# Chateau Arize

**Region:** Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 30

## Overview

At the foot of the Pyrénées, surrounded by lakes, forests and stunning scenery, you will find the idyllic Château Arize. A beautiful home which is perfect for all generations, it's the ideal place to relax and unwind with an impressive array of amenities as well as beautiful grounds.

Dating back to the 18th century, when it was re-built after the French Revolution, the château is full of character with beautiful antiques, traditional furnishings and Persian rugs. The restoration has been a labour of love for its owners who have updated the home to a fine standard, creating a historical and magical ambience.

The 14 bedrooms, eleven of which are en-suite, include two master doubles at the front with glorious views of the parkland and three interconnecting rooms ideal for families with young children. Explore the house and you'll also find a cinema room, library, a fun games room in addition to an antique billiards table The château also boasts a huge gym in a separate building with a yoga space, two saunas, two jacuzzis and a new pool house with an outside kitchen featuring a huge BBQ grill, fridge, dishwasher, and pizza oven for make your own pizza nights!

The château offers an on-site chef for either catering or sit down meals, served either in the beautiful conservatory, or al-fresco on the wooden terrace where up to thirty guests can come together overlooking the château's spectacular gardens. As well as a characterful château kitchen, there is an incredibly impressive professional kitchen with all the equipment a keen cook could wish for, renovated to the highest of standards.

You could spend all day in the twenty-four acre parkland, sun-bathing by the heated swimming pool with the view of the Pyrénées, exploring the streams by the ancient trees or listening to the flow of the river that runs through the grounds. Have a game of *pétanque*, cycle around on one of the château's eight bikes or play tennis on the fabulous tennis court. There is a delightful walking path encircling the house whilst yoga sessions in the new gym have been a real hit with guests. End the day with a personal masseuse who will come on site to provide a professional massage service.

Set in the heart of the Natural Regional Park of the Ariège Pyrénées, outdoor activities such as golf, cycling, kayaking, fishing and horse-riding are in abundance amongst its lakes, mountains and forests. There are also many beautiful villages and towns to discover such as Foix with its medieval castle perched on a hill or St. Lizier, one of France's *'Plus Beaux Villages'* with UNESCO World Heritage status or St. Girons where there is a lovely market on Saturday mornings. The nearest village to the château, about 5 minutes by car, dates back to medieval times and has a couple of small supermarkets, a bank and ATM, a bakery, a butchers and a tourist office.

Whether a family re-union or a special holiday with friends, Château Arize is a









unique and peaceful retreat in a very special setting in this glorious part of southern France.

## Facilities

France250 • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Horse Riding • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Chateaux & Castles • Wellness • Fishing • Tennis Court • Weddings • Golf Nearby • Ideal for Teens • Chef/Cook Available • Heated Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Marquee Hire Permitted • Outdoor Ceremony • Flexible Catering Options • Pool Safety Feature • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • No Corkage • No Curfew • Indoor Reception Available • Washing Machine • Nearby Church/Chapel • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Gym/Fitness Room • Hot Tub • Smart TV • Sauna/Steam • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Home Cinema • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Yoga Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Breakfast Available • Board games • Children's videos/DVDs • Children's books • Bikes • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Tennis rackets • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

**Château Interior**

*Ground Floor*

- Château kitchen and separate professional kitchen, well equipped including American style fridge-freezer with ice-maker, wine fridge, walk-in refrigerator, drinks chiller, self-service fridge, three ovens, three sets of hobs, griddle, two dishwashers and coffee maker
- Terrace dining area (conservatory style dining room leading to al-fresco terraces)
- Cinema room with projector
- Jacuzzi and sauna
- Wine cellar
- Laundry room
- 3 Guest WCs
- Small children's dorm-style bedroom (ground floor) with two bunk beds (for up to three children) and a half bathroom across the hallway
- 2 x shower room in the service staircase on 1st and 2nd floor

*First Main Floor*

- Entrance lounge
- Main Lounge
- Dining room
- Billiard room with antique billiard table
- Games room
- Function room
- Library
- Bedroom One: Double bedroom and en-suite bathroom with walk-in shower and WC
- Bedroom Two/Three: Double bed bedroom with door leading to separate twin room. Both rooms share an en-suite bathroom with Italian shower and WC

