

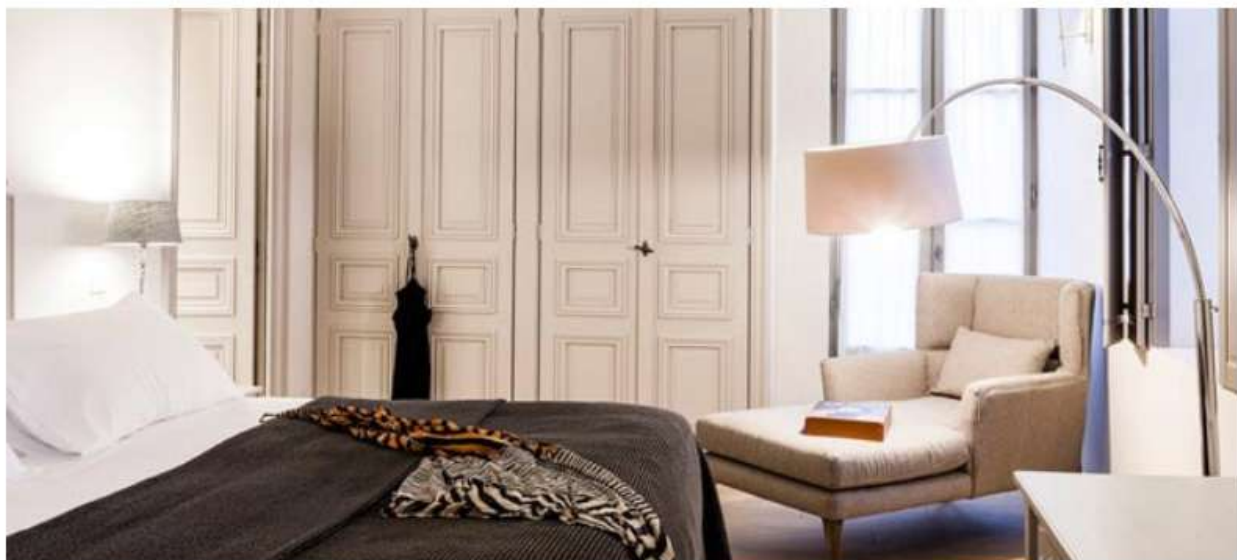


Travel review: Château St Pierre de Serjac



The Château St Pierre de Serjac, set on a 220-acre working vineyard, is a family-friendly offering sitting in the heart of the Languedoc region in the South of France.

The verdict: 9/10



With plenty of activities to satisfy both adults and children, and luxurious accommodation that caters to guests of all ages, the Château St Pierre de Serjac is a great choice for that much-needed family holiday.

Plus, it's situated in one of the most fascinating regions in the South of France. What's not to love?

Location: 10/10



The Château is well-served by airports, by TGV or by car. We flew to Béziers (just a half hour drive away), but you can also reach it easily from Montpellier, Perpignan and Toulouse.

The Languedoc region not only boasts one of the most varied wine regions in the world, but it is also home to beautiful towns and stunning Mediterranean beaches that stretch all the way from the Cote d'Azur to the Spanish border.

It's definitely useful to hire a car if you're interested in visiting local areas and amenities whilst you're there.

Accommodation: 10/10



There's a choice of accommodation – you can choose from eight rooms in the luxury hotel or from the 36 self-catering residences surrounding it, which can host up to eight people at a time.

Our two-bedroom apartment was spacious and stylishly decorated throughout – with a well-equipped kitchen (including carafe and wine decanter), flat screen TV and a private terrace with our own hot tub. Some of the bigger residences also include a private pool, all heated from the end of May to the end of September.

The apartment was well-equipped for children – with [highchairs](#) and [cots](#) provided.

Activities for adults and kids: 10/10



The grounds are beautiful – with the centrepiece being a 30-metre heated outdoor infinity swimming pool. And there's plenty to do. It's a working vineyard (run by the Bonfils winemakers) and so wine walks and tastings in their state-of-the-art winery are readily available and very much recommended.

Kerry gave us a tour of the Caveau, explained how the wine was made there and we tasted six very good wines from the Château and surrounding vineyards.

The wine walks are a family affair – not just for the wine tasters – with children encouraged to find almonds and leeks in the wild. They also cultivate truffles on the estate and in-season you can book to join a truffle hunt.

Out of season there's a truffle walk for you to enjoy and learn the intricate details of growing and hunting truffles. If you fancy something more exertive, there are also bikes available to hire, and a clay tennis court – with all equipment provided.

For children, there's a Kids' Club open to children aged four to 12 with activities including sports and water play. There's also a kids' dinner, regular parties and movie nights.

Services and facilities: 10/10



The spa is a must-visit with an indoor pool, sauna, steam room and jacuzzi, plus a range of excellent treatments available.

There's a tranquil garden with lounge beds available to complete your post-massage Zen experience. The Kids' Club also runs five days a week during school holidays (July and August) – so you can drop the kids there before heading to the spa.

All amenities and facilities are accessible to guests with reduced mobility and, finally, the wifi is fantastic.

- Spa, infinity pool, aromatherapy sauna, steam room, massage rooms and jacuzzi
- Indoor/outdoor relaxation terrace
- Micro gym and personal trainers
- Yoga classes
- Restaurant and bar
- Kids' club
- Local babysitters
- Spa
- Tennis courts
- High-speed wifi
- Spacious gardens
- 2 boules courts
- BBQ area
- Wine tastings
- Farmers markets
- Concerts and exhibitions

Food and drink: 9/10



In the evening, you can make use of the babysitting services available (15€ per hour) and head to the restaurant and bar to sample more of the wine produced on the vineyard and in surrounding areas, and enjoy the locally-sourced French cuisine.

The food is very good, with fresh and varied locally-sourced ingredients, and the restaurant boasts a delightful atmosphere with staff who are exceptionally friendly and helpful.

The bar has a speakeasy vibe and a terrace with a view of the picturesque French countryside.

- 25€ lunch menu
- 38€ dinner menu (also available for Sunday lunch)
- À la Carte menu
- Kids' menu

Value for money: 8/10



Hotel rooms start from 150€ (£130) per night from November to March and from 220€ (£190) per night in July and August. Self-catering properties start from 195€ per night (approximately £170) from November to March and 270€ (£230) per night through July and August.

While a little on the pricey side, there are 'all-in' holiday rates available specially for the half-term, Easter holiday and summer holiday periods.

When to go

We went in October time and were met with some light drizzle, so we would recommend the summer months when you can make the most of the activities and, of course, the Kids' Club.

Where to book

Christmas/New Year stays are from 230€/night for a family of four in a two-bedroom apartment. On New Year's Eve, there's a gala dinner in the Château or buffet and dancing in the caveau with fireworks at midnight.