Chateau De La Tour

Region: France **Sleeps:** 25

Overview

If you are hoping to experience the real France, away from the tourist trail, surrounded by the stunning scenery of the Loire Valley, Château de la Tour could be just what you are looking for.

Originally dating back to the 17th century, the château is full of history with so many original features including the Louis XIII-style roof and tufa stone features. What's more, when the nearby Château de Richelieu was demolished in 1805, one of the only remaining original bell towers was transported brick by brick to Château de la Tour and now stands proudly as part of this remarkable castle.

Its new owners, one an interior designer, have given Château de la Tour a completely new lease of life. The château has been restored both beautifully and sensitively, always respecting its rich heritage whilst adding contemporary touches. Original features, period furnishings and ornate detail will impress guests alongside the welcoming ambience across its eight bedrooms sleeping 15 guests. Furthermore, an annexe has also been wonderfully restored to sleep a further 10 guests (and two additional children).

The heated swimming pool now features an elegant poolside terrace alongside a fantastic summer kitchen and shaded terrace, allowing for long leisurely lunches or evening feasts with friends and family. 30 hectares of parkland and woods surround the château where deer roam freely and guests can appreciate the privacy and solitude all around them. Look out for blossoming fruit trees, summer roses, beehives and autumnal chestnuts – the estate is perfect for all seasons.

In the surrounding villages you will come across some great restaurants specialising in the delicious local cuisine. It's just 10km to the historic town of Richelieu where you can take a walk around the gardens of the town's former castle or head to medieval Chinon standing majestically on the River Vienne to admire the fairy-tale castle, sample local wine in the town's caves or spend a day paddling on the river.

Indeed, the Loire Valley is a remarkable region filled with magical castles and idyllic towns such as Saumur, Tours and Blois, all of which can be visited for the day. Discover walking trails across the region or hire bikes to follow some unforgettable routes.

Golf lovers won't be disappointed by the choice of impressive courses nearby and it goes without saying that this is a wonderful region for horse-riding. If you are feeling particularly adventurous why not take a hot air balloon ride across the verdant landscapes.

That said, with such remarkable space in and around your own historic









château, you won't have to venture far to experience the beauty of this captivating region.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • France250 • Pure France • Weddings • Chateaux & Castles • Cycling • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • <1hr to Airport • Ideal for Kids • Fishing • Recommended • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Chef/Cook Available • Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • Maid Service Available • Cots (Cribs) • Saltwater Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Parking Space • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Indoor Games • Gym/Fitness Room • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Home Cinema • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Château only - 15-person rate (8 bedrooms and 7 bathrooms)
Château and Annexe - 25 person rate + 2 children (12 bedrooms and 9 bathrooms)

Château Interiors (15 guests)

Ground Floor

- Grand Salon and dining room with sofa, chairs, dining table (for 19 guests) and library
- Small lounge with TV
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including two dishwashers, American fridge, freezer, ice-maker, oven, microwave, hob, Kitchen Aid blender and mixer, toaster, kettle, filter coffee machine, coffee grinder and Nespresso machine
- Utility room with drinks fridge, washing machine and dryer
- Billiard room

First Floor

- Office with screen, printer and desk
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm), desk and en suite bathroom with corner bath, sink and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and open bathroom with bath, shower, sink and adjoining WC
- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm, can be split into twin) and fireplace
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm), desk and fireplace
- Bathroom (shared between bedrooms 3 and 4) with shower, sink and adjoining WC

Second Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm, can be split into twin), park view and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, sink and adjoining WC
- Suite with double bed (160x200cm) and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, double sink and WC
- Suite with double bed (160x200cm), lounge area with children's bed (90x200cm) and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, double sink and WC

Third Floor

- Children's bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm each) and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, sink and WC

Annexe Interiors (10 guests + 2 children)

Ground Floor

- Lounge (50m²) with projection space
- Dorm-style quad bedroom with double bed (140x200cm), two single beds (90x200cm each) and en suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (140x200cm)
- Bedroom with double bed (140x200cm)
- Bedroom with double bed (140x200cm) and mezzanine level with two









additional single beds (90x200cm each)
- Bathroom with bath, shower, sink and WC

Outside Grounds (12,000m²)

