



## Château de Mazan, Provence, France

Saturday 6th October — Saturday 13th October 2018

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

*Prices from £1341\*<sub>(pp)</sub> including:*

*\*with 10% loyalty discount*

- 7 nights' stay in this luxury 4-star château 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 flight from London
  - Avignon TGV Train station for the direct London train
- All Bridge tuition, course notes and prizes

*Very special bridge holidays*

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## Château 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 château, 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.



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## *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*

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*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*

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*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 wonderful 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.

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## Accommodation

The beautifully designed bedrooms are mostly in the château itself, but there are six bedrooms in a 17th century Provençal house across the road 'La Maison'. 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. NB some of the baths do not have handles which may not be suitable for those with mobility difficulties. The main building of the hotel has a lift but not La Maison - please contact us for full details on rooms, bathroom facilities and accessibility.



Charme	♣	Queen or double bed, view over the village. Shower or bath. All in the main building. Perfect for single occupancy.
Charme Plus	♦	King-size or twin beds, view over the village. Shower or bath. In the main building and La Maison.
Superior	♦	Double, king-size or twin beds. Bath. Garden view. In the main building and La Maison.
Superior Hamman	♥	Double, king-size or twin beds, garden view. Steam cabin shower. All in the main building.
Garden Rooms	♥	Large room with king or twin beds, private terrace on ground floor. Bath / jacuzzi bath. or shower. All in the main building.
Junior Suite	♠	Large room with king or twin beds, some with a sofa bed, garden view. Bath or jacuzzi bath. All in the main building.
Large Suite	NT	The best two rooms in the hotel with king or twin beds. Private lounge and large terrace. Bath and separate shower. Located in the main building and La Maison.

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## 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 or teams 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



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## 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. Vaison-la-Romaine**

Vaison-la-Romaine (*right; 30 minutes drive from the hotel*) is famous for its rich Roman ruins, medieval town and cathedral. We will visit this pretty town on market day, one of the best markets in Provence, packed with stalls selling everything from fresh regional produce to clothing, pottery and antiques. On our return, we will visit Seguret, one of the most beautiful villages in France, famous for its pottery and art galleries, as well as fabulous views.

### **2. Wine tasting**

We will head to the nearby vineyard Chateau Unang, a unique domaine producing fine ventoux wines surrounded by oak forests, above the Nesque river bed overlooking the



Vaucluse plateau. There will be a wine-tasting followed by a lovely vineyard walk and a gourmet picnic in the grounds. On the way back we will visit the picturesque village of Venasque, another of France's most beautiful villages.

### **Cycling in the Luberon**

The Luberon area is a well known cycling spot and you can hire a bike through the hotel (if booked in advance it can be delivered ready for the start of your holiday). If all this sounds like too much work, hire an electric bike and you can tackle any hill without even breaking into a sweat.

### **Golf**

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

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## From the hotel

Explore the pretty town of Mazan on foot, or catch the bus to nearby Carpentras, where there is an excellent Friday market. 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 and is served by many airlines including BA, Easyjet and Ryanair. We will include transfers from Marseille airport for a selected flight to fit in with checking in and out (*likely to be the afternoon British Airways flight from London Heathrow to Marseille*). Otherwise, 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.

*Bedrooms are available from 3pm  
and check out is 11am*

### **Chateau de Mazan:**





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<b>PRICES</b> <i>(NB flight/train fare not included)</i> (*per person, based on 2 sharing)					NT
Full Price*	£1490	£1590	£1690	£1790	£1890
With 10% loyalty discount*	£1341	£1431	£1521	£1611	£1701
Single occupancy	£1740	£1890	£1990	£2140	£2290
Single occupancy with discount	£1591	£1731	£1821	£1961	£2101

### *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 January 2018. 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](mailto: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 July 31st 2018. 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 18' 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.

#### For more details:

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