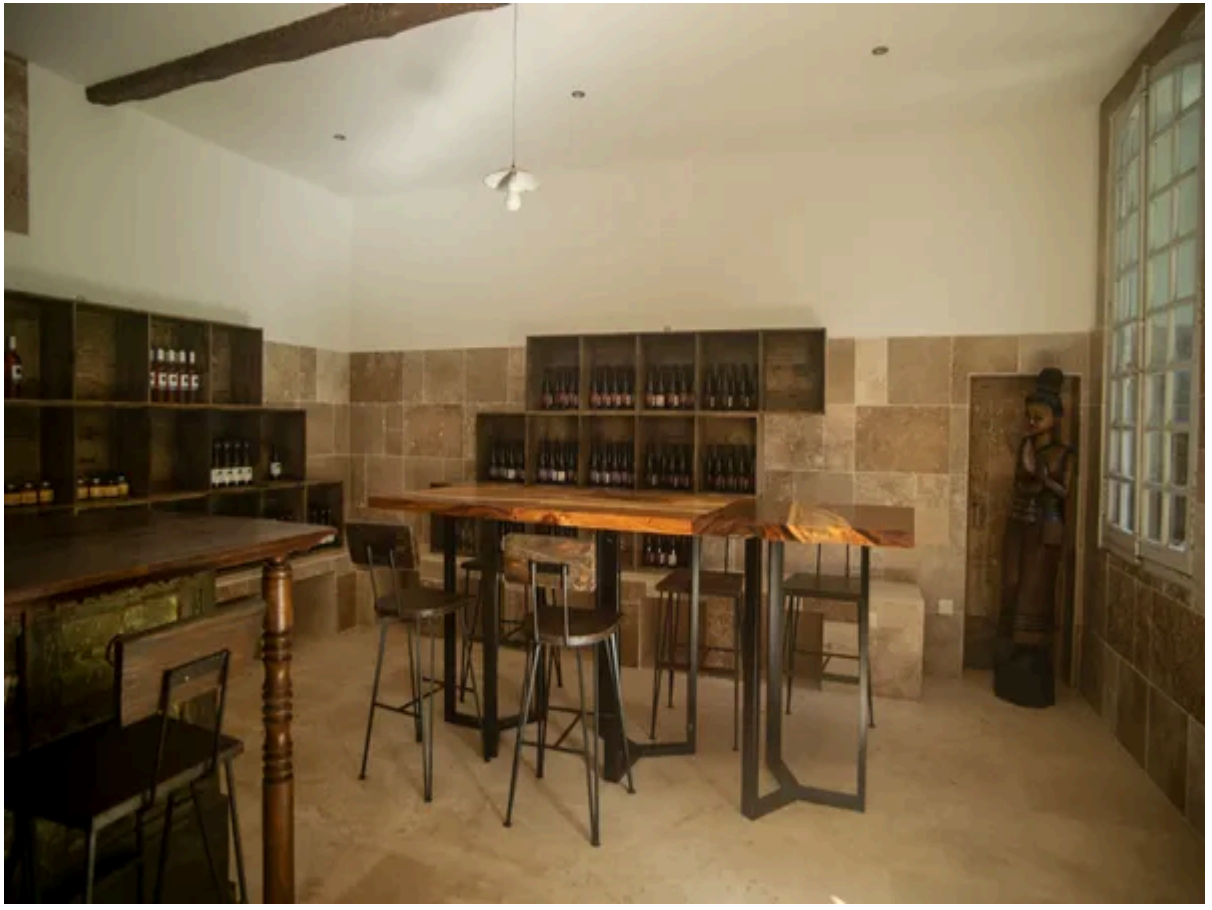
*Second Floor*

- Bedroom five: Twin bedroom and en-suite bathroom (bath plus separate shower) with WC
- Bedroom six: Twin beds  bedroom with en-suite bathroom (walk-in shower) with WC
- Bedroom Seven/Eight: Double bed bedroom with doors leading to a twin room (ideal for young children). Both rooms share an en-suite bathroom (walk-in shower) with WC
- Bedroom nine: Master double bedroom (34m2) and en-suite bathroom (jacuzzi bath and separate walk-in shower) with WC
- Bedroom ten: Master double bedroom (33m2) and en-suite bathroom (bath with shower and WC)
- Bedroom eleven: Double bed bedroom and en-suite bathroom (bath and separate walk-in shower with WC)
- Bedroom twelve: Quadruple room, with double bed and two single beds and en-suite shower room with WC
- Bedroom thirteen: Double bed bedroom and en-suite shower room with WC
- Bedroom fourteen/fifteen: Double bed bedroom with doors leading to small room suitable for cot/single and en-suite shower room with WC









**Please, bear in mind there is no bedroom four and there is bedroom fifteen in the description but the chateau still has fourteen bedrooms. Check the floor plan for more details.

