It is also the birthplace of the musketeers and it is said that D'Artagnan spent two nights in the castle!

The local town of Samatan is renowned for its *foie gras* and for the very famous unmissable market that takes place every Monday morning. If you have a taste for Armagnac, there are plenty of opportunities to visit local producers and guided tours as well as tastings can be arranged.

There is also an abundance of popular places to visit nearby: Auch, Sarrant and Carbonne are just a few examples.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Toulouse/Carcassone (56km/150km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Samatan (5km-6mins)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Samatan (5km-6mins)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Carrefour Samatan (5km-6mins)**
Nearest Golf	**Chateau de Barbet (8km-11mins)**
Nearest Tennis	**Tennis Club Samatanais (5km-6mins)**
Nearest Train Station	**L'Isle Jourdain (28km-26mins)**









What we love

- The staff will make your stay exceptional with their skill and care and will welcome you in style with arrival drinks and nibbles
- The array of top quality services on offer, including an acclaimed chef and a very helpful host...plus the added luxury of daily maid service is included.
- The ground floor bar, which can be stocked to guests' requirements and with beer pump, fridge and ice-maker
- The duck pond is complete with the ducks' own château, 'Duckingham Palace.'
- Your own private, noble residence steeped in history and set in large, charming grounds
- This region remains beautifully authentic as well as offering beautiful scenery, history and world-renowned food and wine

What you should know...

- Please note that the advertised prices are for up to 15 guests only. Additional guests can be accommodated on extra beds at an additional cost, in order to accommodate up to 21 guests. Please see the 'T&Cs' tab for details.
- There are some low ceilings, steep stairs up to one of the bedrooms and the single bedroom up the wooden spiral staircase is not suitable for small children – please see 'Layout' tab for full accommodation details
- Pet cats are in residence but can be removed on request

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £1500 charged to client's credit card by the owner before/upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

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

- **Departure time:** 10.30 a.m.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including bathrobes and pool towels. Changed weekly.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only, subject to prior arrangement with the owner.

- **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.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday from end of June to end of August, otherwise 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.

- **Other Cleaning:** Daily cleaning (3 hours a day) also included

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

- **Other 2:** Advertised prices are for up to 15 guests only. Additional guests can be accommodated on extra beds at an additional cost of £50 per person, per day, payable at the time of booking.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights from end of June to end of August. 3 nights during all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Extra £50/day on request, paid locally. Logs for the fire are also available for an extra £70/m3.

- **Pool heating charge?:** The pool is heated free of charge to min 21° (approximately 27°/28° in summer).

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately end-April 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.