

HOTEL CHÂTEAU
CHÂTEAU DU GRAND-LUCÉ



CLASSIC SPLENDOR

In 1760, Baron Jacques Pineau de Viennay instructed architect Mathieu de Bayeux to construct a summer palace on the Baron's medieval castle site. Pineau de Viennay demanded the most au courant in design – it was to represent the pinnacle of eighteenth-century extravagance. Numerous statues commissioned by King Louis XV (exact replicas of statues at Versailles) were placed on the Château grounds as a gift to the Baron. In 1764, the Château du Grand-Lucé was completed – a stunning representation of classicism and modernity – intended for splendor.

The Château and the gardens were constructed with precision and symmetry on a North-South axis. It was a beacon for the Age of Enlightenment and hosted visitors, including Voltaire, Rousseau, and Diderot. During WWII, paintings from the Louvre were hidden in the Château, and for a period, it was used as a hospital for wounded British officers.

Set on a private enclave of eighty acres surrounded by its original medieval wall, The Château du Grand-Lucé, one of France's finest examples of neoclassical architecture, is now home to Hotel Château. Following an exquisite restoration and refurbishment, the meticulous transformation honors the building's architectural heritage as a mid-18th-century masterpiece and one of the few structures to survive the French Revolution completely intact. The resplendent property is also home to a ballroom, Le Lucé restaurant, Jack Pine's bar, spa, fitness salon, outdoor pool, classic French gardens, potager gardens, orchards, lake and a private historic white oak forest.

The Château has survived wars and revolutions, hosted nobles, writers and philosophers, and has been the exquisite backdrop to diplomatic events, weddings and celebrations. After an immaculate restoration of the gardens and interiors, Hotel Château is opened to fulfill the purpose for which it was originally intended – to host and inspire the most discerning traveler.

“THE PERSON WHO HAS LIVED THE MOST IS NOT THE ONE WITH THE MOST YEARS
BUT THE ONE WITH THE RICHEST EXPERIENCES.” —JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU



THE NEW NOBLE

Hotel Château is located in the idyllic village of Le Grand-Lucé, in the Loire Valley, just south of Paris. Its unapologetically opulent chic interiors are a stunning tribute to its noble provenance and are a gallant steward of its rich history. With a certain éclat reflecting lifetimes of pure refinement, Hotel Château — with reimagined rooms and suites, ballroom and salons, classical gardens and grounds — delivers unparalleled service and uncompromising splendor.

Hotel Château has a total of 19 rooms and suites, including two fabulous pieds-à-terre complete with their own petites cuisines. The Baron's Suite, with a private library, petit salon, garden entrance and exclusive access to the extraordinary Salon Chinois — named for the canvas covered walls painted with Chinoiserie murals by Jean-Baptiste Pillement — is quite possibly the most remarkable suite in Europe.

The interiors and gardens of Hotel Château have been meticulously restored with an incredible reverence to the Castle's history, while adding layers of modern splendor. Guest rooms are filled with curated antiques and vintage pieces. The finishes include French fabrics and archival documented wallpapers, from visionaries like Pierre Frey, Christian Lacroix, Jean-Paul Gaultier and de Gournay. The impossibly luxe beds are custom made and stacked with fine European linens and lofty down duvets.

The restaurant, Le Lucé, with reclaimed tomette floors, exposed timbers overhead, and grand casement windows facing the formal gardens, is captivating. The classic French dishes are prepared with a reverence for tradition, and a nod to refined modern simplicity, sourcing locally, and prepared with produce from the Château's gardens and orchards. Adjoining Le Lucé is a bar built in the former private chapel of the Baron de Lucé. Cheekily named Jack Pine's (the English translation of the Baron's name — Jacques Pineau de Viennay) in honor of our French-American partnership, it is here that guests can enjoy convivial conversation, try some house cocktails infused with herbs from the potager gardens, and taste fare from Chef Thomas' elevated Bistro menu.

