

# Chateau Du Capitaine

Region: Languedoc    Sleeps: 22

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## Overview

Welcome to Château Du Capitaine, a spectacular home set in the beautiful valley of the Hérault in Languedoc-Roussillon, close to the historic village of Pézenas and only 20 minutes from the glorious sandy beaches of the Mediterranean coastline.

The château can comfortably accommodate up to 22 guests across 8 comfortable and sophisticated bedrooms in the château and two luxury-style eco tent lodges within the grounds. As well as the château's dining room overlooking the picture-perfect grounds, guests can relax in the inviting lounge with its grand fireplace or socialise with loved ones by the grand piano in the music room.

Wander around the magnificent gardens and parkland which includes an orangery, pond and fountains, then spend the afternoon by the superb swimming pool which can be heated on request. The château's excellent in-house chef can prepare wonderful meals whether it's breakfast, a picnic basket for a day at the beach or an a la carte evening feast, or you may prefer to pre-arrange half-board and full-board options for your stay. The team is passionate about ensuring that guests have a memorable stay and can even organise local activities.

With such elegant château interiors and spacious grounds, this is the perfect place to enjoy a memorable holiday with family and friends, appreciating the tranquil and wonderful nature of this estate. Beyond the château, explore the enchanting lanes of Pézenas, an exquisite town known for its associations with Molière, its little antique shops and its fantastic Saturday morning market, one of the best in the region.

The vibrant city of Béziers is under half an hour away or head to Mèze for oysters and white wine overlooking the



Étang de Thau. It's also just 20 minutes to reach the sandy shores of the Mediterranean at Vias Plage or there is a great range of beachside activities close to Agde and Marseillan Plage.

Closer to home, wine-lovers will adore the many charming wine villages and vineyards of this captivating part of the Languedoc countryside.

## Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Romantic • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Chateaux & Castles • Weddings • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Maid Service Available • Chef/Cook Available • Heated Pool • Outdoor Ceremony • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • <1hr to Airport • Flexible Catering Options • Pool Safety Feature • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • DVD • Safety Deposit Box • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Yoga Classes Available • Breakfast Available • Board games • Babysitting Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Château Interiors (up to 18 guests)

*Please note that this is a catered venue and the château's kitchen is not available to guests - there is an excellent in-house chef for either pre-arranged meals (breakfast, lunch, picnic baskets, evening meals) or pre-book half-board or full-board - please see the 'Extras' tab for full details and pricing.*

### Ground Floor

- Large entrance hall with huge staircase
- Living room with grand fireplace and satellite TV
- Music room with grand piano
- Dining room with ornamental fireplace and views of park
- Bedroom (22m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed, garden view and separate bathroom with bath and WC

### First Floor

- Bedroom (15m<sup>2</sup>) with queen-size bed, garden/pond view and large en suite bathroom with bath/shower and WC
- Family bedroom (50m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed, living area with queen-size double bed and park view. En suite bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom (20m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed, park view and en suite bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom (24m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed, garden view and large en suite bathroom with bath/shower and WC
- Bedroom/Bridal Suite (40m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed, open living area and large en suite bathroom with bath/shower and WC
- Bedroom (30m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed, garden/pond view and en suite bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom (22m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed, garden/pond view and en suite bathroom with shower and WC

## Eco Lodge Tents (up to 4 guests, set within the grounds)

- Lodge 1 (25m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed, air-conditioning, kitchenette with fridge, tent doors opening up to decked terrace (10m<sup>2</sup>), shower room and WC (composting toilet)
- Lodge 2 (25m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed, air-conditioning, kitchenette with fridge, tent doors opening up to decked terrace (10m<sup>2</sup>), shower room and WC (composting toilet)

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (15x5m, depth: up to 2.15m) with hard safety cover and within a closed/locked area. Can be heated on request. Open 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.
- Barbecue (on request, under chef's supervision)
- Ponds and fountains
- Private parking

## Facilities



- Wi-Fi (excluding eco lodge tents)
- Heating
- Air-conditioning (château bedrooms and eco lodge tents)
- Satellite TV (living room)
- TVs (château bedrooms)
- Grand piano
- Table tennis
- Tea and coffee machines (bedrooms and dining room)
- Hairdryers
- Bathrobes
- Children's board games
- Washing machine
- Iron
- *Orangerie* & marquee, both for event rentals only

# Location & Local Information

Château Du Capitaine is situated in the valley of the Hérault in Languedoc-Roussillon, ideally placed close to the historic town of Pézenas and within half an hour of Béziers and the beaches of the Mediterranean Sea.

