



Chateau de Gudanes
Depuis XIII^e Siecle

CHÂTEAU DE GUDANES WARMLY AND CORDIALLY PRESENTS ITS ESTATE FOR YOUR

FÊTE DE MARIAGE CELEBRATION...



“WHAT GREATER THING IS THERE FOR TWO HUMMAN SOULS THAN TO FEEL THAT THEY ARE JOINED FOR LIFE?”

- MARY ANN EVANS





WE ARE DELIGHTED TO FULFIL YOUR DEAREST WISHES FOR YOUR MOST SPECIAL DAY. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND IT IS AN HONOUR THAT YOU WOULD ENTRUST THE CHÂTEAU WITH THIS MOST SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF YOUR LOVE AND TOGETHERNESS.

We thank you dearly for your interest in knowing more about celebrating your union at the Château.

It is our hope that this dossier shares with you all of the essential information that you shall require.

And so, without further ado let us share with you the fairytale that awaits...







A Historical Legacy

Upon celebrating your wedding at Château de Gudanes we invite you to become part of the distinguished history of this echanting place. Surrounded by the past each salon has its own unique stories and secrets to share.

The Château was once upon a time host to the most extravagant of 18th Century events, welcoming nobility and notability of the greatest importance including estemeed writers and philosophers Voltaire, Diderot & Rousseau. Your union together shall be steeped in history and become part of a long an esteemed legacy of the grandest of events.

Your Very Own French Fairytale

Whether for a few nights or a week long takeover, in honour of your celebration we present to you the keys of the Château with full privatisation of the estate, garden and grounds.

We offer a fully inclusive wedding experience, tailored to your wishes, in which we warmly invite you to celebrate your union at the Château and stay along with your guests to further enjoy the magic and beauty of the south of France.

Our thoughtful and attentive team will consider each and every detail to ensure that your most special day and stay with us is organised without worry on your behalf and so that you experience a most memorable celebration - each day filled with feasts of delicious French fare and exciting adventures.

Our team shall treat every aspect of your stay and the day of your union with the upmost care and thoughtful attention to detail. Throughout the planning process, from fairytale to reality, our gracious team are warm and welcoming so that you feel entirely at ease and at home even before your arrival.



Once Upon A Dream



Discover the setting of Château de Gudanes nestled amongst the mountainous valleys of the Pyrenees in the heart of the south of France. Walking up the ancient carriageway, through grand iron gates, it is almost as if you are being transported into a dream.

The neoclassical style of the Château offers a truly romantic setting in every season. Whether surrounded by luscious green mountains in the spring and summer, framed by golden and red leaves in the fall or frosted in snow in the winter...





CHÂTEAU DE GUDANES IN SUMMER



CHÂTEAU DE GUDANES IN SPRING



CHÂTEAU DE GUDANES IN FALL



CHÂTEAU DE GUDANES IN FALL



CHÂTEAU DE GUDANES IN WINTER



The Chateau Salons

The inside of the Chateau, although still undergoing restoration, features the elegant opulence of the 18th century juxtaposed with the gracefulness of age and patina. Offering an abundance of settings for your wedding photography.

On the day of your union we are able to create the celebration of your dreams in any combination of our enchanting spaces...

Perhaps you may wish for a ceremony upon the grand staircase, appetisers and aperitifs *en plein air* in a magical location in the Chateau gardens followed by a candlelight dinner in the gold gilded *Salon de Musique*... The choice of setting for each part of this most special day in your lifetime is entirely at your discretion, though we are of course able to offer suggestions should you wish.



THE CHÂTEAU CUISINE



THE SALON DE PORCELAINE



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THE RENAISSANCE KITCHEN



THE WINDING STAIRCASE



THE PETIT VESTIBULE



THE GRAND VESTIBULE & STAIRCASE



THE SALLE À MANGER



THE SALLE À MANGER



THE SALON DE PRINTEMPS



THE SALON DE PRINTEMPS



THE SALON DE ROSE



THE SALON DE MUSIQUE



THE SALON DE MUSIQUE



CHAMBRE JOSEPHINE

The Château Bedrooms

Upon your arrival the bedrooms at the Château are dressed in freshly cut flowers from the gardens and richly perfumed *Trudon* candles adorn the fireplaces. The beds are draped in antique monogrammed linens, ruffle trimmed pillowcases and floral sheets. Old wares and antique furnishings decorate the room...

