



*Chateau de Gudanes*  
*Depuis XIII<sup>e</sup> Siecle*

CHÂTEAU DE GUDANES WARMLY AND CORDIALLY INVITES YOU  
TO DISCOVER HER 2024 SPRING & SUMMER EXPERIENCES...







WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 2024 THE CHÂTEAU OPENS HER GATES AND HER HEART ONCE AGAIN TO HOST A SERIES OF EXPERIENCES LIKE NO OTHER. PROMISING PICTURESQUE DAYS OF REPOSE AND RELAXATION AMONGST THE FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE AND OF COURSE A LITTLE BIT OF MAGIC. THESE EXPERIENCES ARE ALL ABOUT SPENDING TIME WITHIN THE WALLS OF A HISTORICAL, WORKING CHÂTEAU AS IT IS BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE.

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It is our hope that this dossier shares with you all of the essential information about staying at the Château and about the upcoming Experiences, including how to reserve your place.

If you do decide that you would like to join us once you have reserved your place we will send further information to assist you with your travel arrangements.

And so, without further ado let us share with you what awaits...





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## Your Stay

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**I**n 2024, as in previous years each Château Experience offers its own specially tailored itinerary of fully included events and activities, but the focus remains about enjoying and experiencing the Château itself.

The Château stays are very *laissez-faire* and you are welcome to choose how you fill your days. You are able to take part in as many or as few of the set activities as you wish. Perhaps you would prefer exploring the grounds to learning about and restoring the Château's 18th Century frescoes. Or you may rather like to expand your culinary skills as you help out in the kitchens with our chefs. You may also wish to enjoy a leisurely afternoon reading, playing board games or cards, juggling jigsaws or painting in the *Salon de Rose*. Or laze in the sun by the pool, *jouer* le tennis, take a gentle bike ride or hike...

The choice is yours and there will of course be the opportunity to do everything!

As you may know, the Château is still under restoration and is not yet finished. But by 2024 we are very excited to announce that we are hoping to have made significant progress with the ongoing restoration. Although we will still continue to honour the 18th century Experience of staying at the Château, in 2024 the Château is mostly electrified with lighting and power-points in each bedroom to charge your bits and bobs. Wi-fi is available in common areas and in addition to power-points in each bedroom we will also continue to have a designated area where you will be able to charge your phone and such during the day.





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## Your Bedroom

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**U**pon arrival the bedrooms at the Château are dressed in freshly cut flowers from the gardens and richly perfumed *Trudon* candles adorn the fireplaces. The fragrance of lavender lingers in the air. The beds are draped in antique monogrammed linens, ruffle trimmed pillowcases and floral sheets. Old wares and antique furnishings decorate the room. All bedrooms have windows with aspects overlooking the surrounding mountains and valleys.

During your stay, Claude the Cat or Bruce the French Bulldog may enjoy sleeping on the bed if they find their way into your room!

We arrange the accommodations so that two guests share each room. This does mean that couples or travelling companions share their own bedroom whereas solo travellers may be sharing with a new friend. Although the bedrooms are shared, the rooms are as large as 70 square metres (775 square feet) and so they do allow for abundant space and privacy. We anticipate welcoming between 8 to 12 guests on each stay (with the maximum number of guests set at 16). Where the number of guests is lower, we prioritise solo travellers having their own private room (instead of sharing double occupancy).











## *The Château Bathrooms*

At the beginning of 2019 the Château Bathrooms were completely renovated in true 18th Century fashion - with elegant fittings and fixtures, delicate floral wallpaper adorning the walls and sumptuously textured towels that add the perfect finishing touch.

As Château de Gudanes is a Class I historically listed building we are unable to install ensembles in the bedrooms, as this would involve damaging the historical wallpapers, plaster and stonework that remains there.

And so, at the Château there are guest bathrooms each with a shower, toilet and washbasin. One of these bathrooms also has a bath. In addition to these shared bathrooms there are a further two separate powder rooms, one on the ground floor and another on the first floor.

Directly outside of the bathroom area, we have recently finished restoring the room to create a beautiful dressing area complete with seating, soft lighting and mirrors throughout the room for hair and make-up...





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## Food & Dining

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At the Château each new day brings the possibility of a different setting, a different menu and a different dining experience. From leisurely breakfasts, to picnics on the estate, alfresco dining in the gardens, Marie Antoinette afternoon tea, evening aperitifs and formal dinners by candlelight. During your stay the Château Chefs shall prepare a combination of family style shared meals, traditional plated coursed French fine dining and *servez-vous* style spreads. The Château Culinary Team prepares traditional French cuisine and regional fare inspired by seasonal produce blended with the Château's signature botanical and floral influence. Most of the fresh produce that we use in our cooking is grown in the Château Vegetable Gardens and Fruit Orchards. If not, it is carefully chosen at the markets after being cultivated by local growers and producers. Our Culinary Team is experienced in catering for a wide variety of different dietary requests, requirements and allergies. And so, please just let us know your needs.

