

La Chouette

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

Overview

There's a welcoming owl near the entrance of this superbly restored farmhouse, completely tucked away in the Vaucluse countryside, a land of truffles, lavender, honey and good wine. Here you are in the midst of glorious plains of fields and vineyards yet not still not far from a picturesque village and all the conveniences of a small town.

Set in a huge estate, the living area, terrace and pool overlook a swathe of vineyards which lead the eye across woodland towards gently rolling tree clad hills. You'll just want to linger with a glass of wine on the terrace or by the sparkling pool and take in the beauty of this location.

Inside is tastefully furnished, light and modern but with a few pieces such as the bookcase to remind you that this house has a history. Elegant long tables inside and out easily seat twelve people and in addition there is a characterful small table for four in the dining room which might once have been for the children of the house. The comfortable five upstairs bedrooms over two wings are rather excitingly accessed by two separate sets of stairs.

When you are ready to leave your country idyll, head towards Valréas, capital of the Enclave des Papes which has many beautiful houses as well as opportunities for shopping. There are so many interesting towns and villages to explore nearby, most with a rich historical past and several offering opportunities for wine tasting - indeed, this whole area is a paradise for wine aficionados.

For a touch of wilderness, the Baronnies Provençales Regional Nature Park is an amazing area of unspoilt nature with many protected plant and animal species. Here you can enjoy landscapes of limestone mountains, woodlands, lavender fields, olive groves, orchards, oak and pine



forests as well as the many picturesque villages to be found here, such as Venterol and Vinsobres.

The whole region provides plenty of opportunity for outdoor and family activities from riding, hiking, canoeing, mountain climbing in the Dentelles de Montmirail and mountain biking in the hills to serious cycling up famous Mont Ventoux.

Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Wine Tasting • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Cycling • Table Tennis • Rural Location • Cots (Cribs) • DVD • Private Pool • Modern • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • Satellite TV • Heating • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

1) 8 guests: 4 bedrooms

2) 12 guests: 6 bedrooms

Villa Interiors (270m²)

Ground Floor (via external steps)

- Living room with doors to terrace
- Dining area with doors to terrace
- Open-plan kitchen, well equipped with 5 ceramic hobs, oven, microwave oven, dish-washer, refrigerator, freezer, coffee machine, kettle and toaster.
- Bedroom 1 with queen sized bed (1.6m). Shower room with WC
- Separate WC

First Floor (across two wings, one via open-sided stairs)

- Second living room
- Bedroom 2 with queen sized bed (1.6m), shower room with WC
- Bedroom 3 with two single beds
- Bedroom 4 with two single beds
- Shower room with double basin and WC (shared between bedrooms 3 and 4)
- Bedroom 5 with queen sized bed (1.6m), dressing room, bathroom with WC
- Bedroom 6 with two single beds, shower room with WC

Three bedrooms are in one wing, accessed via the open-sided stairs from the living room whilst the other two bedrooms are in a separate wing, accessed via the stairs from the dining room)

Outside Grounds (10,000 m²)

- Pool (12m x 4m, depth: 1.20m - 1.50m), fenced in
- Pool area with sun loungers, shower, WC
- Table tennis
- Covered terrace 80 m² elevated without banister with table and chairs
- Barbecue grill
- Unenclosed grounds feature trees, meadow and natural surroundings
- 2 covered parking places and further parking on the estate

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Electric heating
- Satellite TV (2 TVs)
- DVD player
- Washing machine and dryer
- Storage room



Location & Local Information

La Chouette is tucked away in a rural location in the Vaucluse region of Provence, a short drive from a picturesque village and in the midst of glorious plains of fields and vineyards, a land of truffles, lavender, honey and good wine.

