

Vermeer au Château



Château La Carrière

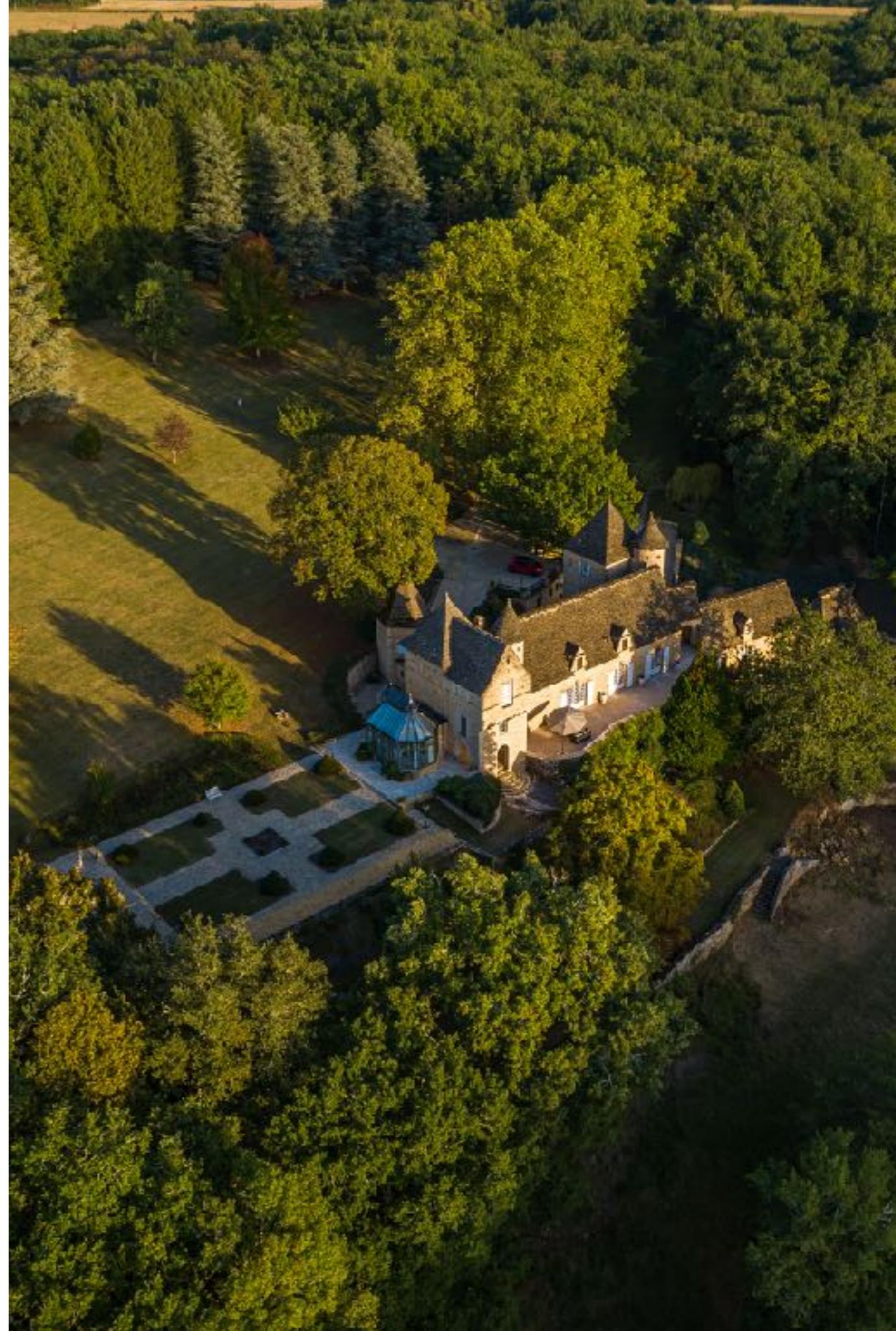
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Discover, Indulge & Relax

This exclusive week-long retreat combines a course on the life and work of the fascinating seventeenth-century painter Johannes Vermeer with an exploration of the gastronomy, castles and gardens of the French Dordogne.

