# 2027 Cost, Terms, & Essential Information Cost by Bedroom

## KIND & FULL OF GRACE

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## Contact email: stitch@sewandsewretreats.com

## Cost is Based on Chosen Bedroom at Chateau Dumas

- **Travel Partner/Companion with No Workshops - $2,350 (same bedroom)**
- **Deposit of $2,300 is due at time of registration and is non-refundable**
  - **$2,400, or your total remainder, is due by February 2, 2027 and is non-refundable.**
  - **If you Register/Pay-your-Deposit AFTER February 2, 2027, I will contact you regarding the timing of your second payment.**
- If payment is not received by the due date, Sew & Sew Retreats is entitled to give written notice that your retreat reservation is cancelled. You, the guest, will **remain liable to pay the balance of the reservation unless we are able to sell the retreat space.**
- Your place on the *Celebrate French Textiles* retreat will be confirmed once receiving the non-refundable deposit of $2,300 of the total amount due.
- Payment may be made by credit/debit card or wire transfer. If you are from a country other than the United States, a wire transfer has the lowest fees. Please contact us to make that arrangement at stitch@sewandsewretreats.com.

**Note –** There is **no elevator** at Chateau Dumas.

# 2027 Cost Per Bedroom

| ROOM NAME | TYPE | SUITABLE | BUILDING | FLOOR | # of people | COST |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| La Marquise (double bed) | Ensuite w/bath & walk-in shower | Couple, single | Chateau | Second | 1 (2) | $ 4,700.00 |
| Edith (double bed) | Ensuite w/bath & walk-in shower | Couple, single | Chateau | Second | 1 (2) | $ 4,700.00 |
| Beaumont (double bed) | Ensuite w/bath & walk-in shower | Couple, single | Chateau | Third | 1 (2) | $ 4,600.00 |
| Birdsong (double bed) | Shower room adjacent | Couple, single | Chateau | Second | 1 (2) | $ 4,600.00 |
| Lakeview (double bed) | Ensuite shower | Couple, single, | Chateau | Third | 1 (2) | $ 4,600.00 |
| Montpezat (single bed) | Shared bathroom with walk-in shower | Single | Chateau | Third | 1 | $ 4,500.00 |
| Le Perchoir (single bed) | Shared bathroom with walk-in shower | Single | Chateau | Third | 1 | $ 4,500.00 |
| Francois (double bed) | Shared bathroom with walk-in shower | Single | Chateau | Second | 1 | $ 4,500.00 |
| Renee (double bed) | Shared bathroom with walk-in shower | Single | Chateau | Second | 1 | $ 4,500.00 |
| *Non-Participating Companion | | "Couple" | | | The (2) from above | $ 2,350.00 |
| **COACH HOUSE** | | | | | | |
| Les Chouettes (2 twin - can be made into a double) | Ensuite shower | Couple, two friends; twin beds | Coach House | Second | 2 | $4,400.00 $4,400.00 |
| Christophe's Room (2 twin - can be made into a double)<br>(Can be reserved for an individual with need for fewest stairs, but then supplemental fee added) | Ensuite shower | Couple, two friends; twin beds | Coach House | First (6 Steps) | 2<br><br>-OR,<br>1 plus supplemental fee | $4,400.00 $4,400.00<br><br>-OR,<br><br>$4,400.00 plus $950.00 |

## Cancellation

1) **If You Cancel: Due to required payments by vendors of Sew & Sew Retreats, there are no refunds in the event of a guest cancellation.** The deposit is **not** refundable and there is **no** refund after the balance has been paid. No refunds of any kind for any reason for any amount paid will be issued.
    a. Guests are **strongly encouraged to arrange travel insurance including cancellation coverage**, plus coverage for personal belongings, public liability, medical, etc. When purchasing insurance, you can **use the start date for coverage as the day you paid the deposit**.
    b. In the event you need to cancel, you may find a friend to take your place for the retreat. Also, if there is a wait list, we can contact people on that list to replace your spot. Please contact me as soon as possible to see if we can transfer your spot to someone else.
1) **If Sew & Sew Retreats Cancels:** In the event that not enough people have signed up for a trip, Sew & Sew Retreats may determine that the trip needs to be cancelled. Once informed of the cancellation, we **will issue you a refund within 30 days of being notified**. You will be refunded with a cashier's check or through the website where you purchased the trip by credit card or wire transfer.

## Photographs/Videos Consent

1) I authorize Linda Sweek, dba Sew & Sew Retreats, or a Travel Liaison, to photograph or video record me without payment or other compensation.
2) I release all claim to those photographs or videos and assign all rights of these images to Sew & Sew Retreats.
3) I understand use of these images may include printed materials, websites or social media for promotion of Sew & Sew Retreats. I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished photograph or video to the eventual use that it might be applied.
4) Assignment of these rights is not limited to any specific time period or purpose.

You understand, agree and consent to all of the above regarding Photographs/Videos.

## Meals at Chateau Dumas

The chef at Chateau Dumas is outstanding and people are 98 percent pleased with the meals. However, the chef will **not** accommodate vegan diets.
If you are vegan and wish to attend, please either suspend this form of eating during the retreat or make other arrangements. Vegetarian meals can be made and is able to create meals that accommodate allergies.

