

Maison Des Boutons

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

Maison Des Boutons is an extraordinary home that has been lovingly decorated by its antique-dealing owner. Filled with authentic pieces purchased from local markets, this house is a unique place to spend your holiday in Provence.

A reflection of the owner's passion for the region, each room has a great sense of character and tradition. Step inside and you are instantly transported back in time, especially in the large kitchen/dining room with its wooden beams, hanging pots and pans, crockery collection and little clothes pulley. Pastel-coloured walls, patterned rugs and soft furnishings create a cosy and relaxed feel, while chandeliers, ornate mirrors and endless bric-a-brac add to the quirkiness of this home. This theme continues in the living room, study and in each of the maison's six bedrooms.

Set in over two acres of exquisitely tended grounds dotted with lavender, flowers, fruit trees and an alleyway of olive trees, outside is a real haven. A rose-clad pergola can be found next to the swimming pool, while there's also a vegetable garden in which tomatoes, summer vegetables and herbs grow. There are various seating areas for soaking up the sunshine, plus a terrace with an outdoor dining table for enjoying al-fresco meals throughout the day.

The nearest restaurants, shops and cafés can be found just a 10-minute drive away in the medieval town of Le Thor. Strolling through the streets you will also discover an ancient castle and 12th-century church. Some scenic walks depart from Le Thor and a tour of the 'Cave of Fairies' is not to be missed.

The beautiful town of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue can be reached in just 20 minutes and is home to an incredibly popular antiques market. Browse the hundreds of stalls before walking along the canals and admiring the town's mansion houses and flower-filled streets.

Other towns less than 20km away include Velleron, which also boasts an impressive 17th-century chateau, and Carpentras, which is renowned for its busy flea market.

The UNESCO World Heritage City of Avignon is just 20km away and definitely worth a visit when staying in Provence. Its historic centre is packed with fascinating sites, museums and great restaurants, while the cool bohemian quarter by the River Sorgue has lively bars and a vibrant atmosphere.

Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Fishing • Wine Tasting • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Boat Trips • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking •



Watersports • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Laptop Friendly
Workspace • Table Tennis • Rural Location • Private Pool • Indoor Games
• Cots (Cribs) • DVD • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers •
Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Satellite TV • Working
Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s)
• Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns &
Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior:

Ground Floor:

- Living room with sofa and armchairs, fireplace, TV and doors opening to garden
- Open-plan kitchen/dining room with oven, gas hob, 2 x fridges, dishwasher, microwave, coffee machine, dining table and chairs and breakfast table
- Study with armchairs, bookcases, piano and writing desk
- Bedroom with double bed (1.4m), doors opening to garden and en-suite bathroom with shower and WC
- Laundry room with washing machine
- WC

First Floor:

- Master bedroom with king-size bed (2.1m), fireplace, writing desk and en-suite bathroom with pedestal bath, hand-held shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (1.6m)
- Bedroom with 3 x single beds (best suited for kids)
- Bedroom with single bed (1.1m)
- Bathroom with pedestal bath, hand-held shower and WC
- Bathroom with shower and WC

Outside Grounds (2.5 acres):

- Private swimming pool (11m x 5.5m) with steps and alarm system.
- Rose-clad pergola
- Terrace with with al-fresco dining table and chairs
- Grassy lawns
- Meadow with fountain and smaller water basin
- Olive trees, lavender, fruit trees, cypresses
- Vegetable garden with tomatoes, summer vegetables and herbs
- Parking

Facilities:

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Satellite TV
- Sonos speaker
- Table tennis
- Iron



Location & Local Information

Set back from a quiet country road, Maison Des Boutons enjoys a peaceful setting within driving distance of some of Provence's most charming towns and villages.

Le Thor is a picturesque town positioned on the banks on the River Sorgue just 6km away. It boasts a medieval castle and 12th-century church as well as a handful of good restaurants and useful supermarkets. There are some great spots for fishing and a variety of scenic walks in the surrounding area. The climb up Thouzon Hill offers lovely views while the Grottes de Thouzon, also known as the 'Cave of Fairies', is quite incredible and a must-visit.

Just 10km away sits Pernes-les-Fontaines, a beautiful town home to 40 fountains. Follow the 'Circuit des Fontaines' to see them all and explore other treasures along the way, like the medieval clock tower and many manor homes.

Velleron is just a 10-minute drive away and features an ancient church and 17th-century castle as well as a popular farmer's market selling delicious local produce. Carpentras' market is also well-known throughout the region, with stalls lining the streets trading everything from shoes to black truffles. Just 16km away, the town is also home to sites including the Orange Gateway and 15th-century Saint Siffrein Cathedral.

L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue is another town renowned for its street market. Held on a Sunday, this one is focused on antiques, with some 300 stalls and vendors selling all sorts of bric-a-brac. A 20-minute drive away, the pretty town is built on a network of canals and is a lovely place to wander around.

Other delightful towns within an hour's drive include Gordes, Roussillon and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, where Vincent Can Gogh once lived and painted some of his most celebrated works of art. Châteauneuf-du-Pape, famed for its red wine, can also be reached in 30 minutes.

Avignon is half an hour away and is a city full of historic and cultural significance. The UNESCO World Heritage Sites - the Pope's Palace and Saint Benezet Bridge - are not to be missed, nor is the vibrant bohemian quarter. After a busy day exploring, head to the main Place de l'Horloge and enjoy a drink as you watch the world go by.

Provence also offers stunning scenery, some of which can be best admired from the Alpilles Naturel Regional Park. Less than an hour's drive away, the trails and tracks through the vineyards, forests and ravines provide the chance to see some of the region's unspoilt beauty.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (17km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Le Thor (6km)



Nearest City	Avignon (20km)
Nearest Restaurant	Le Thor (6km)
Nearest Shop	Le Thor (6km)
Nearest Supermarket	Le Thor (6km)
Nearest Town	Le Thor (6km)

What we love

- Owned by an antiques dealer, this characterful house is full of bric-a-brac and has an authentic Provençal feel
- Outside is a verdant oasis with olive trees, fruit trees, lavender, roses and cypresses dotting the grassy lawns and grounds stretching over 2.5 acres
- The nearest town is just a 10-minute drive away and boasts medieval architecture as well as a handful of restaurants and shops
- The market towns of Carpentras and L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue are 20 minutes away, while historic Avignon can be reached in 30 minutes

What you should know...

- A friendly and discreet caretaker/gardener lives on-site in a separate house and is there to make your stay as comfortable as possible
- If travelling with little ones, please note the fountain and water basin that can be found in the meadow
- The triple bedroom is best suited for kids. 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

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:** 5.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** 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. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **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. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **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.