

# Chateau Gaillac

Region: Midi-Pyrenees Sleeps: 16

## Overview

Château Gaillac is a late Napoleonic, belle époque style extravaganza of opulence, situated in the valley of the Tarn River between the historic Cathedral cities of Albi and Toulouse, with easy access to the Autoroute.

The Vignerons of Gaillac have tended the fertile fields in the Tarn valley for the past millennium with loving care in a landscape of viridian, terracotta and ochre reminiscent of Tuscany. Once the centre of this vast wine making domain, Chateau Gaillac still produces its own label of award winning wine from neighbouring vineyards, of which guests receive a complimentary case upon arrival.

Resplendent in its park-land arboretum setting of lofty Cedars, the chateau sits just back from the banks of the river la Tarn, and also enjoys access to the adjoining rolling countryside. All the while, the facilities and popular attractions of the historic market town of Gaillac are just ten minutes away.

Bright, warm and charmingly decorated in traditional Lime-wash, Chateau Gaillac is an enchanting home away from home in one of France's oldest wine growing regions.

## Facilities



## Interior & Grounds

- 6 Bedrooms
- 4 Bathrooms
- Large Salon
- Dining room
- Kitchen

The chateau boasts 600 square meters of living space including 6 spacious bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, large saloon-ballroom and banqueting-room. As a building designed for hospitality, Chateau Gaillac benefits from high ceilings providing a pleasant coolness in summer; whilst tall windows allow for plenty of natural light to create a bright atmosphere.

Fully centrally heated and in an exceptionally high state of repair, the Chateau is decorated in delicately coloured traditional lime-wash, complementing its ornamental plasterwork and finely carved joinery; all tastefully furnished in traditional southern French Baroque style.

Rooms are arranged in such a way that dining “en famille” is possible both in the cool of the Chateau heart or on the upper-terrace depending on the time of day or temperature.

The “manoir” style kitchen with high vaulted ceiling is pleasant and light allowing food to be easily served through double doors either to the chateau dining area or directly to the terrace; it also overlooks the swimming pool which can be a useful safety feature when youngsters may be swimming.

A large private walled Romanesque sun-terrace with mosaic pool is accessed down ornamental steps from the rear terraces. Sun-loungers chairs and tables are situated around the pool and barbeque area close by.



## Location & Local Information

Chateau Gaillac rests on the edge of a small village, halfway between the historic Cathedral cities of Albi and Toulouse with easy access to the Autoroute.

The surrounding region of Gaillac is both scenic and vibrant. Whether you're wine tasting around the local vineyards, or exploring the hill top citadels of Cordes-sur-ciel and Bastides des Albigois, there's plenty to see and do.

The actual town of Gaillac is but a short cycle away, along the leafy banks of the river le Tarn. Once there you'll find a mix of beautiful architecture from many periods, and a real old world charm. Make sure to drop by the Musee des Beaux-Arts, and leave plenty of time to soak up the atmosphere of the adjoining French gardens and park.

Gaillac is abundant in heritage within its winding streets and tree lined esplanades, but also benefits from a modern shopping centre open-market and restaurants to suit all tastes.

The UNESCO world heritage city of Albi lies just 20 minutes from the Chateau, and boasts Europe's largest brick building; the magnificent Cathedral of Albi – a masterpiece of Southern Gothic architecture, and a must see in the region.

Out in the peaceful surroundings of Chateau Gaillac it is easy to forget that you're only a short way from Toulouse, a bustling twin university city. As a hub of technology within Southern France, Toulouse even has its own space visitor centre, and yet it still maintains a simplicity and romanticism that is true to the region. Bisected by the River Garonne, it is often referred to as la Ville Rose (the Pink City) due to the attractive pink terracotta bricks that make up many of the historic structures in the city.



# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €250
- Changeover day: Saturday
- Arrival time: 4.00 pm
- Departure time: 10.00 am
- Energy costs included?: Yes
- Linen & towels included?: Yes
- Pets welcome?: Yes
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking indoors