The region in which the Château finds its home is the oldest wine and sparkling region in the country, and so it is only fitting that most of the beverages at the Château are locally mixed and made. Each evening during aperitifs hour we offer a different signature drink, with alcohol and no-alcohol choices, and each meal we offer a paired wine and paired no-alcohol beverage.

In the Château Bar the fridges are filled with various wines, sparkling, aperitifs and liquors (as well as water, juices, sodas, Château-made botanical *sirups* and *Orangina*).

In the porcelain room, we also have a tea and coffee station, including *Mariage Frères* tea and a local tea and coffee selection, presented with home-made sweet and savoury biscuits and seasonal fruits for you to enjoy throughout your stay. We hope that you shall *servez-vous* as you would in your own home!
















TOULOUSE — Le Capitole.



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## Arrival & Departure

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 In the first day of your Experience we look forward to meeting at 10am at the front of the Place du Capitole in Toulouse (or in the case of the Grand Tour we begin in Paris). Karina, the owner of the Château, will be wearing a bright red cardigan. Once we are all gathered together we will put our luggage into the Château Bus and then travel to the Château!

On the day that your Experience comes to a close we will be departing the Château together at approximately 11am, packed with water and home-made French biscuits for your ongoing travels. We anticipate arriving in Toulouse at about 1pm. Where possible, we kindly ask that you arrange your ongoing travels to accommodate this timing.



## Bric-A-Brac Away

DURATION — 3 NIGHTS AT  
CHÂTEAU DE GUDANES

The Bric-A-Brac away stay is a little *mélange* of everything...but mostly, it's all about antiques! Journeying together through the sunflower covered countryside to discover brocantes hidden on hilltops and expert dealers in antiques tucked away behind the crumbling and assuming facades of old country houses. Days shall be spent winding our way through the stalls of local antique markets and rummaging through charity shops and *vide-greniers* to unearth all sorts of treasures. This experience is for both beginner brocanteurs and seasoned collectors.

PRICE: €2,900 PP | DATE: 22 – 25 JUNE 2024 | TO BOOK [CLICK HERE](#)

PRICE: €2,900 PP | DATE: 28 JUNE – 1 JULY 2024 | TO BOOK [CLICK HERE](#)

INCLUSIVE OF: ALL MEALS, BEVERAGES, ACTIVITIES, TRANSFERS TO  
AND FROM TOULOUSE, AND MORE...



# Cooking In The Château Cuisine

DURATION — 5 NIGHTS AT  
CHÂTEAU DE GUDANES

This stay is a true celebration of bountiful, seasonal produce and tasting the terroir. We cordially invite you to join us at the Château for evenings filled with champagne and wine tastings, candlelight banquets and tables overflowing with blooms and set with antique linens. Sharing the spirit of French cooking and life in France, we hope that you shall return home with rekindled passion and inspiration for cooking, baking and table decorating!

We warmly welcome both new and seasoned home chefs to join us in the sweet and savoury Château kitchens, where our *chef de cuisine* and Le Cordon Bleu *chefs de patisserie* shall guide you on an exploration of traditional French cuisine, wine, patisserie and desserts shared through hands on classes as well as demonstrations.

PRICE: €4,200 PP | DATE: 14 – 19 JUNE 2024 | TO BOOK [CLICK HERE](#)

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## 7 Starry Nights & 8 Summer Days

DURATION — 7 NIGHTS AT  
CHÂTEAU DE GUDANES

During your stay embrace the slow and peaceful rhythm of days spent in the countryside amongst the lush, green mountains of the French Pyrenees. Awake to the melodic sounds of birdsong outside your window and cowbells in the distance, as each day we invite you to experience the authentic nature of the local culture and cuisine of France.

Under the warmth of the summer sun we shall spend days, with baskets in hand, exploring ancient medieval villages and castles, artisanal farmers' markets and antiques boutiques. The afternoons and evenings shall pass gently by as we enjoy long lunches, cooking classes and wine tastings and evenings filled with music and the flickering of candles. This stay is for those seeking the peace, tranquility and simple pleasures of *la vie en plein air et en France...*

PRICE: €5,200 PP | DATE: 20 - 27 JULY 2024 | TO BOOK [CLICK HERE](#)

INCLUSIVE OF: ALL MEALS, BEVERAGES, ACTIVITIES, TRANSFERS TO AND FROM TOULOUSE, AND MORE...









