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# ..... a chateau in FRANCE

## FRANCE – STAY IN A CHATEAU AT RIGNAC

Relax & explore in rural France – stay near Rocamadour near the Way of St James



Near to the famous tourist destination of Rocamadour with access to many walking trails in the 'gourmet' Lot/Dordogne region, this is an ideal base to relax, unwind or to explore. Set in its own 12-acres of garden and grounds and a million miles away from haste, the Chateau Roumegouse offers peace and tranquillity as well as wonderful rural views in every direction.

The Château is a 4-star hotel and has been a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux group since 1966. With a total of 15 rooms including 2 suites all rooms have ensuite bathrooms, air-conditioning, and mini bar and colour TV. There is a heated outdoor swimming pool & 5-bicycles for the use of guests. The eccentric host and his dogs, winding staircase, rambling passageways, library, ghost stories and exquisite wall hangings all come at no extra cost.....

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**HISTORY:** Built In the 10<sup>th</sup> Century, Roumegouse was owned by the Barons of Gramat. In the 14th Century, the estates of Castelnaud and Gramat joined forces and Roumegouse became key in the defensive system of Hugues II de Castelnaud, one of the most powerful lords of Aquitaine. Over the centuries, war was a constant presence in the region. Death and destruction was commonplace; people killed without remorse. There were violent clashes against Arabs, English, between the French themselves, Catholics and Protestants!

Roumegouse, like many other castles of the time, was destroyed and rebuilt numerous times during this tumultuous period. During the Middle Ages its position on the Way of St James, the pilgrimage route through France to Santiago in Spain dominated its history. Strategically position between Mont St. Michel, Rocamadour, Santiago de Compostela, and Rome, pilgrims going to Rome were called the "Roumieux" which is the origin of the name of Roumegouse.

In 1965 it was transformed into a hotel. Past guests have included General de Gaulle, President Pompidou, Raymond Queneau, Carole Bouquet, M/Mme François Pinault and many other artists and politicians. Today the present owners Luce and Jean-Louis Laine are the second generation to welcome you as guests.

**LOCATION & FACILITIES:** The Château is located in the Lot region of France, near the towns of Rocamadour and Gramat. The Château is a four star hotel and has been a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux group since 1966. The Château has a total of 15 rooms including 2 suites. Each room has been individually decorated by owner Luce Lainé with antiques and objects d'art.

A gourmet restaurant, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, is presided over by owner-chef Jean Louis Lainé. The restaurant is open everyday for dinner, except Tuesday. Lunch is served on Sunday only. The following services are available to guests (charges may apply):



- Free transportation to and from the Gramat train station - conveniently located 10 minutes from the Château
- Dry cleaning service
- Room service from 7.30 to 10.00 pm
- Baby-sitting on request in advance
- Swimming pool & grounds
- Bicycles available for guests

**COSTS:** The hotel is rightly proud of the reputation of its restaurant & our tariff includes breakfast & a choice of dinner menus. Based on a standard room for 2 people, a stay at the Chateau De Roumegouse including breakfast & dinner (with an aperitif & house wine) will cost **approximately** as follows:

- Room with Simple Menu (3 courses – appetizer, dinner & dessert) @ \$380 per person per night
- Room with Menu Gastronomique (4 courses – appetizer, dinner, cheese, dessert) @ \$400 per person per night
- Rooms with 'A la carte' (4 courses – free choice of appetizer, dinner & dessert) @ \$460 per person per night
- Single room supplement if required @ \$85 per night

There are simple rooms & larger rooms including a self-contained apartment, which are priced accordingly. Costs are based on a minimum of a 1-night stay – a minimum 2 nights is recommended. There are reduced rates for longer stays & group rates - call us today to turn your dream of a chateau in France into a reality

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