Pézenas, the town of Molière, offers you a great choice of boutiques, restaurants, cafes, craft shops, as well as, on every Saturday morning, its grand market which is known to be one of the best in the region. In high season, twice weekly, all the small shops stay open until midnight and look out for Friday evening night markets with food, wine and music in July and August.

Close by, there is a wealth of little wine villages as well as beautiful local vineyards - after all, this is the Languedoc wine region and in the autumn you can sometimes hear the distant sound of farmers harvesting their grapes from the château. Keen walkers can follow trails through the garrigue, admiring the glorious landscapes of the Languedoc countryside, whilst there are cycling and horse-riding opportunities too.

Head to the Étang de Thau for a boat trip out to the Bouzigues oyster beds or simply enjoy them with a chilled glass of white wine in an atmospheric café in Méze, a picturesque town which is worthy of a visit with its narrow lanes and fishing ports – travel on a Sunday morning to experience the vibrant market!

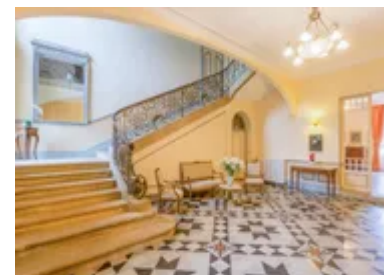
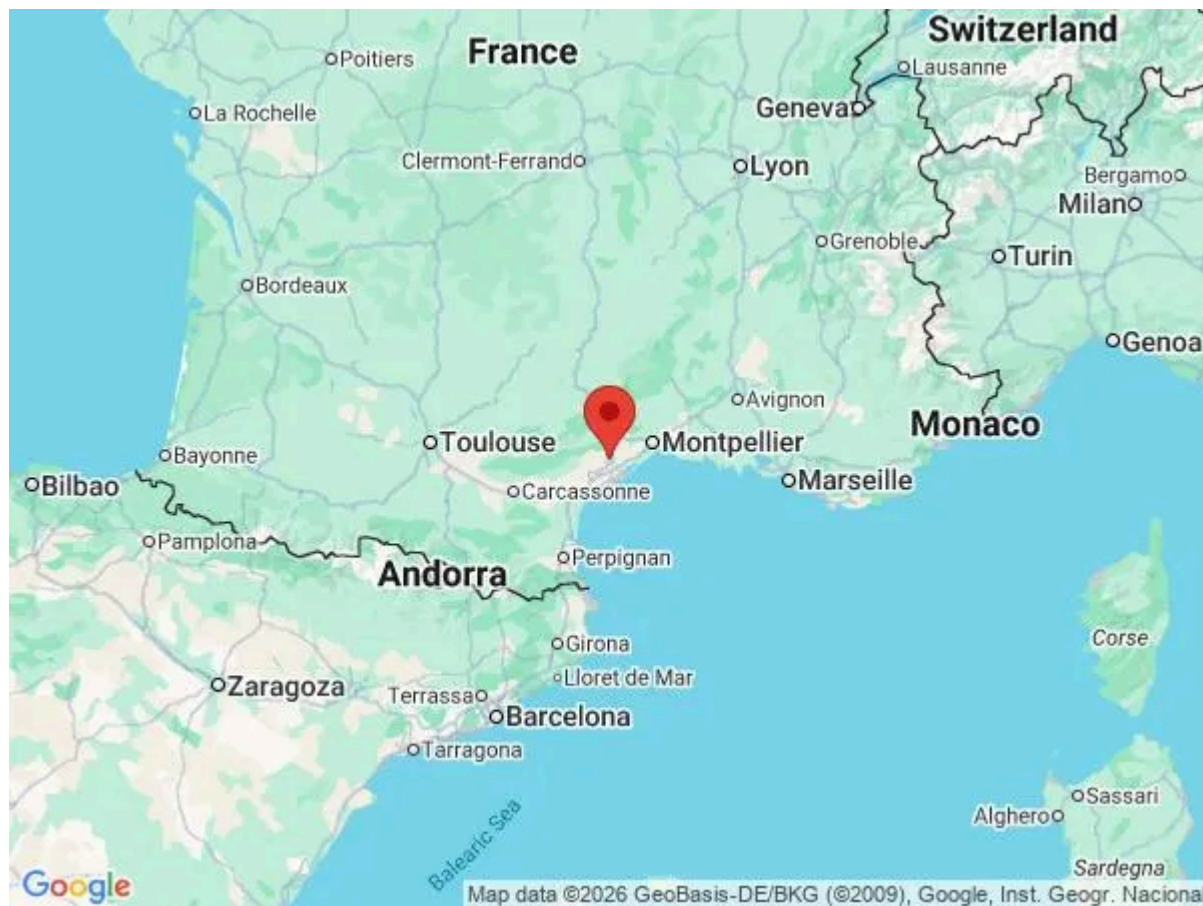
The long stretches of sandy coastline around Plage de Vias are around a 20-minute drive away or head a little further to Agde with its blue-flagged beaches and wealth of summer activities such as watersports, ball games and amusement parks. The pine forests and coastline around La Tamarissière are especially beautiful and wonderful for nature lovers.

