

# Chateau De L'Empereur

Region: Normandy Sleeps: 40

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## Overview

To stay in the historic Château de L'Empereur will be an unforgettable experience. Set in 125 acres of glorious parkland, guests will not only stay in a sensitively renovated 17th-century château but also experience the 5\* hospitality of its outstanding hosts.

The château has a fascinating history: Emperor Joseph II, the brother of Marie-Antoinette, stayed there in the late 18th century and it also played a vital role as a hospital for the wounded in World War II. In more recent years it has been beautifully restored to its former glory with 16 classically styled bedrooms, each with their own impressive bathroom plus two exquisite drawing rooms, a romantic dining room and a welcoming chef's kitchen-diner.

Despite the rich historical ambience, splendid 21st-century features include an indoor swimming pool, perfect for winter days by the pool's roaring fire, a large Jacuzzi, two saunas, a yoga space plus a spa and massage room as well as an impressive home cinema room for up to 40 guests who can watch the big screen under the vaulted ceiling. In the summer months you can spend leisurely days by the outdoor swimming pool with glorious views of the surrounding parkland.

The exceptional hosts have a wealth of experience in providing high-end service in superb settings and here is no different. Maid service is included and the hosts are discrete and ready to provide you with any help you may need.

Their aim is to provide guests with authentic luxury experiences whether it is hiring a Michelin-starred chef to prepare a meal as you watch in the open kitchen-diner, arrange for a hot-air balloon to whisk you away from the château's grounds or even organise maids and butlers to serve each of the 16 bedrooms. One of the specialities of the castle is their large collection of wonderful costumes which can be hired, tailored and worn at a masked ball by candle-light for a truly unique and unforgettable event.

The glorious grounds offer 125 acres of parkland filled with lawns, woods, ponds, streams and wildlife such as birds, rabbits and wild deer roaming free. Go for long walks as the children explore their surroundings, find a quiet place to sit in the shade of the ancient trees or listen to the trickle of the fountain and stream.



It will be hard to leave this paradise, yet there is so much of Normandy to explore such as historical Bayeux within half an hour, the old University city of Caen, the pretty seaside towns of Deauville and Honfleur and the stunning granite island of Mont St Michel. Not to mention the wonderful wide sandy beaches along the north coast, including many of the D-Day landing beaches within an hour's drive.

There is of course hiking, cycling and horse-riding opportunities across the region as well as brilliant golf courses and an array of water-sports along the coast.

That said, whether it's a celebration, a unique wedding or a special holiday with loved ones, it will be hard to leave the historical surroundings, contemporary features and the warm hospitality of the remarkable Château de L'Empereur.

## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Wellness • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Indoor Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Hot Tub • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ideal for Parties • Stag/Hen Allowed • Satellite TV • Lift • Spa/Massage • Sauna/Steam • Gym/Fitness Room • Indoor Games • Table Tennis • Home Cinema • Heating • Cot(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

# Interior & Grounds

## Château Interior (2000m<sup>2</sup>)

### Ground Floor

- Open-plan kitchen-diner (50m<sup>2</sup>)
- Indoor swimming pool (10x3m, depth 1.5m) with concurrent swimming device
- Screening room (40 capacity) featuring 7.1 surround system, PS4 games console and satellite TV
- Gym/yoga room
- Indoor marble Jacuzzi (15 capacity)

### First Floor

- Drawing room (70m<sup>2</sup>)
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- Dining room (65m<sup>2</sup>)
- Office
- Massage room
- Room One: Suite with twin/double bed (200x200cm) and ensuite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower

### Second Floor

- Room Two: Suite with twin/double bed (200x200cm) and ensuite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower
- Room Three: Suite with 2 x twin/double beds (200x200cm each) and ensuite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower. Sleeps up to 4 guests
- Room Four: Suite with twin/double bed (200x200cm), single bed and ensuite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower. Sleeps up to 3 guests
- Room Five: Double room with twin/double bed (200x200cm) and ensuite shower room
- Room Six: Double room with twin/double bed (200x200cm) and ensuite shower room
- Room Seven: Double room with twin/double bed (200x200cm) and ensuite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower
- Room Eight: Double room with twin/double bed (200x200cm) and ensuite shower room
- Room Nine: Double room with twin/double bed (200x200cm) and ensuite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower. Room for a cot
- Room Ten: Double room with twin/double bed (180x190cm) and ensuite shower room. Room for a cot

### Mezzanine Floor



- Room Eleven: Double room with double bed (140x190cm) and ensuite bathroom
- Room Twelve: Double room with double bed (180x190cm) and room for a cot. Private bathroom next door

#### *Third Floor*

- Room Thirteen: Quad room with 2 x twin/double beds (200x200cm each) and ensuite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower. Sleeps up to 4 guests
- Room Fourteen: Mezzanine room with double bed, 3 x single beds and ensuite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower. Sleeps up to 5 guests plus room for a cot
- Room Fifteen (ready March 2019): Cosy suite with main room and children's room with twin beds. Ensuite bathroom with shower
- Room Sixteen (ready March 2019): Double room with ensuite bathroom with shower.

