

Mas Vaocluse

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Experience the incredible landscapes of Provence whilst staying in an impressive restored village *mas* with stunning views from every room towards vineyards, orchards and the mighty Mont Ventoux.

Step into the second floor of this historic home from the village lane and be immediately mesmerised by the panoramic vistas as you gaze out the other side. There are six wonderful bedrooms across the three upper floors of this *mas*, each one with an en suite bathroom and some their own lovely living areas. There's a true sense of comfort and charm across this former 18th-century farmhouse.

Take the lift or wander down the winding stairs to the spacious living area with its romantic fireplace, a perfectly equipped kitchen and a characterful dining area for Provençal feasts. Doors lead out to the terraces looking out towards the superb scenery – the covered patio is the perfect spot for al-fresco dining as the stars fill the vast skies above Mont Ventoux. The gated swimming pool is ideal for cooling off on warm summer days or relax by the aromas of Provençal lavender on the pretty garden terrace.

Mas Vaocluse is a delightful holiday home for unwinding in magnificent surroundings. You will be well looked after too, not only will a continental breakfast be prepared every morning but daily housekeeping is also included. A host of other services can be arranged from a private chef and cookery lessons to babysitting and laundry services. The friendly house manager, who lives in the village, can be on hand to provide any concierge-style assistance you may need.

You can admire yet more breathtaking views from various



vantage points of this charming village, which originally dates back to the 16th century. Find little squares, steep narrow alleys and impressive houses alongside a small handful of restaurants and a bakery. Just a short drive away is medieval Bédoin with its café terraces and cycling shops and be sure to spend Friday mornings in nearby Carpentras with one of the best and most atmospheric Provençal markets in the area.

Follow the tracks of some of the world's greatest cyclists on Mont Ventoux or discover spectacular hiking trails through forests, gorges and ravines. Visit idyllic hilltop villages in the foothills, walk amongst the lavender fields of Sault, hire canoes along the Sorgue river and sample some of the excellent Côtes du Ventoux wines.

Spend time visiting the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon, just 40km away, or drive to Van Gogh's beloved Gordes in the captivating Luberon region. With so much history, culture and amazing scenery, this alluring part of Provence will capture your imagination in every way.

Facilities

Chef/Cook Available • Lift • Tennis Nearby • Indoor Games • Cots (Cribs)
• Maid Service Included • DVD • Rural Location • Romantic • Laptop
Friendly Workspace • Air-Con • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pre-Stocked Fridge
Available • Cooking Classes Available • Transfers Available • Forest
park/High-rope course • Catering Available • Board games • Babysitting
Available • Breakfast Included • Xbox/Playstation/Wii • Private Pool • Pool
Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids
• Ideal for Teens • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport •
All Bedrooms En-Suite • Smart TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner •
Heating • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Canoeing/Kayaking •
Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Skiing • Cycling • Horse Riding •
Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist
Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Mas Interiors

Swimming Pool Level

- Living room with fireplace and doors leading to terraces
- Dining room with table for up to 14-16 guests
- Kitchen, fully-equipped and with breakfast table

First Floor

- TV room
- Bedroom with twin beds and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed, living area and en suite bathroom

Second Floor (street-level entrance)

- Hallway (with entrance leading to village)
- Reception room with doors leading to balcony
- Bedroom with twin beds and en suite bathroom with separate WC
- Bedroom with double bed, living area and en suite bathroom with separate WC

Top Floor

- Living area
- Bedroom with double bed, open-plan living area and en suite bathroom with separate WC
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with separate WC

One of the bedrooms has been designed for guests with restricted mobility.