### Separate Building

- Gym with shower room

### Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (20m x 15m, depth: 1.57m) with UV filtration system and pool alarm. Pool is open and heated approximately May to end-September
- Large poolside terrace (200m2) with lounge chairs
- Pool house with barbecue, plancha, fridge, pizza oven, dishwasher, music and tables
- Sauna in the pool house (and shower and WC)
- Outdoor jacuzzi
- Tennis court (hard court, professional standard)
- Ping-pong, pétanque
- Bikes (x8)
- 24 acres of lawns and trees
- River and stream
- Off-road parking space for up to 20 cars
- 3 Guest WCs

### Additional Facilities

- Fiber Optic Wi-Fi (up to 1GB speed) and 4G router as back-up (château and pool area)
- DVD and music library
- Internet TV
- State of the art gym with shower

# Location & Local Information

In a wonderful location at the foot of the Pyrenees, you are in the heart of the Natural Regional Park of the Ariège Pyrénées, surrounded by lakes, forests and hills – a fantastic location for a great array of outdoor activities and stunning natural scenery. You are only a 5-minute drive from a local medieval village where you can find two small supermarkets, a butchery, bakery, chemist and medical centre as well as a tourist office for the area.

Just beyond, the historic towns of Foix (20km) and Saint Girons (24km) offer a wider choice of shops, restaurants and markets. Foix is best known for its striking medieval castle perched above the Ariège River, while the atmospheric old town is filled with narrow lanes, lively squares and a popular Friday market. Saint Girons, set beside the Salat River, is another charming destination to explore, especially when combined with nearby Saint-Lizier (25km), one of France's *Plus Beaux Villages*, celebrated for its cathedral, ancient fortifications and rich artistic heritage. The beautiful bastide town of Mirepoix (52km) is also within reach, famous for its arcaded square, vibrant Monday market and year-round festivals.

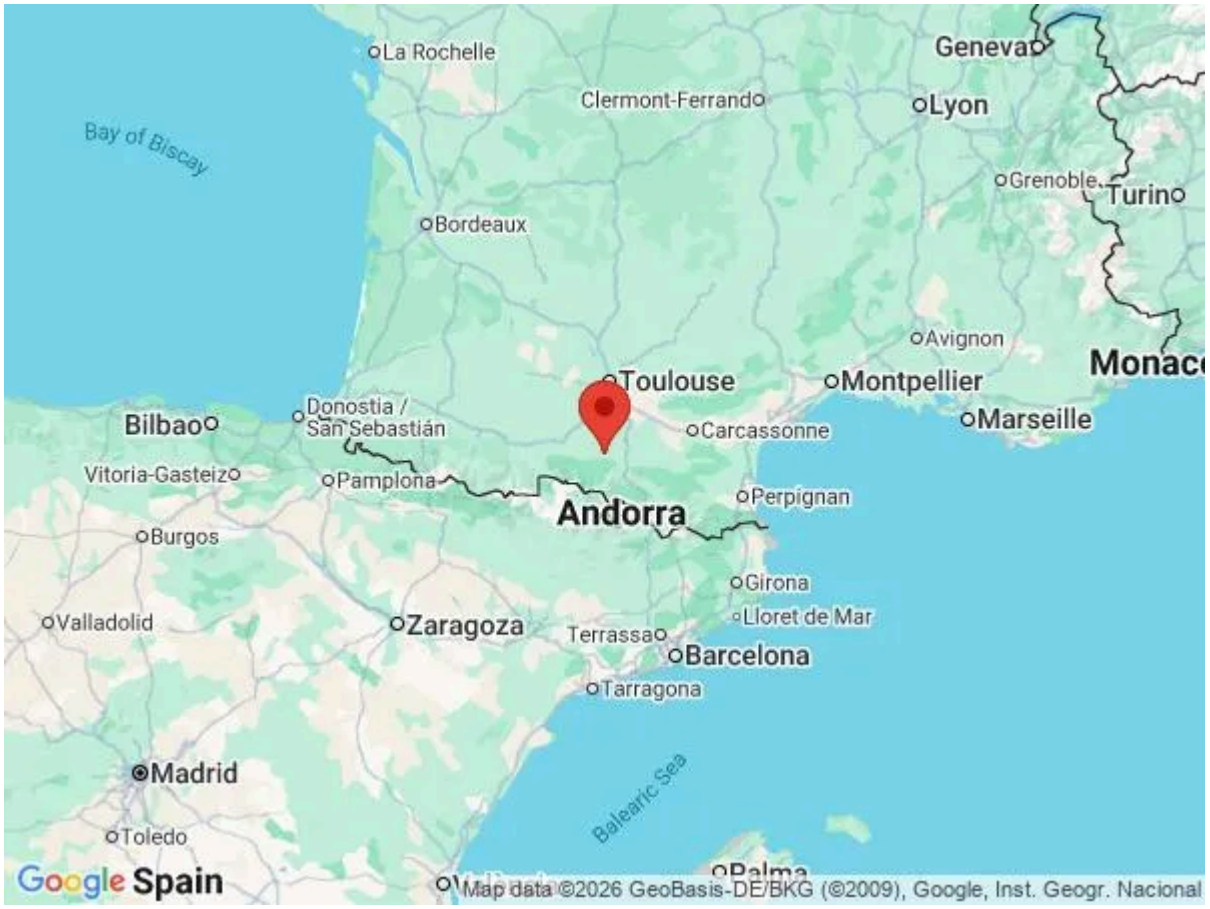
Surrounded by the landscapes of the Ariège Pyrénées Natural Regional Park, the area is ideal for outdoor pursuits including cycling, hiking, kayaking, fishing and horse-riding. A cycling trail of over 40km can be accessed just 500m away, while In warmer months, Lac de Mondély (13km) is perfect for swimming, fishing and lakeside walks.

