

# Chez La Campagne

Region: Provence-Alpes    Sleeps: 14

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## Overview

Chez La Campagne is a superb rural retreat set in 4 acres of garden with a large heated swimming pool and floodlit tennis court. It is set close to a village deep in the Luberon, renowned for its idyllic hill-top villages, cherry blossom landscapes, fragrant lavender fields and ripening vineyards, all bathed in the wonderful light that inspired so many famous painters.

Less than a ten minute stroll away (along country lanes) is a tiny village with a café and grocery store for your breakfast baguettes or you may prefer to take the car and stock up at the twice weekly markets in the nearby historic town of Apt, where there are supermarkets, restaurants and even a cinema.

The traditional feel of the old beamed farmhouse contrasts and beautifully blends with the large sitting and kitchen space of a modern extension, where one wall has been transformed into a wide window to showcase the hills beyond. Indeed, there are spectacular views from nearly everywhere in the house, including the bathtub in the master bedroom!

There is plenty of space here to socialise or find a spot for some peace and quiet. In the older part of the house is a comfy living room as well as a hallway dining area. Five bedrooms of the bedrooms are en suite - you may have to toss a coin for the master with its four-poster bed and private balcony or the air-conditioned double bedroom near the pool.

Take a day or two *chez vous* to absorb the ambience of this beautiful holiday home and try out all the activities on offer here – relaxing on lawns dotted with mature shading trees, a dip in the pool or a game of tennis, boules and table tennis. Then head to one of the nearby exquisite



villages such as Bonnieux, Roussillon and Gordes or take a day trip to historic Avignon or lively Aix-en-Provence.

The Luberon National park is just a wonderful setting for hiking, horse riding, mountain biking, rock climbing or kayaking along the river Sorgue. Whatever you decide to do, you will love coming home to your place in the country.

## Facilities

Tennis Court • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Special Offer • Has Discount • Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • <1hr to Airport • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Indoor Games • DVD • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

1) 5 bedrooms/5 bathrooms excluding the Upper Annexe Apartment (10-person price)

2) 7 bedrooms/6 bathrooms (14-person price)

## Villa Interiors

### Main Floor

- Open-plan lounge with wood-burning stove
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, gas stove, microwave, range oven, large fridge-freezer, ice-dispenser, Nespresso machine
- Living room with satellite TV and doors opening out to terrace
- Hallway with dining table
- Guest WC
- Laundry room
- Bedroom for children with bunk-bed and en suite bathroom with shower and sink

### First Floor

- Master bedroom with four-poster double bed (1.6m wide), south-facing balcony and en suite bathroom with walk-in shower, bath, sink and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (1.6m) and en suite bathroom with walk-in shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with twin beds and en suite bathroom with bath, overhead shower, sink and WC

### Pool Level Annexe (below front terrace, separate entrance)

- Bedroom with double bed (1.6 wide), air-conditioning, sitting area and French doors. Bathroom with bath, overhead shower, sink and WC

### Upper Annexe Apartment (next to the house)

- Bedroom with double bed (1.4m)
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bathroom with bath, shower and separate WC

## Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (12x7m) with electric safety cover
- Pool house with pool table, ping pong, shower and WC
- Sun-loungers
- Shaded al-fresco dining area
- Barbecue
- Tennis court (flood-lit) with practice wall
- Boules
- Gardens and lawns (4 acres)
- Parking

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (pool bedroom only)



- Heating
- Wood-burning stove and fireplace
- Satellite TV (with UK Sky channels)
- DVD player
- Table tennis
- Pool table
- Tennis court
- Boules
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine and dryer

## Location & Local Information

Chez La Campagne is in a peaceful rural location within the Luberon Natural Park in the Vaucluse region of Provence, only a ten minute walk (no pavement) to a tiny village with a restaurant-café and grocery store for your fresh breakfast baguettes.

