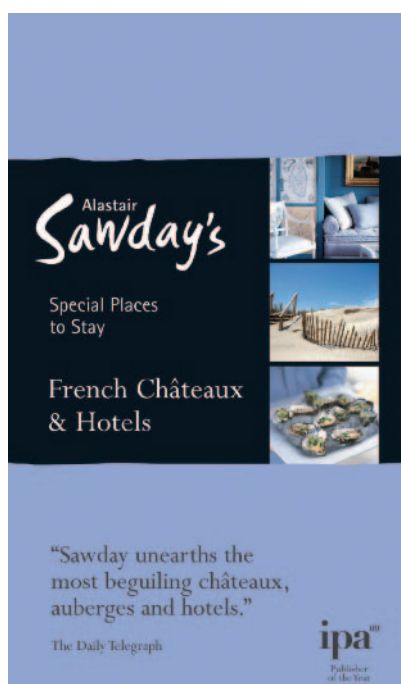




French Châteaux & Hotels

Edition 6



Still Britain's most trusted guide to French Hotels and with over 390 places it's the most enticing edition yet. Discover turreted châteaux in the Loire, humble auberges in the Alpes, 16th- and 17th-century castles – there are even romantic treehouses and a gypsy caravan! We've found some absolutely gorgeous new places; an 11th-century fortress, a 15th-century stone mill in Burgundy and over 60 in Paris for those cultural excursions. This guide celebrates good value; almost a third have double rooms for €120 but there are plenty of places to utterly spoil yourselves too.

- Take your aperitif in the orangery by the moat then dine in the fairy-tale château that inspired Perrault to write Puss in Boots
- Breakfast amongst the leaves on a decked balcony of a romantic treehouse, while contemplating a day seal-spotting by the Somme
- Unwind; miles from anywhere, in a super spa with an oriental hammam – your host is unstoppable: cookery courses, itineraries for days out, flying lessons next door... you are in good hands

Interesting stuff

- There's plenty to do; cookery schools, horse riding breaks wine-tasting and truffle-hunting weekends, you can even go fishing in the moat of your holiday châteaux...no reason to be idle!
- Some of these Special Places have rather impressive past owners: Catherine de Medici and the Empress Josephine among others
- Food takes priority – much of it is seasonal, fresh and local; in the châteaux, intimate dinners are often hosted around communal tables. Many top chefs have moved out of cities to vaunt their skills in their hometowns.
- Travelling with company? Book an entire medieval hamlet on a mountaintop in the Pyrenees

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Une Campagne en Provence

Water gushes and flows throughout the 170-acre estate. In spring, streams and rivers abound; the 12th-century Knights Templar created a myriad of irrigation channels. The stunning bastide keeps its massive fortress-like proportions and bags of character and charm. Martina and Claude love their Campagne and their sense of fun makes a stay a real treat. The main house is arranged around a central patio, with stairs leading to the bedrooms above. Simple Provençal furnishings are lit by huge windows, floors are terre cuite, there are cosy 'boutis' quilts and sumptuous towels and linen, and bathrooms cleverly worked around original features. The four apartments are close by, well-stocked and with knockout views across vineyards or fields; heated floors too, so you'll not be chilly. Breakfasts are scrumptious, and fun; dinners put the accent on wonderful local produce and their own wine. In the cellar is music and a mini cinema – great for kids; there's table football and a pool with a view, a sauna and a Turkish bath. An isolated paradise for all ages, overseen by a charming young family, two geese and one dear dog.



Ethical Collection: Environment; Food.
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Price	€95–€115. Suite €110–€120. Studio €110–€130.
Rooms	5: 3 doubles, 1 suite, 1 studio for 2 with kitchenette.
Meals	Breakfast & dinner for self-caterers by arrangement. Hosted dinner with wine, €33. Restaurant 7km.
Closed	January to mid-March.
Directions	A8 Aix-Nice exit St Maximin la Ste Baume; thro' town centre, right at small r'bout with monument; 1st right on D28 to Bras/Le Val. After 9km, right & follow signs.

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