

The Seven Starry Nights Experience

20th of July to the 27th of July 2024

Presented by Château de Gudanes

Saturday 20th of July

- 10:00 am Let's meet at the Place Wilson in the centre of Toulouse. The Château Buses shall be waiting... *Allons-y!*
- 12:00 noon *Bienvenue au Château de Gudanes* arrival sparkling toast and presentation of rooms followed by a short orientation of the amenities
- 1:30 pm Luncheon awaits in the *Salle à Manger* followed by dessert in the *Salon de Rose*
- 4:00 pm Historical tour of the Château's interior salons followed by a gentle guided walk through the surrounding villages sharing the history of the local area and region
- 6:30 pm Classic French *Kîr Royale* served with raspberry sorbet are presented in the *Salon de Musique* accompanied by Simon, a graduate of Royal Academy of Music and North London Conservatoire, playing the piano
- 7:30 pm 'Be Our Guest' welcome dinner to be held in the *Salon de Printemps*

Sunday 21st of July

- 8:00 am *Servez-vous* style traditional, French breakfast is served in the *Salon de Porcelaine* until late. Don't forget to make your own mimosa!
- 9:30 am Morning visit to the markets in our local village of *Les Cabannes* with *chef de cuisine*, Tracy Wood, and *Le Cordon Bleu* pastry chefs, Jennifer Pogmore and Larissa Mamprim. Sharing their love of traditional, French food culture as they discuss the menu for lunch and secrets for picking produce...
- 11:00 am Sweet and savoury cooking class with Tracy, Jennifer and Larissa
- 1:30 pm Picnic luncheon and pass-the-parcel in the *Château Jardin*
- 3:30 pm Seasonal *siróp* and jam making class with Jennifer and Larissa
- 4:30 pm The Château Apple Cake! Reproducing and modernising an 18th Century recipe from the property's original cookbook!
- 6:30 pm A selection of traditional French aperitifs and local cheese tasting in the Château's ancient basement...
- 7:30 pm Alfresco dinner on the front terrace
- 9:30 pm Star gazing and an *en plein air* French film *soirée* begins...

Monday 22nd of July

- 8:00 am Breakfast is served in the *Salon de Porcelaine*. You are sweetly invited to visit the Château Crêpe Cart to place your order!
- 9:00 am Departure to visit the farmers' markets and discover hidden antique treasures in the medieval village of *Mirepoix*
- 12:30 pm Picnic luncheon and wine tasting at *Château de Sibra* followed by time to explore the estate. Upon your return to the Château in the late afternoon, Larissa looks forward to welcoming you into the pastry cuisine for a class creating her signature rose gin sorbet!
- 6:00 pm Signature Château cocktail, the *Violette*, accompanied by a ballroom dancing lesson with Karen in the *Grand Vestibule*
- 7:30 pm Formal Marie Antoinette inspired banquet to be held in the *Salon de Musique* followed by an evening of poetry and prose



Tuesday 23rd of July

You are warmly and cordially invited to an enchanted forest breakfast beginning promptly at 8:30 am in the *Salle à Manger*...

- 10:00 am Savoury cooking class with Tracy
- 11:30 am Classic *millefeuille* class with Jennifer & Larissa
- 12:30 pm Luncheon is served in the *Salle à Manger*
- 1:30 pm Departure for a guided hike through mountaintops! Or, cook away the day in the pastry cuisine
- 5:00 pm Restoration lecture and workshop. Assist in restoring 18th Century frescoes in the Château's original dining room...
- 6:30 pm Dinner at *Le Clos Cathare* overlooking the Pyrenees mountains

Wednesday 24th of July

- 8:30 am *Servez-vous* style traditional, French breakfast is presented in the *Salon de Porcelaine*
- 10:30 am Morning tea is served in the *Salon de Rose*
- 11:15 am Departure to visit the *Grotte de Niaux*, an ancient cave with Mesolithic paintings dating to between 17,000 and 11,000 years ago...
- 2:00 pm Late luncheon is served in the *Salle à Manger*
- 4:00 pm Tour of the *Château Jardin* with Karina sharing her experiences rehabilitating the gardens, how they may have looked in the 18th Century and historical knowledge and secrets of botanical ingredients dating back to medieval times. Collecting flowers along the way!
- 5:00 pm A dessert decoration and styling workshop with Karina, Jennifer and Larissa followed by photography of your cake and dessert creations!
- 6:00 pm Aperitifs are served in the *Salle à Manger* accompanied by a tablescape workshop and the sharing of each of our own table setting traditions
- 7:30 pm Dinner begins in the *Salle à Manger*

Thursday 25th of July

- 8:00 am Breakfast is served in the *Salon de Porcelaine*. This morning's *à la carte* speciality shall be *pain-perdu!*
- 9:30 am Shopping expedition to the local outlet village in *Nailloux*, stopping along the way at the ancient town of *Mazères* for a *petit pause et café*...
- 3:00 pm 18th Century inspired afternoon tea in the *Grand Vestibule* upon our return to the Château
- 5:00 pm The Château Pop-up Boutique is *ouvert*...
- 6:30 pm Aperitifs are served amongst the flowers on the garden terrace
- 7:30 pm Light, informal dinner to be held in the *Château Cuisine*
- 9:30 pm Meeting by candlelight in the *Grand Vestibule* to journey together into the Château's basement for a dramatic reading of Edgar Allan Poe's 'The Black Cat'

Friday 26th of July

- 9:00 am Breakfast begins on the front terrace beneath the sunshine followed by a morning or relaxation...
- 12:15 pm Build-a-baguette luncheon in the *Grand Vestibule*
- 3:00 pm Departure for a canoeing adventure! Or, relax at the Château until the evening arrives...
- 6:30 pm Aperitifs are served in the *Salon de Rose* accompanied by Simon playing the violin
- 7:30 pm Formal dinner in the *Salon de Printemps* followed by a special presentation of desserts in the *Salle à Manger*
- 10:00 pm An evening of disco songs and karaoke. Dance the night away!



Saturday 27th of July

8 am until late Breakfast is served in the *Salon de Porcelaine*. We warmly welcome you to visit Tracy in the Château Cuisine to order an *omelette au fromage et violette!*

11:00 am *Au revoir nos amis...*

If you have booked an earlier departure from Toulouse please do just let us know so that we are able to ensure your *bon voyage*