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (5x3m, depth: 1.4m) with gated access. Open approximately April to end-October
- Poolside terrace with sun-loungers
- Covered terrace for al-fresco dining
- Barbecue
- Garden terrace
- Garage (for bike storage)
- Parking (a few metres from the house)

Facilities

- Air-conditioning (except kitchen)
- Music system
- PS3 and games
- Board games
- Piano



Location & Local Information

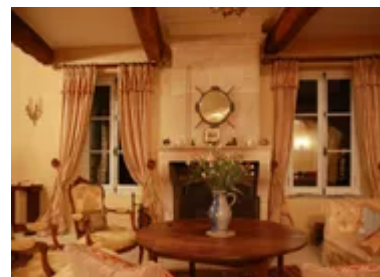
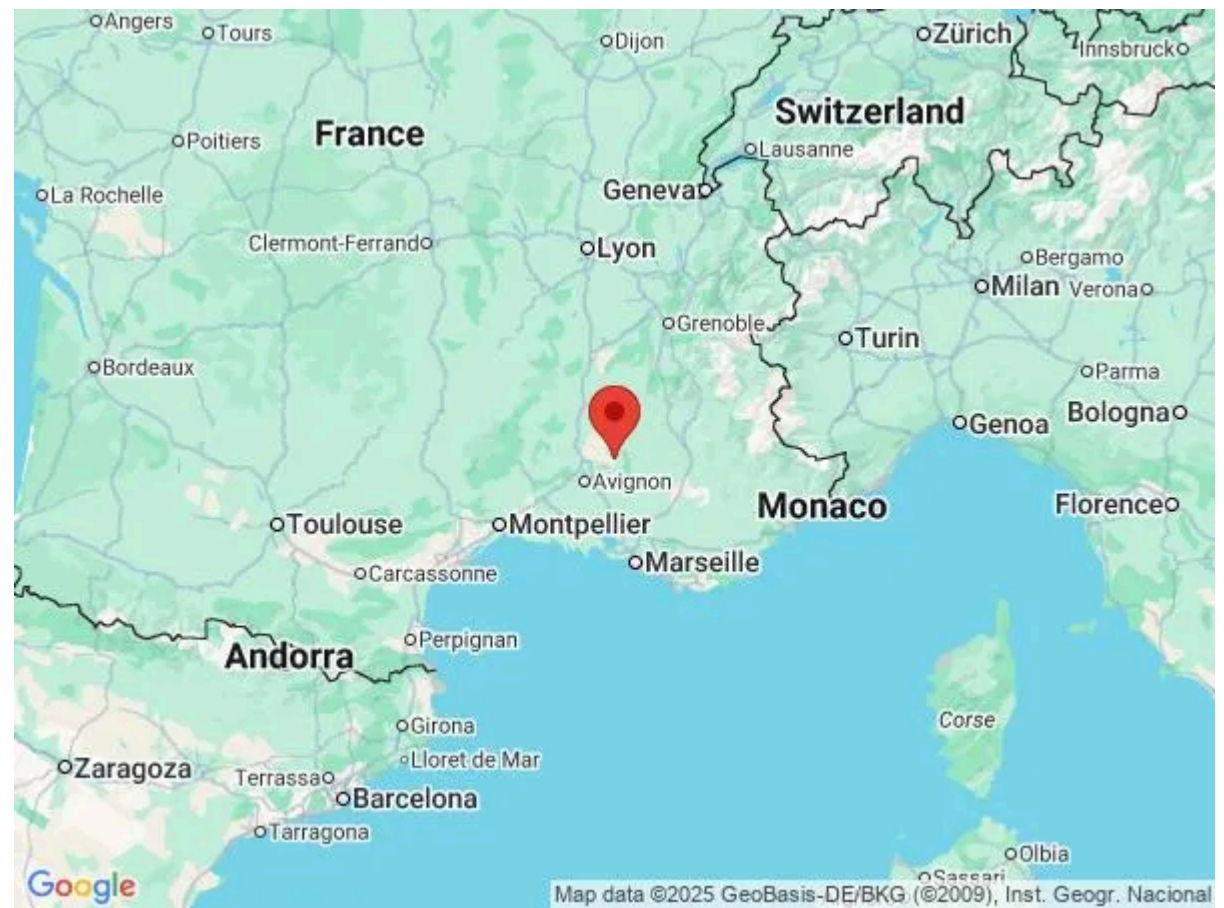
Just 40km north-east of Avignon, Mas Vacluse is set in a hilltop village overlooking the incredible Mont Ventoux in the Vaucluse region of Provence.