As a boutique venue the Château is able to host weddings with guest lists of up to 18 people (including the wedding couple), who shall be warmly received to stay in 8 beautifully decorated French furnished bedrooms.

For the soon to be newlyweds, we reserve the room of your choice. We then arrange the accommodation so that two, or sometimes three, of your guests share each room. This does mean that couples will have their own bedroom whereas, depending on your number of guests, solo guests may be sharing with a friend or two.

Although some bedrooms may be shared, the rooms are as large as 70m² and so they do allow for abundant space and privacy and we always carefully consider who we place to share with whom based upon your guidance.



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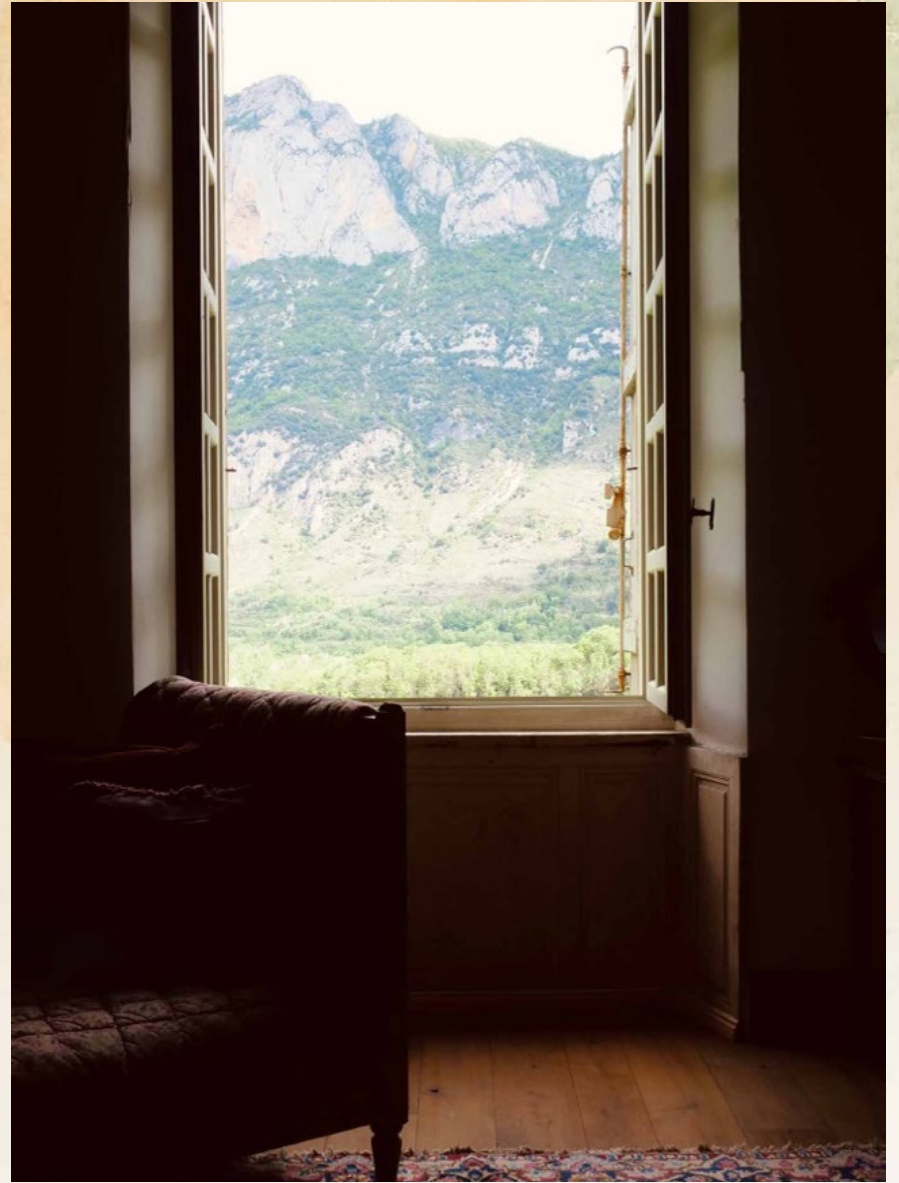
CHAMBRE OLYMPE DE GOUGES



CHAMBRE JEANNE D'ARC



CHAMBRE MARIE-LOUISE LACHAPELLE



CHAMBRE MARIE CURIE



CHAMBRE MARIE-LOUISE LACHAPELLE



Dressing Room & 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.

