

# Chateau Romance

Region: Aquitaine Sleeps: 15

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## Overview

Set in the undulating countryside of the glorious Lot-et-Garonne, Château Romance is an authentic family castle where you can stay in real comfort in beautiful surroundings.

Dating back as early as the 17th century, the château used to be a hunting castle, visited by the King of France and is now listed as a '*Patrimoine de France*'. The château has preserved much of its original character and charm and has been beautifully preserved by the owners allowing guests to feel a great sense of history around them alongside subtle modern comforts. Elegant silk wallpapers, sumptuous fabrics, grand paintings and many other original 18th and 19th century features add to the sense of historic grandeur at Château Romance.

Imagine sipping your morning coffee from the elegant salon looking out of the triple-aspect French windows leading to the glorious gardens. Or preparing breakfast in the recently refurbished kitchen-diner with its sleek kitchen island and characterful fireplace. There's also a formal dining room with historic artwork adorning the walls, the perfect place for a candle-lit feast with loved ones by the roaring fire.

Eight bedrooms, six of them with king-size beds, have each been thoughtfully decorated and individually styled. The second-floor master bedroom is especially impressive with its canopied bed and free-standing claw-foot tub in the ensuite bathroom. This room is fit for royalty with a true sense of romance as you gaze out of the tall windows towards endless landscapes of the Lot-et-Garonne.

This is a special place where you can find tranquillity and privacy, whether strolling through the vast enclosed



parkland or finding a moment of peace amongst the colourful flowers in the beautifully maintained gardens. Admire the backdrop of the historic château from the deep salt-water swimming pool or relax poolside with the summer scent of rosemary and lavender.

There are wondrous views of rolling countryside and vineyards around you; this is an idyllic escape. Yet you are only a five-minute drive from a lovely village with a *boulangerie*, butchers and supermarket as well as a handful of cafés and restaurants. In July and early August you can swim from the river beach or drive a little further to a neighbouring village on the River Lot to hire pedalos and canoes.

A wonderful way to explore local villages and towns is by visiting on market day to pick up local produce in this amazing gastronomic region; the night markets in July and August are particularly atmospheric. Head to the historic town of Agen to try prunes steeped in local Armagnac whilst wine-lovers also have a great choice of vineyards to visit across the Lot-et-Garonne.

Other great places to explore include Villeneuve-sur-Lot, Nérac, Pujols and even as far as Bergerac and Bordeaux. That said, you may simply prefer to stay close to Château Romance, a beautiful holiday home with a truly historic ambience and glorious surroundings.

## Facilities

Private Pool • Romantic • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Cycling • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Chateaux & Castles • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Weddings • Chef/Cook Available • Marquee Hire Permitted • Ideal for Teens • Has Discount • Special Offer • Maid Service Available • Pets on Request • Cots (Cribs) • Outdoor Ceremony • Flexible Catering Options • Heritage Collection • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Château Interiors (700m<sup>2</sup>)

### Ground Floor

- Entrance hall
- Living room
- Dining room
- Main kitchen
- Summer kitchen
- Office
- Games room with book corner
- Shower room
- 2 x WCs

### First Floor

- 3 x double bedrooms
- Shower room
- 2 x WCs
- Laundry room

### Second Floor

- Master double bedroom with en suite bathroom with bath tub
- Living room with TV
- Dining room with kitchen in the open tower

### Third Floor

- Double bedroom with en suite shower room and WC
- 1 x twin bedroom
- 2 x double bedroom

*One of the larger bedrooms on the third floor has an interconnecting door with a smaller bedroom on this floor*

## Outside Grounds

- Salt-water swimming pool (12mx5m). Open approx. May to September.
- Alarm safety mechanism
- BBQ
  - Al-fresco dining area
  - Hammock
  - Gardens (1000m<sup>2</sup>)
  - Parkland (enclosed)

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- TV
- DVD player
- Laundry facilities





## Location & Local Information

Château Romance is located in the Lot-et-Garonne region in south western France, south of Bergerac and south-east of Bordeaux.

