

Chateau Ariege

Region: Midi-Pyrenees **Sleeps:** 18

Overview

South of Toulouse, on the edge of the Ariège, you will find the magnificent Château Ariège. Built around the middle of the 19th century for a famous baroness, the beautiful château is surrounded by its own woods and parkland, making it a haven of relaxation.

The château itself has five comfortable bedrooms, all ensuite, as well as elegant reception rooms, a formal dining room with a grand fireplace and a perfectly equipped kitchen. For larger groups of family or friends, the old coach house just behind the château has been converted into a four-bedroom gîte on the first floor and a games room below. The château can be rented by itself for ten guests, with exclusive use of the grounds, or with the gîte offering nine bedrooms in total.

Perhaps ideal for visiting friends or even older teens, the first-floor gîte offers its own living room and kitchen alongside four bedrooms. This accommodation provides flexible and private space, with its own terrace, whilst allowing guests to make the use of the fantastic entertaining spaces in the château as well as the beautiful grounds.

Walk through meadows of wild flowers in the Pyrenees in late spring and summer or spend time visiting some of the area's magnificent cities from rose-tinted Toulouse to magnificent Carcassonne. Delightful villages and beautiful bastide towns can also be explored and don't miss the weekly markets in places such as Mirepoix for the opportunity to sample some local delights.

Set in a 25-acre estate with wonderful views, a large swimming pool and tennis court, Château Ariège is perfect for large family groups or friends, offering space to reflect and unwind all year round.

Facilities

DVD • Great Value • Chateaux & Castles • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Rural Location • Maid Service Available • Private Pool • Games Room • Golf Nearby • Chef/Cook Available • Wi-Fi/Internet • Heritage Collection • Recommended • Pool Safety Feature • Treehouse • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Baby proofing • Tennis Court • Outdoor Games • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Walking/Hiking Paths • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages



Interior & Grounds

- 1) Château only – 10 guests
- 2) Château + Gîte – 18 guests

Château Interiors

- Drawing room
- TV room
- Formal dining room with fire-place
- Study room
- Breakfast room
- Kitchen, well-equipped including oven, hob, large fridge-freezer, dishwasher and microwave
- Utility room with fridge and washing machine and dryer
- Small double bedroom with en suite shower room (off main staircase)

First Floor

- Double bedroom with en suite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower
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- Double bedroom with en suite bathroom with bath
- Double bedroom with en suite bathroom with bath

Gîte Interiors (*located behind the château*)

First Floor (own entrance)

- Open-plan living-dining room and kitchen
- 2 x double bedrooms with en suite bathrooms
- Double bedroom
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom with walk-in shower

Ground Floor

- Games room with small pool table, table tennis and ball games

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (approx. 6mx12m) and safety gate/fencing.
- Pool house and shower
- Covered terrace for al-fresco dining
- Brick BBQ
- Tennis court
- Treehouse

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV (for DVDs only)
- DVD player and DVDs
- Table tennis
- Small pool table
- Ball games
- Tennis court
- Washing machine and tumble dryer



Location & Local Information

Less than an hour south of Toulouse, in the Ariège department near the border with Haute-Garonne, stands the beautiful Château Ariège. It's surrounded by its own woods and parkland in complete privacy, just set back from the main road south leading to the Pyrenees mountains. The local village, just under 5km away, has a useful supermarket and there are a couple of local restaurants within a short drive from the château.

