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The Baron's Suite, Hotel Château Du Grand Lucé, France

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The Loire Valley is home to France's most palatial châteaux, and Château du Grand-Lucé is no exception: It is a stunning converted 18th-century castle and is considered to be one of the best examples of neoclassical architecture in all of France. The 2,120-sq-ft Baron's Suite was built for Baron Jaques Pineau de Viennay, and has striking 17-ft high ceilings, Versailles-patterned oak floors, one bedroom, three entrances, a sitting room and private library stocked with French literature. The suite is a lesson in elegant extravagance and is filled with handpicked art (all in gilded frames), carefully selected antiques, and French fabrics and furnishings — the finest of which can be found in the grand living room, named Salon Chinois. The walls were painted in the Chinoiserie style by 18th-century artist Jean-Baptiste Pillement.

From \$15,000 per night. Contact Michael Gregory, managing director, info@chateaugrandluce.com, +33 255 484 040, chateaugrandluce.com