

# Maison Coloniale

Region: Provence-Alpes    Sleeps: 10

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## Overview

Experience the magic of the Luberon in this beautiful village house with a swimming pool and mesmerising valley views, set in the historic and enchanting village of Oppède le Vieux.

This hidden gem is a rare find in such an idyllic and timeless place – step inside and sense the history all around you as you appreciate the wonderful décor and authentic character. A large hallway, lounge and dining area wraps around the maison with ample space to relax and dine alongside floor to ceiling windows framing the incredible vistas. A rather elegant study and TV room adds to the sense of comfort whilst the charmingly traditional kitchen features a breakfast table for your morning baguettes and croissants. Five pretty bedrooms with either village or valley views each have an en suite bath or shower room, making Maison Coloniale ideal for up to 10 guests.

The outdoor space is just as impressive with the most spectacular views. It feels private from the rest of the village and it's the perfect place for a coffee in the shade of the mulberry tree or dining al-fresco on the attractive terrace. Enjoy a glass of local wine as you gaze out towards the wooded hills and village or take a dip in the swimming pool to cool off on warm summer days.

Of course, it's only a minutes stroll to the heart of the old village, a gorgeous place with beautifully restored houses, a couple of restaurants and a pottery studio. In an outstanding position, the village is perched on a mountainside looking out towards the Oppède valley. As you climb the steep lanes above the village towards the castle ruins and church the scenery is even more dramatic. This is Provence at its very best.



Other beguiling Luberon villages waiting to be explored include Ménerbes, Gordes and Roussillon whilst there are many breathtaking hikes and bike rides through the countryside passing vineyards, cherry orchards, lavender fields and woodland. Visit charming Farmer's markets, potter around antique stores or sample the excellent wines of the Luberon.

Soak up the romance of Aix-en-Provence or Saint-Rémy, kayak along the Sorgue and admire the dreamy Provençal landscapes which inspired the likes of Van Gogh and Cézanne in this incredible part of southern France.

## Facilities

Wine Tasting • Cycling • Private Pool • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Special Offer • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • All Bedrooms En-Suite • <1hr to Airport • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Maison Interiors

### Main Floor

- Hallway (wraps around the house) with lounge and dining area and views of hills
- Snug office with sofa, TV, fireplace and desk
- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped including double oven, dishwasher, microwave, coffee machine and round table
- Bedroom with double bed, lounge area and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom (via steps) with double bed, desk, village views and en suite bathroom

### First Floor

- Bedroom with twin beds, village views and en suite shower room

### Lower Ground Floor

- 2 x bedrooms with double beds
- Bathroom with shower and WC

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool with safety alarm
- Sun-loungers
- Enclosed terrace
- Shaded al-fresco dining area

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Fireplace
- TV
- Hairdryer
- Fans (available in bedrooms)



## Location & Local Information

Maison Coloniale is a village house in beautiful Oppède le Vieux, a tiny 12th century village in the Luberon region of Provence.

