

A romantic wedding scene featuring a bride and groom walking hand-in-hand through a lush green field. The bride is wearing a white wedding dress with a long train and holding a bouquet of flowers. The groom is wearing a grey suit. In the background, there are rolling hills covered in trees and a stone wall. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

Weddings 2021/22

For your unforgettable weekend Château wedding experience

Château du Doux

Chateau du Doux is a family run wedding business located in the beautiful Dordogne Valley in the southern tip of Corrèze bordering the Lot and Dordogne departments.

The chateau, built by an ambassador for entertaining, offers exclusivity and privacy with spectacular views over the surrounding verdant countryside.

We offer all-inclusive wedding packages for 30-70 guests with a wide range of accommodation enabling everyone to stay onsite for the duration of your celebrations.

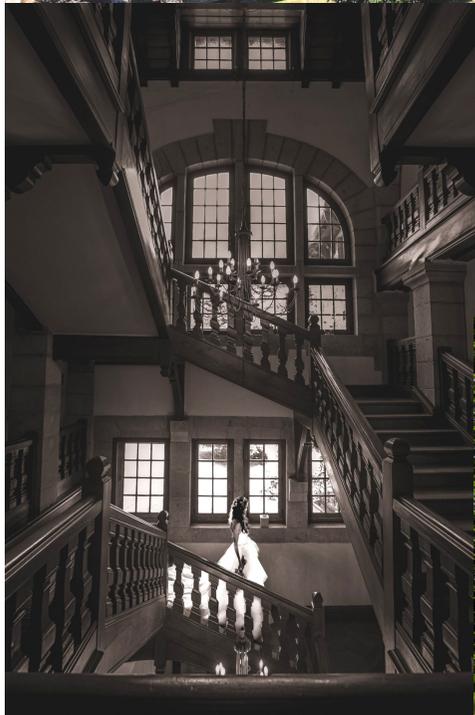




The Château

From the moment you arrive at Château du Doux you will be able relax with family and friends in a haven of tranquillity. Set in secure private walled grounds of 3 hectares and boasting a 25metre swimming pool, the chateau has no close neighbours allowing you to create a personalised wedding weekend of dining and entertainment for you and your guests.

The Chateau is also our home so everything is both familiar and dear meaning we are well placed to advise and support you with the planning and logistics associated with a "location wedding".



About Us



We are an English family run business with a passion for France, its architecture, culture and food. When we first saw the Chateau in 2008, we fell in love with it and the magnificent Dordogne Valley. Since then, we have invested our time, energy and love into renovating this amazing and unique château.

Our family is here to offer initial guidance, assist with all necessary wedding preparations and manage your stay whilst simultaneously maintaining a discreet distance. We aim to provide a memorable and personal experience, getting to know you as a couple, understanding your requirements, establishing trust and hopefully developing an ongoing friendship.

Why choose to have your wedding at Chateau du Doux?

- The Chateau boasts **breath-taking views overlooking the Dordogne Valley** and spectacular architecture which is a perfect setting for your wedding photographs.
- **All of your guests can stay on site** with a range of accommodation for couples, older relatives or families with young children. Furthermore **all 32 bedrooms are en-suite**.
- We are an **English speaking** family, meaning nothing will be lost in translation.
- We offer the Bride & Groom a **complimentary 1 or 2 night stay prior to the wedding** should you choose to book with us.
- Our fantastic caterer provides a **flexible gourmet wedding breakfast with an exceptional choice of menus**.
- We try our utmost to provide a **relaxed stress-free environment** with a “home from home” feel.
- We will be personally present throughout your stay to ensure that everything runs smoothly. This means that you are **not obliged to use an external wedding planner**, which is a huge cost saving!
- We have **no fixed suppliers** so you are able to choose those that best suit your specific requirements and budget.



What's Included in our Wedding Package?

- ◆ *A complimentary "trial stay" for the Bride and Groom prior to your wedding (1 or 2 nights stay in one of our self-catering apartments)*
- ◆ *Planning assistance prior to the wedding and coordination on the day itself*
- ◆ *Exclusivity of the entire venue during the weekend meaning there will be no other guests present.*
- ◆ *A 3 night complementary stay in the Bridal Suite for the Bride & Groom during the wedding weekend.*
- ◆ *Accommodation for up to a maximum of 70 guests which includes a continental breakfast served each morning. (Our accommodation includes the Bridal Suite, Chateau bedrooms and newly renovated self-contained apartments.)*
- ◆ *Use of the main chateau function/dining room for your wedding meal*
- ◆ *Set up of the wedding tables prior to your arrival allowing you to personalize them and add finishing touches in advance of the wedding*
- ◆ *Use of our large round banquet tables and oak chairs for the wedding meal*
- ◆ *White table cloths, linen napkins, all cutlery, crockery and glasses for the wedding day*
- ◆ *Use of our wedding decorations including silver lanterns, cream bird cages, glass jars, white jugs of flowers & wedding cushions*
- ◆ *Set up of outdoor tables, chairs and parasols for canapés on the lawn*
- ◆ *Set up of ceremony chairs with white covers and white sashes*
- ◆ *Use of our bespoke wedding arch during the ceremony*
- ◆ *A 3 course gourmet wedding menu including a selection of 3 canapés per head, starter, main course and dessert followed by tea & coffee served with petit-fours.*
- ◆ *A pre-stocked weekend wedding bar*
- ◆ *Serving staff & waiters on your wedding day*
- ◆ *Bar staff on the night of the wedding from 8pm until 2am*
- ◆ *Use of the marquee for your evening festivities*
- ◆ *Use of our 1000 watt speaker system on the night of the wedding*
- ◆ *Cleaning of all function rooms after the event*
- ◆ *Staff on hand for the entirety of the weekend should you require any assistance*
- ◆ *Set up and use of outdoor tables and chairs for days around the wedding for meals including BBQs and buffets*





