



## FACTSHEET

<b>Opening:</b>	16 March 2018
<b>Address:</b>	Relais de Chambord, Place Saint Louis, 41250 Chambord, Centre, France
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<b>Management:</b>	Marugal Distinctive Hotel Management   <a href="http://www.marugal.com">www.marugal.com</a>
<b>Category:</b>	4 stars

### THE HOTEL

Le Relais de Chambord is set in a truly majestic setting, across the peaceful Cosson river, just 50 metres from the foot of the Chateau de Chambord - France's most iconic castle.

Set in an unbeatable UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Domaine de Chambord, deep in the Loire Valley, it is the only hotel on the Château de Chambord's extensive 5,440-hectare estate.

The hotel is a joint project between the French government and entrepreneur Frederic Jousset, to breathe new life into an existing relais.

The running of the 56-room hotel is at the hands of Marugal, who specialises in the management of independent, one-off hotels.

## THE INTERIORS

Renowned French architect Jean-Michel Wilmotte has transformed a classic hotel into a contemporary retreat. The architecture and interior design inject comfort and contemporary elegance into the existing 19th century relais.

Local materials ensure that the new structure fits perfectly in with the surroundings, linking seamlessly to the original relais. The façade is finished in slate, reflecting the slate rooves of the Château, and floor-to-ceiling windows open on to views of the surrounding countryside and let light flood in.

## ROOMS

Relais de Chambord is home to 56 rooms, all with chic and elegant interiors:

- 5 Classic Rooms (16 to 19m<sup>2</sup>): these cosy rooms overlook the landscape courtyard
- 8 Classic River Rooms (17 to 18m<sup>2</sup>): these cosy rooms overlook the Cosson river
- 22 Superior Rooms (17 to 23m<sup>2</sup>): located in either the contemporary or old wing, with a beautiful view of Saint Louis square, the landscape courtyard or the domain
- 8 Deluxe Rooms (23 to 28m<sup>2</sup>): with views of Saint Louis square, the Cosson river or the domain
- 3 Junior Suites (32 to 40m<sup>2</sup>): these junior suites have a lounge area and views of either the Cosson river, Saint Louis square, or the National Domain of Chambord
- 5 Deluxe Chambord Rooms (22 to 31m<sup>2</sup>): each room overlooks the Château de Chambord
- 4 Junior Suite Chambord (30 to 36m<sup>2</sup>): the Junior Suites Chambord have a lounge area, a large bathroom and exceptional views of the Château de Chambord
- 1 floating suite - La Toue du Relais (Room 30m<sup>2</sup> - terrace: 20m<sup>2</sup>): The bedroom in question is onboard a toue cabanée, a traditional flat-bottomed Loire River boat, moored on the Cosson canal, right in front of the Château de Chambord

*\*Connecting rooms on request / Extra beds on request*

## WELLNESS & MEETINGS

A small wellness area with treatments by NuxeSpa, with two treatment rooms, hammam, sauna and outdoor jacuzzi provides a quiet place for relaxation and reflection.

The new wing also houses a country-style events space, for up to 50 guests, while two modular meeting rooms can seat up to 30 people, for meetings or private events.

## THE RESTAURANT

Le Grand Saint Michel – open dinner – serves a menu that embraces casual fine dining *à la Française* with a gastronomic ambiance and the finest quality, local ingredients. In the summer months, guests can dine on the terrace, with incredible views onto the Chateau.

Chambord was built as a hunting lodge for King Francis I and the estate is still home to some of the best hunting in the area, especially wild boar and deer – all of which is reflected on the menu during the hunting season, alongside wonderful French country cooking.

## THE DOMAINE

Le Relais de Chambord stands in the 5,440-hectare estate, roughly the same size as central Paris. It is the largest enclosed nature reserve in Europe, with rich woodlands and wild heathland. During their stay guests can:

- Explore the French formal gardens
- Explore the nature reserve with a forest guide and spot the flora and fauna
- Take a bike out to enjoy the cycling routes through the Loire Valley
- Walk the 20km of newly devised paths through the grounds
- Boating on the waterways around the Château
- Tour the Châteaux de la Loire, with the Château de Chambord as the perfect starting point
- Visit an exhibition in the Château

## THE CHATEAU

Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Château de Chambord is France's most iconic chateau and the largest in the Loire Valley.

Chambord was built as an extravagant hunting lodge for King Francis I, embodying his power and visionary spirit, inspired by the Italian Renaissance.

Set at the heart of the largest enclosed forest park in Europe, the chateau is a fine example of the distinctive French Renaissance tradition, a blend of medieval forms such as the central tower, turrets and spires, and classical Renaissance structures. The famous double helix staircase is its most striking architectural feature.

## DIRECTIONS

Less than 2 hours from Paris (170KM) and 20 minutes from Blois.

### By car

A10 motorway, take exit 16 towards Mer or exit 17 towards Blois

A85 motorway, take exit 13 towards Selles-sur-Cher

A71 motorway, take exit 3 towards Lamotte-Beuvron

### By train

From Gare Austerlitz or Montparnasse – Blois/Chambord or Mer

Transfers to Blois and Mer can be organised by the hotel at an extra cost

### By bus

From Paris Porte Maillot (2h45)

### By plane

From Roissy-Charles de Gaulle ; Orly or Tours

### By bicycle

Along the 'Loire a velo' or 'Chateaux a velo' cycle paths

## AMENITIES & SERVICES

- Check in 15:30 / Check out 12:00
- 24-hour reception & concierge
- Private valet parking
- Porter service
- Complimentary wifi
- Mini bar
- Flat screen TV and international channels
- Electronic safe
- Laundry service
  
- Restaurant – Le Grand Saint Michel, open for dinner
- Brasserie Les Armes du Château, open for lunch, 2 minutes from the château
- Le Bar du Relais – bar, lounge and terrace, offers a bistro menu, tapas and sweet treats. Open every day between 10am – 11:30pm, lunch every day from 12:00pm – 15:00pm and dinner on Mondays, Tuesday, Fridays and Saturday from 19:00pm – 22:30pm
- Three meeting rooms
- Spa with sauna, hammam and outdoor jacuzzi
- Daily newspapers
- Cycle hire (available with a supplement)
- Chateau tours
- Cooking classes
- Private hire
- Private transfer service
- Games & snooker room

*Stays at Le Relais de Chambord start from €208 per room per night based on two sharing on a B&B basis, with flexible rates available.*

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