There are three bathrooms at the Château 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.

For the wedding couple, should they wish we have a beautiful bedroom with a fourth, smaller bathroom ensuite including a washbasin and bath.

The Château also has a spacious dressing room fully equipped with power outlets, mirrors and delicate lighting. The perfect setting for capturing your moments readying yourself for the day of your union.



Fine Dining

At Château de Gudanes we offer warm and welcoming French entertaining and fine dining. Each new day brings the possibility of a different setting, a different menu and a different dining experience. From leisurely breakfasts, royal banquets by candlelight, alfresco dining in the Château Gardens, traditional afternoon tea and evening aperitifs.

During the planning process, we invite you to work closely with the Château Culinary Team, both our *chefs de cuisine* and *chefs de pâtisserie*, to ensure that every aspect of your culinary experience, both the menus and dining settings, are entirely personal to your own tastes. This of course includes your wedding cake and desserts!

The fresh produce that we use is lovingly nurtured and grown on the estate. If not, it is carefully cultivated by local growers and producers.

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 our beverages are locally mixed and made. Each evening during aperitifs hour we like to showcase a different signature beverage, with alcohol and no alcohol choices.

In the Château Bar the fridges are filled to the brim with various wines, sparkling, aperitifs and liquors (as well as water, juices, sodas, Château-made botanical *sirups* and *Orangina*). We hope that you would *servez-vous* as you would in your own home.

















Floral Artistry

Upon your arrival the Château shall be dressed in freshly cut seasonal blooms. Their fragrance lingers softly in the air...

Throughout your stay we are able to create bespoke tablescapes of flowers and candles just for you. Perhaps your floral inspiration draws from the centuries old paintings of Old French Masters or *peut-être* you prefer more natural bouquets.

“IF I HAD A FLOWER FOR EVERY TIME I THOUGHT
OF YOU... I COULD WALK THROUGH MY GARDEN
FOREVER”

- ALFRED TENNYSON

Sample Itinerary

4 NIGHT FÊTE DE MARIAGE CELEBRATION

- DAY OF ARRIVAL -

- Your fairytale begins in Toulouse where we shall collect you and your guests. A luxury private car is reserved exclusively for the soon to be newlweds
- Following this shall be your arrival at Château de Gudanes upon which we shall introduce our team and welcome you with a sparkling toast
- The presentation of the guest quarters will then begin followed by a short intiation to the Château's amenities
- Picnic luncheon in the *Château Jardin*
- Afterward, a historic tour of the interiors of the Château
- The tour will conclude with traditional, French cocktails in the *Salon de Rose*
- "Be Our Guest" welcome dinner by candlelight in the *Salle à Manger*

- FÊTE DE MARIAGE -

- This most special day begins with an in room, private breakfast for the couple so that they may enjoy a moment together before the celebrations commence
- Meanwhile, guests shall enjoy a *servez-vous* style traditional, French breakfast in the *Salon de Porcelaine*

- Visit the morning markets followed by a gentle guided walk around the neighbouring villages visiting historic churches and picturesque places along the way
- Light alfresco lunch is served on the back terrace
- Should they wish, the couple shall then adjourn to separate suites as they begin readying themselves for the ceremony. Afternoon tea shall be served to each, and the wedding party joining them, in their own suite
- As the congregation gathers together downstairs the wedding couple may wish to join together for a first look in the *Petit Vestibule*
- The ceremony shall be held on the grand staircase decorated in glowing candlelight
- Following a celebratory sparkling toast guests shall then be welcomed into the gold gilded *Salon de Musique* for cocktails and canapés
- An intimate dinner by candlelight shall then be held in the *Salon de Printemps*. Followed by a grand presentation of desserts and cutting of the cake in the *Salle à Manger*
- Dance the night away! The Château Bar shall be open until the early hours of the morning..

- FRENCH MARKET DAY -

- *Servez-vous* breakfast to be held in the *Salon de Porcelaine* with the Château Patisserie Chefs serving freshly made crêpes from their very own crêpe cart!
- Followed by a mid morning departure to visit the markets in the medieval village of *Mirepoix*, stopping along the way for some antiquing and photos of beautiful landscapes and sunflowers
- For luncheon we shall dine at another magical château followed by time to leisurely explore the estate...

