

Maison Des Amoureux

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 4

Overview

Maison Des Amoureux is a lovely little haven where you will truly relax in the rich Luberon countryside. It offers two delightful bedrooms and gorgeous open plan living with a touch of contemporary flair as well as a little rustic charm. This little gem is located between two charming villages, Lacoste and Menerbes.

Maison Des Amoureux is built on one level with open plan living space. At the heart of the house is a very striking, chef's dream of a kitchen. All in stainless steel, it is inspiring and the perfect place to create some culinary wonders. There is a separate laundry area in the garage with a washing machine and dryer. This wonderful house has undergone a fantastic, high-quality renovation. As well as little ancient reminders, this house enjoys contemporary flair and some modern furnishings. The living area is bright, airy and spacious. It boasts a feature fireplace at one end together with a comfy modern sofa, bean bags and a television. The dining table sits in between the living area and kitchen. French doors open to the south facing terrace where you can enjoy alfresco dining.

Guests sleep in two bedrooms. The master offers a comfy kingsize bed, minimalist styling, a dressing area and an ensuite bathroom with a bath and walk-in shower. Again, it feels modern, bright and airy. The second bedroom can be set up as a twin room or with a super kingsize bed. With calm, neutral tones it is also beautifully presented. Guests staying in this room use the family bathroom with its shower.

The gardens of Maison Des Amoureux are beautiful. There are some wonderful shady spots for alfresco dining or relaxing with your holiday book, an excellent swimming pool, gorgeous lawns, colourful planting and a boules



court for some friendly competition. The swimming pool is surrounded by a terrace sprinkled with loungers and seating plus there is a handy outdoor shower. The mature garden is blessed with lavender, rosemary, oleander, box, pines, olive trees and plenty of colour. There is one off-street parking space with lots of free parking on the street if you have more than one car. Maison Des Amoureux is a great pick from where you will return feeling refreshed and relaxed.

Just over a mile from the house is Lacoste, a picturesque village in the Petit Luberon region of Provence between the villages of Menerbes and Bonnieux. Lacoste is best known for the castle of the Marquis de Sade, now belonging to Pierre Cardin, which dominates the village. This beautifully preserved village enjoys amazing views over the Luberon valley and enjoys a few gastronomic restaurants and the Café de France with its grandstand view of the hilltop perched Bonnieux. Just five minutes from the house, Menerbes is also very pretty, surrounded by vineyards and also offering spectacular panorama. It is blessed with excellent restaurants, a few shops and a market on Thursday mornings. Art exhibitions and a classical music festival give this quaint village a soothing buzz during the hot summer months. Maison Des Amoureux is an excellent base to explore Provence, its views, its wineries and its fantastic dining scene.

Facilities

Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Villa • Hairdryer • Historical Sites • TV • Wi-Fi/Internet • Private Pool • Modern • Pool Safety Feature • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Heating • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Maison Interior

- Living room with fireplace, dining table, satellite TV with French and English channels and French doors leading on to the terrace
- Professional kitchen with 5 ring induction stove, fridge freezer, dishwasher, double sink and filter coffee machine
- Bedroom with double bed (180cm), dressing area and en-suite bathroom with bath, walk-in shower, double sink and WC
- Bedroom with double (180cm)/twin beds
- Bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Outside Grounds (1390sqm)

- Private pool (9x4m) with an alarm and Roman steps
- Sun loungers and seating
- Garden (1390m2) with lavender, rosemary and olive trees
- Shaded terrace
- Pergola with al-fresco dining table
- Parking (for one car)
- Laundry room (in the garage) with washer and dryer
- Boules
- Outdoor shower

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Hairdryer
- TV
- Fireplace
- Washer and dryer
- Iron



