

Maison Moliere

Region: Languedoc Sleeps: 12

Overview

In the heart of a Languedoc wine-village close to Pézenas, this grand Maison De Maître offers charm, character and the most impressive features set in magnificently landscaped gardens with a private swimming pool.

Indeed, it will feel like a privilege to stay in such a historic home dating back to the 19th century. With seven attractive bedrooms alongside welcoming living spaces, this house is filled with so many original features such as elegant high ceilings, tiled flooring and intricate design. Traditionally furnished with comfort in mind, there's an air of old-fashioned romance whether it's the sweet fireplaces, beautiful French windows or juliet-style wrought iron balconies.

Yet there are so many brilliant additions that you may not expect, like the superb sauna and massage area in the stone annexe, a fantastic media room with workstations and of course the glistening swimming pool surrounded by a picturesque private terrace and summer kitchen with barbecue.

The gardens are just as outstanding with vast landscaped grounds, so surprising for a village home, towering trees, a pretty pagoda, lovely terraces for morning coffee or al-fresco meals and a relaxing Moroccan courtyard. It feels like a Languedoc paradise yet so close to everything this glorious region has to offer.

Wander into the heart of the village to admire the beautiful church before picking up your morning croissants or perhaps visit one of the wineries, after all there are so many to choose from in the surrounding area with its landscapes of vineyards and wine villages.

Just a short drive away, Pézenas is one of southern



France's most gorgeous towns with exquisite architecture and narrow cobbled lanes filled with little shops and delightful places to eat as well as the historic 14th century market on a Saturday morning, one of the best of the region. See what's on at the L'illustre Théâtre and follow in the steps of Molière in the town he loved so much.

Discover the Mediterranean coast with the beaches around Cap d'Agde about half an hour away, with endless summer activities such as watersports and amusement parks. Enjoy oysters from the Étang de Thau in Mèze or spend quieter time by the tranquil Lac du Salagou with hiking and cycling trails as well as lakeside beaches and more watersports.

Béziers, Montpellier and even the magnificent city of Carcassonne are also waiting to be explored for yet more exciting days out. That said, you may just choose to spend your time unwinding in your huge garden or by the wonderful swimming pool of your handsome holiday home.

Facilities

Wellness • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Golf Nearby • Horse Riding • Wine Tasting • Historical Sites • Private Pool • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Instagrammable • <1hr to Airport • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Spa/Massage • Tourist Towns & Villages • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Indoor Games • Satellite TV • Sauna/Steam • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Catering Available • Babysitting Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors

Ground Floor

- Central hallway with dining area
- Library with fireplace
- Open-plan living room with fireplace. Doors lead to al-fresco dining terrace
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped. Doors lead to al-fresco dining terrace
- WC (off stairs between ground and first floor)

First Floor

- Master bedroom with double bed (160cm), office area and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed (140cm)
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm)
- Bathroom

Second Floor

- Children's bedroom with twin beds (90cm each)
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm)
- Bathroom
- 2 x bedrooms with double beds (140cm)
- Bathroom

Separate Annexe

- Media room with sofas and workspace (with internet)
- Summer kitchen
- Sauna and massage area (via steps below)

Outside Grounds (4500m2)

- Swimming pool (11x4m, depth: 1-2m) with safety alarm and gate. Open approximately May to end-September
- Poolside covered terrace with barbecue, sink, table and chairs
- Sun-loungers x 8



- AI-fresco dining terrace
- Courtyard with Moroccan fountain
- Landscaped parkland with paths
- Petanque court
- Well (secured)
- Garage (and laundry facilities)
- Secured parking (up to five cars)
- Electric gate

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Fireplace
- Satellite TV
- Office/work space
- Sauna and massage space
- Library
- Pool table
- Table tennis
- Pétanque
- Games for children

Location & Local Information

Maison Molière is located in a typical Hérault wine village in Languedoc-Roussillon, a short drive from the historic town of Pézenas and just over half an hour from the Mediterranean coast.

