

Le Mas Familial

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 10

Overview

You'll discover peaceful Le Mas Familial at the end of a private drive, surrounded by its own lush grounds and neighbouring farmland. A wonderfully tranquil place to unwind and the ideal base for exploring Provence, this eighteenth century farmhouse has been sensitively restored, combining the charm of original Provençal features with a host of modern comforts.

Here you are in the heart of the Luberon, much loved for its exquisite hill-top villages, swathes of springtime cherry blossom, redolent lavender and expanses of vineyards, all bathed by that special Provençal light which inspired Cézanne and Van Gogh.

Wide terraces for al- fresco dining and lounging surround the farmhouse and the superb open-plan kitchen and living area opens onto two outside spaces. There is a separate cosier living room and library if you feel the need for some peace and quiet and an inside table for ten for when the sun goes down - all five comfortable bedrooms are on the first floor.

To the west of the house is the heated pool - after your swim, relax on the patio and admire the views towards the Vaucluse and Mont Ventoux. The landscaped gardens are a mixture of grassy terraces, luscious borders and shading mature trees. Look out for the secret garden and hammock tucked away at the top of all this paradise, but be sure to keep it to yourself!

Less than 2km away is the town of Apt, where you'll find fantastic markets, supermarkets, bakeries, restaurants and cinema. Shopping aside, don't forget to wander down the charming little streets which lead to the old town, passing fountains and tiny verdant squares while the ochre tinged Luberon hills shine in the distance.



Take the short drive to some of the region's most idyllic villages like Saignon, Bonnieux, Roussillon, Lacoste and Gordes or enjoy a longer day trip to fascinating Avignon or lively Aix-en-Provence. The beauty of the Luberon National park provides the perfect backdrop for walking, horse riding, mountain biking, rock climbing or canoeing along the river Sorgue. Wherever you decide to go, your relaxing retreat is sure to welcome you back at the end of the day.

Facilities

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

Interior & Grounds

- 1) 3 bedrooms only (6-bedroom price) - not available in July and August
- 2) Whole property - 5 bedrooms (10-person price)

Mas Interiors

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living area with wood-burning fireplace
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area, fully-equipped including dishwasher, microwave and coffee machine. Doors lead out to al-fresco dining terrace
- Living room with TV, stereo and fireplace
- Library (via steps) with local guides, maps and desk
- Separate WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm) and en suite bathroom with shower and sink
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- Bedroom with single bed and pull-out single bed underneath (connects to above double)
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm)
- Bedroom with twin beds (can be made into king-size double)
- Bathroom with shower and sink
- Bathroom with bath, overhead shower and sink
- 2 x separate WCs

Outside Grounds (6000m2)

- Heated swimming pool (5x10m) with fencing and safety gate. Open approximately May to September
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers and parasols
- Al-fresco terraces for dining/lounging
- Barbecue
- Fountain
- 'Secret' garden with hammock and trees
- Landscaped terraced grounds
- Covered parking (3 cars) and external parking
- Secured/covered storage space (for bike rental etc)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Underfloor heating system
- Under-floor cooling system
- Fireplace and wood-burning stove
- Electric fans
- Satellite TV (British satellite channels and French digital TV)
- DVD player
- Stereo
- Music and film library
- Desk with printer
- Hairdryers



- Bathrobes
- Washing machine (x2) and dryer (in outdoors laundry room)

Location & Local Information

Le Mas Familial is in a rural location within the Luberon Natural Park in the Vaucluse region of Provence. You find it at the end of a private drive and surrounded by its own grounds and neighbouring farmland, an ideal base for exploring Provence.

The town of Apt is less than 2km away. It is classified as a *site remarquable du gout* as a result of its fine local produce sold at its two markets and here you'll also find your local supermarkets, bakeries, restaurants and even a cinema. Shopping aside, don't forget to wander down the charming little streets which lead to the old town, passing fountains and tiny tree shaded squares.

The Luberon offers the perfect archetypal image of Provence - perched hill-top villages, orchards of cherry blossom, fields of fragrant lavender and expanses of vineyards, all bathed in a wonderful soft light that inspired so many famous painters.

You are within easy driving distance of so many of France's most beautiful villages, such as Roussillon (12km) where multi-coloured shades of ochre contrast with green pines and blue skies. Head to Bonnieux (14km) to admire the fine views across the Vaucluse plateau towards Lacoste. Climb up the rock at Saignon (5km) for great views over the plains and mountains - on a clear day you might see Mont Ventoux. If you enjoyed Peter Mayle's "A Year in Provence", take the trip to Ménerbes (22km) where it was set. The spectacular village of Gordes (22km) is also worth a visit and is sometimes described as the "Parthenon of Provence".

For activity lovers, the Luberon offers so many choices including hiking, horse riding, mountain biking and kayaking along the river towards L'Isle sur La Sorgue (34km), a town famous for its antiques. Rock climbers enjoy the challenge at the dramatic gorge over the river near Buoux (6km), a small historic village where less intrepid members of the group can relax with a coffee.



Mont Ventoux, about an hour away, is always a challenge for serious cyclists but there are plenty of less arduous local rides. You can hire a a bike in Apt for local tracks or pick up part of the cycle route between the town and Coustellet. The tiny mountain village of St-Martin-de-Castillon (13km) has a marked trail around the village ideal for walking, horse riding or mountain biking.

When it's time to go further afield, Avignon (63 km), the capital of Vaucluse and the Côtes du Rhône, has a UNESCO World Heritage Site historic centre, Papal Palace and famous Benezet bridge. Aix-en-Provence (55km) is a beautiful university town, a centre for music, ballet and theatre with plenty good tea houses and restaurants.

Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | Avignon (45km) |
| Nearest Airport 2 | Marseille (74km) |
| Nearest Train Station | Gare de Cavailon (35km) |
| Nearest Town | Apt (2km) |
| Nearest Restaurant | Apt (2km) |
| Nearest Supermarket | Apt (2km) |
| Nearest City | Avignon (55km) |

What we love

- A peaceful rural Luberon retreat surrounded by gorgeous gardens and neighbouring farmland
- The characterful wood beamed farmhouse has been sensitively restored and has a spacious open plan kitchen and living area
- Fabulous terraces and a heated swimming pool surround the house and there's even a secret garden in the landscaped grounds
- Less than 2km to the renowned markets and restaurants of historic Apt
- Nearby exquisite villages include Ménerbes, Bonnieux, Roussillon, Gordes and Lacoste while Avignon and Aix-en-Provence are just a day trip away

What you should know...

- 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 is an underfloor cooling system for hot days which also provides heat in the winter months.
- There are two booking options at Le Mas Familial: 3 bedrooms only (6-person price) or 5 bedrooms (10-person price). Please note that the 6-person price is not available in July and August.

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. There are two booking options at Le Mas Familial: 3 bedrooms only (6-person price) or 5 bedrooms (10-person price). Please note that the 6-person price is not available in July and August.
- **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. Pool is closed between October and April.