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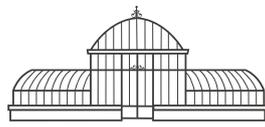


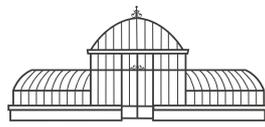
CHÂTEAU LES CARRASSES OFFERS A QUINTESENTIALLY FRENCH LUXURY HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE IN THE UNSPOILT LANGUEDOC

An enchanting French chateau with panoramic views overlooking vineyards, the meandering Canal Du Midi and the Pyrénées beyond, Château Les Carrasses, a once thriving wine estate has been lovingly transformed into an elegant and intimate holiday retreat nestled in the heart of France's unspoilt Languedoc region. A collaboration between winemaker Laurent Bonfils and hoteliers Karl and Anita O'Hanlon, whose shared vision to establish an estate renowned both for its wine and as a luxury holiday destination has spearheaded something of a renaissance within the region.

Boasting 30 unique and chic one to three bedroom private residences fashioned from the original buildings of the estate, the Château offers a unique opportunity to experience the authentic 'Art de Vivre' for which the Mediterranean South of France is renowned. A host of luxury facilities are available on site including a winery, brasserie, large infinity pool, floodlit clay tennis court, beach volleyball pitch, barbecue area and petanque courts, whilst the regions extraordinary diversity cannot fail to inspire inner explorers – unspoilt beaches, medieval castles, picturesque fishing villages, antiques markets, the list of things to do is endless.

Splendidly isolated and yet at the centre of everything the Languedoc has to offer - Château les Carrasses epitomizes the art of French living at its best.

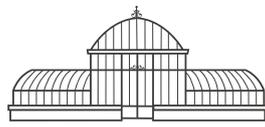


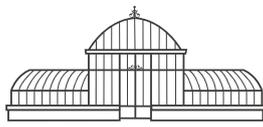


ABOUT THE CHÂTEAU

Steeped in history, the Château was built in 1886 by the well-known Bordelais Architect Louis Garros on the foundations of a rest stop on the pilgrimage route of Saint-Jacques de Compostelle. The winery, traditionally the Château's centrepiece and abandoned some 20 years ago, has been reinstated to its former glory under the helm of winemaker Laurent Bonfils and his team.





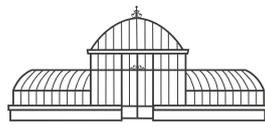


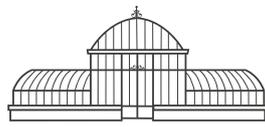
THE PROPERTIES: AUTHENTIC CHARACTER, CONTEMPORARY DESIGN

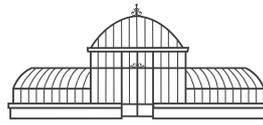
Centred around a series of courtyards connected by an avenue lined with shady trees are the traditional buildings of the large winery: the chateau, winery and cellars, housing for farm workers, forge, stables, the granary, the mansion and the gardener's cottage. Each of these buildings have been transformed into individual private residences in keeping with their original design, proportions and textures by award winning architect, Francois Thoulouze. No two properties are alike, yet the high spec kitchen, generous salons, lavish bedrooms with en suite bathrooms, luxury furnishings and elegant interior design – which takes its cues from the aristocratic and agricultural heritage of the estate – unite them all. The elegance and sophisticated taste extends to the amenities, Fragonard “Vrai” beauty products and bathrobes ensure a luxurious accent in the bathrooms whilst an onsite boutique sells carefully selected French fashions. Most residences have private terraces and 10 also feature private pools.

A sophisticated yet informal bar provides a comprehensive tour of Languedoc winemaking. There is an excellent brasserie serving fresh Mediterranean dishes throughout the day with a strong emphasis on using the best seasonal and local ingredients.





