

# EXQUISITE FRANCE

*proudly presents the*

## **CHÂTEAU DE LA BORDE.**

Birthplace of "Democracy in America", the significance of the great States was foretold from this historic estate..

**Sale price: 2.2 million euros**

**Near Tours, 2 hours from Paris**

**7500 sq ft, 17,3 acres, with  
gardens, woodlands, and a river.**



# PROPERTY OVERVIEW



Dating back to the 18th century, the Château de la Borde is a classic freestone, slate-roofed mansion, offering a surface area of approximately 400m<sup>2</sup>. The estate comprises four buildings (300m<sup>2</sup>) in addition to the château:

- A guest house offering 100m<sup>2</sup> of living space
- A summer house of 50m<sup>2</sup>
- Stables (converted into garage and game rooms) enclosing about 150m<sup>2</sup>
- A tiny chapel

The 7 hectares (17.3 acres) of land offer gardens, vast lawns, woods, a pond, and direct access to the river Dême.

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# A BRIEF HISTORY

## I. ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE

All château have their histories; Sometimes those histories are as remarkable as the château itself. The Château de la Borde, located like so many others in the Loire valley, was the place where Alexis de Tocqueville wrote his seminal four volumes entitled: "Democracy in America". Perhaps more than any other, Tocqueville captured the essence and significance of the young American republic.

The mansion's first owner of renown was Gustave de Beaumont (1802-1866), who was born and who died there. A magistrate, he was a close friend of Alexis de Tocqueville and also the grandson-in-law of Lafayette. Although Tocqueville had his own château in Normandy, it was in the company of Gustave de Beaumont, who also had accompanied him on his American travels, that he wrote his famous work.



*"The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers it can bribe the public with the public's money."*

*"A nation cannot long remain strong when every man belonging to it is individually weak"*

- Alexis de  
Tocqueville

# A BRIEF HISTORY

## II. CLAES OLDENBURG

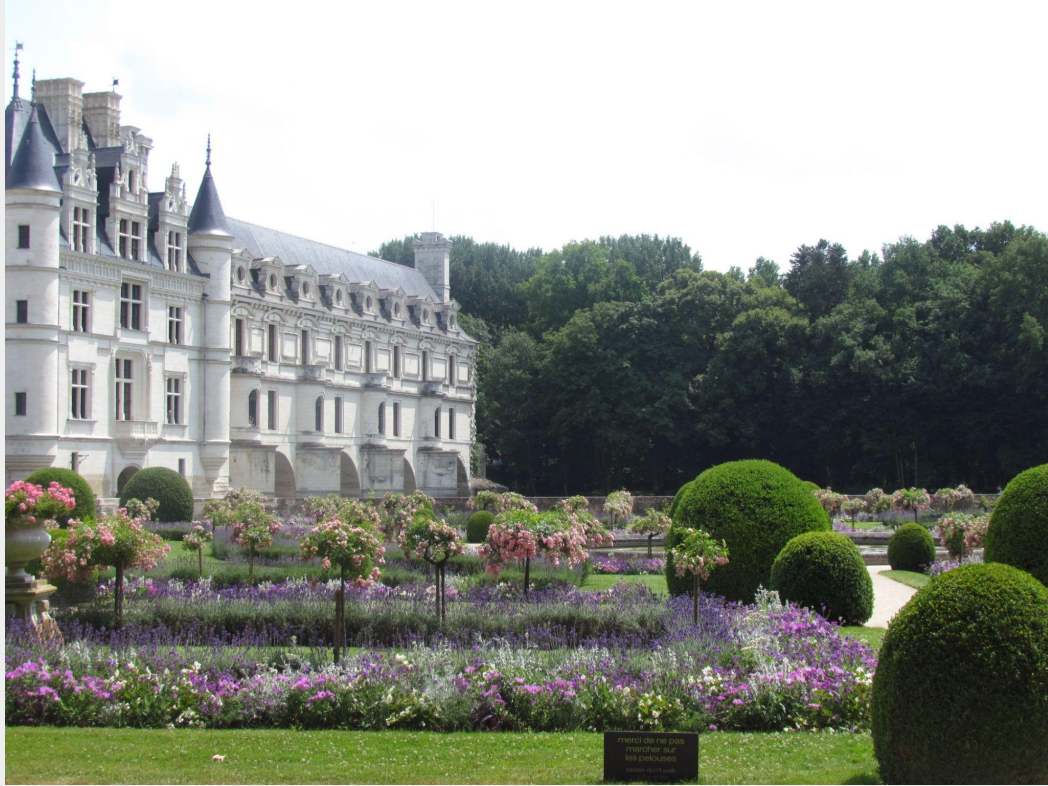
The next notable in the history of the Château de la Borde was its acquisition and remodeling under the inspiration of the Swedish-American artist Claes Oldenburg and his wife Coosje van Bruggen.

