

La Retraite Des Artisans

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 15

Overview

Situated in an idyllic pastoral setting, this farmhouse was once lived in by the same family for decades. With its soul and wooden beams remaining intact, La Retraite des Artisans has been lovingly transformed into a beautiful, comfortable, contemporary and light filled home which encourages its guests to relax to the sound of cicadas and soak in the beauty of a wonderful part of Provence.

This air-conditioned retreat is ideal for a large party of family or friends who are sure to enjoy socialising together in the spacious kitchen-diner or next to the living room bar. Take a break from the group in the mezzanine with its video games, billiards and TV, admire the views from the wellness area's jacuzzi or read a book with a glass of wine beneath the shade of the centuries old plane tree or on the charming south facing terrace.

The sense of space and light continues into the first and second floors with their five beautifully furnished en suite double bedrooms whilst children will love having fun in their own dorm with its five single beds.

Outside, wander round the hectare of landscaped grounds past iconic olive and cypress trees, and find the pétanque court before cooling off in the pool with its wonderful panoramic countryside views, furnished pool house and summer kitchen. Be sure to indulge yourselves with one or more of the extra additional services on offer such as the in house catering service.

Set near a small hamlet, there is a small village a short drive away providing the pleasures of buying local fresh bread, fruit and vegetables as well the chance to stop at a café or restaurant. When you are ready to head further afield, be sure to visit vibrant St-Rémy-de-Provence, where artist Vincent Van Gogh painted his famous "Starry



Night”.

The stunning Les Alpilles Natural Park has so many opportunities for outdoor activities as well as idyllic hillside villages such as Les Baux-de-Provence and Eygalières. It’s also worth paying a visit to the fine cities of Avignon and Nîmes or heading southwards to Arles, the gateway to the Camargue with its wild white horses and pink flamingos. When the sea beckons, the fine beaches of the Mediterranean are only an hour’s drive away.

Facilities

Hairdryer • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cots (Cribs) • Pool/Snooker • Indoor Games • Maid Service Available • Private Pool • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Spa Treatments Available • Transfers Available • Board games • Babysitting Available • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Hot Tub • <1hr to Airport • Table Football • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (360m2)

Main Floor

- Living room
- Large kitchen-diner, well-equipped including two dishwashers, induction hob (x4), electric oven, microwave oven, American fridge, freezer and wine fridge
- Social room/bar with table football
- Wellness area with 6-person jacuzzi
- Cellar/laundry room
- Guest WC

Mezzanine Level (via spiral staircase)

- TV lounge, billiard table and games

First Floor

- Bedroom suite 1 with double bed (160x200cm), TV and shower room with separate WC
- Bedroom suite 2 with double bed (160x200cm), TV and shower room with separate WC
- Bedroom suite 3 with double bed (160x200cm), TV and shower room with separate WC
- Dressing area

Second Floor

- Bedroom suite 4 with double bed (160x200cm), TV and shower room with separate WC
- Bedroom suite 5 with double bed (160x200cm), TV and shower room with separate WC
- Children's bedroom/dorm with five single beds (90x190cm) and surveillance camera
- Separate shower room with large Italian shower
- Separate WC

Outside Grounds (1000m2, enclosed)

- Heated swimming pool (11x5m, depth: 1.4m with three



steps, and 5x2m 'plage' area) with security shutter.

Children's armbands available on request

- Pool house with fridge, ice-maker, dishwasher, Plancha, TV and Sonos system. WC
- Large poolside terrace
- Al-fresco dining and relaxation areas, parasols
- Barbecue
- Pétanque court
- Parking (with car port)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- TVs
- Sonos system
- Video games
- Jacuzzi
- Billiards table
- Table football
- Hairdryers/straighteners
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

