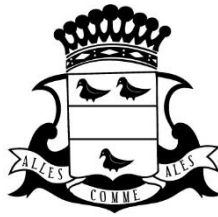


# Our French Country Home

## 2018 Tour Dates

*Tour One July 6 – 13 2018*

*Tour Two July 20 – 27 2018*



# Ever

dreamed of living in a French chateau and experiencing all that the French countryside has to offer. Aussie couple Vin and Suzie turned their dreams into reality becoming the proud owners of Chateau de la Carriere in 2015. Situated in the Mayenne and easily accessible from Paris, this fairy tale 200 year old chateau set on 25 acres of park and woodlands stole their hearts the moment they saw it. Having spent the past 3 years bringing the old dame back to its former glory they are now ready to share their amazing French country home.



During summer they invite guests to join them for a week to experience life in a French chateau and enjoy all things French. Shop for produce at the local markets, participate in traditional French cooking classes and the art of French entertaining, enjoy meals alfresco, formal, alongside the river or next to a 1000 year old Abbey, visit historic chateaus, meet some of the neighbours and indulge in a spot of brocantee (antique markets). Suzie describes the week “as coming and living our French lives for a week but warns that you may not want to leave”. Each tour will be limited to a maximum number of guests. Suzie also has a couple of surprises for guests in addition to the scheduled itinerary so be prepared for full on week of French country living.

Each guest will be accommodated in one of the chateau’s spacious bedrooms with large comfy bed, plenty of pillows and quality linen. Every bedroom has its own ensuite (some with baths) with fluffy towels, robes and Molton Brown toiletries. Wake up every morning to the sound of the birds and maybe catch a glimpse of the resident family of deer or red squirrels. There is a gym and swimming pool and guests are encouraged to enjoy all the chateau has to offer. And, if at any time you don’t feel up the days activities you are free to lounge by the pool, explore the chateau and grounds or simply relax under a shady tree with a glass of Rose.





# Itinerary During Your Stay....

**Day 1 (Friday):** You will be collected from either Sable or Laval train stations and transported back to the chateau. After settling into your charming room enjoy a tour of the chateau and meet your fellow guests over afternoon tea. You then have free time to take a stroll around the grounds, lounge by the pool or relax with a book from our library. Meet on the terrace for the customary aperitif and hors d'oeuvres followed by a casual dinner. A full open bar including French champagne, wine and spirits is included and over the course of the week you will have the opportunity to enjoy specially selected French aperitifs, champagnes and wines.



**Day 2 (Saturday):** Breakfast each day in either the dining room or on the terrace from 7.30 – 9.00 am consists of fresh pastries and baguettes, home made granola, fresh fruit, yoghurt, homemade jams and freshly squeezed orange juice, nespresso coffee and quality teas. Market day in Laval to shop for ingredients for the afternoons cooking class. Laval lies on the threshold of Brittany and is not far from Normandy and Anjou and was an important stronghold in northwestern France during the middle ages, it is one of France's designated towns of art and history and has the credentials to merit the accolade. You can explore the old town, take a tour of the 12<sup>th</sup> century chateau or indulge in a bit of shopping. Lunch at local restaurant before returning to the chateau for a cooking class using produce from the market and the chateau potager. Free time before dinner at local restaurant.



**Day 3 (Sunday):** After breakfast it's off to indulge in the national pastime of brocantage. Located on the banks of the Loire River, Montsoreau is quaint and beautiful and on the second Sunday of each month the regular market transforms into the Puces de Montsoreau (Montsoreau Flea Market). Considered one of the best Puces outside of Paris you are sure to find a treasure or two. Note for the second tour date we will be visiting the brocante market held in Saumur (birthplace of Coco Chanel). Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then a tour of Chateau de Montsoreau, the only chateau in the Loire to have been built on the bed of the river. Built in 1450 by one of the richest men in the kingdom the building marks the transition from military architecture to architecture for pleasure. After a succession of owners it is now a tourist destination and home to the Museum of Modern Art. Late afternoon return to the chateau for dinner.