Mme. van Bruggen stated "I think what Claes and I have looked for above all in our home here is a simplicity of form—but a simple form with layers of meaning, which open up one by one like a sculpture the more deeply you look into it."

Today, their art works and furnishings have been removed, but their contemporary touch remains..

*"The skill with which the parkland has been turned into a landscape of winding paths and subtly contrasting groups of trees is fully matched by the radical but seamless way van Bruggen and Oldenburg have renovated their house. From the château's impeccably restored classical exterior one passes almost unawares into sleekly contemporary reception rooms."* - Michael Peppiatt, [Architectural Digest, 2005](#)





# THE LOCATION

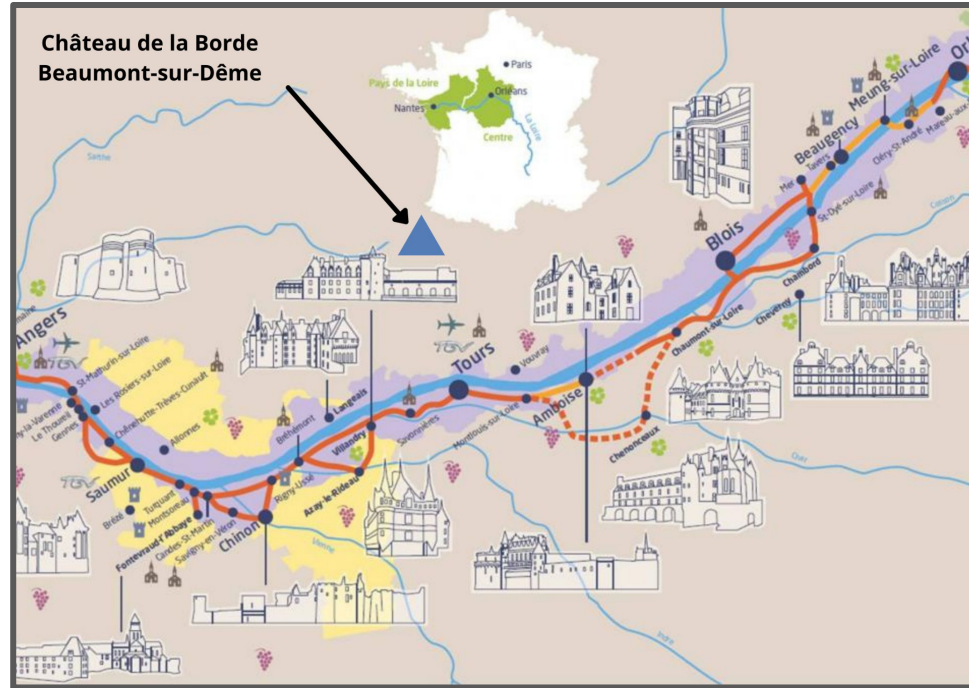
LUXE, CALME, ET VOLUPTÉ

# ACCESS FROM PARIS

Idyllic in so many ways, the château is located in the most famous of châteaux territories: the garden-like Loire valley, near such great names as Chambord and Chenonceau.

Thanks to the TGV (high-speed rail lines) the château can be quickly accessed either from Tours, Le Mans, or the newer station called Vendôme TGV.

In all cases, the direct train trip takes about 40-50 min, and the same amount of time to reach the front door of the château. Total travel time from Paris can thus be estimated at 1 ½ hours. Driving from Paris would require 2 ½ hours.



# BEAUMONT-SUR-DÊME

Click [HERE](#) to see the exact location on GoogleEarth.

North of the nearest small city of Tours, the Château de la Borde sits at the edge of the village of Beaumont-sur-Dême. The small river that gives its name to the town also runs gently across the grounds of the château.

It is rare for a château to have a village at its feet, and remarkably convenient for daily baguettes and produce. Beaumont-sur-Dême boasts its own attractions, such as an award-winning boxwood garden.

The larger village of La Chartre-sur-le-Loir, offering a traditional farmer's market and other commodities, is just 5 minutes away by car.



Photo: [La Prieuré de Vauboin](#)



# THE CHÂTEAU

A GUIDED TOUR



# GROUND FLOOR



- ❖ Fully Equipped open kitchen
- ❖ Main living room/dining room
- ❖ Sitting room
- ❖ Library/Study
- ❖ Wine Cellar (-1)

# GROUND FLOOR

Kitchen/Dining area | Sitting area



# GROUND FLOOR

Library | Formal living room



# SECOND FLOOR



- ❖ Master bedroom with ensuite bathroom and dressing
- ❖ Two bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms
- ❖ Atelier