The retreat takes place at the magnificent five-star Château La Carrière, which is situated on a large secluded estate in the heart of the Périgord Noir.

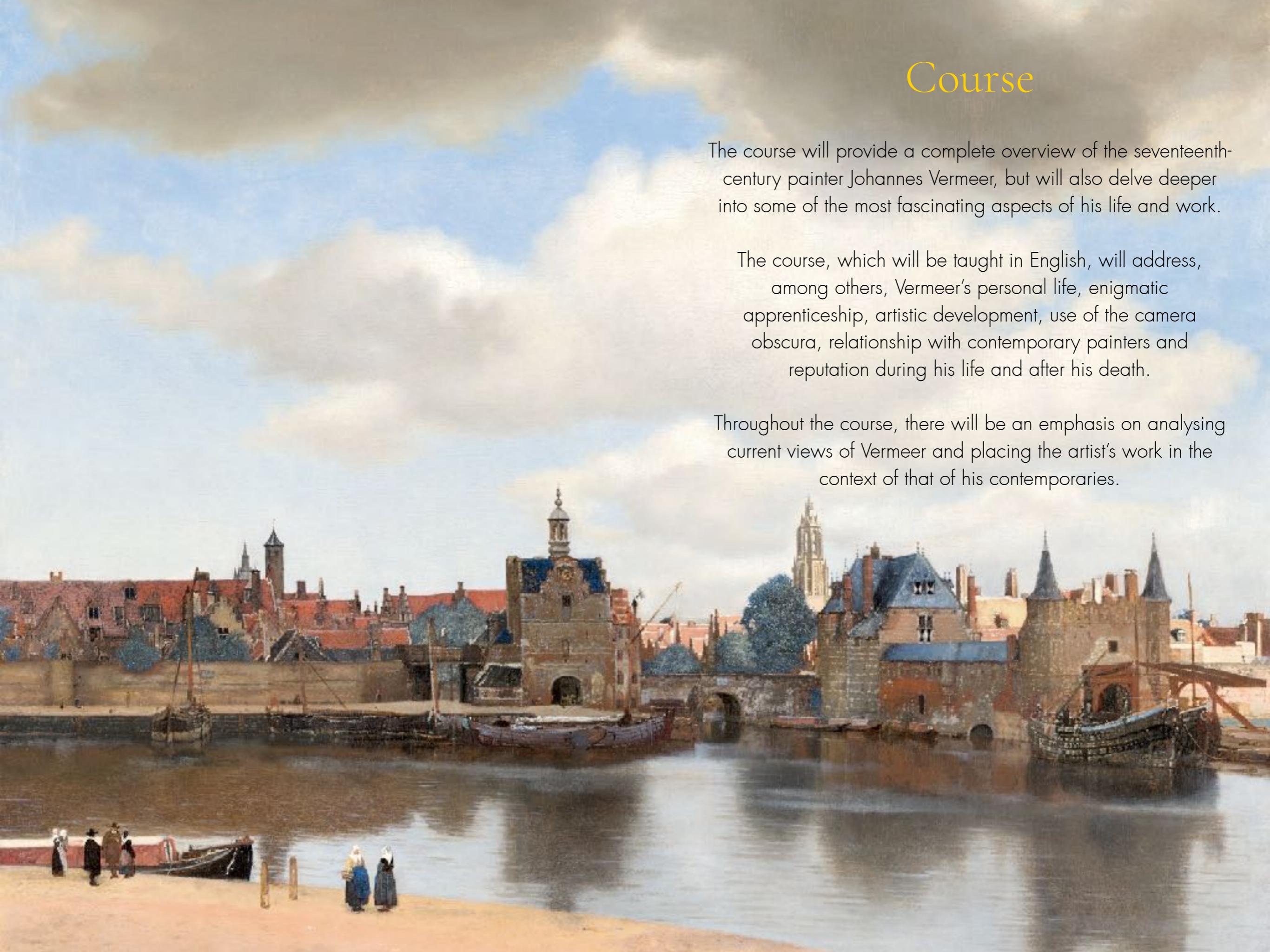


Course

The course will provide a complete overview of the seventeenth-century painter Johannes Vermeer, but will also delve deeper into some of the most fascinating aspects of his life and work.