The Bridal Apartment

Our luxury Champagne Suite is located within the Chateau but conveniently positioned to preserve your privacy. The suite consists of a spacious kitchen/living room, a romantic bedroom with a luxury king size bed and an ensuite bathroom with a corner bath and large 2 person shower. The wedding package includes 3 nights' exclusive stay for the Bride and Groom in the wedding suite.





Guest Accommodation

The chateau has 17 spacious ensuite bedrooms (15 double bedrooms & 2 family suites) accommodating up to a maximum of 40 people. Each room has its own individual style and colour scheme and is equipped with tea and coffee making facilities.

A French continental breakfast is provided each morning for all guests staying on-site consisting of croissants, pains au chocolat, fruit, cereal, yogurts and bread with jam served with a selection of tea, coffee and fresh fruit juice.





Self-Catering Apartments

We have 8 newly renovated luxury apartments in the adjacent building accommodating a maximum of 30 additional people.

There are 2x (5 person) family apartments, 4x (4 person) family apartments and 2x (2 person) apartments suitable for couples. Each apartment has a kitchenette with a lounge/ dining area. All apartments have Wi-Fi as well as flat-screen TV's with English & French television channels.





The Ceremony

We invite you to hold your ceremony on the terrace over-looking the Dordogne valley followed by a champagne reception with canapés on the lawn. Alternatively should you desire a more traditional wedding we are able to organise the use our stunning local church, just a 5 minute drive from the Chateau.

We provide chairs with white covers and coloured bows and you are welcome to use our bespoke wedding arch as a centre piece for the ceremony. Everything will be put in place for you prior to the ceremony and then removed afterwards.

In the unlikely event of the weather being inclement, don't panic, we have a number of other possible places to hold the ceremony!



Wedding Breakfast Menu

Our wedding caterer is a fantastic English-speaking chef who owns a restaurant in the local town of Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne. They offer a fantastic flexible menu, allowing you to choose up to 3 options per course so you can create your perfect wedding feast. The menu also includes a selection of canapés served with sparkling wine for each guest during the drinks reception and toast, as well as 1/2 a bottle of local wine per guest (red, white & rose) to accompany the meal.



The wedding breakfast is served in our beautiful wood-paneled dining room enabling you to enjoy the full Chateau experience. We have large round banquet tables each seating up to 10 guests, in total enabling us to accommodate up to 70 guests. We are most happy for you to bring your own décor to personalise the tables and create the look and ambiance of your choice.



The Evening Party

Once you've enjoyed a gourmet meal, party under the stars late into the night. You are able to dance the night away in our large marquee, on the terrace or in the event of bad weather in the Chateau reception hall. Our marquee is decorated with twinkling fairy lights and has a fully equipped bar. It is also perfectly situated to fully enjoy magnificent sunsets and firework displays.



Frequently Asked Questions

Maximum Daytime Capacity- The maximum possible number of daytime guests for a wedding is 70.

Overnight Capacity- We are able to accommodate a maximum of 70 guests on site overnight providing that all rooms are fully occupied. (40 guests in the Chateau and then an additional 30 guests in the apartments).

Minimum Stay- We have a minimum stay of 3 nights. Usually guests choose to stay 3 nights (Friday to Monday). Longer stays are possible subject to availability and dates.

Getting to Us- Our nearest airport is Brive-la-Gaillarde (45 minutes away), Limoges (1 hour 30 minutes), Bordeaux (3 hours away), Bergerac (2 hours) & Toulouse is just over 2 hours away. Brive train station is the closest main-line station and is 45 minutes away. (This is serviced by the TGV direct from Paris). Chateau du Doux is approximately a 6-9 hour drive south after taking a ferry or the Euro Tunnel.

Transport- Where possible, we strongly suggest that guests use hire cars from airports. Not only are hire cars relatively cheap but it also gives your guests the freedom to explore over the weekend. We are also able to arrange coach companies to collect guests from airports. Taxis in rural France are not very reliable and can be quite expensive too- we can organise taxis for you but would need to know in advance.

Check-in & Check-Out: Check-in is from 4pm onwards on the day of arrival and we kindly ask guests to check-out before 11am on the day of departure.

Swimming Pool- Weather permitting the pool will be open between mid-June and mid-September.