Families will find plenty to enjoy nearby, from donkey walks around Biert and Aleu to adventure parks, prehistoric attractions and the fascinating underground river and caves of Labouïche (17km). History lovers can discover the Cathar legacy at the dramatic ruins of Château de Montségur (52km) or visit the prehistoric cave paintings at Niaux (45km), dating back over 14,000 years.

For a memorable day trip, the magnificent fortified city of Carcassonne (98km) is renowned for its impressive medieval architecture and vibrant summer arts festival.

## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | **Toulouse/Carcasonne (100km/93km)** |
| Nearest Bar/Pub | **(5km)** |
| Nearest Golf | **(5km)** |
| Nearest Restaurant | **(4km)** |
| Nearest Shop | **Small supermarket in local village (4km)** |










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| Nearest Tennis | **(On site)** |
| Nearest Town/City | **Foix (20km)** |
| Nearest Train Station | **Gare de Foix (20km)** |
| Nearest Village | **(5km-5mins)** |
| Nearest Supermarket | **Foix (20km)** |

# What we love

- Magnificent grounds with 24 acres of parkland, ancient trees, a heated pool and the gentle sounds of a river flowing through
- Pre-book the much-loved chef who will work with you to create the perfect menu, with French or Thai cuisine options
- Do not miss an in-house wine tasting while having a delicious homemade pizza baked in the professional pizza oven
- A sports lovers delight - the tennis courts are of a professional standard, there's a well-known cycling track within 500m and golf enthusiasts will appreciate the course within five minutes. Not to mention the games room, antique billiards table, gym, sauna and jacuzzi!
- In the heart of Natural Regional Park of the Ariège Pyrénées, you'll find an array of outdoor activities to suit all ages

# What you should know...

- Out of the 15 bath/shower rooms, eleven are en suite to the bedrooms - please see the 'Layout' tab for full details.
- It's a great home for families with some of the rooms interconnecting. A couple of the bedrooms are best suited to children so please check the 'Features' tab for further details
- Children will love the huge grounds with vast lawns, trees and games - a great place for supervised play due to the river and stream.
- The House Manager (and three friendly dogs) lives in the grounds and is available if needed.
- The pool is open from 1st June to 30th September.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £1500 paid to the owner via bank transfer before arrival and refunded after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 3.00 p.m.

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

- **Energy costs included?:** Extra €150 over Christmas and New Year. Included during all other periods.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed mid-week for stays of 2 weeks.

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties are not allowed.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday changeover approximately mid-June to late September. Flexible during all other periods.

- **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.

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

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights approximately mid-June to late-September, 3 nights during all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Heating costs - extra €150/day approximately late September to end-April, depending on the weather, payable locally.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes. Gym towels are also provided.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open and heated from 1st June to 30th September. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.