Other attractions across the area include the Canal du Midi, fantastic for boat lovers and cyclists, the Lac du Salagou with its lakeside watersports and hiking trails as well as the exciting city of Béziers. Sète is another brilliant place to explore with its canals and seaside setting.

Further afield, spend the day in Carcassonne, just over 100km away, or visit other UNESCO World Heritage sites such as Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, Nîmes' Roman remains and the incredible Pont du Gard.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (28km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Montpellier-Méditerranée Airport (68km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Pézenas (3km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Pézenas (3km)</b>



Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Pézenas (3km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Nr Pézenas (3km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Vias Plage (23km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Saint Thomas (17km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Court de Tennis de Pézenas (3km)</b>

## What we love

- A catered venue, take advantage of the excellent in-house chef's a la carte services or arrange half or full-board meals
- The team is passionate about ensuring that guests have a memorable stay and can even organise local activities.
- Such elegant château interiors, yet we also love the air-conditioned eco lodge tents
- Enjoy the early summer nights with the melodic sound of the nightingales
- The owners are proud that all water is treated via a non-phosphate, non-nitrate UV system using Osmosis
- With so much to do locally (rafting, canoe, beach, historical towns) you'd wish you had a second week to relax in the glorious château grounds!

## What you should know...

- This is a catered venue and the château's kitchen is not available to guests - there is an excellent in-house chef for either pre-arranged meals (breakfast, lunch, picnic baskets, evening meals) or pre-book half-board or full-board - please see the 'Extras' tab for full details and pricing.
- In July and August, half-board or full-board (or pre-arranged la carte meals with the chef) are compulsory - please see the 'Extras' tab for full details and pricing.
- The property sleeps up to 18 guests in the main château (8 bedrooms) and 4 people in two beautiful eco lodge tents set within the grounds - please see the "Features" tab for more details.
- The property manager and *gardien* lives on site and are on hand with anything you may need.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3000 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks 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 including mid-stay change for stays of 2 weeks.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings and special events/celebrations are on request only and subject to prior permission/arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties are not allowed. Barbecues are only permitted on request, for château guests only and under supervision of the chef. The property sleeps 18 guests in the main château (8 bedrooms) and 4 guests in two eco tent lodges, set within the grounds. This is a catered venue so no kitchen facilities are available to guests. Guests can either arrange meals with the chef or book a half or full-board option. Please enquire for all catering prices. A minimum of half or full-board is obligatory for July and August - see below. Only château guests can use the facilities and rooms of the château and grounds. You may be permitted limited guests for a brief visit but only with the owner's prior permission in order to maintain the protected and quiet nature of the château and its grounds. Half-board or Full-board (or pre-arranged la carte meals with the chef) is obligatory for July and August, payable in advance to Oliver's Travels. Please see the 'Extras' tab for pricing. Air-conditioning is featured in all château bedrooms and eco lodge tents.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean and mid-stay cleaning (stays over 7 nights) 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 in designated areas.
- **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:** 4 nights. Stays of 2 and 3 nights are also available on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Extra cost, payable locally.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Extra €200 per week, payable locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi access is not available in the eco lodge tents.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** 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. Please also note the pool is open from 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.