

Chateau De La Croix

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 24

Overview

The Guardian newspaper called this Chateau “One of the Top 5 houses to rent in France”. The Times said “its interior is as hip as its exterior is fairy-tale”. Grazia Magazine called it “Kick your heels off comfy”, while Bella Magazine simply said it had “Lashings of ooh la la”.

Even though it counts Hollywood Royalty on its guest list, it remains surprisingly cost-effective. An oasis of urban cool and relaxed ambiance against a background of traditional, ornate beauty, the Chateau has space and facilities to keep any guest happy.

Within the Chateau is a bar, private cinema, 14.5m heated swimming pool, billiard room, music area, piano salon, voluminous dining hall and restaurant standard kitchen. Accommodation for up to 24 guests across nine huge bedrooms. Self-cater or let the Chateau staff mollycoddle you – you decide.

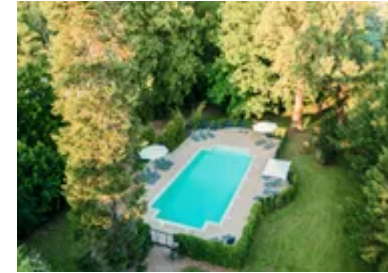
The bedrooms at Château de la Croix have each been individually designed with king or queen size beds, crystal chandeliers and stylish soft furnishings. Each room is equipped with Nespresso coffee machines, hairdryers, plush towels for both the room and pool and luxurious bathing products by Penhaligon's.

The Chateau is great for families too. There is enough room to keep kids out from under parents feet and many activities to keep them amused – jamming in the music room, playing around the pool, outside games in the grounds, a football pitch, ping-pong and games.

This is a destination for all reasons, and whether it's a group holiday with the kids, a special celebration, family reunion or even a girl's weekend, it's a place you'll always remember.

Facilities

Maid Service Included • Weddings • Marquee Hire Permitted • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Chateaux & Castles • Pool/Snooker • Tennis Nearby • Walk to Village • Romantic • Rural Location • Indoor Games • Cots (Cribs) • Private Pool • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Maid Service Available • Chef/Cook Available • Games Room • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outdoor Ceremony • Instagrammable • Heritage Collection • Indoor Reception Available • Ruins • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Forest park/High-rope course • Catering Available • Breakfast Available • On-Site Concierge • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Ideal for Parties



• Stag/Hen Allowed • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Home Cinema •
Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Conference Facilities •
Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Parking
Space • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting •
Cycling • Go-Karting • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor
Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors (24 guests, various levels)

Ground Level

- White salon overlooking formal gardens
- Dining hall
- Kitchen, fully-equipped to restaurant standard
- Lounge bar with well-stocked bar (regional wines, champagne and spirits)
- Music room with baby-grand piano
- Cinema room with 9 foot screen, Netflix and surround sound system
- Billiard room with full-size American pool table

Second Level

- Queen bedroom with ensuite bathroom
- Queen bedroom with ensuite bathroom

West Wing connecting to the main chateau (Second Level)

- Bedroom with two King-sized beds and ensuite bathroom
- King bedroom with ensuite bathroom
- Queen bedroom with ensuite bathroom
- Twin bedroom
- Bedroom with two King-sized beds
- Shared family suite bathroom (for twin bedroom and bedroom with 2 King-sized beds)

Third Level

- Queen bedroom with ensuite bathroom
- Bedroom with two Queen-sized beds and ensuite bathroom

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (14.5m) with poolside terrace and gated access
- Courtyard for al-fresco dining
- Rear terrace with bistro tables and parasols
- Formal gardens
- Barbecue
- Five acres of private grounds

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Satellite TV
- Cinema room with Netflix and surround sound system
- Baby grand piano and music area
- Full-size American pool table
- Nespresso coffee machines (every bedroom)
- Hairdryers (every bedroom)
- Complimentary Penhaligon toiletries



Location & Local Information

Château de la Croix is in the Charente region of south-western France, close to the Dordogne border and just half an hour from the wonderful city of Angoulême.