- Salt-water swimming pool (10x15m, depth: 1-1.9m) with electric cover. Open approximately April to October. Heated June to end-August (outside this time it is possible for a supplement)
- Outdoor shower
- Poolside summer kitchen and covered terrace with table and chairs for 20 guests
- Barbecue
- Games area with table tennis
- Garden pergola
- Fountain
- Parkland and woods
- Parking on-site

Location & Local Information

Set in 30 acres of parkland and woods, where wild deer roam free, this is a beautiful setting in the Loire Valley, in the southern part of the Indre-Loire department, near the border of Vienne. The château is easily reached, just off the main road Richelieu (10km) and Châtellerault (21km).

Indeed, the 17th century town of Richelieu is just 10 minutes by car where you will find large supermarkets, a pharmacy, restaurants and most town facilities you may need. Take a beautiful walk through the grounds of the former Château de Richelieu, knowing that one of the original towers now stands at Château de la Tour.

Resting on the banks of the Vienne River is the medieval town of Chinon (30km). Follow the winding streets full of little shops and restaurants up to the castle and appreciate the history all around you. It's also a wine producing town so be sure to stop off in one of the town's caves where you can sample some local produce!

The vibrant town of Saumur (63km), resting on the Loire River, has a reputation for its excellent restaurants, its famous equestrian school Cadre Noir and the delicious sparkling white wine which you can sample in the area. Visit the fairy-tale château, take a boat up the Loire river or hire canoes. Combine with a visit to the Fontevraud Abbey (51km) or the fascinating Troglodyte caves in Rochemenier (77km).

Tours (66km) is perhaps one of the best known cities in this region and a wonderful place to visit not only for its fascinating history but also high-end gastronomy with some amazing markets across the city. Combine with a visit to one of the archetypal castles in this part of the valley including Château de Villandry (55km), Château Royal d'Amboise (85km) and Château de Chenonceau (80km).

A little further but worth the drive is Château de Chambord (140km) which should be combined with a visit to the utterly beautiful town of Blois (127km).

There are plenty of hiking routes in this area or you can hire bikes to follow some wonderful trails both locally and further afield such as parts of the Loire à Vélo, a cycle route which follows the Loire river. Golf lovers have a choice of stunning courses within an hour's drive near Saumur or Fontevraud whilst closer to home there is horse-riding in the countryside and canoe hire in Chinon.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Aéroport de Poitiers-Biard (50km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Tours Val de Loire Airport (69km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Châtellerault (22km)**









Nearest Town	**Richelieu (10km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**In and around Richelieu (Within 10km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Chaveignes (11km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Chinon Tennis Club (32km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Loudun-Fontevraud (42km)**

What we love

- This elegant French château has been beautifully restored to its former glory by its new owners, one an interior designer
- How amazing to feature one of the original towers from 17th-century Château de Richelieu – after being demolished in the French Revolution it was moved here brick by brick
- Deer roam free across the 30 acres of parkland and woods
- Spend summer afternoons relaxing by the swimming pool beside the lavender and outdoor kitchen
- Visit nearby Chinon with its fairy-tale castle, wine caves and idyllic setting on the Vienne River
- Historic Saumur, Tours and Blois can all be visited in a day alongside some of the Loire Valley's most iconic French châteaux

What you should know...

- There are eight bedrooms (15 guests) in the main château and an additional four bedrooms in an annexe (10 guests + 2 children). Please see the 'Property Layout' tab for details.
- The 15-person price includes the main château only whilst the 25-person price also includes the annexe.
- The pool is open approximately April to October and heated free of charge in June, July and August. If you require pool heating outside this time, please request this in advance and a supplement applies (see 'Terms and Conditions' for details).
- Wi-Fi is available on the ground and first floor of the château.
- The house cat lives onsite, but can be kept away should guests wish.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded 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?:** Not allowed.

- **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:** Flexible.

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

- **Other 2:** The 15-person price includes the main château only whilst the 25-person price also includes the annexe.

- **Minimum stay:** 2, 3 or 4 nights, dependent on the season.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi is available on the ground and first floor of the main house.

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately April to October (and heated only June to August). 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.