# **Maison Nourat**

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 8

### **Overview**

If you are looking for a home for a memorable break with family or friends, then Maison Nourat is the perfect choice. With four bedrooms, open-plan living areas and a vast, landscaped garden, the villa has all the space you could need and is located a mere 5km away from the lively town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence.

From outside, the house looks like a typical Provençal farmhouse with pretty stone work and blue shutters. Beds filled with fragrant and colourful flowers surround the home offering a welcoming sight to guests as they arrive. Indoors, the owners have taken care to preserve beams, fireplaces, exposed stone work and traditional floorings. Otherwise, the villa has been entirely restored and offers all of the conveniences you may need such as Wi-Fi, a TV and a wine cellar.

The living room features comfy linen sofas next to the fireplace for those coming for a winter break. There is also an office area in here if you need to do a little work or write a postcard to send back home. The living room leads directly in to the kitchen and dining room which is chic and has all of the modern appliances you would need to prepare a meal for your party and as the downstairs is all open-plan it is a sociable space for getting together.

Upstairs you have four double bedrooms to choose from, some of which can be converted into twin rooms if you would prefer. With comfy beds and views over the garden you are sure to have a great night's sleep at Maison Nourat.

The home sits in a wonderful garden which is a little oasis with flowers, trees and grassy lawns. There are lots of little nooks and seating areas for reading a good book in the sun and you can even cook al-fresco using the poolhouse kitchen. As there is a spacious dining area out here too you can spend all day by the private pool and dine outside too, making the most of the summer weather.

The landscape around the villa is truly stunning and is made up of farmland and protected parkland. In the local regional park, you can climb small mountain ranges, cycle amazing routes and head off the beaten track to find lakes surrounded by centuries-old trees. These wide-open spaces are brilliant for leisurely picnics in the sun making memories with your party.

When you do not fancy cooking, head to Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, the nearest town which is only 5km away and boasts a great range of cafes and restaurants. There are also lots of historical and cultural attractions in town which would keep you busy for a few days without having to visit anywhere else. The 11th-century monastery and the Roman ruins are some of the key sights.

There are also lots of quaint villages you can visit nearby such as Maussane les Alpilles, which is 9km away and famed for its olive oil, or the picturesque







Les Baux-de-Provence which boasts castle ruins and some of the best views in the whole region from its elevated position.

If you would rather visit a busy city, then head to Avignon, which is 26km away and is a UNESCO World Heritage site packed with museums, art galleries and of course the Palace of the Popes where the Popes lived in the 1300s!

### **Facilities**

Wi-Fi/Internet • Horse Riding • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Hairdryer • Villa • Washing Machine • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Cots (Cribs) • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Satellite TV • Wine Cellar • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

### **Interior & Grounds**

#### Villa Interior (180 m²)

#### Ground Floor

- Living room with linen sofas, TV, feature fireplace, office space
- Kitchen-dining room with oven, induction hob, fridge freezer, wine cellar, dishwasher, microwave and dining table seating 10
- Guest WC

#### First Floor

- Bedroom 1 with ceiling fan, double bed (180cm x 200cm) or two twin beds, dressing room and en-suite bathroom with bath tub, shower and sink. Separate WC
- Bedroom 2 with air-conditioning, double bed (140cm x 190cm) office space and en-suite bathroom with shower and sink
- Bedroom 3 with air-conditioning, double bed (140cm x 190cm) and office space  $\,$
- Bedroom 4 with air-conditioning, double bed (140cm x 190cm) or two twin beds
- Bathroom with bath tub and sink
- Guest WC

#### **Outside Grounds**

- Private fenced swimming pool (10m x 5m, depth: 0.6m 1.4m)
- Gated garden with lawn and flower beds
- Poolhouse with kitchen with hob, fridge, grill and a bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Al-fresco dining table
- Poolside sun loungers
- Boules court
- Parking

#### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- Washing machine and dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Baby items









### **Location & Local Information**

Maison Nourat is located amidst rolling hills and farmland in rural Provence, just 5km away from the town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence. Here you can enjoy a combination of peaceful days in the country and days sightseeing in town

The closest amenities are just 5km away from the house in the town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence. The town has been settled for thousands of years and has a rich history which is reflected in its architecture; look out for Roman monuments and ruins, stunning Renaissance facades and grand homes from the 18th century. A great way to get to know the town is to take a guided tour and there are a few to choose from including history tours, tours by electric bike and also wine tours which will take you out of town to local wineries. Another much-loved tour is one based on Vincent van Gogh which will take you to places which inspired the artists paintings which he produced while living here.

After the tour you could head over to Saint-Paul-de-Mausole monastery where Van Gogh lived. The incredible 11th-century monastery and grounds are well worth a visit. Just opposite the monastery you can also visit a fascinating archaeological site which is the ruins of the former Roman town of Glanum, a once thriving and wealthy town which offers us a glimpse into life for those living here in the 1st century BC. After a busy day of sightseeing, you can pick up groceries in town to cook dinner back at home or dine out in one of the many charming restaurants.

If you would like to visit an authentic Provencal village then why not explore Les Baux-de-Provence which is just 6km away. This enchanting village is located on a rocky outcrop and is a lovely place to spend the day. Wander the ancient streets and look at buildings and historic sites once destroyed by the king's armies in the 17th century. Visitors can explore the impressive ruins of the former castle plus 20 more historical attractions such as the Church of St-Vincent. With amazing views of the surrounding valleys and fields, you should definitely enjoy dinner with a view in the square.

Avignon, which is known as the city of art and culture, is just 26km away by car and is a must-see place! It has a wealth of brilliant museums, galleries and historic attractions such as the staggering gothic palace which is the former home of the popes who lived here in the 14th century. If you are visiting in July you will be able to join in the events of the performing arts festival where you will find theatrical events and shows popping up all over the city.

This area really lends itself to getting outside in nature and making the most of the gorgeous natural surroundings. Whether you like walking, cycling or even exploring by horseback there is plenty to see in this picture-postcard landscape.

9km away in the Alpilles mountain range is a local attraction which you may want to add to your itinerary. It is called Le Rocher des Deux Trous, which means the rock with two holes. A hike of 4km through a woodland will bring you out at this dramatic rock which offers unrivalled views through the holes. Van Gogh famously painted this scene when staying in the area. There are plenty of other natural sites you can visit nearby including Lac de Peirou and local nature reserves which are ideal picnic locations.









### **Local Amenities**

Nearest Airport	Avignon (25km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille (80km)
Nearest Train Station	Tarascon (13km)
Nearest Restaurant	Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (<5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (<5km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (<5km)
Nearest Town	Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (5km)
Nearest City	Avignon (26km)
Nearest Tennis	Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (<5km)
Nearest Golf	Golf des Baux de Provence (7km)

### What we love

- Maison Nourat is a beautifully renovated farmhouse with modern open-plan interiors
- The fantastic garden boasts a summer kitchen and a private swimming pool
- The home is located in a lovely area where guests can access walking routes, perfumed valleys and forests with ease
- The pretty town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence is a mere 5km away by car

## What you should know...

- There are a few parking areas one of these has shared access with a neighbour though the others are private.
- Air-conditioning is available in three of the bedrooms only. However, the thick stone walls and the ceiling fans throughout the rest of the home will keep you cool.
- The villa is located at the base of a mountain range and 5km from the nearest town so you will need to bring a car to explore more of the area.

### **Terms & Conditions**

- Security deposit: €2000 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to 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?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Other Ts and Cs: High chair, cot and stroller available on request.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- End of stay cleaning available?: Yes and mid-stay cleaning also included. 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 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.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- 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.