- Upon returning to the Château in the afternoon there will be a short restoration lecture followed by the opportunity to assist with the restoration of the 18th Century frescoes in the *Salon de Printemps*, which was once upon a time the Château's original dining room
- *L'heure d'aperatifs* to be held in the Château Bar sharing a selection of locally made aperatifs
- Dinner shall be served on the front terrace alfresco style and shall be followed by an outdoor French film *soirée*

- JOUR D'AVENTURE -

- A breakfast surprise awaits... accompanied by a make your own mimosa station!
- Early morning departure for a hiking expedition throughout the valley. Or, stay at the Château to rest and enjoy a relaxing morning..
- Luncheon is served in the *Salle à Manger*
- After some time to relax following hiking and lunch, there will be a sweet cooking class with the opportunity to learn from our Le Cordon Bleu Château Patisserie Chefs in the dedicated pastry kitchen
- Aperatifs are served on the front terrace
- A formal, farewell dinner shall be held in the *Salon de Printemps*
- Followed by after dinner drinks served under the stars and an adventure into the Château's Basement for an intriguing mystery..

- AU REVOIR NOS AMIS -

- Light breakfast is served in the *Salon de Porcelaine* followed by time to prepare for your departure. We welcome you to visit the Château Cuisine to order an *omelette au fromage*

- Once everyone is ready we shall bid you farewell and guests shall depart together for Toulouse while the newlyweds will enjoy the comfort of returning to the city in a private, luxury car
- Don't forget your departure picnic bags for some delicious, home-made delights to enjoy during your ongoing travels!

IT IS WITH OUR PLEASURE THAT WE HOPE TO
 CURATE A PERSONAL ITINERARY IN CELEBRATION
 OF YOUR UNION

The Finer Details

FULL PRIVATISATION FOR YOUR FÊTE DE MARIAGE

INCLUDES:

- Two planning meetings in advance of your arrival with the Château Team,
- Two planning meetings in advance of your arrival with the Château Culinary Team,
- Joint return transport for wedding guests from Toulouse to the Château,
- Return transport from Toulouse to the Château for the wedding couple in a private luxury car,
- Sparkling toast upon arrival with three exceptional options for your guests to choose from - either sweet, dry or no alcohol,
- Hand-written welcome letters and gifts addressed from the Château to all guests,
- Shared accommodation and shared bathroom facilities for between 12 to 18 guests (including the wedding couple),
- Be our guest and choose from a selection of activities to experience the magic of the south of France and to create and curate your own personal itinerary for your stay! The number of activities included will depend upon the duration of your stay. Activity suggestions include: visits to local farmers' markets, antique stores and historical sites, other beautiful châteaux and French gardens, sweet and savoury cooking classes, yoga, hiking, canoeing, horse-riding, an outdoor Château French film *soirée*, learning about & assisting with the restoration of the Château's 18th Century frescoes and more.
- Historic tour of the Château,
- Use of the Château Dressing Room and steamer for your special garments,
- Tea and coffee station, also presented with a selection of biscuits and seasonal fruits, for you and your guests to enjoy throughout your stay,
- Daily breakfast, lunch, dinner, delectable desserts and delicious treats in between prepared by international and local chefs at the Château, as well as dining throughout the region during your stay. The Château Culinary Team is experienced in catering for a wide variety of different dietary requests, requirements and allergies. And so, please do just let us know of the needs of your guests,
- Selection of fine wines, sparkling and no alcohol options paired with each meal,
- Complimentary fully stocked bar salon filled to the brim (and refilled throughout your stay) with sparkling, wine, spirits, beer and various non-alcoholic beverages. Also setup with a soda stream,
- Sparkling toast following your ceremony with alcohol and no alcohol options,
- Use of the Château's amenities including tennis court, pool and wifi,
- Dancefloor illuminations and fog machine,
- Use of the Château's Sonos Music System. We welcome you to share your playlists with us before your arrival,
- Complimentary laundry facilities,
- Departure picnic bags for your ongoing travels,
- And many other thoughtful and special details created just for you, such as calligraphy place cards!

OUR MADE TO MEASURE AMENITIES INCLUDE*:

- Styling of the Château to your preferences,
- Floral compositions throughout your stay and for the day of your union,
- Haute cuisine and beverages created to your own personal tastes,
- Further wedding planning in addition to the planning already provided,

* As the above items are made to measure amenities, please kindly note that should you have simpler requests the pricing of these will be included in our starting rates. However, should your wishes be a little grander there may be an additional price for the amenities listed.