**Day 4 (Monday):** Following breakfast we visit the worlds largest dairy museum for a private tour. Find out how an artisanal cheesemaker became one of the world's largest cheese suppliers and is still today a family owned business. Includes cheese tasting and buffet lunch and guests can select cheeses to take back to the chateau . On the way home, we stop for a tour of the Robert Tatin house and museum, the Mayenne artist who left 21 years work of sculptural, architectural and pictorial creations. Back at the chateau we do the second cooking class using cheeses from the museum shop followed by dinner at the Chateau.

**Day 5 (Tuesday):** After breakfast we visit a local produce market to source items for the afternoon cooking class. Lunch will be at L'Ecluse at Origine on the banks of the Mayenne River. Apart from the unique setting it's also the only restaurant we know where the owner has to serve guest and man the locks as the boats cruise down the river. Following lunch its back to the chateau for another cooking class followed by some free time before we head off to Solesmes and enjoy a grand dinner at the Grand Hotel which sits in the shadow of a Benedictine Abbey built in 1010.



**Day 6 (Wednesday):** After breakfast we're off to visit the neighbours and spend the day at Manoir de Favry where owner and French Hostess Extraordinaire Chantal will share simple French cooking techniques and the art of French entertaining and table decoration. You will get to see her gorgeous home and gardens and enjoy lunch alfresco (weather permitting). Return to the chateau late afternoon with some free time prior to dinner.

**Day 7 (Thursday):** Breakfast chateau style and then visit to Chateau Brissac owned by the same family since 1502 and residence of the current Marquis, Marquise and their four children. You will enjoy a tour of the chateau and lunch in the medieval kitchen or tearooms. Upon returning to the Chateau guest can either assist with the table decorating (putting Chantels advice from the previous day to good use) or assist in the kitchen with preparations for the formal dinner that night.



**Day 8 (Friday):** After breakfast it's time for final packing and to say au revoir to your French home and new friends. Guests will be transported to Laval to catch the 1.19 direct train to Montparnasse. Should you require alternative departure arrangements please let us know.



**For more images**

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# Inclusions – Exclusions

## Costings

### *Inclusions:*

Transfers from either Sable or Laval Train Station on day of arrival and departure  
7 nights accommodation in Chateau  
All meals whether in-house or at restaurants  
Alcohol – open bar at the chateau and alcohol of our choosing at external restaurants/venues  
Transport, car hire, fuels road tolls, parking  
Excursions, entry fees and costs associated with the scheduled activities in the itinerary

While we endeavour to provide all the activities as described, we reserve the right to alter the schedule. This can occur due to weather, suppliers no longer being available and other reasons outside of our control. We will however try to ensure any replacement activity is of a similar quality and/or experience.

### *Exclusions:*

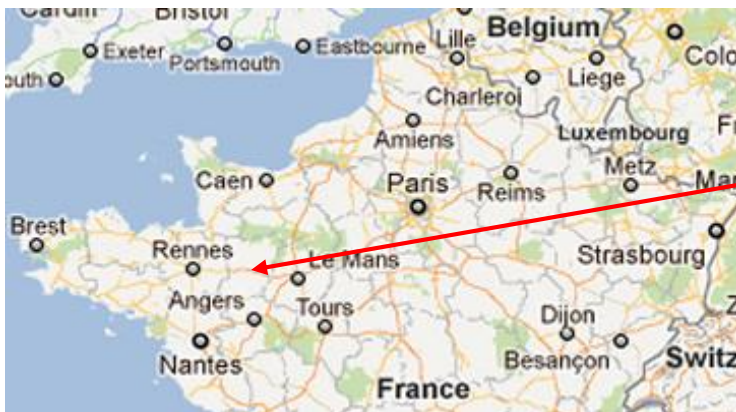
Flights, trains and other non-tour related transport  
Visa and Passport Expenses  
Personal Travel and Medical Insurance  
Expenses of a personal nature/shopping/spending money

**Tour Price AUD \$4850 per person**

To book your place please complete the booking form on the following page and return to us via email @ [suzie@ourfrenchcountryhome.com](mailto:suzie@ourfrenchcountryhome.com) If you have any questions about the tour you can email these to the same address or phone Suzie on 0428 549 258 (Australia).

