

Mas De L'Ormarins

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

Enjoy morning croissants from the local boulangerie accompanied by good coffee as you sit out in your courtyard garden overlooking the swimming pool. This beautiful historic house is in the heart of a medieval Gard village just a 5-minute drive from Le Pont du Gard, one of France's most visited destinations.

So much care has been taken when restoring this farmhouse and barn to ensure as many original features could be retained. The high-ceilinged living and dining room is so inviting with arched windows opening out to the garden terrace whilst the elegant kitchen is a chef's dream with its kitchen island and high-end appliances.

Each of the five bedrooms has a well-appointed en suite or private bathroom, making this such a fine holiday home for a group of friends or extended family. Up to 10 guests can sleep here (plus four additional small children) across five bedrooms with queen or king-sized doubles (two of which can be split as twin beds for flexibility).

The shaded terrace is the perfect spot for al-fresco meals and there is outdoor seating ideal for peaceful reading or a chilled evening glass of wine. There are sun loungers placed near the swimming pool, so plenty of opportunities to relax within the courtyard garden.

You will be living amongst locals in the medieval village with its bakery, well-stocked grocery store, Farmer's market and a handful of places to eat (a high-end restaurant, pizzeria and a bar serving good local dishes). You can buy wine from the local cooperative or nearby vineyards – after all, this is the heart of the Côtes du Rhône wine region.

How fantastic to be just a 5-minute drive to Le Pont du



Gard, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Take a picnic to the river's edge as you admire the aqueduct's magnificence whilst kayaking is another amazing experience. There's an interesting museum here and in the summer months the bridge is magically lit up in the evening (with light and sound shows in July/August).

Elsewhere, there is so much to discover for all ages. Start off in the enchanting town of Uzès with its excellent restaurants and picturesque twice-weekly market beneath the plane trees. Avignon and Nimes are other wonderful days out, especially for history lovers, or you may simply prefer to potter around charming villages dotted across the rolling landscapes, stopping off at delightful restaurants and local wineries of course!

Facilities

Chef/Cook Available • Maid Service Available • Wi-Fi/Internet • Tennis Nearby • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Table Tennis • Cots (Cribs) • Bicycles Provided • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Villa • DVD • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Board games • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Washing Machine • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Ceiling Fans • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Mas Interiors

Ground Floor

- Living area with large doors opening out to garden and shaded terrace
- Open-plan dining area with seating for 10 guests
- Open-plan kitchen with central island, well-equipped including dishwasher, oven, gas hob, microwave, fridge-freezer, filter coffee maker, Nespresso machine, toaster and blender
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm) and en suite bathroom with bath/shower, sink, WC and door leading to terrace

Upstairs Wing I

- Lobby with desk and printer
- Family bedroom with twin beds (can be joined to make king-size double bed), ceiling and floor fan, plus day bed, fold-out bed and futon (suitable for small children under 12)
- Bathroom with bath, shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and en suite shower room with shower, sink and WC

Upstairs Wing II

- Lobby with seating area
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm) and en suite bathroom with bath/shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with twin beds (can be joined to make a king-size double bed)
- Shower room with shower, sink and WC

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (5.5mx3m, depth: max 2m plus shallow plage area) with safety alarm. Open approximately April to October
- Al-fresco dining terrace



- Barbecue
- Outdoor lounge seating
- Courtyard garden
- Bikes
- Off-street parking

Facilities

- Reversible air-conditioning (Wing II bedrooms only)
- Ceiling/floor fans (family bedroom)
- iPod dock
- Radio, CD and tape player
- DVDs, music and books
- Telephone
- Bikes
- Ironing facilities

Location & Local Information

In the heart of the Côtes du Rhône wine region, Mas de l'Ormarins is a charming village house just a 5-minute drive from Le Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of France's most visited destinations.

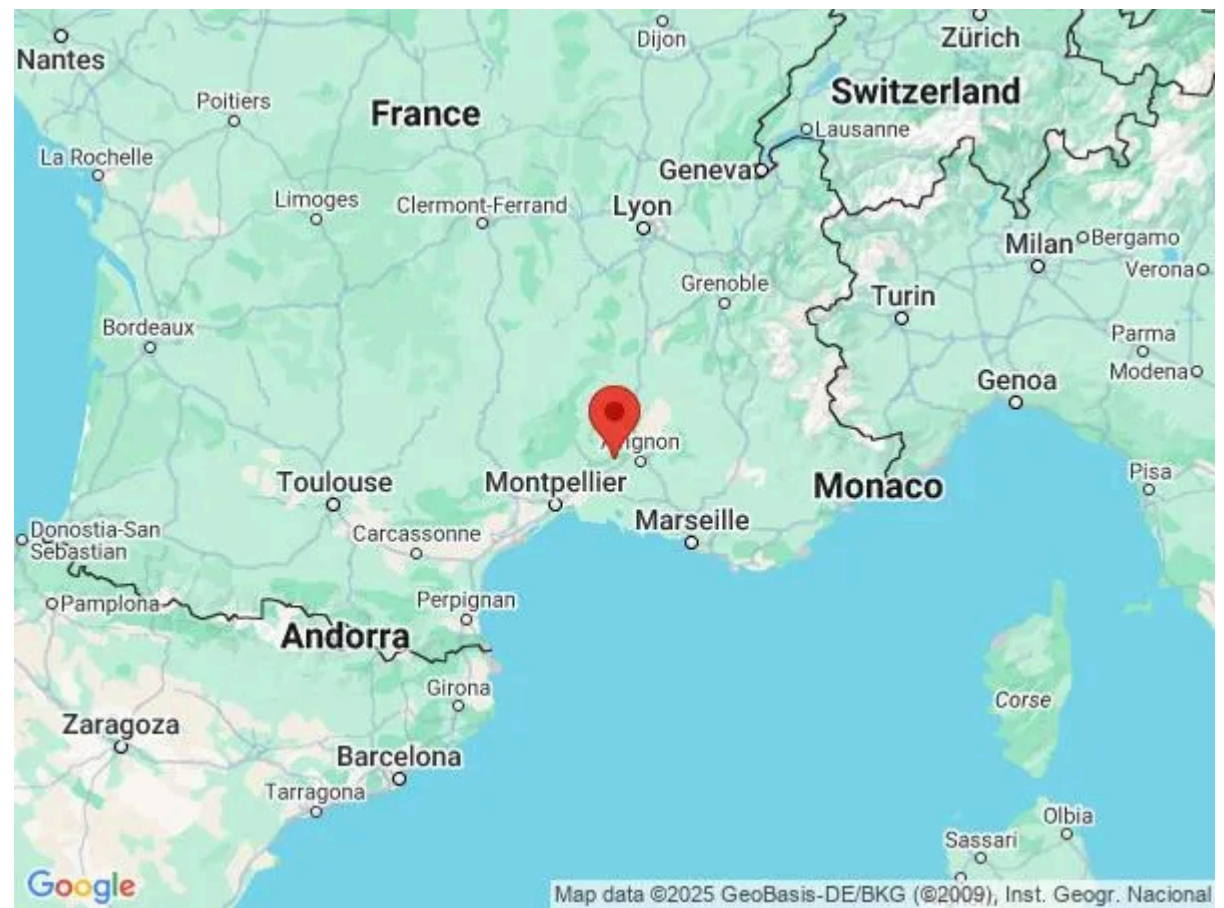
Fly into Nîmes or Avignon Airports, both just over half an hour away, or take the fast train from Paris to Gare d'Avignon TGV or Nîmes Pont-du-Gard (both stations are less than three hours from Paris via TGV).