The Loire Valley is filled with fabulous châteaux and gardens to tour. Famous for its Sancerre wine, vineyards are plentiful where private tastings and picnics can be arranged. There is antiquing in La Chartre-sur-le-Loir, biking through the Bercé forest and fields filled with sunflowers and mustard, and touring La Cité Plantagenêt in Le Mans. Easy day trips include the beaches of Normandy, the historic town of Amboise (Leonardo Da Vinci's residence), and of course Paris, 55 minutes by train. Although tempting to tour the French countryside, it may prove hard to leave Hotel Château as it all feels quite noble.





WEDDINGS + EVENTS

Hotel Château is an incredible destination for any event and an enchanting location for a wedding. Built for a nobleman, the Château and its grounds are breathtaking. The symmetry and precision of the formal French gardens coupled with the eighteenth-century neoclassical architecture of the forty-five thousand square foot Château is extraordinary.

Set in the village of Le Grand-Lucé, Hotel Château is surrounded by the bucolic French countryside. Steps from the gate of the Château, and across the cobblestone square, is an eleventh century church, complete with spire and melodic bells. Two bakeries in town assure that fresh-baked pastries and baguettes are available daily.

From a grand wedding or event of noble proportions to an intimate soirée in the garden, Hotel Château has infinite possibilities. The eighty acres of Loire Valley beauty surrounded by a medieval wall and featuring a lake, meadows, exquisite gardens and a historic white oak forest are otherworldly. With multiple courtyards, terraces, and secret gardens — the options for an event are limitless.

A ballroom of royal proportions designed in the former stables allows events year-round, in any type of weather. The original twelve-foot tall windows of the ballroom have been draped in a fabulous custom-colored Pierre Frey velvet inspired by the green of the garden, gorgeous French oak point de Hongrie flooring, and resplendent crystal chandeliers and sconces have been installed, resulting in unequaled grandeur.

HOTEL CHÂTEAU HAS INFINITE
POSSIBILITIES



WEDDING PACKAGES

The easiest — and chicest - way to plan your wedding. Our curated wedding packages make the planning process as simple as can be, whether you're envisioning an intimate wedding, a weekend-long full property buyout or something in between. The packages below are a starting point, and can be customized to your heart's content.

BUYOUT RATES

Have the run of the place! You and your guests will have access to the entire 45,000-square-foot main Château, with 19 rooms and suites capable of accommodating up to 44 guests. Enjoy; twice-daily housekeeping and full use of the gardens and grounds.

October to April: 28,000€ per night, two-night minimum

May to September: 38,000€ per night, two-night minimum

"HEAVEN IS A PLACE ON EARTH AND CAN BE FOUND IN THE FORM OF AN
18TH-CENTURY, NEOCLASSICAL CHÂTEAU, LOCATED SOUTH-EAST OF
LE MANS IN THE LUSH LOIRE VALLEY." —VANITY FAIR



SUMMER PACKAGES

MAY TO SEPTEMBER

MARQUIS PACKAGE (BUYOUT) | 80,000 EUROS

- Two-night weekend property buyout (19 rooms accommodating up to 44 inhouse guests)
- Exclusive use of Château and gardens
- Rehearsal dinner (up to 44 guests)
- Pre-ceremony cocktail reception (up to 44 guests)
- Wedding night formal dinner (up to 44 guests)

DUC PACKAGE (BUYOUT) | 98,000 EUROS

- Two-night weekend property buyout (19 rooms accommodating up to 44 inhouse guests | 100 event guests)
- Exclusive use of Château and gardens
- Rehearsal dinner (up to 100 guests)
- Pre-ceremony cocktail reception (up to 100 guests)
- Wedding night formal dinner (up to 100 guests)
- Departure day brunch (up to 100 guests)

KING PACKAGE (BUYOUT) | 137,000 EUROS

- Three-night weekend property buyout (19 rooms accommodating up to 44 inhouse guests | 100 event guests)
- Exclusive use of Château and garden
- Picnic in our gardens for inhouse guests
- Rehearsal dinner (up to 100 guests)
- Pre-ceremony cocktail reception (up to 100 guests)
- Wedding night formal dinner (up to 100 guests)
- Fireworks display on wedding night
- Departure day brunch (up to 100 guests)
- Late departure (3 pm)