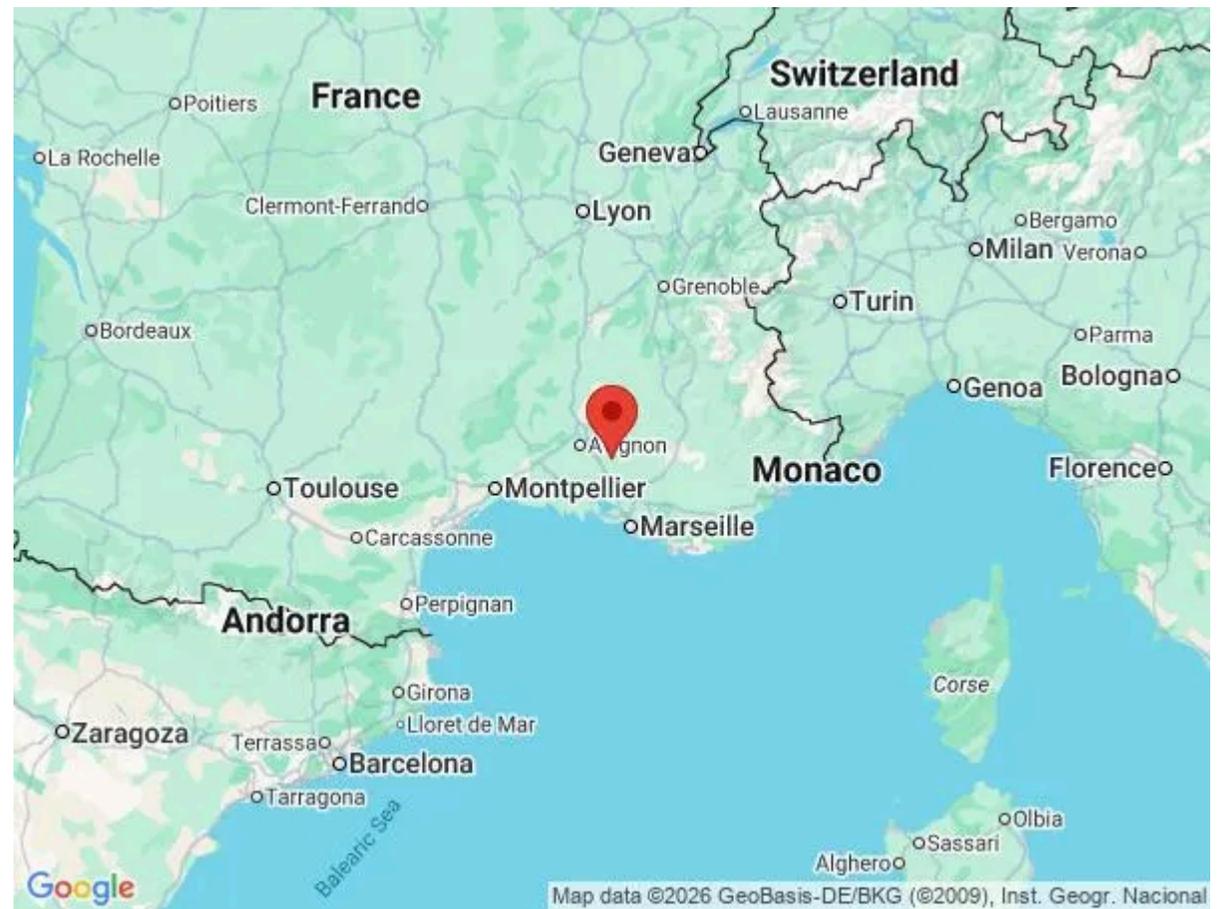
Step out of your home and straight onto the narrow lanes of the medieval village and within a minute you can be in the pretty village square with its café-restaurant, passing ancient houses en route. Walk above Oppède le Vieux to the very top to see the church and castle ruins, taking care on the steep lanes (and there are some steep drops too) and admire the incredible Luberon views around you.

About 2km away by car is the more modern part of Oppède which is still charming and authentic in its own Provençal way. Here you will find amenities such as a couple of restaurants, a bakery, bar and a tennis court. A little further is Coustellet (7km) with supermarkets, a pharmacy and a brilliant Farmer's market on a Sunday morning showcasing the very best local produce.

There are so many other idyllic Luberon villages to discover – perhaps start in nearby Ménerbes (5km), the place that inspired Peter Mayes' 'A Year in Provence', also known as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. The ochre-tinted village of Roussillon, Van-Gogh's beloved Gordes and picture-perfect Bonnieux can also be reached within half an hour or head to historic Apt on a Saturday morning to experience one of Provence's most wonderful markets.

Hiking through the Luberon is also incredible, including many trails linking villages passing through vineyards, olive groves, cherry orchards, woodland and lavender fields. Look out for cycling and mountain biking opportunities as well as horse-riding and rock-climbing. Hire kayaks and sail down the Sorgue river from Fontaine-de-Vaucluse.

Other day trips to consider include Avignon (37km) with its UNESCO World Heritage sites, the romantic town of Aix-en-Provence, around an hour to the south, or even Marseille (90km) with all its vibrancy and character. Then



there's artistic Saint-Rémy, perhaps combined with the gorgeous hilltop village of Les Baux-de-Provence in the captivating Les Alpilles region of Provence, just under an hour by car.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Avignon (28km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Marseille (68km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare de Cavaillon (13km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Oppède le Vieux (0km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Cafe-restaurant (Short walk)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Bakery in Oppède (newer part) (2km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Coustellet (7km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Cavaillon (13km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Avignon (37km)</b>

## What we love

- The most characterful house with beautiful interiors in the heart of a 12th century Luberon village, Oppède le Vieux
- Enjoy a glass of Côtes du Luberon from the private terrace looking out towards the most wonderful views
- The private swimming pool is an added bonus for warm summer days
- Stroll through the old village with its steep lanes, historic houses, restaurants, church and castle ruins
- A great base for exploring further afield in the Luberon including magical villages such as Ménerbes, Bonnieux, Roussillon and Gordes

## 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.
- This is characterful village living at its best with its steep and narrow lanes. When wandering around Oppède le Vieux, especially near the castle ruins, take care on the lanes with children as there are some steep drops in places.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €750 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 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. 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.