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Château St Pierre de Serjac



Puissalicon, Languedoc-Roussillon, France View on a map

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Telegraph expert rating "Surrounded by vineyards, this 19th-century château on a 200-acre working winery with hotel rooms and ultra-stylish self-catering residences offers everything you need for an upscale family holiday or a romantic retreat. As well as a large infinity pool, there's also a gourmet restaurant and a spa."

Telegraph Review

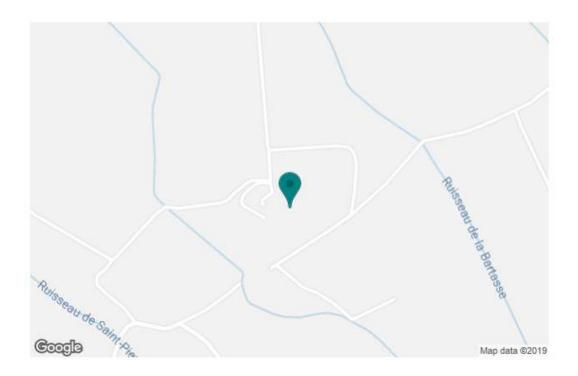






$9_{/10}$ Location

Easily accessible from Beziers or Montpellier airports, Serjac is surrounded by beautiful countryside, vineyards and pretty villages. Beaches are around half an hour away, and Carcassonne and Montpellier can each be reached in around an hour.



$9_{/10}$ Style & character

Immaculately renovated and yet still retaining a private home feel, the compact château features a relaxed bar with sofas and comfy chairs and a bistro-style restaurant. Outside the huge infinity pool surrounded by comfy loungers and love seats on its terraces is the natural centrepiece. The atmosphere is laid back and informal – you can almost pretend you're staying with a very rich uncle.



9_{/10} Service & facilities

You could happily spend a good few days without leaving the estate with the pool, large spa with pool, tennis court and winery to keep you happy. There are bikes of all sizes which can be used free of charge, and the comprehensive guest books in the rooms offer suggestions for local visits as well as local restaurants, ranging from pizzerias to Michelin-starred. The English-speaking staff are happy to suggest outings and arrange anything from classic car hire to canal trips. We enjoyed a wine walk around the estate followed by a tasting with Kerry Latchford who regularly runs tours around the estate – she also helped us forage some wild asparagus and leeks along the way.

Parking
Restaurant
Bar
Steam room/hammam
Laundry
Wi-Fi
Room service
Pool

🗸 Sauna 🗸 Spa

$8_{/10}$ Rooms

The eight château rooms are individually decorated with freestanding bathtubs in the room and rainhead showers in the bathroom – the chapel room with a vaulted ceiling and its Art Deco paintinged ceiling is pretty special. The outbuildings have been converted into 36 unusually high-spec apartments and houses with proper open-plan kitchens, large Bluetooth speakers, English television channels and woodburning stoves. Bedrooms are more modern in style than those in the hotel but have the same fabulous beds and plenty of original features such as exposed beams. Many have small gardens and around half have a plunge pool.

$8_{/10}$ Food & drink

The restaurant offers French cuisine created from largely locally sourced ingredients (including vegetables and herbs from the garden), with the emphasis on good ingredients and simple dishes, including some vegetarian dishes and a children's menu. Breakfast is a continental buffet with eggs cooked to order as you like – those who are self-catering can also pop in for croissants. BBQ packs and takeaway pizzas are also an option, plus picnics can be provided with advance notice. On Fridays October to May there's a 'Soirée Caveau' with tapas and live music, plus a €35 (£31) brunch on the first Sunday of each month.

$8_{/10}$ Value for money

Double rooms from €208 (£184) in low season; and from €247 (£219) in high. Breakfast included. Free Wi-Fi and parking.

A two-bedroom apartment starts at €1,610 (£1,428) for seven days in low season; and from €2,835 (£3,197) in high.

Access for guests with disabilities?

There's a two-bedroom apartment and a four-bedroom villa which are wheelchair-accessible.

Family-friendly?

Very – there's a cute kids' club open UK school holidays for those aged four to 12 run by enthusiastic and artistic Annie with plenty of outdoor activities, an emphasis on recycling and 'archeological digs' – five sessions (morning or afternoon) costs €125. There's also a supervised children's tea five days a week, plus weekly movie nights.

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