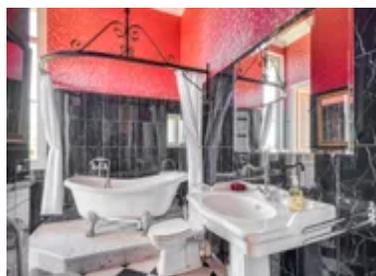
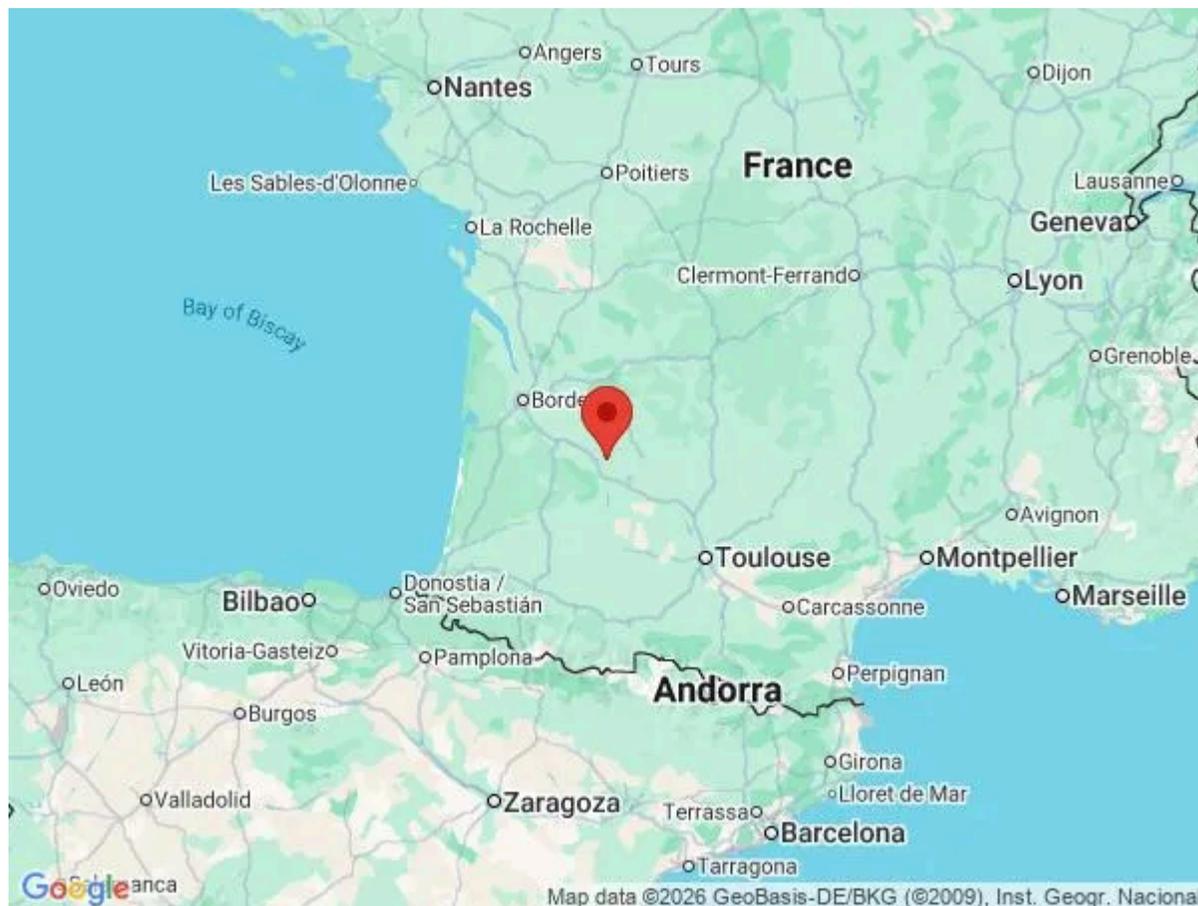
There's a lovely little village within a 5-minute drive where you can pick up your morning pastries and fresh bread from the excellent *boulangerie* and there's also a butchers and a supermarket. You'll also find a handful of cafes and restaurants. By the River Lot, the village has its own beach where there's supervised swimming in July and most of August.

There are other beautiful villages dotted along the River Lot, such as Castelmoron-sur-Lot, around fifteen minutes away, where you can hire canoes, pedalos and motorboats in the height of the summer and Villeneuve-sur-Lot, just over half an hour away, a village popular with hikers who can follow the stunning (yet hilly) walking route south to Pujols, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

Indeed, this region offers beautiful countryside for walking, hiking and cycling, horse-riding nearby and a choice of golf courses within a 30-minute drive.

Lovers of great food can explore many authentic morning markets selling wonderful local produce in villages and towns across the Lot-et-Garonne including Aiguillon and Castelmoron-sur-Lot, both within fifteen minutes as well as Nérac (38km) and Agen (40km) a little further. In July and August many villages come alive with their atmospheric night markets where you can watch food being cooked at market stalls and enjoy live music and local wine with locals and tourists alike.

Other wonderful places to visit include the 13th century castle-like mill in Barbaste (32km), the pretty village of Nérac (38km) on the River Baise and the pleasant and historic town of Marmande (24km), especially great on market day. Agen (40km) is another great day out with its historical highlights, boat trips on the Canal de Garonne, great parks and even a theme park for the kids! Make sure



you try the famous Agen prunes, preferably steeped in Armagnac.

Further afield, you can be in Dordogne in under an hour with Monflanquin (50km, near the border of Dordogne) and Monpazier (68km), two more of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', near enough to visit as well as the famous wine-town of Bergerac (70km) which can be reached in just over an hour.

Heading west the mighty city of Bordeaux (122km) and its glorious vineyards are around 90 minutes away or you could be enjoying chilled white wine and oysters in the bay of Arcachon just two hours by car.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Bergerac (68km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Bordeaux (126km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Marmande (22km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Local village (3km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Butchers/Bakery (3km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Near local village (4km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Marmande/Agen (24km/40km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>(3km)</b>

## What we love

- Château Romance has been beautifully preserved with so much original character and charm
- The second floor master bedroom is incredibly romantic with stunning views
- The glorious gardens and parkland offer privacy and tranquillity surrounded by nature
- The local village is just a 5-minute drive away where you'll find a *boulangerie*, restaurants and even a river beach
- The Lot-et-Garonne is known for its wonderful markets selling local produce in surrounding villages and towns, as well as many excellent vineyards

## What you should know...

- There are plenty of steps in this historic château with bedrooms on the first, second and third floors
- There are four shower/bathrooms in total, two of which are en suite and one is on the ground floor
- The house manager lives discreetly onsite.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3500 paid via bank transfer to the owner before 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?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement may apply (paid locally).
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties and other special events are not permitted.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible (except Sundays).
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. 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.
- **Minimum stay:** 5 nights.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open from approximately May to end of September. Please note that pool opening times is subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.