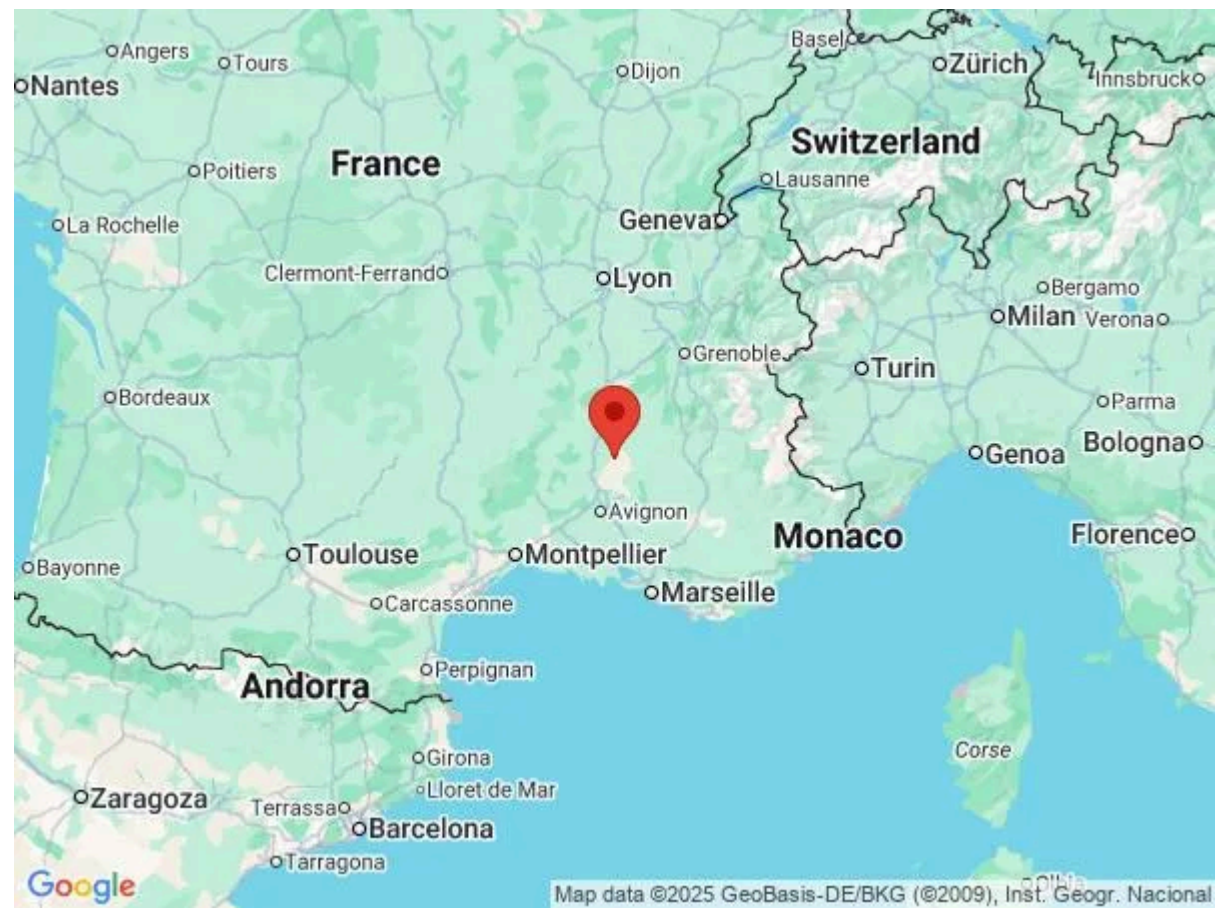
Nearby Valréas (5km), the capital of the Enclave des Papes, has many beautiful houses built in the 17th and 18th centuries as well as shopping opportunities. At the end of June the Festival of Petit Saint Jean is celebrated here when more than 350 people in traditional dress parade through the street accompanied by plenty of music and dancing.

Vaison-la-Romaine (24km) has a rich historical past with an outdoor Roman theatre as well as plenty of cafes, restaurants, shops, bakeries and supermarkets. This whole region is a paradise for wine aficionados with local Côte du Rhône varietals from Vaison and charming villages such as Roaix and Cairanne, well worth visiting for a tasting.

The Baronnies Provençales Regional Nature Park (35km) is an amazing 1,800 km² of unspoilt nature with 2,000 plant and around 200 protected animal species. Here you can enjoy landscapes of limestone mountains, woodlands, lavender fields, olive groves, orchards, oak and pine forests as well as the picturesque villages to be found here, such as Venterol (15km) and Vinsobres (16km).

Within the park, the small town of Nyons (19km) is renowned for its black olives with its Place des Arcades dating back to 1300, just perfect for a quiet drink. A famous Romanesque bridge arches high above the river Eygues - climb the astonishing Randonne Tower and enjoy views across the rooftops and the river.

Montelimar (39km) isn't exactly a tourist destination but it is the perfect spot for those with a sweet tooth! It has been the home of French nougat since the 1700s, now made in modern factories as well as small ateliers using



the old methods. Tours explain how it is manufactured and, most importantly, allow you to sample a range of the confectionery.

There are plenty of outdoor activities to be enjoyed nearby, hiking, horse- riding in Valréas (5km), kayaking at Sorgue (48km), mountain biking between Valréas (5km) and Grignan (14km) and, for more intrepid cyclists, the famous route up Mont Ventoux (54 km). There's mountain climbing in the lacy peaks of Dentelles de Montmirail (41km) but if you are just looking for a leisurely game of golf, head towards the club at Orange (34km) or Golf De La Drôme (25km) a little nearer.

Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | Avignon Airport (67km) |
| Nearest Airport 2 | Nîmes Airport (100km) |
| Nearest Airport 3 | Marseille Airport (132km) |
| Nearest Village | Valréas (5km) |
| Nearest Restaurant | Valréas (5km) |
| Nearest Supermarket | Intermarché Super (3km) |
| Nearest Town/City | Orange (35km) |
| Nearest Golf | Golf De La Drôme (25km) |

What we love

- A rural location with fantastic views from terrace and pool yet not far from the lovely towns and villages of the region
- A superbly restored and comfortable farmhouse with a few remaining characterful features to remind one of its history
- This is an area of gorgeous rolling lavender landscapes, vast plains and vineyards producing with some truly fantastic wines

What you should know...

- Please note that only the 12 guests prices include the rental of all bedrooms. When minimum occupancy is booked, two of the bedrooms will not be accessible. Please refer to the 'Features' tab for full details.
- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager
- There are two wings upstairs; three bedrooms are accessed via open-sided stairs from the living room whilst the other two bedrooms are in a separate wing, accessed via the stairs from the dining room
- In drought-affected areas, legal restrictions on refilling and topping up water in private pools may apply and the swimming pool may be closed. Please check before departure for the most up to date information in the area.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** Between 4.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. Other arrival times on request only. Please enquire.
- **Departure time:** Before 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Bed linen is provided. Towels are not included and can be provided on request for an extra charge of €5 per person, payable locally. Please note that beds will not be made for arrival.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €25 per pet per day will apply (paid locally).
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager. Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking. Please note that only the 12 guests prices include the rental of all bedrooms. When minimum occupancy is booked, two of the bedrooms will not be accessible. Please refer to the 'Features' tab for full details. In drought-affected areas, legal restrictions on refilling and topping up water in private pools may apply and the swimming pool may be closed. Please check before departure for the most up to date information in the area.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. 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.
- **Pool opening dates?:** 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.