The course, which will be taught in English, will address, among others, Vermeer's personal life, enigmatic apprenticeship, artistic development, use of the camera obscura, relationship with contemporary painters and reputation during his life and after his death.

Throughout the course, there will be an emphasis on analysing current views of Vermeer and placing the artist's work in the context of that of his contemporaries.





Dr Adriaan E. Waiboer

The course is taught by Dr Adriaan E. Waiboer, one of the world's leading experts on Dutch seventeenth-century genre painting.



Adriaan studied History of Art at the University of Leiden, obtained an MA in the same field from the Courtauld Institute of Art, London, and received a Ph.D., again in History of Art, from the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University. He worked for a fifteen years at the National Gallery of Ireland, first as Curator of Northern European Art, then as Head Curator and after that as Head of Collections & Research.

Adriaan was the initiator and lead curator of the landmark exhibition *Vermeer and the Masters of Genre Painting* (*Vermeer et les maîtres de la peinture de genre*), which took place at the Musée du Louvre, Paris, National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin and National Gallery of Art, Washington, in 2017-18. *The Financial Times* described the show as 'Europe's Old Master exhibition of the year'.

Adriaan is the author of many publications on Vermeer and other seventeenth-century Dutch artists. He is currently writing a book *Vermeer and the Art of Genre Painting*.

Gastronomy

During the retreat, you will have an opportunity to explore the rich culinary tradition of the Périgord Noir. Your guide

will be Ludovic Nicod, a local French chef who cooks a range of cuisines, from traditional French to contemporary vegan. Ludovic will

run cooking workshops and teach you how to make a number of French dishes, such as ballotine de volaille and a delicious Paris-Brest. Ludovic will also prepare every evening dinner during the retreat.

To provide you with a deeper insight into how some local delicacies are produced, you will visit nearby farms that grow and process truffles and walnut oil. These excursions are led by local foodies Michel and Danu Duneau, owners of Perigourmet.

You will also visit Domaine de la Voie Blanche, a nearby vineyard, where you cannot only taste wines, but also get an insight into the process of organic wine making.

The cooking workshops and excursions are all in English.





Excursions

It is said that there are 1,001 châteaux in the Dordogne. Some of the most stunning are situated in close proximity to Château La Carrière. The same is true for a number of world-famous gardens.

During the retreat, you will visit the awe-inspiring 12th-century Château de Castelnaud, the glorious formal gardens of Manoir d'Eyrignac as well as the Jardins Suspendus de Marqueyssac, which encompass thousands of imaginatively clipped box trees. All visits will be led by specialist tour guides.

You will also visit the villages of Beynac-et-Cazenac and La Roque-Gageac, which rank among 'Les plus beaux villages de France'.

Relaxation

And then it is time to wind down...

Each day after the day programme has ended and before aperitifs and dinner will be served, you will have a few hours to relax and enjoy the Château's facilities. These include an outdoor swimming pool, gym, hot tub, cinema and bar. You can also take a stroll through the magnificent gardens, follow hiking trails in the surrounding forests, or just relax on the sun terrace with an apéritif. You will also be provided with a 60-minute massage on a day of your choice...





Venue

The retreat takes place at Château La Carrière, a five-star venue located in the heart of the Périgord Noir. The Château is situated on a large (66 acres/28 hectares) secluded estate of fields and forests and has a large, stunning garden, a Japanese-style lake and two wooden cabins: the Pool House and the Lake House. The Chateau also has a swimming pool, gym, hot tub, bar and cinema.

The Château is normally rented out for holidays to families and groups of up to 18 people.

Bedrooms

There are seven bedrooms with an ensuite bathroom at Château La Carrière. The most sumptuous one is Chambre des Magnolias ($32m^2$), which is a suite with a Super King-size bed and a large marble ensuite ($32m^2$). Located in the northern tower, it has views on all four sides.