WINTER PACKAGES

OCTOBER TO APRIL

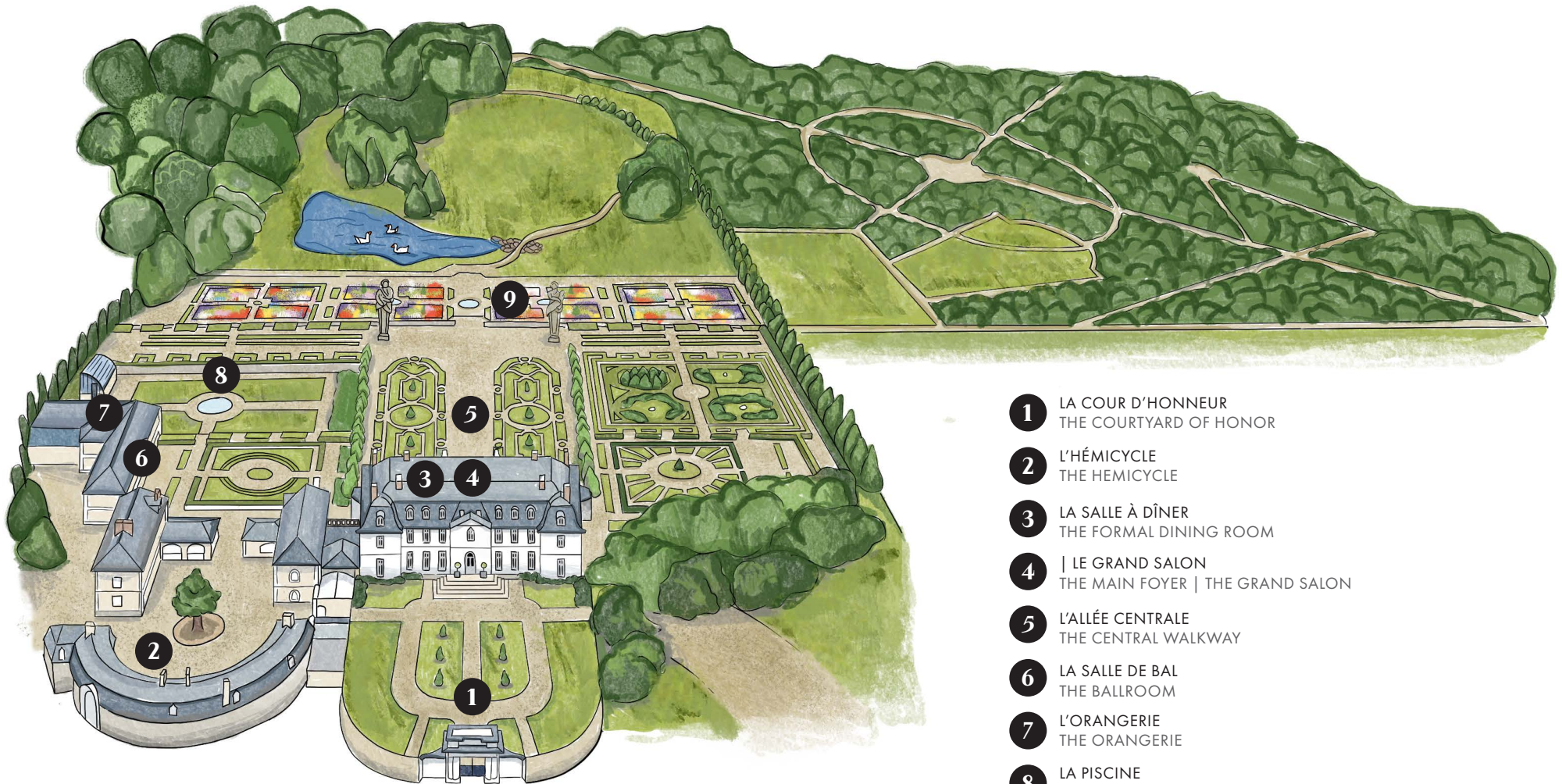
VICOMTE PACKAGE (BUYOUT) | 66,000 EUROS

- Two-night weekend property buyout (19 rooms accommodating up to 44 inhouse guests)
- Exclusive use of Château and gardens
- Rehearsal dinner (up to 44 guests)
- Pre-ceremony cocktail reception (up to 44 guests)
- Wedding night formal dinner (up to 44 guests)