A deposit of \$1,250 is required to secure your place on the tour and once your booking is confirmed we will send you an invoice for the deposit amount and the payment options. The balance of the tour fee of \$3,600 is payable on or before 30 days prior to the beginning of your experience. Bookings made within the 30 days prior to the tour commencing will need to be paid in full.

### *Location of Chateau de la Carriere*



*Chateau de la  
Carriere*





# Our French Country Home Tour Booking Form

Each person attending the tour must complete a separate booking form

I wish to book the tour of \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert tour dates*)

First Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Postcode & State \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Details:      Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_

Any dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Any medical requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Name/s of Other Guests  
you are on the tour with (if  
applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Your passport needs at least six (6) months validity at the time of departure from Australia. A copy of your passport must be sent with the completed Booking Form. With your final payment we will require copy of your visa (if applicable) and copy of your Travel insurance policy.**

**Please email your completed form to [suzie@ourfrenchcountryhome.com](mailto:suzie@ourfrenchcountryhome.com)**

## Our French County Home/Jacko SARL

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS

#### Chateau de la Carriere 53170 La Cropte France

We hope you will enjoy your time as a guest with us and will endeavour to make your stay an unforgettable experience. It is a condition of entry to the chateau and tour, that you read and agree to comply with the terms of this document, which sets out our terms and conditions concerning your participation.

**Personal details** – in order for us to process your booking you must have fully completed the booking sheet and provide a copy of your passport.

**Payment** – you are required to pay a deposit payment of AUD\$ 1,250 at the time your booking is confirmed. The balance is due 30 days prior to the start of the tour and we will send you a reminder email. Bookings made within 30 days of the tour start date, must be paid in full upon booking. If payment is not received by the due date we reserve the right to cancel your reservation and retain the deposit. Operation of the tour is dependent upon a minimum of 4 persons. Your deposit payment will be fully refunded in the situation of the tour not meeting the minimum number of participants and is cancelled. We are not responsible for any incidental expenses you may have incurred as a result of your booking, such as visas, insurances, vaccinations or non-refundable flights.

**Change of Itinerary** – Whilst we endeavour to provide all the activities as described, we reserve the right to alter the schedule.

**Travel Insurance** - We recommend you take out comprehensive Travel insurance and make sure your Travel Insurance Policy covers your costs in case of cancellation.

**Behaviour** – you are expected to behave in a manner that is respectful and considerate of other guests, Chateau staff and the chateau itself. We reserve the right to request that you leave if the event of any inappropriate behaviour of in the even of any breach of these terms or conditions. In the event of a guest being asked to vacate we will not refund any payment or accept any consequential liability damages or loss.

**Safety** – the chateau and outbuilding are continuing to undergo renovation and repair and at times there may be work occurring during the tour dates. We ask that you exercise care and caution around any work area and around the chateau grounds.

**Personal Effects** –we are not responsible for any loss or damage that occurs to your belongings. Each bedroom has a safe that can be used to store valuables.

**Photography** – you may take photos and video of the Chateau, including inside the Chateau and its grounds, for your personal use only. Personal use includes uploading the photographs and video onto your personal social media sites ie Facebook, Instagram etc . You are however not permitted to sell, license or use the photographs or video for any other purchase or make, or enable others to make any financial or material gains from the photographs or video.

**Acceptance of Risk** - in consideration of you being permitted to enter the chateau and grounds, you hereby assume all risk of illness, accident and all risk of personal injury (including death) to yourself and to your personal property, sustained whilst you are in the Chateau and its grounds and you and your heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, and assigns, hereby release us and our directors, officers, and employees from any and all liability whatsoever for any loss, personal injury (including death) or property damage which you may suffer whilst in the Chateau and its grounds.

**Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer** – Our French Country Home Tours is not responsible for losses, injury, damages or expenses of any kind due to illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, terrorist acts, acts of nature, tour cancellation, local laws or other such causes.

**I confirm that I have read and fully understand this agreement prior to accepting it, and are aware that by accepting this agreement I am waiving certain legal rights which I or my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives may have against the Chateau de la Carriere, Jacko SARL and Our French Country Home.**

Print name	
Signature	
Date	
Address	