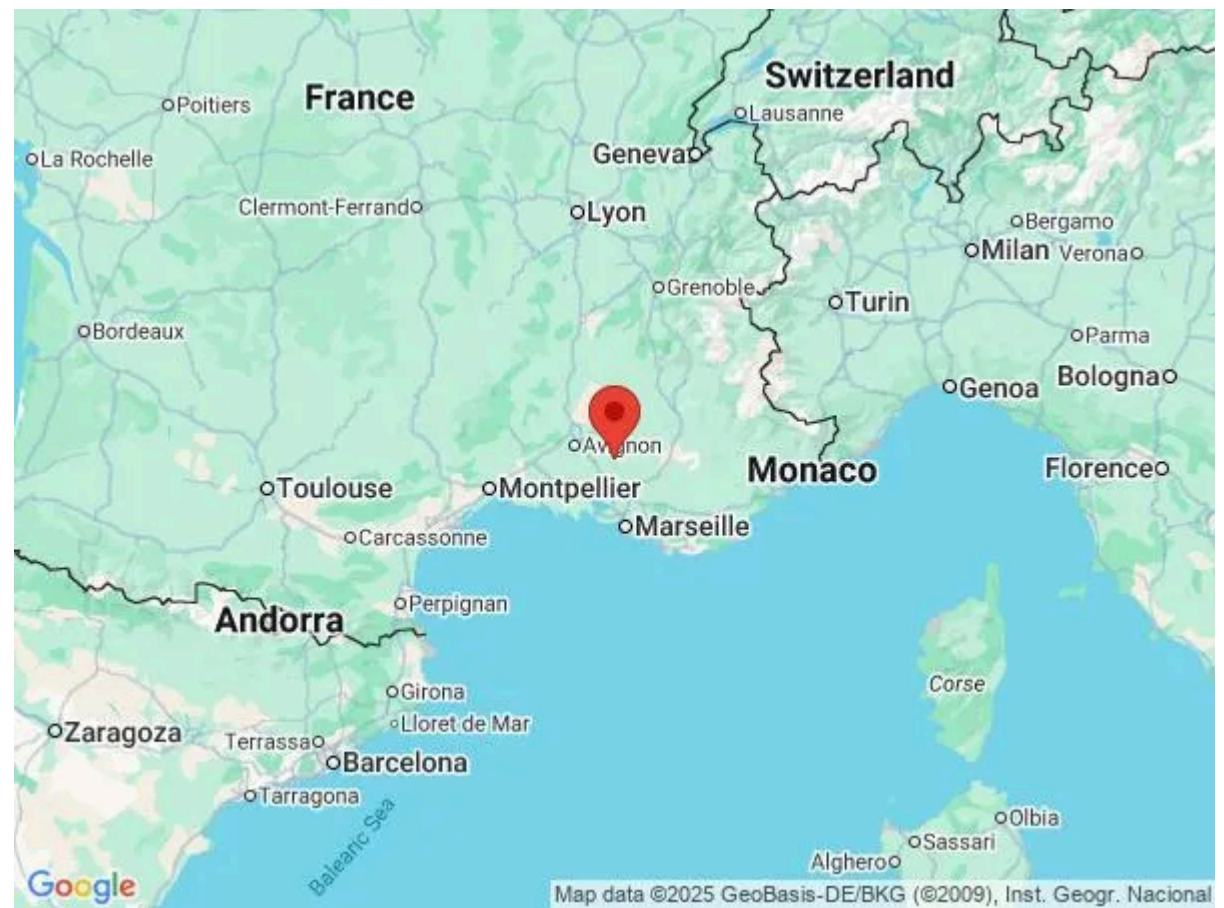
Location & Local Information

Maison Des Amoureux enjoys a lovely countryside setting between the two charming villages of Lacoste and Ménerbes and close to Bonnieux.

The pretty Lacoste enjoys a Tourist Office which can be quite handy, the Church of Saint Trophime in the Place de l'Eglise and a good selection of restaurants. The church retains some of its original Roman style but has been transformed over the centuries. There is an original stone gateway into the village, built in the 14th century and then rebuilt in the 16th century called La Porte de la Garde. You pass through this onto a narrow cobbled street that winds through the village. Almost every building will catch your eye for its beauty. This village is truly authentic. At the top of the village you reach Le Chateau de Lacoste, once home to the Marquis de Sade and now home to Pierre Cardin. The chateau is sometimes used for events. Cafe de France enjoys a spectacular hanging terrace with stunning views. You will be captivated by the jumble of ornately decorated doors and intriguing architectural details in this picturesque village.