# SECOND FLOOR

Bedroom | Atelier



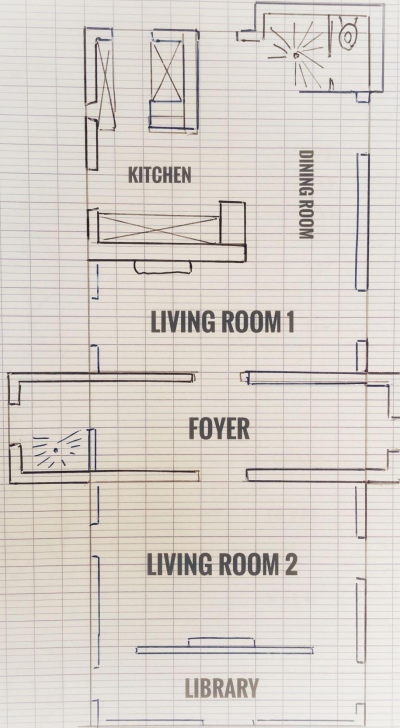
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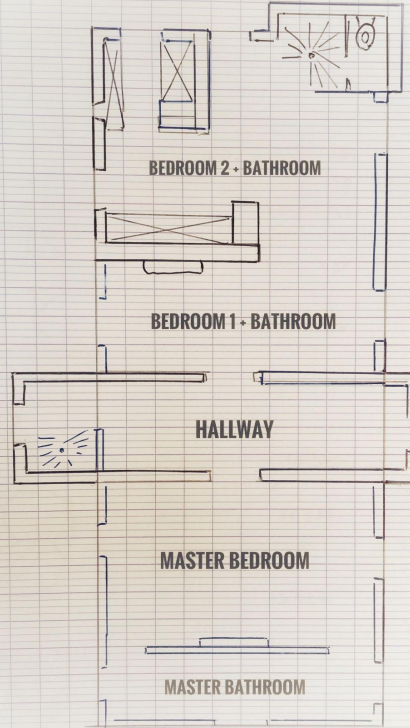
- ❖ Fully Equipped Home Cinema
- ❖ Exercise Room
- ❖ En-suite Bedroom
- ❖ Guest apartment (2 rooms)
- ❖ Tower Bedroom

# FLOOR PLANS

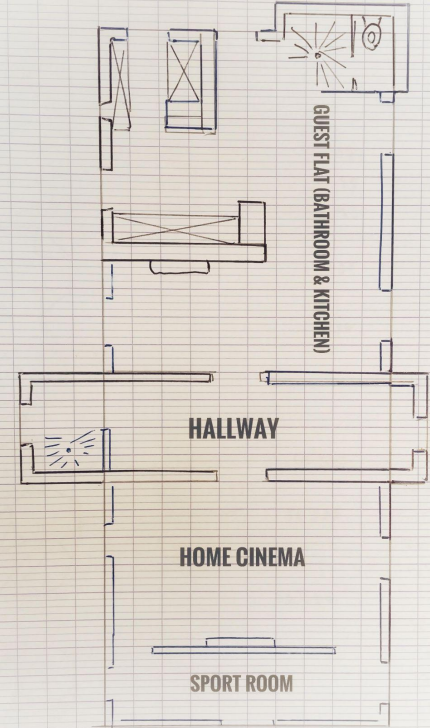
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# THE GROUNDS

OUTBUILDINGS & LAND



# OUTBUILDINGS

Guest House | Summer House



# OUTBUILDINGS

Garages/Game rooms | Chapel



# LAND

Woodland | Lawns | Pond and River



# LAND

## Views & Perspectives



# OWNERSHIP COSTS

Entirely renovated and modernized over the past 20 years, the château is in excellent condition. All equipment is of the highest quality. Unlike most châteaux, this one requires no renovation or costly maintenance in the years ahead.

The château is NOT registered as a Historical Monument and is free of the associated administrative constraints.

Elevator	No	Property tax - taxe foncère	3586€/year
Water	Municipal & natural supply	Taxe d'habitation	2236€/year
Wastewater	Municipal sewage	Roof	Good for about 20-30 years
Energy	Two recent fuel furnaces	Façades	Good for another 10 years.
Fireplaces	Private wood supply	Garden maintenance	Private contractor

# ADDITIONAL PRESENTATION MATERIAL

Be sure to all view presentation resources available on our website at :

<https://www.exquisitefrance.com/chateau-de-la-borde>

A complete set of photos is available at the link below :

<https://www.chateau-de-la-borde.exquisitefrance.com/>

A tour of the grounds is available on Google Earth via the link below:

<https://earth.google.com/earth/d/1-skGsM1Y3dibyitCTx6BdjQO309NC-qV?usp=sharing>

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*“If you faithfully pass down the heritage of a historic château, you will be enriched beyond any price. It will confer to you its inherent nobility.”*

*- Carsten*



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*“Money can’t buy love,  
but it can buy a  
legacy...  
a legacy of love.”*  
*- Carsten*