ACCOMPANIMENTS BY REQUEST AT AN ADDITIONAL PRICE:

- Horse-drawn carriage rental for the day of your ceremony,
- Fireworks display,
- Local and international musicians available upon request including string quartets, pianists, harpists and French choirs,
- Babysitting service.

SHOULD YOU WISH, WE ARE ALSO ABLE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AND ASSIST IN THE ORGANISATION OF:

- Makeup and hairstyling for the day of your ceremony,
- Photographer,
- Videographer,

Please also note that the pricing further excludes you and your guests' transport to and from Toulouse, personal spending money, personal insurance and wedding insurance. Thank you for your kind understanding.

Practical Considerations

LOCATION & TRANSPORT:

Château de Gudanes is nestled in a little, croissant shaped village set amongst the mountains of the Pyrenees. The closest city to our location is Toulouse, which is about 1 hour 15 minutes drive away. Toulouse is a large city that is easily accessible by train from most locations in France, as well as Spain. The city also has a large, international airport that many airlines fly directly into from around the world.

As part of your stay with us we provide return transport from a central location in Toulouse to the Château. And so, we would recommend arriving in Toulouse at least one day before your stay with us begins. For this time, we would recommend staying at the Grand Hôtel de l'Opéra, right beside our meeting place.

On the first day of your stay with us we look forward to meeting at 10am at the front of the Place du Capitole in Toulouse. Once we are all gathered together we will then travel to the Château.

On the day that your stay with us comes to a close we will be departing the Château together at approximately 11am, packed with water and a little picnic bag each for your ongoing travels. We anticipate arriving in Toulouse at about 1pm. Where possible, we kindly ask that you and your guests arrange your ongoing travels to accommodate this timing. Upon your return, we are able to drop you and your guests in the city centre, airport and/ or the train station.

PLANNING ASSISTANCE:

Upon finalising your booking we shall provide a dossier with further information which we hope shall assist you and your guests with making travel arrangements and in preparing for your time with us.

This dossier shall include the following:

- A Travel Information document sharing more about your options to travel to and from Toulouse, as well as further recommendations for accommodation and sites that you may enjoy visiting during your time there,
- A Château de Gudanes Information document sharing our contact details, further details about our team members who will be working with you to organise your union and who will be welcoming you onsite, as well as more about the facilities at the Château and in our local village,
- A Recommended Packing List to share with your guests,
- A Confidentiality & Indemnity Agreement that you and each guest visiting the Château must sign to be sent back to us in advance of your arrival.



CHÂTEAU DE GUDANES LOCATION



PRICING:

PRICE: 7 NIGHTS FROM €5,400 PP
5 NIGHTS FROM €4,400 PP
4 NIGHTS FROM €3,900 PP
3 NIGHTS FROM €3,400 PP

Please kindly note that we require a minimum of 12 guests and have a maximum of 18 guests. Should you be anticipating a larger guest list, we kindly request that you contact us with further details so that we may assist you. We are able to welcome up to an additional 22 guests to stay in comfortable accomodation close-by within walking distance of the Château.

DATES: We warmly welcome you to reach out to us via email at experience@chateaugudanes.com to enquire regarding available dates for your union. *Merci Beaucoup!*

PAYMENT & INSURANCE:

We require a 50% deposit made by direct transfer through Wise (formerly Transferwise) at the time of booking.

This amount will be charged in Euros and the exact currency conversion will be calculated based on the rates provided by Wise.

The remaining payment will then be due on an agreed upon date before your arrival.

All amounts paid are non-refundable and we kindly ask that you request any refunds through your insurance.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

We kindly ask that you follow the link [here](#) to view the important terms and conditions of hosting your union and staying with us.

Please note that by placing a booking you and your guests are agreeing with these terms and conditions laid out.



CHÂTEAU  GUDANES

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AND NO MATTER IF YOU DECIDE
TO JOIN US AT THE CHÂTEAU OR NOT, WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONSIDERATION

We warmly welcome you to reach out to us with any further questions that you may have about Fêtes de Mariage, other events or exclusive hire of Château de Gudanes
and kindly invite you to contact us at experience@chateaugudanes.com