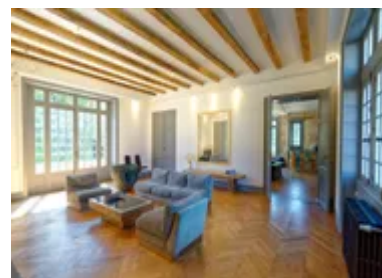
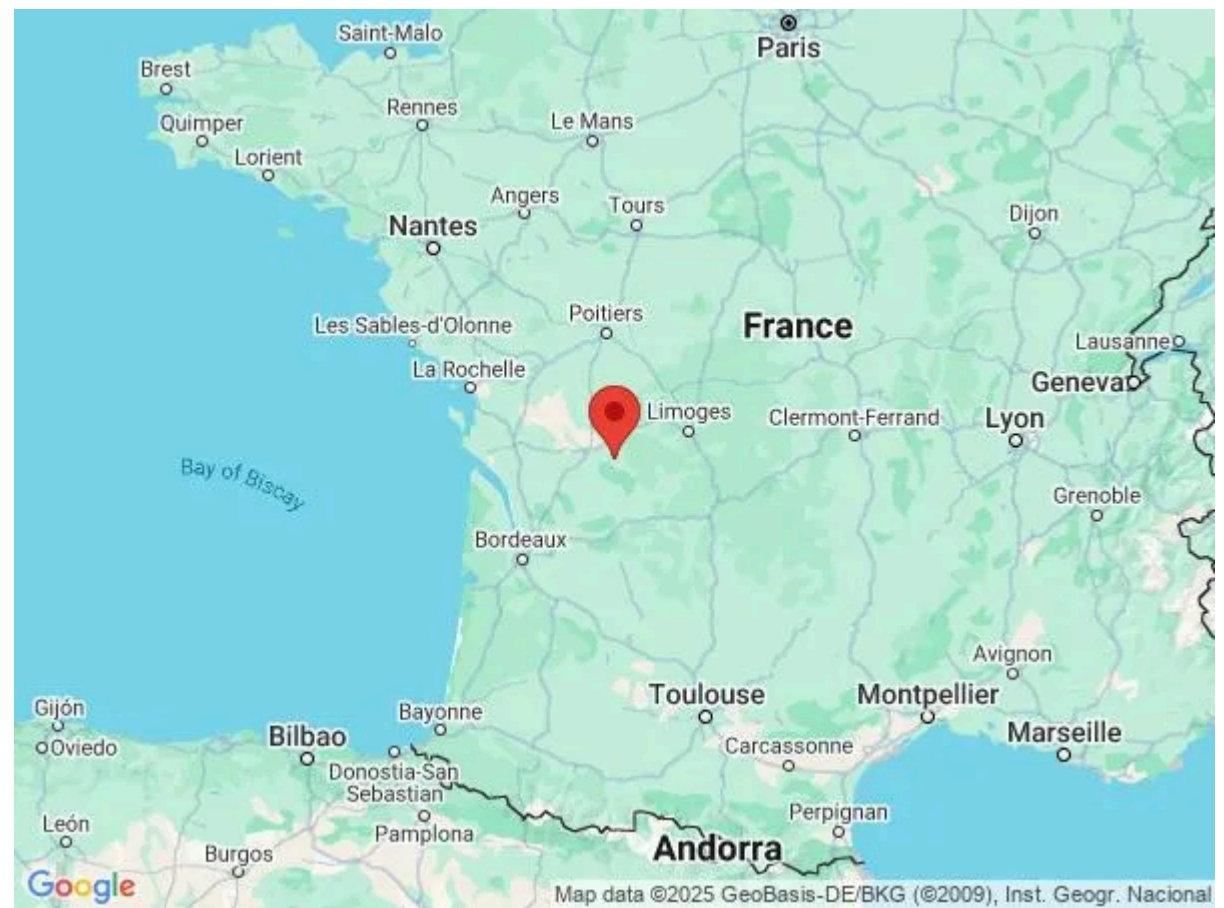
If travelling by train, arrive via TGV into Angoulême train station (the fast service from Paris Montparnasse to Angoulême takes two hours) or fly to Limoges (84km) or Bergerac Airport (104km). Alternatively, traffic dependent, it is around a 5 to 6-hour drive south of Caen-Ouistreham or Saint-Malo.