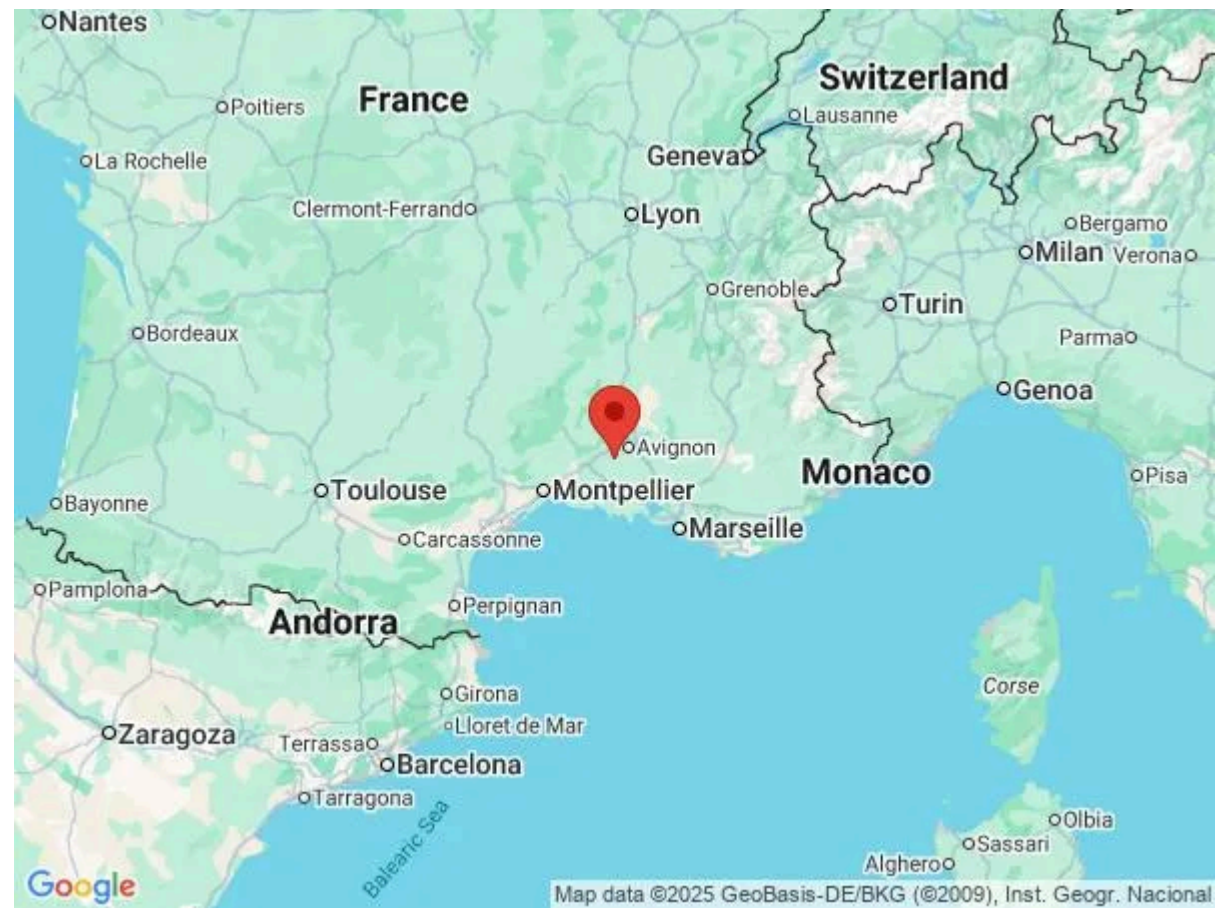
La Retraite des Artisans is in a rural location near a small hamlet in the Bouches-du-Rhône region of Provence (near the Gard border), around 8km north of Tarascon. You'll find Avignon's TGV station 20km away from your holiday home or fly into Avignon, Marseille or Nîmes airports.

Your rural retreat is a short 4km drive from a charming medieval village with its bakery, tabac, food shops, award winning butchers, restaurants and café. A little further afield, La Montagnette is a popular place for hikers with its rocky escarpments, slopes covered with aromatic herbs and valleys filled with apricot, almond and olive trees.

When you are ready to explore beyond, take the 25km drive towards vibrant St-Rémy-de-Provence where artist Vincent Van Gogh was inspired to paint his famous "Starry Night". Many contemporary artists still display and sell their artwork each summer Sunday on the lively *Route des Artistes*. Don't miss the renowned Wednesday morning market which sells a range of crafts as well as fine local produce.

From St-Rémy head southwards into Les Alpilles Natural Park, another paradise for nature lovers which offers opportunities for climbing, hiking, mountain biking and horse riding along its many well marked trails. The hills provide a fine backdrop to an area renowned for its vineyards, olive groves, cypresses, orchards and summer swathes of sunflowers. There are some idyllic hill top villages here such as Eygalières, much loved by celebrities, or Les Baux-de-Provence, perched on the rocky hillside.

Take a break from these glorious landscapes and head northwards towards the lively city of Avignon (20km) with its UNESCO World Heritage sites and fascinating covered markets. You may prefer to spend time in historic Arles (25km), another city which inspired the paintings of Van Gogh and has the remains of its famous Roman amphitheatre.



Continue southwards from Arles towards the fabulous Camargue Regional Park renowned for its wetlands, special breed of wild white horses, black bulls and pink flamingos with plenty of opportunities for horse riding, hiking and bird watching. At the edge, Sainte-Maries-de-la-Mer is only 60km away from home and has some fine sandy beaches.

If you love day trips, it is also worth taking the 40-minute drive to Nîmes, located between the sea and the Cevennes Hills and one of the most attractive towns in France with its well-preserved Roman remains and lovely old town and gardens.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (33km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nîmes (35km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille (92km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Barbetane (15km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (4km)
Nearest Shop	Local village (4km)
Nearest Supermarket	Tarascon (8km)
Nearest Town	Tarascon (8km)
Nearest Train Station	Avignon TGV (20km)
Nearest Village	(4km)

What we love

- A beautifully restored, contemporary and light filled Provençal farmhouse just perfect for large groups of friends and family
- Swimming pool, jacuzzi, barbecue, pétanque court and huge landscaped gardens with fantastic countryside views
- A bucolic rural setting yet only a short drive to the shops and restaurants of two nearby villages
- The ideal location for day trips to many fabulous places including St-Rémy-de-Provence, Avignon, Nîmes, Arles and the Camargue

What you should know...

- Families will love the games area and children's dorm – take care on the spiral staircase leading up to the mezzanine level.
- 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:** €3000 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m. Late arrivals after 9.00 p.m. may be charged a late arrival fee of €120.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 14 nights.
- **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.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes, and mid-stay cleaning included. 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.
- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for civil liability as well as cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay. A copy of this policy may be requested by the owner before arrival.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Heated up to 28 degrees approximately April to October. Extra €350 per week during all other periods (on request), payable locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs approximately between €2-€4 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 14 nights.
- **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.