Situated in the oldest part of the Château, Chambre des Platanes has a King-size bed. If you wish to bring one or two friends, there is an option for her/him/them to stay in Chambre des Lauriers (which has two double beds), but share the bathroom of Chambre des Platanes.

Chambre des Rosiers and Chambre des Cerisiers are located in the central tower. The former has a King-size bed, while the latter has a Super King-size bed, which can be converted into two singles.

Chambre des Lavandes and Chambre des Jonquilles are located in the southern part of the Château. They both have King-size beds and small outdoor terraces. If you wish to bring one or two friends, there is an option for her/him/them to stay in Chambre des Glycines (which has a Super King-Size bed, which can be converted into two singles), but share the bathroom of Chambre des Lavandes.

Finally, the Pigeonnier, a free-standing tower-like building located next to the Château, has a double bed and its own ensuite bathroom. The bedroom and bathroom are separated by stairs.



Dates & Features



Dates

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What is included?

Seven nights accommodation

Towels and bedlinen

Full use of all facilities

(incl. pool, hot tub, gym, cinema, golf car, etc.)

Course on Johannes Vermeer

Course materials

Cooking workshops and all excursions

All breakfasts, lunches and dinners

(incl. three lunches in restaurants)

Wine, beer and pre-dinner apéritifs

Soft drinks, coffee and tea

Musical evening entertainment

One 60-minute massage

Transport during all excursions

What is not included?

Liquors and spirits

Transport to Château La Carrière*

*Pick-up from airports and train stations can be organised.

Please contact us for prices.

Prices

Prices are per person and depend on the room:

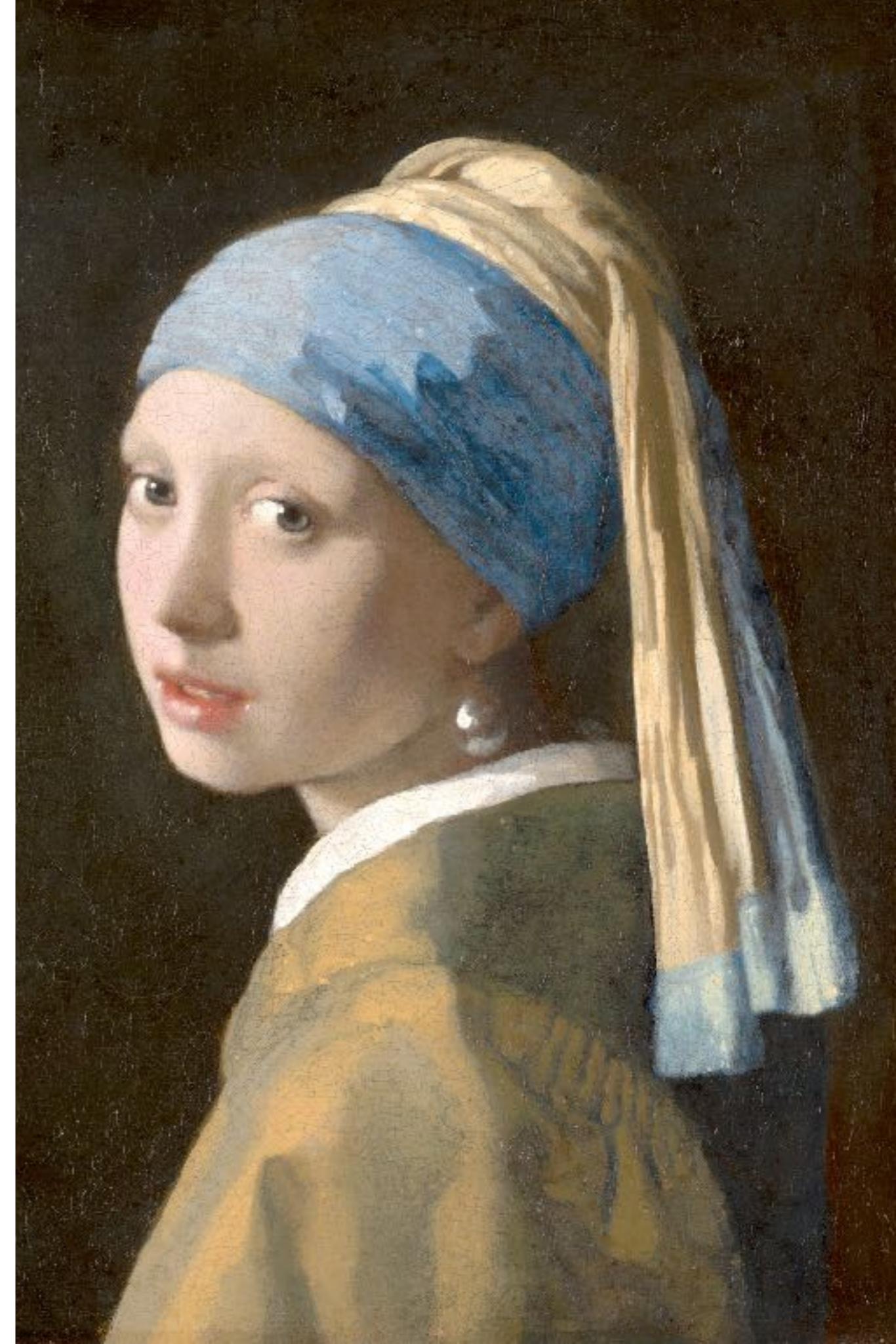
Room	Single occupancy	Double occupancy
Chambre des Magnolias	€4,500	€7,900
Chambre des Lavandes	€3,750	€6.750*
Chambre des Jonquilles	€3,750	€6.750
Chambre des Platanes	€3,750	€6.750**
Chambre des Rosiers	€3,250	€5,750
Chambre des Cerisiers	€3,250	€5,750
Pigeonier	€2,500	-