The local village within walking distance has all the essentials – *boulangerie*, butchers, tabac, grocery store, pharmacy, doctors and even a cinema showing French and international films. The nearest supermarket is 9km away near Montbron. The village is also home to a tennis court (racquets are available from the château) whilst horse and carriage rides can be arranged from the château's gates.

Outdoor activity-lovers note a choice of three 18-hole golf course within reasonable distance, the nearest being Golf International de la Prèze (18km) and bike hire can be arranged to take advantage of the network of cycling trails that passes through the village. Horse-riding is a popular pursuit, there is a tree-top adventure centre with zipwires and a pretty lake around half an hour away at Périgord Vert Aventures as well as championship level go-karting course 15km by car.

Visit Montbron (9km) for canoeing, kayaking and fishing on the Tardoire River whilst keen gourmands should book a table at the Michelin starred restaurant, Moulin de la Tardoire, by the banks of the river. Try local wine produced in the vineyards of Saint-Sornin (10km) and visit the bustling Wednesday morning market in Piégut-Pluviers (24km). The Limousin beef found in many excellent restaurants in the historic town of La Rochefoucauld (16km) is another highlight of this area.

Grand Etang de St-Estèphe is around a 20-minute drive



away, a vast lake with a fantastic beach, supervised swimming in the summer alongside seasonal watersports, volleyball, fishing, a playground and a gourmet restaurant overlooking the lake.

There are further canoeing opportunities as well as river cruises in the delightful town of Brantôme (41km) by the Dronne River. Visit on a Tuesday or Friday morning to experience its market and look out for water jousting tournaments on Friday evenings in the height of the summer. Both the Abbaye de Brantôme and Château de Bourdeilles (50km) are worthy of a visit during your time here.

Other days out include the Dordogne town of Ribérac (50km) on a Friday morning for its atmospheric market, charming Nontron (23km) known for its arts and crafts heritage, and Saint-Jean-de-Côle (45km), classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

Not forgetting the superb city of Angoulême (40km), famed for its brilliant museum, Musée de la Bande Dessinée, and annual vintage car race, Le Circuit des Remparts.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Limoges Airport (84km)
Nearest Airport 2	Bergerac Airport (104km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Saint-Malo/Caen-Ouistreham (480km/503km)
Nearest Train Station	Angoulême (25km)
Nearest Village	Montbron (9 km)
Nearest Restaurant	One in the local village (650m)
Nearest Shop	Grocery store in local village (650m)

Nearest Supermarket	Intermarché Montbron (9km)
Nearest City	Angoulême (27km)
Nearest Tennis	In the village (Short walk)

What we love

- Château de la Croix is an authentic French château with a rich history and luxury interiors though still retains the warmth of a cherished family home
- The property has something for everyone, from a cinema room to acres of land for wonderful walks!
- The large swimming pool is beautiful with its spacious poolside terrace and romantic château backdrop
- Enjoy wine-tasting, hike through the glorious landscapes, kayak along the Tardoire and follow La Tour de France's route by bike – there is so much to do in this idyllic region
- Reach the handsome and vibrant town of Angoulême in less than half an hour

What you should know...

- For further accommodation within the estate, please enquire about the Coach House apartment (10 guests) and the Garden Suite with disabled access (4 guests)

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3000 paid via bank transfer to the owner four weeks before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m. (kitchens and bedrooms) and 11.00 a.m. (rest of building and grounds).
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Pets may be permitted but strictly on request only (at least 2 weeks before departure) and with prior agreement with the owner. The owner may decline such request.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures. 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:** Any day except Saturday or Sunday.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes, standard changeover clean included. 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.
- **Minimum stay:** 3 nights. All other durations on request.
- **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.