AVAILABLE LOCATIONS



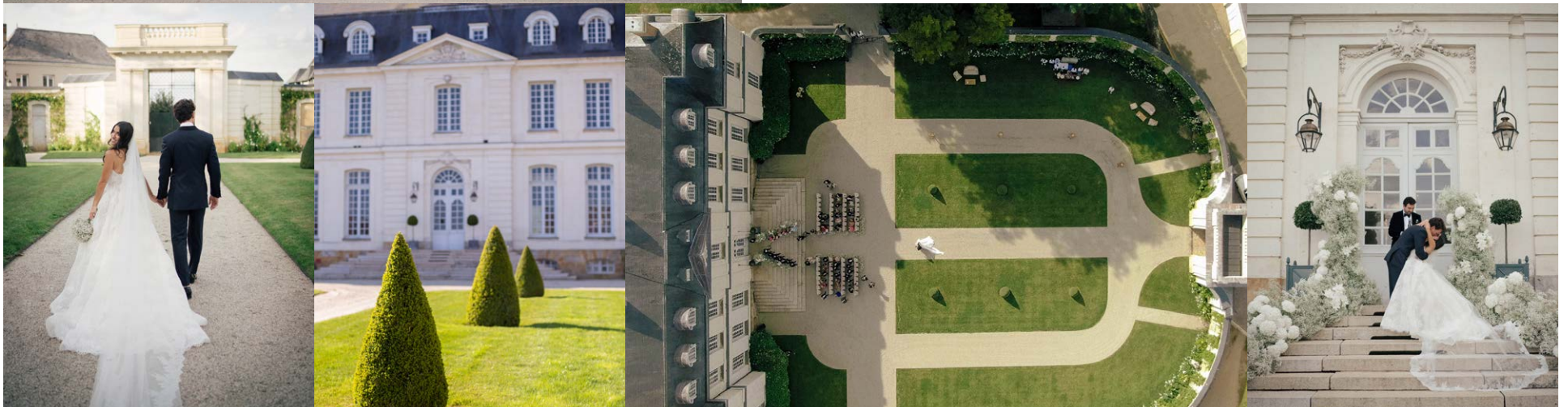
- 1 LA COUR D'HONNEUR
THE COURTYARD OF HONOR
- 2 L'HÉMICYCLE
THE HEMICYCLE
- 3 LA SALLE À DÎNER
THE FORMAL DINING ROOM
- 4 | LE GRAND SALON
THE MAIN FOYER | THE GRAND SALON
- 5 L'ALLÉE CENTRALE
THE CENTRAL WALKWAY
- 6 LA SALLE DE BAL
THE BALLROOM
- 7 L'ORANGERIE
THE ORANGERIE
- 8 LA PISCINE
THE SWIMMING POOL
- 9 LE JARDIN POTAGER
THE KITCHEN GARDEN

THE COUR D'HONNEUR



The Court of Honor is the stately formal courtyard, surrounded on the north by the medieval wall in which the magnificent entrance gates are set and to the south by the breathtaking front facade of the Chateau. From this vantage point, the symmetry and design of this neoclassical masterpiece are highlighted — a splendid and majestic backdrop for any special event. The millennial-old wall is lined with climbing roses and classical hydrangeas, a beautiful compliment to the verdant green blankets of grass and perfectly manicured topiaries.