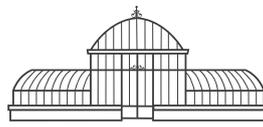




ADAPTABLE HOLIDAYS TO SUIT YOUR EVERY DEMAND

Travellers know that getting the best out of a region invariably requires “local knowledge”. Holding the «key» to this beautiful region, the Château’s concierge will be able to unlock and unveil the charms of the area throughout the seasons according to each individual request. Able to recommend the best restaurants whilst possessing insider knowledge on off the beaten track cycle routes, suggesting the most colourful markets whilst booking you a table at the best beach side restaurant in the height of Summer, the role of the concierge will be to ensure that each guest gets the most out of their time spent at Château Les Carrasses.





THINGS TO DO:

❁ **FOR THE OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST:** Spectacular cycling, walking and hiking. Coarse, fly and sea fishing. Sailing, kayaking, kite and wind surfing. Superb horse riding and just about every other outdoor activity imaginable.

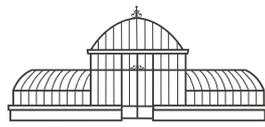
❁ **FOR THE URBANITE:** The Château is less than 20 minutes away from the towns of Narbonne and Béziers, while Montpellier, dubbed 'France's most exciting city', can be reached in under an hour.

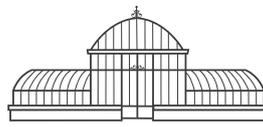
❁ **FOR THE GOURMAND:** Beyond the Château's bistro and tasting rooms, the nearby villages of Capestang (1km) and Quarante (3km) offer a dozen or more restaurants, cafes, bars, and supermarkets. Explore the countless vineyards in what is considered by many to be the world's most exciting – and certainly the most anarchic – wine making region. Take in the local markets whilst the Concierge can organise you a picnic hamper full of local cheese, hams, tapenades and tapas.

❁ **FOR THE SUN WORSHIPPER:** Lounge around the pool, on any one of several terraces at the Chateau, or strike out for the golden beaches at Serignan just a 35 minute drive.

❁ **FOR FAMILIES:** During the Summer holidays there is a Kids Camp offering a wide range of creative and sporty activities with a refreshing outdoor focus whilst the concierge can help to organise group activities such as a barge trip or shared babysitters with other families (subject to demand), so kids get a chance to meet each other, and parents get a well-deserved break.



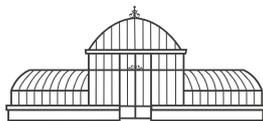




Château les Carrasses provides its guests with the best the south of France has to offer – from architecture and design, wine making and gastronomy, to rich cultural experiences. During a stay at Château les Carrasses guests get the rare opportunity to interact with locals and share the customs of the Languedoc, getting under the skin of this beautiful region ensuring they return home satisfied, relaxed and enriched.

Commenting on the thinking behind Château Les Carrasses, O’Hanlon says “The best French wines are an “assemblage” of grape varieties – each bringing its own unique characteristics to the wine. The talented winemaker blends them together so that the final result is much greater than the sum of the parts. At Château Les Carrasses we have blended the best aspects of traditional holiday options: the privacy and space of a villa rental with self-catering facilities, the authenticity and character of a working winery and the facilities such as bistro, bar and kids club that allow guests to truly relax. The end result is a holiday retreat which demands no compromise”.





FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

The partnership between winemaker Laurent Bonfils and hoteliers Karl and Anita O'Hanlon continues to flourish. Whilst Château Les Carrasses remains the go-to luxury property in the region, April 2016 saw the opening of magnificent vineyard estate Château St Pierre de Serjac, following an extensive two year, €25m renovation. The Château has been converted into an intimate hotel with 8 spacious rooms alongside the bar and restaurant. Beyond, scattered around the extensive grounds, the original outbuildings have been converted into 36 stylish and fully equipped self-catering properties. First class facilities include a huge heated infinity pool, Cinq Mondes spa, clay tennis court, kids club, BBQ area and bouldrome. At the heart of the property the winery has been fully modernised and the first vintages of the new era will be bottled in 2016. www.serjac.com.

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