

# Maison Passard

**Region:** Provence-Alpes   **Sleeps:** 6

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## Overview

Nestled at the foot of the Luberon mountain range is the small village of Oppède, with a number of amenities, such as a bakery for picking up fresh croissants in the morning. Maison Passard is located in the heart of the village with a few other pretty neighbouring houses, though the lovely, fenced garden offers privacy. With many other villages plus woodlands and hiking routes close by, this is a fantastic base for a holiday exploring authentic Provence.

As you walk into the garden, you will see the home, a traditional stone house with typical window shutters surrounded by trees. Indoors, the period features such as the stonework and the historic beams have been retained and look beautiful alongside the clean, white-washed walls and modern furnishings.

The villa is a family home set over three floors. On the ground floor, there is a bright living room with sofas and a TV and a contemporary kitchen with a table for enjoying a meal together in the evenings. Two of the spacious bedrooms are located on the first floor, and the third bedroom can be found on the second floor, which is ideal for those wishing for a little more privacy from the group. The sleeping accommodation at the house is brilliant as it offers flexibility; you can choose if you would like the rooms to be set up as double bedrooms or with twin beds. Each of the bedrooms also boasts in-room showers and sinks with separate WCs, so there will be no queues for the bathroom.

As well as being an elegant and inviting space, the house offers all of the modern comforts you need, such as air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, a TV and coffee machines.

Outdoors, the house sits in a leafy, fenced garden with a large south-facing terrace. If you need some shade in the heat of the day, you can sit under the covered pergola or read a book beneath one of the trees. There is also an al-fresco dining table, so this is a wonderful spot to dine together on balmy evenings.

You will not have to travel far when you want to head out for a drink at the local bar or go out for dinner as the home is situated in the centre of a little village which is perfect for days when you want to slow down and don't fancy driving. This village is a village of two halves, and you will find the old part just 2km away, sitting mid-way up an imposing mountainside. Oppède le Vieux is a charming place to visit and has a unique feel to it as it was abandoned for centuries and still feels like a ghost town as it has not been modernised. Visitors can see the defensive walls, the stunning Romanesque church and the remains of the castle, as well as quaint cafés which spill out onto the cobbled square.

Close by, guests can also visit the villages of Ménerbes, which is 3.5km away or Bonnieux which is 17km away.



## Facilities

Golf Nearby • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • TV • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Great Value • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Heating • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior

### Ground Floor

- Living room with sofas and TV
- Kitchen and dining room with terrace access, table seating 6 guests, oven, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, microwave, filter coffee machine and Dolce Gusto coffee machine
- Guest WC

### First Floor

- 2 x bedrooms with double beds (160cm, can be converted into twin beds) and in room showers and sinks, plus separate WCs

### Second Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (160cm, can be converted into twin beds) and in room shower and sink, plus separate WC

## Outside Grounds

- Private fenced garden with lawn and trees
- Dining terrace with covered pergola
- Barbecue
- Outdoor sofas
- Sun loungers
- Private parking

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Central heating
- Air conditioning
- TV
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Hairdryer





# Location & Local Information

Sitting in a charming village within the stunning landscape of the Luberon Natural Regional Park with forests, walking trails and protected wildlife all around, Maison Passard is an idyllic place to stay in Provence.

The home is in a fantastic setting, as there are a few restaurants and amenities on your doorstep in the village of Oppède, a 2-minute walk away, and yet you are encircled by dramatic countryside and parkland just a stone's throw away within a short drive.

There are plenty of outdoor pursuits you can take part in close to the villa, whether you enjoy cycling, climbing or a leisurely walk followed by a picnic. If you would like to see the mountains from a different perspective, there are also plenty of equine centres offering horse treks through the hills, or maybe you are brave enough to paraglide over the top of the Luberon to experience the best views available.

As well as wild woodlands and mountains, the area is also filled with farms and vineyards, which provide a bounty of delicious foods and wines. If you would like to visit a family-run vineyard, Domaine de la Citadelle is a mere 3.5km away and offers tours, tastings and, of course, bottles of wine to purchase. Provence is also known for its fragrant lavender, and the vibrant purple fields are a joy to see. There is even a lavender museum just 4km from the house where guests can wander through the fields, learn about the local history of the farm, which goes back to the 16th century, and participate in workshops.

You can explore many charming villages in Provence, and the nearest historic village is Oppède le Vieux, which is the old part of the village where the home is located and is just 2km away. The village is a lovely place to wander around and is steeped in history; it was initially settled over 1000 years ago. The villagers there were protected by a castle and a ruthless leader who took part in countless battles. In the 1800s, however, the villagers left Oppède le Vieux and settled down the hill as they no longer needed to live in fear of war on the side of a sheer mountain. The villagers removed the roofs from their homes to avoid paying the taxes, and the village became a ghost town for hundreds of years before artists resettled it during WW2. This magical place has been little-altered, and today you can stroll around the atmospheric streets filled with artisan shops and cafés and visit the castle ruins and ancient church of Notre-Dame-d'Alydon.

Another quaint village to visit is Ménerbes which is close to the villa, just 3.5km away. Ménerbes is officially one of France's most beautiful villages, so it is a must-see location which sits 450m high on a hilltop. This gorgeous walled village has been settled since Neolithic times, though most of the architecture we see today is medieval. In the village, you can see Saint Hilaire Abbey, a Carmelite convent from the 1200s. You can also learn about the village's role in the 16th-century wars of religion when it became a hub for Protestants when the religion was illegal. Aside from its religious sites, visitors can see the clock tower, fortress, cafés and homes owned by artist Picasso and author Peter Mayle who wrote A Year in Provence and brought flocks of visitors to this area.

## Local Amenities



Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (27km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Provence Airport (72km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Cavaillon (12km)
Nearest Village	Oppède centre (Within 250m)
Nearest Restaurant	Oppède (250m)
Nearest Shop	Bakery and grocery store (250m)
Nearest Town	Cavaillon (12km)
Nearest City	Avignon (35km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (14km)

## What we love

- Maison Passard is a traditional stone home in a serene village setting that is perfect for a family break
- The house retains period features such as window shutters, exposed stonework and beams but has been modernised to a high standard throughout
- Enjoy lazy afternoons in the garden, where you can dine al-fresco on the covered terrace
- The home is in the village of Oppède, and there are a number of restaurants, a bakery and a bar within walking distance

## What you should know...

- We would recommend bringing a car to explore more of the nearby hilltop villages and visit countryside attractions.
- The home is in the heart of a small village with a few neighbouring homes.
- Please note that the bathrooms have separate WCs.
- Please note that children under the age of 4 are not permitted.
- 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:** €500 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:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** 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. Please note that children under the age of 4 are not permitted.
- **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.
- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.