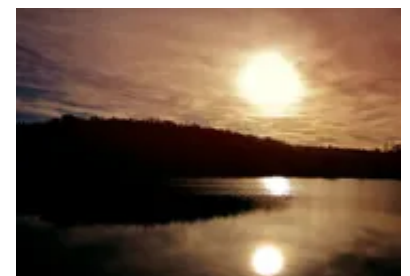
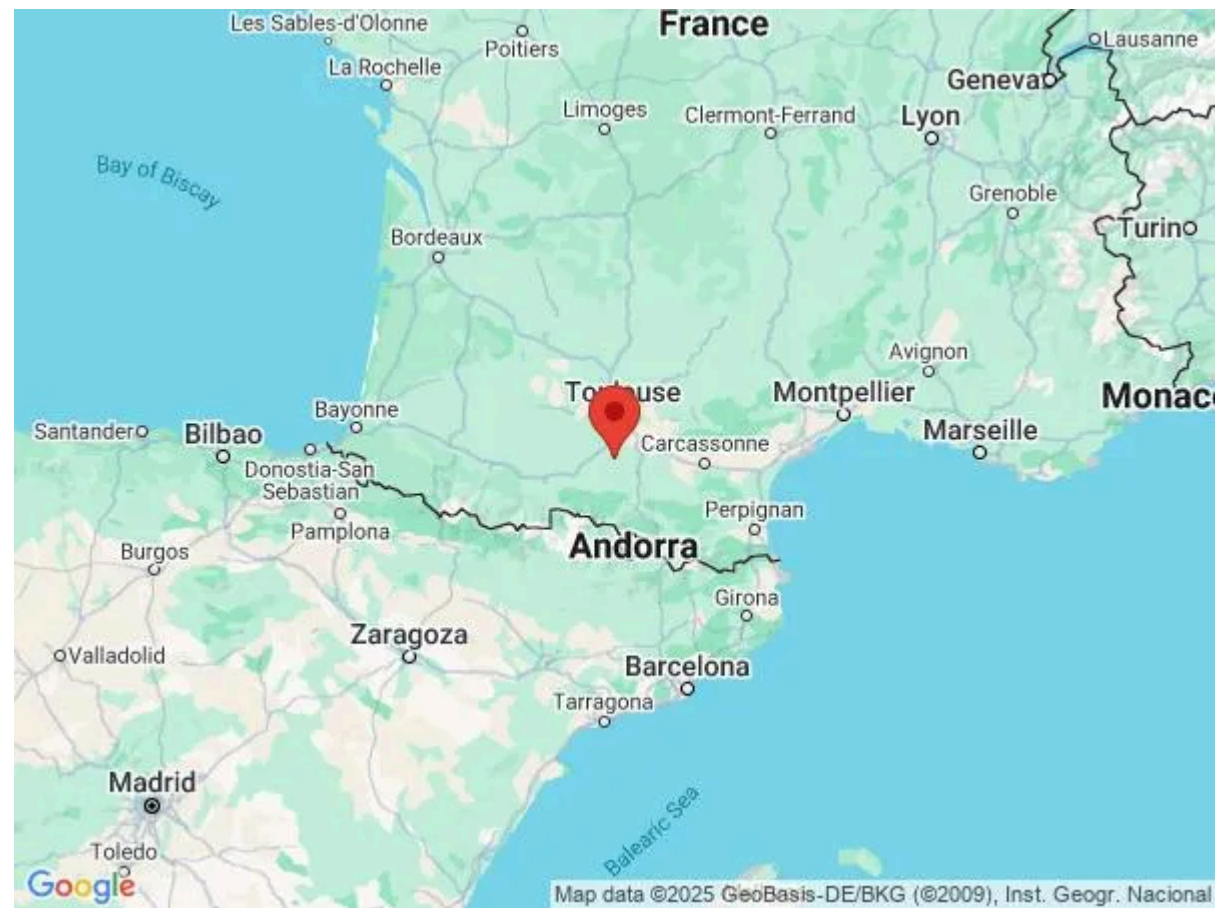
This region is a wonderfully bucolic area which stretches away from the cosmopolitan sophistication of Toulouse down to the rising peaks of the Pyrenees, which are topped with ice and snow even in the late spring. The faraway mountain range, behind which Andorra nestles, serves as a constant point of orientation to the south, dipping in and out of view as you wind your way around the rising and falling lanes.

Walking through the meadows filled with wild flowers in the late spring and summer is a pure joy. Other activities in the Pyrenees include mountain biking, white-water rafting and of course snow-sports in the winter.

Heading back up north, the vibrant city of Toulouse is a fantastic place to visit. It's named 'La Ville Rose' because of the stunning red-brick buildings across the city and the pretty shades of pink that can be found in the narrow lanes of the old town. There are many great restaurants serving regional cuisine, picturesque bars by the Garonne river as well as tapas bars across the city.

For a change of scene, visit the enchanting bastide town of Mirepoix (55km), where the solidly elegant cathedral of St Maurice - its nave the second widest in Europe - gazes down on the medieval square bordered by half-timbered houses fronted by a delightful wooden arcade. The Monday morning market is a particular delight and should not be missed.

From here it is only a 90-minute drive south east to the stunning walled city of Carcassonne (108km), now a



UNESCO World Heritage site and an amazing place to visit for the day. Albi 134km) is another incredible UNESCO World Heritage site with a beautiful setting on the River Tarn, as is Auch (88km) with its magnificent old town perched up high; make sure you visit an Armagnac vineyard as well.

Slightly closer to home in Haute-Garonne, discover pretty villages and towns such as Carbonne (17km), Le Cazères (33km) and Fousseret (38km). A little further, Saint Bertrand de Comminges (95km) is thought to be one of France's most idyllic villages in a wonderful setting looking over the Pyrenees.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (52km)
Nearest Village	(5km)
Nearest Town/City	Toulouse (50km)
Nearest Restaurant	(6km)
Nearest Supermarket	Carrefour (5km)
Nearest Train Station	Toulouse (50km)

What we love

- It is extremely well-appointed and well looked after: the large rooms are bright and airy and have very comfortable beds and great bathrooms. Overall the house has a lovely, homely feel about it.
- The kind hosts are extremely helpful and efficient and provide some very good meals if you wish. Nothing is too much trouble for them!
- This château is ideal for kids with it's open play spaces and ample room - they can also even playing in the impressive treehouse on the château grounds!

What you should know...

- The 10-person price includes the château only whilst the 18-person price includes the château and the gîte
- The brilliant owners live on site, just across from the château. They remain discreet yet are on hand to answer any questions and help with recommendations
- The summer holidays are often booked out over a year in advance so you need to think ahead!

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 paid prior to arrival by bank transfer to the owner and will be refunded up to two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** No.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** The 10-person price includes the château only only (5 bedrooms) whilst the 18-person price includes the château and gite (9 bedrooms in total). Stag/hen parties and any other special events or celebrations are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Weddings are not permitted.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Included. However, 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:** 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.
- **Heating costs included?:** There are heating charges from October to April, payable locally, depending on usage.