The nearest town is Apt (13km), an old Roman town with restaurants, supermarkets and fantastic Saturday and Tuesday morning markets where you can stock up with all kinds of fine local produce. The town is also renowned for its candied fruit - just in case you are a fan, La Maison du Fruit Confit is the place for you.

Imagine yourself in Provence and you might well visualise the Luberon - medieval perched hill-top villages, landscapes of cherry blossom, redolent lavender fields and ripening vineyards, all bathed in the wonderful light that inspired so many famous painters like Cézanne and Van Gogh.

Roussillon (24km) is one of France's 'Plus Beaux Villages' due to its delightful hilltop setting and maze of narrow winding streets and pretty squares, all so many different shades of ochre. It's a technicoloured place that contrasts beautifully with the green pines or blue sky and has always been loved by artists. There are many galleries and boutiques to explore here as well as an art trail – afterwards you might like to try out one of the fine restaurants in the main square.

You are also within easy driving distance of another exquisite village in France, Bonnieux (25km). From here there are wonderful views across the Vaucluse plateau towards the equally enticing Lacoste (28km). The village of Ménerbes (34km) was the setting for Peter Mayle's "A Year in Provence" and Gordes (33km), sometimes described as the "Parthenon of Provence", is yet another one of France's 'Plus Beaux Villages' with many cultural events during the summer.

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hiking, horse riding, and mountain biking or kayaking along the river at L'Isle sur La Sorgue (45km), a town famous for its antiques. Rock climbers congregate at the dramatic gorge near Buoux (18km), a small historic village in the heart of the rolling hills.

Serious cyclists will relish the challenge of climbing Mont Ventoux (64km) but there are plenty more leisurely local rides. Hire a bike in Apt and take part of the recently completed cycle route between the town and Coustellet (35km). Walkers can pick up up the GR hiking trail which passes near your villa or you may just prefer the sensory delights of a gentle stroll through wonderful landscapes.

For a great day out, head to Avignon (67km km), the capital of Vaucluse and the Cotes du Rhône, with its UNESCO World Heritage Site historic centre, Papal Palace and famous bridge. Aix-en-Provence (63km km) is one of France's most beautiful university towns, a centre for music, ballet and theatre and full of fine tea houses and restaurants.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Avignon (58km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Marseille (104km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare de Cavaillon (46km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Small village (Within 1km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Restaurant-cafe in village (Within 1km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Small grocery store in village (Within 1km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Apt (13km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Avignon/Aix-en-Provence (Around 65km each)</b>

## What we love

- A wonderfully rural Luberon retreat set within 4 acres of lawns and trees with spectacular views of the Luberon hills
- The characterful wood beamed farmhouse blends beautifully with a light filled modern extension to provide a stunningly spacious open plan sitting and kitchen area
- You will love the wide terrace, large heated swimming pool, floodlit tennis court, boules and other games
- A ten minute walk to the grocery store in a tiny village and a short drive to the markets, shops and restaurants of historic Apt
- Other villages to visit include the exquisite Bonnieux, Roussillon, Gordes and Lacoste while historic Avignon and Aix-en-Provence are only a day trip away

## What you should know...

- It's around 500m to the local village; if you are walking, bear in mind that the surrounding lanes and roads tend to be unlit and without pavements.
- 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.
- One of the bedrooms is in a separate annexe on the pool level (the only bedroom with air-conditioning) whilst there are two bedrooms in an Upper Annexe Apartment next to the house.
- The 10-person price is for 5 bedrooms/5 bathrooms (excluding the Upper Annexe Apartment) whilst the 14-person price includes all 7 bedrooms/6 bathrooms.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €600 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. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. When minimum occupancy is booked, some rooms may not be accessible and this remains at the owner's discretion. Please enquire should you require details. Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager. The 10-person price is for 5 bedrooms/5 bathrooms only (excluding the Upper Annexe Apartment) whilst the 14-person price includes all 7 bedrooms/6 bathrooms.
- **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 heating charge?:** Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **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.