PERFECT FOR: Wedding ceremonies and welcome receptions for up to 100 guests

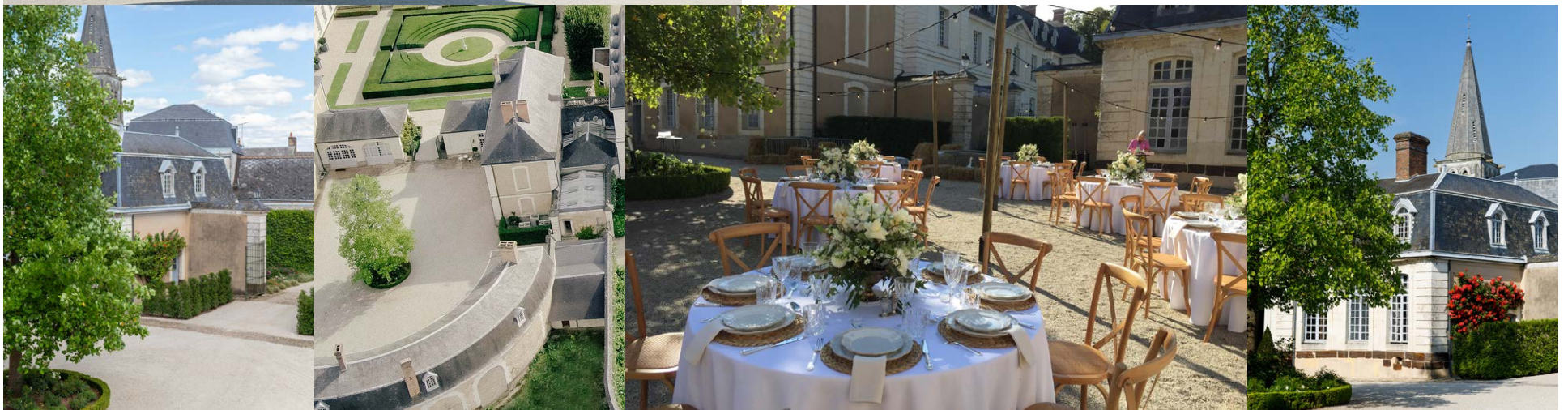


THE HEMICYCLE



The crescent-shaped structure encircles an intimate courtyard with a peek beyond to the 11th-century church steeple in the village of Le Grand-Lucé. A grand gate opens directly to the village square, directly facing the Church, and surrounded by charming centuries-old residences.

PERFECT FOR: Welcome receptions and seated meals for up to 100 guests



THE FORMAL DINING ROOM



One of the most exquisite rooms in the Château, the Formal Dining Room is still used for its original intended purpose – hosting well-traveled guests for exceptional evenings.

Located adjacent to the entry foyer with views to the cour d'honneur, the rose-colored painted paneled walls and original limestone floor create the perfect palette for the custom gold gilt dining chairs upholstered in a rich Lelièvre gaufrage, a brilliant crystal chandelier and our notable collection of fine oil portraits. Most impressive are the stately paintings of Emperor Napoleon III and Empress Eugenie that stand guard over the pomp and flourish of this august room.

PERFECT FOR: Welcome receptions for up to 60 guests



THE MAIN FOYER + GRAND SALON



The star attraction of the Château's capacious entry hall is its stunning marble table, an ideal place to cut the wedding cake. The adjacent Grand Salon is a paragon of neoclassical architecture, with French doors that open onto the formal gardens.

The salon is resplendent with original limestone floors bearing the patina of countless footsteps, walls of dramatic height clad in fabulous boiserie and unmistakably French furnishings with an abundance of gold gilt, velvets and silks in rich saturated colors. The room is awash with the fabled Loire Valley sunlight streaming in through the striking casement windows. It is equally brilliant in the evenings with the light from our 19th-century signed Baccarat chandelier refracted through its multitude of faceted crystals.

PERFECT FOR: Cake cutting and welcome receptions for up to 44 guests



THE CENTRAL ALLÉE



Set on the North/South axis in the classical parterre, the central allée is the main promenade running through our formal gardens. In a brilliant feat of order and symmetry with near-perfect structure, the central allée, surrounded by finely manicured boxwoods, delightful topiaries, and immaculately trimmed expanses of green grass, is extraordinary. Centuries-old stone steps from the Grand Salon of the Chateau allow a storybook entrance onto the parterre. At the south end of the allée, the grand statues of Ceres, goddess of crops and harvests, and Pan, god of shepherds and flocks, gifted to nobleman Jacques Pineau de Viennay in 1764 by King Louis XV, stand watch over 21st-century fêtes. Ceres, whose spiritual powers prevail over agriculture, is also known as the guardian of marriage, ensuring good fortune to vows exchanged in her presence.

