

# Maison Benettin

**Region:** Provence-Alpes   **Sleeps:** 13

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## Overview

Maison Benettin is a luxurious eight-bedroom home located in a pretty medieval village. Surrounded by woodlands and a mountainous landscape, it is hard to imagine a more perfect location for exploring Provence.

The house is set in the heart of the village but as you drive through the gates into the grounds you will find yourself in a serene, landscaped garden. With shade-giving trees, fragrant lavender shrubs and beds of flowers and herbs everywhere you look, the grounds are a lovely sight to be greeted by as you arrive for your holiday.

The home is built in traditional local stone and has typical French style shutters. Indoors there are open-fireplaces and exposed stone work, complimented by modern interior design. The floor to ceiling windows allow the warm light and vibrant colours from the garden to pour in to the villa, creating a relaxing environment.

There are two living areas for when your party wants to come together in the evening, one with comfy sofas around a fireplace and one with an open-plan layout and large sofas with a home cinema screen perfect for watching a film in the evening. Next to the living spaces there is a fully-fitted kitchen and a dining table, though if the weather is good you may choose to make use of the summer kitchen and dining spaces in the garden.

Whether you are travelling with your extended family or a group of friends, the villa has plenty of space to accommodate up to 16 guests. Five of the bedrooms are located within the main villa and have access to an en-suite or private bathroom. There are another three bedrooms which are accessed from the garden, including two with their own kitchenettes. These external rooms are great for providing a little privacy from the main group, maybe for grandparents or couples.

You are sure to spend a lot of time outdoors enjoying the fantastic garden where you will find a private, heated pool for a refreshing dip. The large garden also has lots of different zones for dining and relaxing, including cosy covered terraces. If you are feeling active then why not try your hand at table tennis or boules or head to the house's well-equipped gym.

When you wish to pick up some pastries for breakfast then the local village is just outside the garden gates! This quaint medieval village may be small but it has everything you could need close by. It is a lovely place to wander around and there is even a museum, Roman ruins and 13th century castle towers to see here. There are also some nice craft shops and a good selection of restaurants.

Another place you can visit nearby is Saint-Remy de Provence, which is only 13.5km from the villa. This is a bustling place which centres around a busy marketplace and town squares lined with cafes and restaurants. The town is a great place to visit if you are a history-lover as it has been inhabited since



Roman times. Today the town is a mix of Renaissance and 18th-century buildings and has a charming old town which is a scenic spot for dinner.

The town also has a long connection with artists and today you can purchase handicrafts and art works in artisan shops and at market stalls. Famously, the artist Vincent Van Gogh spent time in Saint-Remy de Provence. If you are interested in Van Gogh's artwork or just his fascinating life story, then you can visit the rooms he lived and painted in at the in Saint-Paul-de-Mausole monastery.

The large city of Arles is 17km away by car or why not visit the former Papal city of Avignon for the day, it is just 37km away and should not be missed!

## Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Villa • Coffee Machine • Washing Machine • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Walking/Hiking Paths • Hairdryer • Boat Trips • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Walk to Village • Private Pool • Table Tennis • Wow Factor • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Maid Service Included • Indoor Games • Gym/Fitness Room • Chef/Cook Available • Bicycles Provided • Modern • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Amusement park • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Babysitting Available • Butler Available • Meal delivery service • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Dishwasher • Microwave • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Home Cinema • Heating • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior

### Main House (550m2)

#### Ground Floor

- Fully-Fitted kitchen with dining table, oven, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, microwave, toaster, kettle and coffee machine
- Living room with office space, sofas, fireplace, TV and bookshelves
- Living room with sofas and home cinema screen
- Bedroom 1 with double bed (200cm), TV, 2 en-suite bathrooms, one with shower and WC; the other with bath and WC, and garden access
- Laundry room

#### First Floor

- Bedroom 2 with double bed (200cm), dressing room, TV, en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and separate WC
- Bedroom 3 with private terrace, double bed (180cm), TV, en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and separate WC
- Bedroom 4 with double bed (180cm), TV and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and separate WC (on landing)
- Bedroom 5 with double bed (180cm) and TV
- Bathroom with shower, bathtub, sink and WC