## Flights & Shuttle

1) On the first day of your week, we will meet at the Toulouse–Blagnac Airport. **Plan to be at the meeting spot no later than 2:00 pm that day.** We meet at the Starbucks, which is easy to find. Get your luggage, exit that area and then the Starbucks is a short walk. If you have come to Toulouse a day earlier, you will also need to meet at the Starbucks at the airport. **The shuttle to the chateau leaves at 2:30 pm.** If you miss the shuttle, you'll need to hire an Uber to get to the chateau. The ride between the airport and the chateau is one hour.

2) You'll leave as a group from the chateau by shuttle on the last day. The shuttle takes you back to the Toulouse–Blagnac Airport. The departure from the chateau is TBD but will be early afternoon.

## Travel Insurance

**Get it! Well, it is strongly encouraged for you to get it**. Think of it as a vital part of your travel arrangements. Insurance protects you, your trip, and your travel investment. **When purchasing insurance, you can use the start date for coverage as the day you paid the deposit**.

Travel suppliers, airline carriers, or Sew & Sew Retreats will not compensate any unforeseen expenses in the event of cancellation or failure to make your trip, missed flights, lost baggage, loss of health, death and/or accidents or emergency evacuation due to illness, natural disasters or acts of terrorism. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you purchase a travel insurance policy for the duration of the journey, not just airfare. **Get comprehensive travel insurance, which includes cancellation, repatriation, medical and personal cover and also full cover for the party's personal belongings.**

**"Key reasons why travel insurance for medical is important:**

- **Coverage for Emergency Medical Expenses**: Travel insurance covers costs for unforeseen medical emergencies like broken bones, heart attacks, or severe illnesses, including doctor and hospital bills, surgeries, X-rays, lab tests, ambulance services, and prescription drugs.
- **Emergency Medical Evacuation**: In remote areas or places with inadequate medical facilities, this coverage pays for emergency transportation to the nearest high-quality hospital or even back to your home country. These costs can be extremely high, potentially exceeding $250,000.
- **Financial Protection**: Unexpected medical bills can be a significant financial burden. Travel insurance protects your savings and ensures you can receive necessary treatment without worrying about immediate, extensive costs.
- **Access to Assistance Services**: Most policies include a 24/7 emergency hotline, providing access to assistance in finding a doctor or hospital, coordinating medical treatment, and language translation services in a foreign country.
- **Repatriation of Remains**: In the tragic event of death while traveling, the insurance will cover the substantial costs of transporting the remains back to your home country.
- **Coverage for Trip Disruptions**: Many comprehensive plans also offer reimbursement for non-refundable, prepaid travel expenses if your trip is cancelled or interrupted due to a medical emergency.
- **Addressing Coverage Gaps**: Even if your domestic plan offers some international coverage, it may only cover "usual and customary" charges (which can be less than local costs) or require you to pay upfront and seek reimbursement later, which can be a difficult process.

"In essence, travel insurance provides a vital financial safety net… when you are far from home, offering peace of mind so you can focus on your travel experience." Travelers Insurance.

**Here are two recommended travel insurance companies:**

1) **Squaremouth - https://www.squaremouth.com/**
2) Travel Guard - https://www.travelguard.com

Should you decide not to purchase travel insurance, you assume sole financial liability for all direct and indirect consequences and costs resulting from events occurring before or during the trip.

You do not have the right to demand compensation from Linda Sweek, Linda Sweek Designs, Sew and Sew Retreats, or retreat teachers for any unforeseen expenses incurred as a direct result of cancellation or failure to make your trip, lost baggage, loss of health, death, accidents and/or emergency evacuation due to natural disasters or acts of terrorism.

**As part of the Registration process, you need to ACCEPT or DECLINE that you will or will not purchase travel insurance.**

## U.S. State Department – Travel Recommendations

https://travel.state.gov/en/international-travel/travel-advisories/france.html

**Step Program -** The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a free service to allow U.S. citizens and nationals traveling and living abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. https://step.state.gov/step/

**Money Matters:** Before going abroad, notify your bank and credit card companies of your travel, and check exchange rates. For information about using cash, debit/credit cards, and ATMs overseas, read information about your destination.

**Safeguard Your Documents!** Make two copies of all your travel documents in case of emergency. Leave one copy with a trusted friend or relative at home and carry the other separately from your original documents. To help prevent theft, do not carry your passport in your back pocket, and keep it separate from your money.

**EU Entry and Exit System (EES)**

As of October 12, 2025, U.S. citizens will need to go through the EU's new Entry and Exit System when traveling to 29 European countries, including France. This applies to any visits lasting up to 90 days within an 180-day period.

- Your fingerprints, facial image, passport details, and entry and exit dates will be collected and stored digitally.

**Schengen entry and exit requirements sets the same immigration rules for 27 European countries. This lets you travel freely between them, with no border checks.**

- **Passport Validity**: **Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months** when you enter any EU country or the Schengen Area. **If your passport is valid for less than 6 months, an immigration officer may deny you entry. They could send you back to the United States right away.**
- **Tourism or business visits:** With a valid U.S. passport, you can stay up to 90 days during any 180-day period. You must wait an extra 90 days before applying to re-enter the Schengen area.

## BE KIND & FULL OF GRACE

**Please be kind to all those in our group.** Remember it's only a few days and you'll like the trip better if you don't worry about someone else that is bothering you. This includes the person who is late, or talks nonstop, or is always the last person getting on the bus, or is a slow walker, or has poor table manners or a million other little things that may bug you. This includes the teachers, trip manager or trip liaison. And **do not speak badly** about someone to others on the trip – please don't spread your unhappiness to others. Instead, **choose to let it go** and **show grace** to that person. **You will be happier and you will enjoy the trip so much more!** Thank you.