PERFECT FOR: Wedding ceremonies and seated meals for up to 100 guests



THE BALLROOM



This ballroom of royal proportions, designed in the former stables, allows events year-round in any weather. The majesty of the 22-foot-high ceilings with exposed timbers, whitewashed walls, and custom wainscoting inspired by remnants from the original stables creates an unexpected feeling of modern splendor. The original 12-foot-tall windows are draped in a fabulous custom-colored Pierre Frey velvet inspired by the green of the garden. Gorgeous French oak point de Hongrie flooring and resplendent crystal chandeliers and sconces result in unequalled grandeur.

PERFECT FOR: Seated meals for up to 80 guests, receptions and of course, dance parties for up to 100 guests



THE ORANGERIE



When tropical fruits arrived in Europe from the New World in the 17th century, fashionable households began inventing ways to shelter these delicate new arrivals from the harsher Continental seasons. Thus, the Orangerie was born. A quintessential feature of French chateaux, the Orangerie is where our citrus trees wait out the winter. In the summer months, the trees retake their previous positions around the gardens and grounds, revealing once again the architectural beauty of the 1,500-square-foot space. Sunlight streams through grand arched windows, while the vaulted ceiling and limestone walls create an inviting ambience ideal for special celebrations or simply an escape from the Loire Valley sun. Large doors open out onto the tranquil swimming pool.

PERFECT FOR: Post-wedding brunch for up to 80 guests



THE SWIMMING POOL



The Exotic Garden is at a slightly lower elevation and surrounded by walls protecting the area from wind, where the stunning swimming pool is found. This circular pool replaced one of the Château's original fountains with no disruption to the purposeful symmetry of the initial design. This extravagant garden remains incredibly warm nearly year-round, well-positioned to receive much of the Loire Valley sunshine. Planted with a brilliant variety of flowers, the Exotic Garden has original working greenhouses and the quintessential Orangerie – protecting a multitude of citrus in the winter and opening for infinite possibilities in the warmer months. Lush, colorful, and protected, this is the perfect spot to spend the long Le Grand-Lucé days.

PERFECT FOR: Casual brunches and barbecues for up to 80 guests



THE POTAGER GARDEN



Our Potager garden, or kitchen garden, is lush with herbs and vegetables, beautiful seasonal flowers and bordered by an orchard of apples and pears-- all arranged in the classic french style. A fabulous outdoor stone staircase descends into the abundant bounty of the potager garden from the Chateau's formal parterre. This spot is captivating and enchanting, with sweeping views over the small lake filled with picturesque geese, past the grassy meadows, and beyond to the rolling hills of the Loire Valley.

PERFECT FOR: Wedding ceremonies and receptions for up to 100 guests





EVENT FOOD + BEVERAGE

From brunches and lunches to multi-course formal dinners, the team at Hotel Château is available to provide on-site catering for your wedding or any special gathering. Led by the fabulous Maxime Thomas, Head Chef at Restaurant Le Lucé, our culinary team can customize menus, design wine pairings and help select the perfect location within our 80 walled acres for your event. From Champagne and canapés in the formal gardens to a grand coursed dinner in the Ballroom, we are here to create the wedding event of your dreams.

Our maximum seating capacity is 100 guests. All menu items and pricing are subject to change depending on availability and seasonality.*

*All food menu items listed are shown as an example and subject to changes depending on food restrictions and the season.



BBQ PARTY

BBQ SERVICE BUFFET AND TWO GRILLED STATIONS

Service Buffet | Salad Station | Charcuterie Station | Dessert Station

GRILL

Gambas-pesto-lemon Brochette | Roasted Potatoes | Mini Cheeseburger
Ratatouille | Tika Massala Chicken Brochette | Grilled Ribs

BUFFET STATION

Tomatoes and Mozzarella Salad | Taboulé | Coleslaw | Garden Salad

CHEESE AND CHARCUTERIE

Jams | Bread | Nuts

STATION DESSERTS

Chocolate Fondant | Lemon Tart | Berries Crumbles | Fruits

Including local sparkling wine, white and red wine, beer and soft drinks.
Excluding liquor service.

