

Chateau de Mazan, Provence, France

Fabulous Spring Bridge break in an 18th century French Chateau with your hosts Zebedee and Claudia Stocken.

from £1296pp* including :

- 7 nights' stay in this luxury 4-star chateau hotel
- Full board at the hotel's restaurant including :
 - buffet breakfast and two-course lunch
 - three-course dinner with wine
- Refreshments available during Bridge play
- Reception with aperitif and canapés on the first evening
- Transfers from:
 - Marseille Airport for a selected BA flight from Heathrow
 - Avignon TGV Train station for the direct London train
- All Bridge tuition, course notes and prizes

*with 10% loyalty discount



Monday 8th May - Monday 15th May 2017

Chateau de Mazan

The honey-toned Château de Mazan is situated in centre of the charming town of Mazan in the heart of Provence. The château was built around 1720, and was the birthplace of both the father and the uncle of the legendary Marquis de Sade. Although he spent most of his life in Paris, the latter stayed frequently at the Château de Mazan, where he organized various memorable events, including France's first ever theatrical festival, in 1772.



Within the chateau, ancient integrity is intact in halls, salons and stairways, enlivened by a brilliantly eclectic decorative approach. Classical portraits hang near Indian textiles and drapes, African art crops up in the least expected places and, in the corridor, there's a life-sized mannequin of crooner Charles Trenet. Flowers are ubiquitous and outside a fine wooden terrace overlooks gardens of mature trees and a nicely hidden pool. Now the hotel is owned and managed warmly by affable Frédéric Lhermie and his mother who rescued the place from virtual ruin in 2002.



L'Ingénue Restaurant

The hotel's restaurant, L'Ingénue, has an excellent reputation under talented head chef, Yann Foucher, who was born locally in Orange. The cuisine is typically Provencal highlighting fresh and local products according to the season. Expect delicious food with friendly and welcoming service.



MENU at CHATEAU de MAZAN

*Asperge blanche et œuf poché, sauce mousseline et copeaux de vieux Comté
Terrine de foie gras à la fraise, crème de balsamique blanc au kaffir
Ravioles comme une soupe de pistou
Tartare de dorade, pickles de concombre et mayonnaise au wasabi
Salade de fromage de chèvre de Modène, filet de porc séché du Ventoux*

*Dos de cabillaud à la crouste d'herbe, écrasée de pommes de terre aux poivrons grillés
Selle d'agneau rôti à la fleur de thym, petit pois, sucrine et oignons nouveaux
Suprême de volaille, palets de pommes de terre et laitue braisée
Longe de veau, cannellonis au caviar d'aubergine et ail confit
La lotte, artichauts barigoule, tomates confites et purée d'olives noires*

*Fraisier, crème légère et glace chocolat blanc
Macaron litchi, framboise pépin et granité champagne aux senteurs de rose
Parfait glacé à la mangue et citron vert, crémeux à la vanille
Cake basilic, mousse fraise, fraises de bois et sorbet fraise basilic
Profiteroles au praliné*



Please Note

This is a sample menu and will vary according to the season and availability of produce.

Dinner will be accompanied by half a bottle of house wine per person. There will be a choice, ordered in advance. Breakfast will be a delicious buffet selection including cooked eggs, fruit juices, pastries, homemade cakes and yoghurts. Lunch will be a simple but delicious buffet with dessert. Any dietary requirements can be catered for.

Accommodation

The beautifully designed bedrooms are mostly in the chateau itself, but there are an additional five bedrooms in a 17th century Provençal house across the road. All rooms are different - light, spacious, uncluttered yet comfortable, with modern bathrooms, some with roll top tubs. The rooms are enlivened by both light colours and interesting decorative flourishes, including period furniture and 1920s statuettes. Bedrooms come with toiletries, mini-bar, safe, telephone, air-conditioning and hairdryer. All rooms have en-suite bathrooms. The hotel has a lift - please contact us for full details on rooms and accessibility.



Charme	♣	Smallest in size. Twin or small double bed, view over the village roofs. Shower or bath. Perfect for single occupancy.
Superior	♦	Larger than 'charme'. Double / twin beds, garden view. Bath.
Superior Plus	♥	Twin or queen bed, garden view. Steam cabin shower.
Jardin Douche	♥	Double or twin beds, private garden or terrace. Shower.
Jardin Bain	♠	Large room with double or twin beds, private garden or terrace. Bath or jacuzzi bath.
Junior Suite	♠	Large room with king or twin beds, some with a sofa bed, garden view. Bath or jacuzzi bath.

Bridge with Zeb & Claudia



Zeb Stocken has many years experience of teaching and hosting bridge events, and whether you come as a group, in a pair or on your own, you can be certain of an instructive and enjoyable game adapted to your level.