The village itself is a delight with characterful houses and a beautiful church in the centre as well as simple yet useful amenities such as a bakery and tabac. Wine-lovers will have the opportunity to visit wineries here and in neighbouring villages as well as arrange local vineyard tours.

Pézenas (8km) is a jewel of the region, an exquisite town full of history with elegant architecture, charming antique shops and little art galleries. Wander around the narrow lanes coming across pretty shops and some excellent places to eat. Make sure you experience the exceptional market on a Saturday morning which dates back to the 14th century. Follow in Molière's footsteps in the town he loved so much and visit the famous L'Illustre Théâtre.

Usually in July and August Pézenas hosts the atmospheric 'Les Estivales' on a Friday evening with night markets across the town serving delicious food and lots of local wine alongside live music.

Heading south, enjoying Bouzigues oysters from the nearby Étang de Thau with local white wine is a must and you can take a boat trip out to see the fascinating oyster beds. Mèze (25km) is a lively town on the lagoon with markets, festivities and even some watersports. Look out for jousting tournaments in the height of the summer, a great tradition of this region.

It's just over half an hour from the Mediterranean coast with the beaches around Cap d'Agde or, a little further, Marseillan Plage and Sète. There is a great range of water-based activities in the summer as well as amusement parks, water parks and other family-friendly attractions.

Heading inland, Lac du Salagou (25km) is a tranquil area



where you can paddle-board, kayak or wind-surf on the lake as well as follow walking, hiking and mountain biking trails. Indeed, Languedoc-Roussillon is a glorious region for walking and horse-riding, whether through the wild garrigue, vineyards and olive groves or between enchanting hilltop wine villages. Canoeing along the River Orb is another way to appreciate the area's natural beauty.

Other brilliant days out include a trip to the exciting town of Béziers, a visit to the grand city of Montpellier or driving to the stunning village of Saint Guilhem le Désert (45km), a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Carcassonne (110km) is another remarkable place around ninety minutes by car or spend time canoeing or picnicking at the incredible Pont du Gard (144km), close to the Roman city of Nîmes.

Local Amenities

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Nearest Airport | Béziers (33km) |
| Nearest Airport 2 | Montpellier (64km) |
| Nearest Airport 3 | Carcassonne (123km) |
| Nearest Train Station | Béziers (33km) |
| Nearest Village | (0km - central village location) |
| Nearest Shop | Bakery/tabac (Within a 5-minute walk) |
| Nearest Restaurant | Roujan/Lézignan-la-Cèbe (5km/7km) |
| Nearest Supermarket | Roujan (5km) |
| Nearest Town | Pézenas (8km) |
| Nearest Golf | Golf Saint Thomas (20km) |

Nearest Beach

**Around Agde
(30km)**

What we love

- Dating back to the 19th century, expect character and charm in the heart of a Languedoc wine village
- The vast gardens are wonderful and such a surprise for a village house!
- Enjoy the swimming pool, sauna, terraces and summer kitchen
- Working from home? Spend time in the annexe with its media room, internet and workstations
- Molière's beloved Pézenas is just a ten-minute drive away, a joy to explore
- Visit vineyards, neighbouring wine-villages or head to the beach with the Mediterranean coast just half an hour by car

What you should know...

- Children are very welcome here and there is plenty of space for them to play. The well in the grounds has been secured but do note there is a pretty Moroccan fountain in the courtyard
- Car hire is essential to be able to get out and about exploring this wonderful region

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 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:** 5.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including mid-stay linen change.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only (dogs) and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €15 per dogs per night will apply (payable locally).
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday from mid-June to mid-September. Flexible during all other periods.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €320, payable locally. 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?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 2023: 7 nights in July and August. 4 nights during all other periods. 2024: 7 nights from beginning-June to mid-September. 5 nights during all other periods.
- **Heating costs included?:** Electricity and heating is included in winter time. The first bucket of logs is also provided (extra logs available at €10 per bucket, payable locally).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to end-September. 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.