Summary of charges: 88€ per person (+22% service charge)

PICNIC

Taboulé de Quinoa

Sandwich

Smoked Salmon | Cucumber | Cream Cheese | Arugula

Berries Financier and Fruits

Including soft drinks, hot and cold coffee and tea.

Summary of charges: 38€ per person (+ 22% service charge)



REHEARSAL DINNER

THREE COURSE SET MENU

BEETROOT GRAVLAX SALMON

Crackers | Tarama | Crunchy Vegetables

ZUCCHINI GAZPACHO AND PIQUILLOS

Poached Egg | Grilled Zucchini | Olives | Piquillos Dressing

THAI BEEF CARPACCIO

Wasabi | Black Sesame | Lemon Grass | Crunchy Vegetables

VEAL LOIN

Purple Potatoes Gnocchis | Grilled Eggplant

CRUSTED HERBS SALMON

Artichokes Purée | Baby Artichokes | Crispy Onions

ROASTED LOCAL CHICKEN BREAST

Sweet Potatoes | Confit Shallots | Tandoori Sauce

BERRIES PAVLOVA

Crunchy Meringue | Vanilla Chantilly | Berries | Sorbet

CHOCOLATE AND LEMON

Creamy Chocolate | Tartelette | Confit Lemon

RHUBARBS AND PINK PEPPER

Rhubarb Fondant and Confit | Infused Cream with Pink Pepper | Yogurt

Summary of charges: 80€ per person (+22% service charge)

Additional local wine pairing per person: 30€ (Glass of wine each course)

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

COCKTAIL RECEPTION IN THE GARDENS (2 hours)

Passed Hot and Cold Canapes (6 pieces per person)

Including Vouvray sparkling wine, local white and red wine, local and imported beers and soft drinks.

Summary of charges: 48€ per person (+22% service charge)



WEDDING DINNER

THREE COURSE SET MENU

TOMATO CHUTNEY AND IBERICO HAM

Mozzarella di Bufala Panna Cotta | Olives | Melba

FOIE GRAS BALLOTINE

Apricot and Verbena Chutney | Toasted Brioche

SEA BREAM TARTARE

Citrus | Pomegranate | Red Onions Pickles

BEEF FILET ROSSINI

Foie Gras | Pressed Potatoes | Mediterranean Vegetables

SEABASS

Stuffed Zucchini | Polenta | Sun Dried Tomatoes | Olives

ROASTED DUCK BREAST

Sweet Spices Carrots | Crispy Risotto | Honey Sauce

CRISPY CHOCOLATE AND HAZELNUT FINGER

Almond Biscuit | Chocolate Chantilly

BERRIES PAVLOVA

Crunchy Meringue | Vanilla Chantilly | Berries | Sorbet

APRICOT AND PISTACCHIO OPERA

Pistachio Cream and Biscuit | Confit Apricot | Ice Cream

Summary of charges: 92€ per person (+22% service charge)

Additional local wine pairing per person: 30€ (Glass of wine each course)

BRUNCH

BUFFET AND FOOD STATIONS

Pastries and Breads | Egg Station | Smoked Salmon and Charcuterie Station
Fruit and Yogurt Station | Side Station | Pie Station

Including mimosas, local ciders, soft drinks, hot and cold coffee and tea.

Summary of charge: 68€ per person (+22% service charge)



ACCOMODATIONS

ACCOMODATIONS AVAILABLE FOR OUTSIDE GUESTS

[Hotel & Spa LePrince](#)

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[Hôtel Château La Groirie](#)

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[Hôtel Château Concordia](#)

Located at Le Mans, 30 minutes drive from Hotel Château
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ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE AT HOTEL CHATEAU DURING EVENTS

Hot Air Balloon

Horseback Riding

Fireworks

Game Fields (Football/Cricket/Badminton)

Electrical Bikes

Massages

Fitness Center

Cooking Class

Visits Of Local Vineyards

Visit Of Chateaux De La Loire

Visit Of Local And Historical Cities

*Non-exhaustive list. Our booklet of activities is available upon request.



“ONCE IN A WHILE, RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF ORDINARY LIFE,
LOVE GIVES US A FAIRY TALE.” –UNKNOWN



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