## The Grand Tour

DURATION — 11 NIGHTS FROM PARIS  
TO CHÂTEAU DE GUDANES

The practice of Grand Tours of Europe first began in the 17th Century. From 1670 painters, collectors, classical scholars, historians, aspiring architects and antiquarians, both men and women, began travelling to France to experience French culture, refine their French language skills, encounter beautiful architecture, paintings and objets d'art to broaden their minds and eventually return home with souvenirs, mementos and memories of their journey and time away. This stay follows in their footsteps, travelling across the French countryside through cities and villages to visit and appreciate museums, ancient historical sites, castles and fine French food and wine. The tenets of this stay are history, heritage and luxury and we warmly invite you to join us on this expedition of beauty and intellectual curiosity.

Cities En Route: 2 nights in Paris, 2 nights in Versailles, 1 night in the Loire Valley, 2 nights in Bordeaux, 1 night in Carcassonne & 3 nights at Château de Gudanes.

Please kindly note that this stay is fully inclusive of accommodation, transport, dining, beverages and activities both throughout your travels (beginning in Paris) and at the Château, as well as all of our other usual inclusions for our stays as listed at the close of this dossier.

PRICE & ITINERARY UPON REQUEST | DATE: 4 – 15 JULY 2024  
DETAILS: For further information or to place a booking we kindly ask that you reach out to us at [experience@chateaugudanes.com](mailto:experience@chateaugudanes.com)









## *Private Château Experiences*

DURATION — BETWEEN 3 AND 7 NIGHTS

In celebration of a special occasion or to simply cherish the joy of being together and making memories with friends and family, we present the Château to you for your own private and personalised Experience. The Château is able to host up to 16 guests shared between 8 French furnished bedrooms.

Be our guest and choose from a selection of activities to experience the magic of the south of France in your own way and create and curate your own personal itinerary for your stay. Each day filled with feasts of delicious French fare and wonderful adventures.

\*Please kindly note that for Private Château Experiences we require a minimum of 12 guests.

PRICE: COMMENCING AT €2,900 PER PERSON FOR 3 NIGHTS

DATES: We kindly ask that you reach out to us via email at [experience@chateaugudanes.com](mailto:experience@chateaugudanes.com) to enquire regarding our available dates for a Private Château Experience.



#### ALL CHÂTEAU EXPERIENCES INCLUDE:

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- Daily breakfast, lunch, dinner and delectable desserts prepared by international and local chefs at the Château as well as all dining throughout the region,
  - Unlimited Château beverages - house sparkling, house wine, house spirits (the drinking kind!), house beer and various no-alcohol drinks,
  - Double occupancy accommodation and shared bathroom facilities,
  - All organised activities,
  - Use of the Château's facilities including tennis court, pool and wifi,
  - Complimentary laundry facilities for you to use as needed,
  - Transfers to and from Toulouse,
  - The opportunity to be part of the Château Story by assisting with the restoration of 18th Century frescoes in the Château's dining room,
  - And many special surprises along the way!
- Please kindly note that the cost of the Experiences excludes your flights to and from Toulouse (or Paris in the case of the Grand Tour), personal spending money and travel insurance.

#### PAYMENT & TRAVEL INSURANCE:

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To join us, we require a 30% deposit made by credit card at the time of booking. This amount will be charged in Euros and the exact currency conversion will be calculated based on the rates of your bank. The remaining payment will be due on February 21st 2024.

You are welcome to pay in installments at your discretion. All amounts paid are non-refundable and we kindly ask that you request any refunds through your travel insurance, which is compulsory as per the terms and conditions linked below. We sincerely appreciate your understanding.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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We kindly ask that you follow the link [here](#) to view the important terms and conditions of staying at the Château and being part of a Château Experience.

Please note that by booking a place on a Château Experience you are agreeing with these terms and conditions laid out.





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WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AND NO MATTER IF YOU DECIDE TO JOIN US AT THE CHÂTEAU THIS YEAR OR NOT, WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT ALONG THE RESTORATION JOURNEY

We welcome any further questions that you may have about the Chateau Experiences and invite you to contact us at [experience@chateaugudanes.com](mailto:experience@chateaugudanes.com)

If you would like more information about the Chateau itself or have a general enquiry we kindly ask that you contact us at [ariego@chateaugudanes.com](mailto:ariego@chateaugudanes.com)