

Château Chic – Why you'll find us in the south of France (darrrrring...)

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Imagine you've finally decided you can no longer commit to cultural capital that the annual girls holiday to Ibiza has always bought.



Imagine instead this... The scent of lavender under a warm late summer sun fills the air as you sit by the temperate infinity pool, in a beautiful chateau set deep in the hillsides of southern France. You are sipping the chateau's very own house wine and taking in the latest copy of GLAMOUR in peace, warmth and tranquility. How can you have ever thought a week getting hammered in Ibiza was a good thing?



If you're ready to take a trip away from the bustle of city life and want a good reason to check out Château Les Carrasses - then here's 10 for starters.

- 1** It's a couple of hours flight away. In the same time it takes to watch 2 episodes of Downton Abbey, you could be sailing through the clouds to the south of France.
- 2** Château Les Carrasses is a beautifully restored original chateau comprised of 28 self-catering villas and apartments.
- 3** It's set within its own vineyards. This means you are in the motherland of wine. Wine tours, wine tasting, drinking the chateau's very own vintage. This is a very important element to our continued appreciation of the history of wine. It's actually educational.
- 4** The properties are self-catering with fully equipped kitchens and BBQs. This means trips to the local supermarché and markets. Don't forget your wicker basket (or better still invest in a genuine article from said market).
- 5** The main chateau infinity pool is a beautiful temperature meaning early morning swims are vital. The vineyards are a popular place for jogs/runs while fully equipped tennis courts, free bikes and lots of other sporting facilities are on hand (should you want to go there).
- 6** It's a style haven. Everything is beautiful. From the décor to the furniture, from the private gardens to the bars. Even the people are stylish so don't forget to pack a few classy hats, dresses and shoes. We have moved on from Costa Blanca people.
- 7** It has a vintage clothes store in the chateau reception. Yes really.
- 8** If you don't feel like cooking, eat at the main chateau restaurant. The food is quite simply excellent. Fresh, local sourced and very French. The staff are not only extremely helpful and friendly, but they also make a mean cocktail.
- 9** - the market towns. For bigger trips out head to Beziers, Narbonne, Montpellier or Carcassonne.
- 10** Château Les Carrasses is the perfect place to escape with a small group of friends providing the perfect place to relax, enjoy each other's company and the beautiful surroundings, food and wine.



You can fly direct from Montpellier, Beziers (closest airport) or Carcassonne (Ryan Air). But if you want to make your stay part of a bigger adventure like we did, you can take the Eurostar train from London King's Cross to Paris and then take the overnight SNCF Paris to Carcassonne train. The sleeper train is really exciting and obviously sleeping through the journey makes it go a lot quicker.

From Oct 2013 - April 2014, Chateau les Carrasses are offering a 3 night wine tasting break from 250 Euro's per person which includes 3 night's accommodation in a Chateau suite (based on two people sharing), a dinner and a lunch in the Brasserie and a tasting of Les Carrasses wines. Offer subject to availability. For further information on Château Les Carrasses and the wine tours visit www.lescarrasses.com. To enquire/make a booking please call 0845 686 8067/email here.