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Castles to keep  
Ten of the best châteaux

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## Property of the week



### 6 Aveyron

**LOCATION**  
Najac

**GUIDE PRICE**  
£1.1m

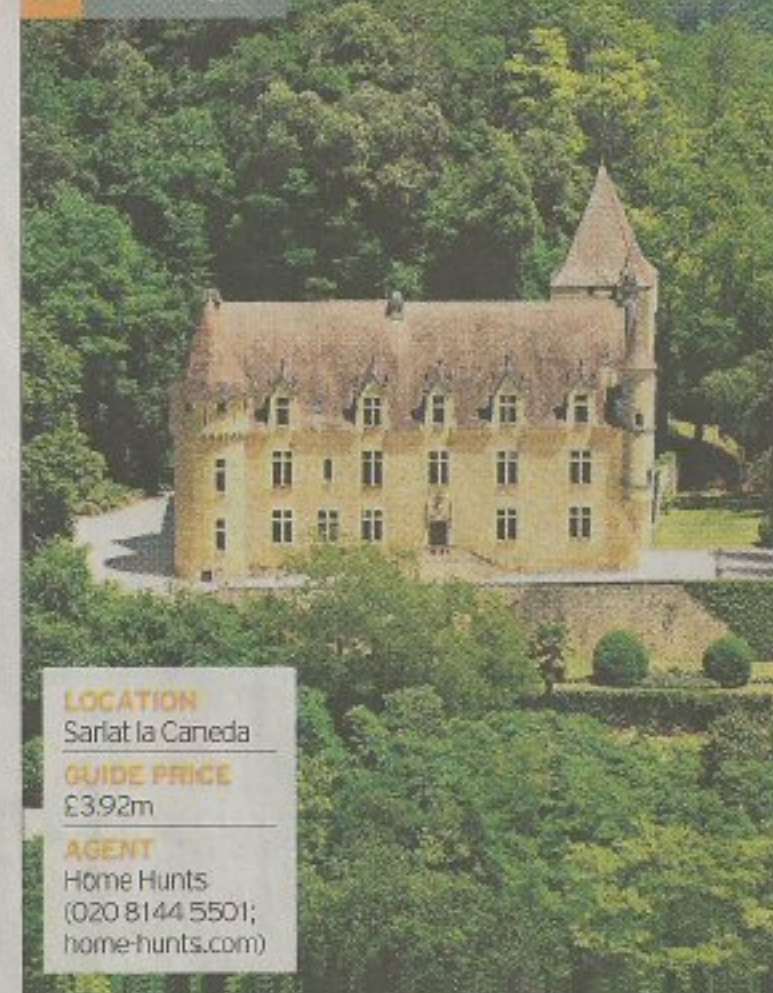
**AGENT**  
Winkworth International (020 7870 7181; winkworth-international.com)

● Built in the 19th century, this stunning chateau has a traditional facade, with 10 bedrooms, four bathrooms and a hilltop swimming pool. A separate courtyard guesthouse boasts three bedrooms for staff or guests. On top of its charms, the house comes with a stunning fairy-tale view of the Gorges de L'Aveyron, including the ruined castle of Najac.

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## Property hot spots

### 10 Dordogne



**LOCATION**  
Sarlat la Caneda

**GUIDE PRICE**  
£392m

**AGENT**  
Home Hunts (020 8144 5501; home-hunts.com)

● Set on a hill overlooking the Dordogne River, this picture-postcard chateau is surrounded by 19 hectares of private parkland. It comes with more than 9,000sq ft of living space, including 10 bedrooms, a library

and a tower, all built around a charming courtyard. A separate guesthouse has five bedrooms, a studio and stables. As a source of income, the house would also make an excellent wedding venue.

### 7 Tarn



**LOCATION**  
Nr Galliac

**GUIDE PRICE**  
£950,000

**AGENT**  
Agence l'Union (020 7467 5330; agencelunion.com)

● A stone staircase leads to the entrance of this chateau, in the heart of Tarn. Although built in the 19th century, the property

has recently been refurbished. The main house has five beds, while a balustraded terrace provides an excellent vista.

### 8 Loire



**LOCATION**  
Egce

**GUIDE PRICE**  
£2,000

**AGENT**  
Savills (020 7015 340; savills.co.uk)

● This 15th-century five-bedroom castle is ideal for any wild-bee Marie-Aoinette or Louis Glunze. Inside is a library, dining room, large kitchen, vaulted car and plenty of living space. Outside is courtyard with swimming pool.

### 9 Normandy



**LOCATION**  
Fontaine l'Abbe, Bernay

**GUIDE PRICE**  
£3.05m

**AGENT**  
Aylesford International (020 7349 9772; aylesford.com)

● This chateau is farther north than some of the other properties here, so is easier for anyone on the hunt for a holiday home, rather than a full-time residence. Built in the 17th century, this chateau is part of a 132-hectare estate including a mill, a guest cottage, swimming pool and ponds. The main house has 12 bedrooms, with more in outbuildings. There is scope to convert other parts of the property, too.