Here you are in the heart of a bustling and authentic little village with a high-end restaurant, pizzeria and a bar selling good local food as well as shops within walking distance including the all-important bakery, well-stocked grocery store and a Farmer's market three mornings a week. Stroll along the medieval lanes as you come across the pretty clocktower and 19th century washhouses, then follow the nature trail to admire the quarries just north of the village that date back to Roman times. Look out for summer festivities and events including a regional music festival in July and August's traditional bull-run!

A car is essential to be able to fully explore the region although cycling is popular here – there is a fantastic route between Remoulins and Uzès that passes through the village. Bike hire (including electric options) can be arranged in advance.

Le Pont du Gard (3km) is one of the great highlights of the region, standing proudly by the banks of the Gardon River. Visit the Musée du Pont du Gard or simply head down to the river's edge for paddling and picnics – in the summer months the aqueduct is beautifully lit up in the evening alongside light and sound shows in July and August. Canoeing and kayaking by the historic monument is an amazing experience.

Elsewhere, spend time in the gorgeous town of Uzès (12km) with its picturesque twice-weekly market which takes place beneath the plane trees on Place aux Herbes.



The historic centre will enchant you whilst Uzès is also loved for its gastronomy. It goes without saying that Nîmes (33km) and Avignon (27km) are other wonderful days out with their rich historic heritage whilst Villeneuve-lès-Avignon (27km) hosts one of southern France's most famous weekly flea markets.

Meanwhile, visit the highly regarded vineyards of the Côtes-du-Rhône wine region – from the wineries of Tavel (19km) and Lirac (22km) on this side of the Rhône river to the wine village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape (40km). The Duché d'Uzès and Coteaux du Pont du Gard are other local wine appellations to try during your stay.

A little further afield, visit the art galleries of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (44km) and Arles (45km) or venture into the captivating landscapes of the Camargue, even as far as historic Aigues-Morte (68km) and the Mediterranean beaches of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer (75km).

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Nîmes Alès Camargue Cévennes Airport (34km)
Nearest Airport 2	Avignon Airport (37km)
Nearest Airport 3	Montpellier-Méditerranée Airport/Marseille Provence Airport (82km/108km)
Nearest Train Station	Nîmes Pont-du-Gard/Avignon TGV (27km/30km)
Nearest Village	In a village location
Nearest Restaurant	In the village (Short walk)
Nearest Shop	Bakery, tabac and grocery store (Short walk)
Nearest Town	Uzès (12km)
Nearest City	Avignon/Nîmes (27km/33km)

Nearest Golf	Golf Club d'Uzes (10km)
Nearest Tennis	In the village (Short walk)

What we love

- Embrace the authentic French charm with so many original features across this beautiful village house
- Sit out in your courtyard garden with a glass of Côtes du Rhône overlooking the pretty swimming pool
- Le Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, is only a 5-minute drive away for riverside picnics, canoeing and kayaking
- Between Nîmes and Avignon, this location is ideal for history, nature, food and wine lovers
- Don't miss the wonderful Wednesday morning market in nearby Uzès and the famous Saturday morning brocante in Villeneuve-lès-Avignon

What you should know...

- The house sleeps up to 10 guests plus four additional children using a day bed, futon and fold-out bed (best suited to small children under 12).
- Air-conditioning is only featured in the two bedrooms in Wing II – usually the cooler air does also reach the dining room below.
- Despite its village location, a car is needed to be able to fully explore the region. The area is also popular with keen cyclists – bike rental is available nearby (including electric bikes).

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Air-conditioning is only featured in the two bedrooms in Wing II. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. A cot and highchair can be requested.
- **Changeover day:** Friday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €450, payable to the owner via Oliver's Travels. This is for a standard changeover clean. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** No.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Between October and March guests will be charged for heating based on how much they use, payable locally. Outside this time heating is included.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately April to October. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.