This stone village, which is over 350m above sea level, dates back to the 16th century and is a charming place to stay. Step out of your holiday home (from the top floor) and within a few steps you will find a restaurant serving Provençal cuisine five evenings a week on a terrace just above the house. The village is also home to three other restaurants, a bakery and a high-end hotel. It's a joy to explore with its pretty lanes, little squares and historic buildings from the 17th and 18th century – this really is a fine setting for guests looking to be in the heart of an authentic and beautiful village with stunning views.

The delightful village of Bédoin is just a 10-minute drive away, a gorgeous place with medieval lanes, ancient stone fountains and picturesque café terraces and shops. Walk up to the top of the village for stunning views of the surrounding landscapes. Reward yourself with a glass of wine from local vineyards close to Bédoin or along the lower slopes of Mont Ventoux (Côtes du Ventoux).

Of course, this region is perfect for cyclists with Mont Ventoux so close, one of the most iconic stages of the Tour de France - cycling fans will love all bicycle shops in Bédoin. It's also a paradise for hikers with many trails through the acres of forests, ravines and gorges. There are also plenty of gentler walks, for example around the beautiful lavender fields near Sault (38km).

There are many more hilltop villages and towns scattered across the Vaucluse region of Provence, such as historic Vaison-la-Romaine (25km), Le Barroux (10km) with its imposing chateau and Sarrians (20km) with its excellent wines. Pernes-les-Fontaines (18km) is another delightful place to explore with its many fountains and a wonderful Provençal market selling an abundance of fruit and vegetables grown in farmland surrounding the village. Market lovers should also head to the charming town of



Carpentras (13km) on a Friday morning, one of the best and most atmospheric of the region (and truffle markets in the winter).

Other activities include canoeing or kayaking along the Sorgue river from Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (30km), perusing the antique shops and Sunday morning brocante in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (33km) or following Van Gogh's footsteps by visiting Gordes, around a 45-minute drive away in the mesmerising Luberon region.

Avignon (40km) and its UNESCO World Heritage sites can also be visited for a fantastic day out or head further south to the enchanting villages and towns of Les Alpilles such as Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, Eygalières and Les Baux-de-Provence, all around an hour away.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (40km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nîmes Airport (90km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille Airport (110km)
Nearest Train Station	Avignon TGV (43km)
Nearest Restaurant	In the village (A few steps away)
Nearest Shop	Bakery in the village (A short walk)
Nearest Bar/Pub	In the village (A short walk)
Nearest Supermarket	(A 5-10 minute drive)
Nearest Town	Carpentras (13km)
Nearest City	Avignon (40km)
Nearest Golf	Orange or Avignon (Around 40km)

Nearest Piste	Mont Serein (32km)
Nearest Tennis	(900m)

What we love

- In the heart of a historic Provençal village in the foothills of Mont Ventoux
- There are incredible mountain and countryside views from every bedroom
- Daily continental breakfast (self-service) and daily housekeeping are included
- An absolute mecca for cyclists with one of the Tour de France's most iconic routes so close
- Visit idyllic hilltop villages, atmospheric market towns and beautiful fields of lavender
- A good option for travelling by train with Avignon TGV station around a 40-minute drive away (with fast direct services from Paris)

What you should know...

- Mas Vaucluse sleeps up to 12 guests across 6 bedrooms. An extra four guests can also be accommodated on sofa-beds, on request only and subject to additional charges – please enquire.
- The bedrooms are on the upper three floors, accessed via steep, winding stairs or a lift. One of the bedrooms has been designed for guests with restricted mobility.
- Air-conditioning is featured throughout except the kitchen.
- The property manager/housekeeper lives very close by in the village, just in case there is anything you may need.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 3.00 pm - 9.00 pm
- **Departure time:** 11.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes and mid-week linen change included if needed.
- **Pets welcome?:** No.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. Air-conditioning is featured throughout except in the kitchen.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday in July and August. Flexible during all other periods.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes and 3 hrs daily housekeeping. However, 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?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in July and August. 3 nights at other times of year.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool heating charge?:** No. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately April to end-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.