### Annexed Bedrooms

- Bedroom 6 (accessed from garden) with double bed (160cm) kitchenette and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom 7 (separate studio) with double bed (180cm) living area, kitchen and bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom 8 (best suited for staff) with double bed (160cm) and bathroom with shower and WC (also for use by the swimming pool)

### Outside Grounds (6000 m²)

- Private heated swimming pool (18m x 6m). Open approximately June-September
- Extensive landscaped garden with lawns, vegetable garden and trees
- Pool house with summer kitchen with grill, barbecue and fridge
- Sun loungers and poolside beds
- Covered terraces with outdoor sofas
- Al-fresco dining spaces
- Gym with fitness equipment
- Boules court
- Table tennis
- Bicycles
- Parking

### Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- TVs all with Apple TV
- Home cinema screen
- Sonos sound system (in house and garden)





# Location & Local Information

This stunning home is located in a little village at the foot of the Alpilles mountains. Enveloped by verdant hills and with plenty of towns and villages to visit nearby, Maison Benettin is a brilliant base for your trip to Provence.

The heart of the village can be reached in just a short stroll from the house, meaning that you will have a number of shops, cafes and restaurants within easy reach. This is handy for when you fancy heading out early for a wander and a morning coffee or for an evening meal out without having to take the car. This quaint village is a glimpse into authentic Provençal style and is a lovely place to explore, taking in the narrow streets with shuttered windows and vibrant public gardens. In the village you can see the remains of a 12th century castle which once defended the area from attack.

From the local village you may be able to spot Les Baux-de-Provence, which sits 250m high on a rocky outcrop. If you would like to drive to the village it is just 6km away by car. It is hailed as one of the most beautiful villages in France surrounded by equally striking scenery. The village has been settled for 6000 years and was the battleground for the warrior clan who used to rule over this area, independently from the rest of France. In 1632 the village was completely destroyed by the French monarchy after a revolt by the villagers and was abandoned for centuries. Now vendors have moved back in to some of the old shop buildings and eateries have sprung up everywhere. The village has over 20 listed historic monuments to see plus the impressive ruins of the castle which tower over region and still have their towers, catapults and dungeons.

As you walk back down the hill you can also visit Carrieres de Lumieres which is a brilliant attraction which showcases art works by artists such as Da Vinci and Monet, projected on to the limestone walls of a huge former quarry, this is a fantastic thing to see in such a picturesque setting.

The city of Arles is another place you could visit for the day and is just 17km away from the house. It was built 2000 years ago by the Romans and has some well-preserved Roman sites such as the bath house, an ancient graveyard and the staggering amphitheatre. The city is also known as being the home of Vincent Van Gogh for a while and has a brilliant museum and walking tours about him which will show you some of the locations featured in around 200 paintings he produced of this city. The colourful streets here are filled with a huge array of shops, cafes and restaurants which all lead down to the banks of the Rhône. If you would like to sit back and relax while you see the city from the water then take a relaxing boat trip along the river.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (33km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Provence (65km)
Nearest Train Station	Arles (20km)



Nearest Village	((in village))
Nearest Restaurant	(2km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Arles (20km)
Nearest Supermarket	(3km)
Nearest City	Arles (20km)
Nearest Tennis	Arles Tennis Park (20km)
Nearest Golf	AS City Golf Arles (20km)

## What we love

- Maison Benettin is an elegant family home which has been finished to the highest standard
- The house boasts some fantastic features such as a home cinema room and a gym
- The vast, manicured garden is a beautiful space with a private pool and plenty of al-fresco dining areas for sunny days
- The villa is located within a charming village with picturesque streets and useful amenities just beyond your doorstep
- Some of Provence's most-loved cities, including Avignon and Arles are within easy driving distance

## What you should know...

- Those with little ones should note the stairs inside the house and the fountain in the garden
- One of the annexe bedrooms is best suited for the use of staff as the bathroom is also used by guests at the pool and the room is not finished to the same quality
- The house is set within a village but we recommend bringing a car as the surrounding areas are made up of rolling hills, there is private parking available for guests
- 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:** €5000 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 7 nights.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. 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?:** No. €300, payable locally. Mid-stay cleaning included. This is for a standard changeover clean. Guests should be respectful of the property and leave the accommodation in a clean and tidy condition. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.
- **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:** 14 nights from approximately end-July to end-August. 7 nights during all other periods.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Included from June to September. Extra €100 per day during all other periods. 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 €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 7 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.