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Stay at Grey Goose's luxe French manor house



Two rare open-house weekends in August



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Le Logis, a stunning 16-bedroom, 17th-century manor house in the Cognac countryside, owned and beautifully restored by premium vodka brand Grey Goose, has until now hosted only insiders from the cocktails and spirits industry – but this August it is throwing open its doors to the public for the first time, with two trips planned (August 4-6, and August 25-27, each costing £1,300).

The experience, being offered through travel specialists Brown + Hudson, will “provide exclusive behind-the-scenes access and tell the story of how our vodka was created”, says Grey Goose founder François Thibault, who will be personally hosting the event. The Grey Goose story begins with wheat, and guests can learn to bake bread at the on-site boulangerie, with wheat from the same field in Picardy that is used to make the vodka – and ends with drinks, in the shape of a vodka masterclass teaching the art of shaking the perfect cocktail.

Other diversions include outdoor barbecues, cycling on [vintage bikes](#) through the undulating countryside, playing pétanque, kayaking, golf and horseriding, or relaxing by the manor house's stylish swimming pool. There will be a gourmet feast in the elegant dining room (second picture) on the final day as well as outdoor lunches of local dishes – and summer martinis, naturally. Yet Le Logis (first picture) also has a chic modernity that preserves the character of the original building, so if all you want to do is escape to the French countryside for some R&R at a fabulous house not generally open to the public, that's a gloriously tempting option, too.

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