Internet Access- Free Wi-Fi is available in all public areas within the Chateau and is available in each Apartment.

Breakfast – A continental breakfast is available each morning for all guests staying on site. Consisting of croissants, pain au chocolates, fruit, cereal, yogurts and bread with jam served with a selection of tea, coffee and fresh fruit juice.



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Getting Married in France - Unless you are a resident in France for over 3 months you are not legally able to get officially married here. Most couples choose to get married beforehand and host a mock ceremony on your wedding day.

Alcohol- We have a fully licensed bar and as part of the package we provide drinks throughout your stay.

Babies- We have a number of travel cots and bedding, highchairs and baths for babies which are available upon request.

Linen- *All bed linen and bedroom towels will be provided . Linen is changed on a weekly basis if guests stay more than 7 nights. Pool towels are not provided but are available to rent for a small fee during your stay.*

Bedroom Facilities – *Each bedroom /apartment is equipped with a hairdryer and fan. We have a number of communal ironing boards for guests to use.*

Finish Time– In line with French law and noise restrictions all festivities must come to an end by 2am.

Pets- We absolutely love animals but unfortunately as our accommodation has just been newly renovated and we have wooden polished floors throughout we have a no pets policy in the Chateau and apartments.

Additional Catering– For days around the wedding we are able to organize on-site catering such as BBQs, Hog Roasts, Sit-down meals or buffets. For health & safety reasons guests do not have access to the professional kitchen, therefore we do not allow self-catering.

Booking- To book and secure your date we require a non-refundable deposit of 20% of the full venue rental is required at the time of booking. Your date is not held until your deposit is made. A further 30% is then payable 6 months in advance of the wedding day. The remaining 50% of the full venue rental is payable 10 weeks before the wedding date together with a damage deposit of 2,000€. The damage deposit is fully refundable providing no damage is found on departure.

Payment- Payment for the wedding may be made in either Euros or Sterling. Payment in Sterling is available at the prevailing Money Corp exchange rate to be mutually agreed at the time of the transaction.



Testimonials

Jennifer & David (June 2019)

"I don't even know where to start!!! 100% got my dream wedding because of the AMAZING family that run this incredible venue. We came from Ireland, randomly came across this venue and it simply blew us away. The gorgeous modern bedrooms, the stunning scenery, the beautiful building and surroundings, everything!! The family took us into their home with the warmest of welcomes. Abbie made planning the wedding so easy!! All our guests are talking about the warm welcome they got and how they're all dying to go back again to Chateau du Doux. If you want a stress-free, perfect wedding there really is no other place like it. It's something out of a fairytale. Thank you for giving us and our family and friends the most magical week of our lives. I'll never forget it."

Mellissa & Matt (August 2017)

"BEST TIME EVER-Hired the whole venue for our wedding at the end of August. Abbie could not be more helpful regarding booking, wedding planning and things to do in the local area. All the guests have said what an amazing venue this is and how friendly the Chateau du Doux family are. We are already planning on returning next year for a visit and in the long term, ALL the guests, want to return for our 5 year anniversary. I truly, cannot rate this place high enough. The setting is amazing, the cleanliness and standards of all the bedrooms and throughout this magnificent building are exceptional. Miss it already. Thank you so much Chateau du Doux family and see you all again soon."

Becky & Kenny (June 2016)

"We got married here in June 2016. The venue was faultless and owners Clive & Karen were wonderful who went above and beyond what we expected. If you're looking for an unbelievable wedding venue, you've just found it."

Victoria & Adam (June 2018)

"I know that everyone says they had the perfect wedding but ours actually was! There aren't enough superlatives to describe this amazing venue and wonderful family who run Chateau Du Doux. The attention to detail is spot on. Everywhere was spotless. The rooms are finished to a very high standard but even the ones not refurbished yet are clean and functional. The view from the Chateau is SPECTACULAR. As a wedding venue it is incredible value for money. We fell in love with Chateau Du Doux when we visited it in May 2017 when we were trying to find our wedding venue and boy did we make the right choice. We have fallen in love with it even more. Having all your friends and family under one roof in such a stunning location was magical, made possible by the incredible family who run it."

Louise & Steven (September 2017)

"For an Australian couple to take the risk and book an amazing wedding venue in France for a large group of family and friends then we certainly won the lottery! Karen, Clive, Abbie and their beautiful family welcomed us and made us feel right at home. The stunning surrounding views distracted from the grandeur of the Chateau where my guests and I truly felt at home for the 5 night stay. No additional request was too much and the breakfast each morning was lovely. We had the most enjoyable stay at the Chateau but also ventured into the nearby town where there is everything you would need! Loved every minute of it, will hopefully return again as it was the best time ever!!!"

Mark & Claire (July 2015)

"We had the fairy-tale wedding that every young girl dreams of at the Château du Doux. It was absolutely perfect from start to finish and Karen and Clive were both very accommodating and helpful throughout the planning and actual weekend of the wedding. We were very privileged to be the first couple to use the new bridal suite and one word "Wow!!". Our beautiful wedding at the Château du Doux will always be engraved in our memories and also I'm sure of our friends and relatives."

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