Claudia – Zeb’s sister – will be on hand to ensure the smooth running of your holiday and, as a keen and experienced bridge player herself, she will also be supervising bridge sessions. The bridge programme will be a mixture of teaching, supervised play and some duplicate – all played in a fun and friendly environment. The tuition sessions will use CompassCards (*set deals*) and a fun topic tailored to the group.

The other sessions will be supervised play or some form of duplicate, with prizes at the end of the stay. All bridge sessions are optional and open to all standards of play although we can only accommodate complete beginners if booked as a group of four. Water, tea and coffee will be available during play. Non-bridge playing partners are of course welcome.

It is important to stress that our holidays are not aimed at the type of player who likes a serious 24-board duplicate every night. Our ethos is that bridge should be a friendly and social game where you can meet like-minded people, and our holidays reflect that. No partner is needed on a StockenBridge holiday.



Bridge Schedule

Every Day

Bridge tuition

10am – 12.30pm

Duplicate or supervised play

5.30pm - 7.30pm

After dinner supervised bridge or Chicago

Excursions and things to do in the area

There will be two wonderful optional excursions and we will contact you nearer the time with details and prices to book these trips in advance:

1. Avignon and Luberon area

We will start off with a panoramic tour of the northern Luberon area and its stunning hill-top villages, including a visit to the colourful Tuesday market at Gordes. Following a delicious lunch in a local bistro, we will head to Avignon, the 'City of the Popes' with a guided tour of the centre including the spectacular Pope's Palace.



2. Orange and Chateauneuf-du-Pape

We plan to visit Orange on market day following the steps of the Romans with a guided visit of the Antic Theatre, the best preserved of the Roman world. Then onto the vineyards of Chateauneuf-du-Pape for a guided tour of the winery and a gourmet picnic in the grounds. Return via the ancient city of Carpentras, papal headquarters in the 14th century for a guided visit.



Walking in the Luberon

If there is demand, we will organise an easy guided walk on the plains of the magnificent Mont Ventoux for fabulous views and carpets of beautiful spring flowers.



Golf

There are two 18-hole golf courses within 30 minutes drive: Provence Country Club in an unspoilt Provençal setting amongst hills and pines; and the long-established and friendly Grand Avignon Golf Club on level, wooded terrain.

From the hotel

Explore the pretty town of Mazan or follow walking or cycling trails further afield. There are tennis courts in Mazan, or why not relax in the beautiful gardens amid mulberry and olive trees or in warm weather, take a dip in the pool.



Travel Details

By Air

Marseille is the nearest airport, with a transfer time of approximately 1 hour. The afternoon British Airways flight from London Heathrow to Marseille has good timings and we will include airport transfers for anyone on this flight, or any other flights arriving and departing at a similar time (*arriving 16.00 at Marseille, departing 16.50 from Marseille*). Otherwise both Ryanair and Easyjet fly into Marseille. We can arrange airport transfers on your behalf - please contact us before booking your flight and for further details. Alternatively you can hire a car at the airport giving you more flexibility during your stay.

By Train

There is a direct TGV train from London St Pancras to Avignon taking just over 6 hours and we will include transfers (*approx 45 minutes from hotel*) for anyone on this train.

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PRICES (*per person, based on 2 sharing)				
Full Price*	£1440	£1540	£1640	£1740
With 10% loyalty discount*	£1296	£1386	£1476	£1566
Single occupancy	£1690	£1840	£1940	£2090
Single occupancy with discount	£1546	£1686	£1776	£1916

Loyalty Discount and Single Occupancy

We are offering a 10% 'loyalty' discount on the holiday price for guests who have already been on a StockenBridge holiday or weekend, provided that this holiday is booked before the 31st October 2016. If you would like to share a room with a friend, even if they are new to Stockenbridge, the discount will apply to them too.

How to Book...

To book your holiday, please fill out the booking form - stating your room preferences - and either scan and email to claudia@stockenbridgebreaks.com or post to the address at the bottom of the page, together with the deposit of £200 per person. The full payment will be due by February 28th 2017. See booking form for Terms and Conditions.

Payment

- where possible an on-line transfer is preferable for a speedy transaction that is easy to track.

On-line Transfer:

Account name: 'Stockens Ltd' Account Number: 27452468 Sort Code: 30-11-75

Please quote 'Mazan 17' or your invoice number if you have one

Cheque:

Please make cheques payable to 'Stockens Ltd'

Financial Protection

Your money paid to us is fully protected against the insolvency of StockenBridge Breaks, in compliance with the Package Travel Regulations 1992. In this unlikely event, you will receive a full refund of your money.

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