#### **Outside Grounds**

- Outdoor swimming pool (20x4m, 1.5m deep) with Jacuzzi area and concurrent swimming device. Rolling safety shutter. Open 1st May to end of September
- BBQ
- Fountain
- Walled orchard with 18th century folly and orangery
- 125 acre parkland featuring woods, ponds and wildlife
- Farm/outbuildings

#### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Lift
- Screening / home cinema room
- PS4 game console
- Satellite TV
- Indoor marble Jacuzzi
- Indoor and outdoor swimming pool
- Gym/yoga room
- Table-tennis
- Saunas (two types)
- Massage room

## Location & Local Information

Château de L'Empereur is located in 125 acres of beautiful parkland featuring woods, fields, ponds and wildlife such as rabbits, deer and birds.

It's only 1.7km to the local village where you will find a bakery, a couple of restaurants and other shops including two supermarkets on the outskirts, close to the château. The village has an interesting history relating to World War Two and is included in some of the Battle of Normandy tour guides of the region.

This is a fantastic location for exploring the nearby sights of Normandy. It is an especially great base for exploring the D-Day Landing beaches which are just a short drive away. Arromanches (36km) and Omaha (47km) are examples of two beaches of historical importance as well as the batteries and cliffs of Longues-sur-Mer (35km) just north of Bayeux.

The historic town of Bayeux (27km) is well known for the UNESCO classified Bayeux Tapestry, depicting the Norman's conquest of England. It is a beautiful town with many renowned restaurants, historical buildings and interesting museums about this fascinating part of Normandy.

Heading north some of Normandy's prettiest towns are along the coastline such as the elegant seaside resort of Deauville (77km) and Honfleur (93km), one of Normandy's most picturesque spots, making the perfect coastal day trip.

Along the coast you'll also find numerous long wide sandy beaches within half an hour or head to the rugged cliffs a little further away. Sand yachting is very popular on the coast with centres in Asnelles (37km) plus there are other watersports such as kayaking, diving, sailing and stand-up paddling nearby.

Golf-lovers can enjoy a number of stunning Norman golf courses across this region, including Omaha Beach Golf (36km) whilst there are some beautiful walks plus cycling trails to follow. Horse-riding is a popular pursuit in the region with the particularly well-regarded Pole International Du Cheval within an hours drive.

Of course, Normandy is the home of timeless villages, idyllic châteaux and amazing regional cuisine. Drive east to the archetypal Norman village of Beuvron-en-Auge with its half-timbered houses and an award winning typical restaurant, combined with a visit to Château de Crèvecoeur and museum (62km). Other worthy châteaux in the region include Balleroy Castle (24km) and Château Vendevre (60km), classed as one of France's historic monuments.



Be sure to visit one of the fine Calvados cellars and learn how the drink is made and combine with a farm that offers regional dairy products to sample; private tours can be arranged.

Other highlights include one of France's oldest University cities, Caen (30km), the seaside town of Deauville (77km) from the 'la belle époque' era and the stunning granite island of Mont St Michel (100km).

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Caen-Carpique/Paris Charles-de-Gaulle (25km/285km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Caen-Ouistreham (45km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare de Bayeux/Gare de Caen (25km/30km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>(1.6km/25-min walk)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>In the village (1.7km/25-min walk)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>(800m)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Bayeux/Caen (27km/30km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Arromanches-les-Bains (36km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Omaha Beach Golf (36km)</b>

## What we love

- We love the concept of staying in beautiful historical surroundings with the amazing 21st-century facilities and the very best 5\* level of service - it's also a spectacular wedding and events venue
- The 125 acres of parkland features a private swimming pool, gardens, woods, ponds and deer roaming free
- The château also has an indoor swimming pool, large cinema room, yoga space, large Jacuzzi, saunas and a spa and massage room
- All sorts of tailor-made activities can be arranged from a candle-lit costume ball (with tailored theatrical costume hire!) to a hot-air balloon ride from the grounds
- Bayeux and the D-Day Landing Beaches are within a short drive of the château

## What you should know...

- The vast and glorious grounds feature ponds, paths, streams, old farm buildings, woods and lawns – lovely for supervised children (and adults!) to explore
- Car hire is essential to be able to make the most of this fascinating region

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €5000 (2022 bookings) or €7000 (2023 bookings onwards) paid to the owner by bank transfer one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 11.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, changed every three nights.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and daily maid service included. 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 4 nights during D Day celebration (beginning of June), 2 nights during all other periods.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Pool opening dates?: The outdoor swimming pool is open approximately May to end-September.
- 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. A supplement will apply in the event of guests in addition to those staying at the château.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Pool towels included?: Yes.