* If you book Chambre de Lavandes and wish to bring one or two friends, there is an option for her/him/them to stay in Chambre des Glycines (which has a Super King-Size bed, which can be converted into two singles), but share the bathroom of Chambre de Lavandes.

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** If you book Chambre de Platanes and wish to bring one or two friends, there is an option for her/him/them to stay in the Chambre des Lauriers (which has a two double beds), but share the bathroom of Chambre de Platanes. Please contact us for prices.





Booking & Cancellation

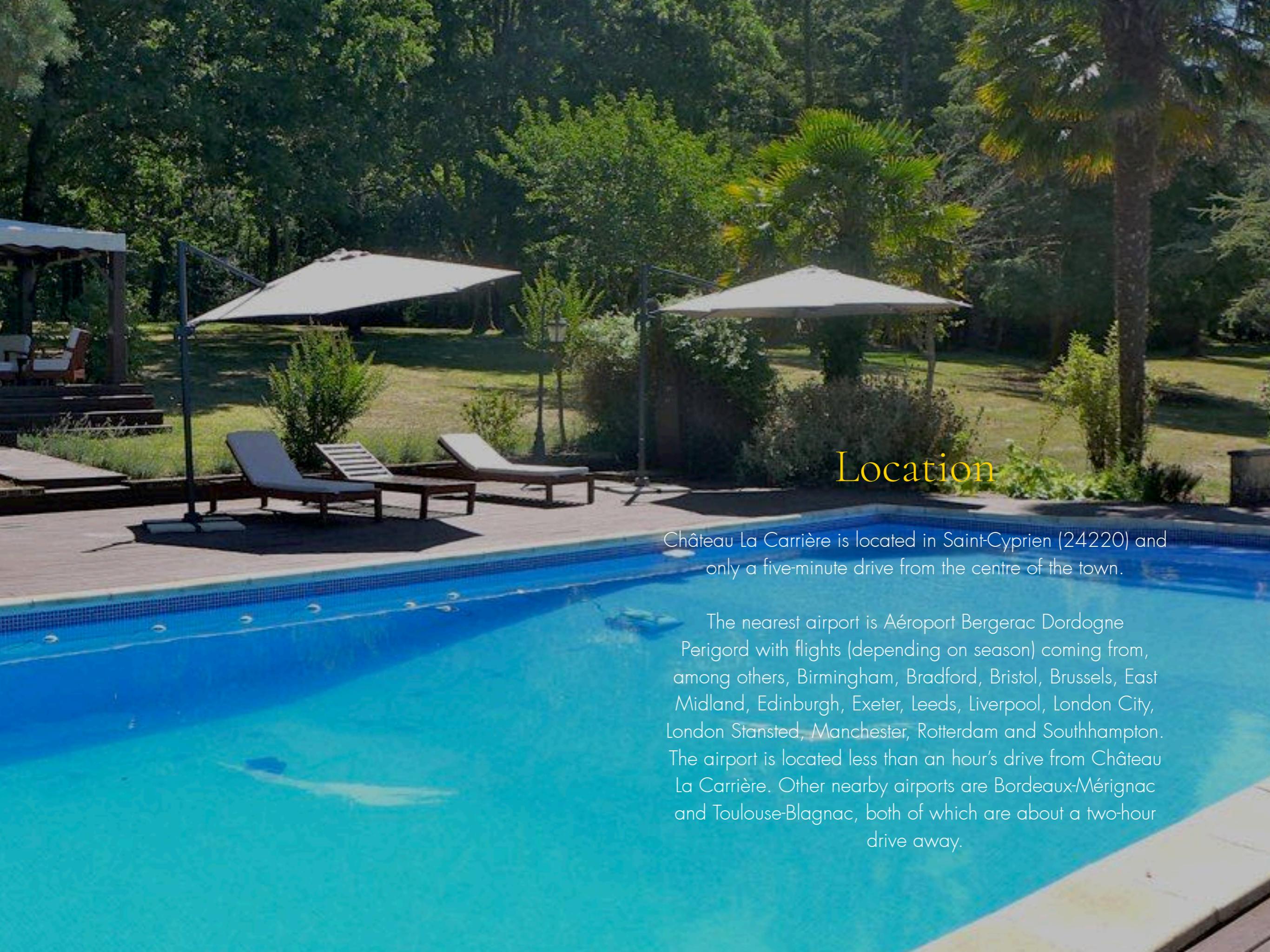
To book, please email us at info@chateaulacarriere.com and express your preference for a specific week. No deposit will be taken at this stage.

Once the minimum group size has been reached, the retreat becomes guaranteed. We will then contact you and ask you for a non-refundable deposit of 30% of the total amount to secure your booking.

The remaining amount is due eight weeks in advance of the retreat.

In case of cancellation more than eight weeks before the start of the retreat, you will lose your deposit. In case you cancel eight weeks or less before the retreat, you will unfortunately lose the full amount you have paid.

See also our [Terms & Conditions](#).

A wide-angle photograph of a large, rectangular swimming pool with clear blue water. In front of the pool, there are several wooden lounge chairs with light-colored fabric, each accompanied by a large white patio umbrella. The pool area is surrounded by a paved deck. Beyond the deck, there is a well-maintained lawn with various trees and shrubs. A small, dark building or gazebo is visible in the background. The overall scene is a peaceful, outdoor recreational area.

Location

Château La Carrière is located in Saint-Cyprien (24220) and only a five-minute drive from the centre of the town.

The nearest airport is Aéroport Bergerac Dordogne Perigord with flights (depending on season) coming from, among others, Birmingham, Bradford, Bristol, Brussels, East Midland, Edinburgh, Exeter, Leeds, Liverpool, London City, London Stansted, Manchester, Rotterdam and Southampton. The airport is located less than an hour's drive from Château La Carrière. Other nearby airports are Bordeaux-Mérignac and Toulouse-Blagnac, both of which are about a two-hour drive away.

Need Help?

The retreat is coordinated by Tanya McGilligan. She will be delighted to help you at all times, should you need any assistance during your stay at Château La Carrière.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tanya if you have any questions about the retreat.

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