Menerbes is another charmer that emerges from a sea of cherry orchards and vineyards. It is a beautiful perched village with a handful of restaurants, a cafe with a phenomenal views, a wonderful bakery, an ice cream parlour and a Thursday morning market. Menerbes was on the world tourist map in the 1990's when Peter Mayle's 'A Year in Provence' was published. Exquisitely poised over the Luberon valley, it is easy to see what the fuss was about. The Maison de la Truffe et du Vin sits in the Place de l'Horloge at the top of the town where you can find out about the truffles and wines in the region. Just outside Menerbes is the Musee du Tir-Bouchon, a corkscrew museum with over 1000 corkscrews. It is also a very high-tech winery, Domaine de la Citadelle.

Nearby, Bonnieux is an Instagram worthy Provencal gem full of beautifully preserved buildings and delightful restaurants, cafes and shops. With west facing views over the valley, it is a gorgeous spot. You will be mesmerised by



the patchwork of orchards and vineyards towards Lacoste across the Vaucluse plateau. A 12th century church, now out of use, sits at the top of the village and a much newer, 1870, one with painted scenes of the Passion of Christ sits near the bottom. It is still worth climbing up to the old church. Surrounded by towering cedars, you will enjoy stunning views of Monts de Vaucluse, Mont Ventoux and Lacoste, Gordes and Roussillon. In the summer, there are some classical music concerts that take place in this atmospheric setting. Some of the houses in Bonnieux date back to the 16th century when several bishops chose to live in the village. Friday is a great time to visit to pick up some things from the vibrant market. There is even a bakery museum where you can find out how bread is made in the artisanal manner.

The village of Gordes is a must visit. Gordes' Tuesday morning market is a perfect place to pick up local produce and a few souvenirs. Gordes boasts pretty narrow alleyways sprinkled with charming restaurants, cafes, a bakery and food shops. On the Luberon plain, the village also enjoys superb views. Gordes is dominated by its wonderful church and castle. During World War II Gordes was mostly destroyed and the villagers massacred. The whole village was awarded the Croix de Guerre medal. The village enjoys a fascinating history dating back to the Vondeuses who named it Vorda. Below Gordes, you can make a magical underground discovery. The hidden treasure of the Caves du Palais Saint Firmin are just a five minute walk from the castle. The cellars would have been used in the Middle Ages to house craft activities and it is still possible to see an old oil mill, cisterns and pipes dug into the rock. A small underground city can be explored with its carved pillars, stone staircases and beautiful vaulted ceilings.

Provence is rich in history and there are plenty of attractions to include in your holiday programme. The Roman Amphitheatre, the Triumphal Arch in Orange, the Papal Palace and Pont St Benezet in Avignon are all worth visiting. Avignon is a very attractive walled city which served as the Vatican City for sixty seven years. Today, it is one of France's most popular tourist cities with outstanding museums and magnificent architecture. The

lively Provençal markets are not to be missed. You can visit Vaison la Romaine on Tuesday mornings as well as the local Gordes market, Carpentras on Friday mornings and L'Isle sur la Sorgue has a huge market on Sunday mornings which features antiques and bric-a-brac alongside local produce.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (35km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille (80km)
Nearest Village	Lacoste (3km)
Nearest Restaurant	Pizzeria (3km)
Nearest Supermarket	Small grocery store (4.5km)
Nearest Golf	(16km)

What we love

- This wonderful house has been renovated beautifully to offer contemporary flair and modern fittings as well as retaining its character
- The gardens are absolutely beautiful and come with an excellent pool and a boules court for entertainment
- The location of this dreamy villa is superb. Close to many of Provence's characterful villages, it also offers seclusion and tranquility

What you should know...

- The house is built on one level though there are a few steps up to the front door and the garden is on different levels with some steps.
- The second bedroom offers flexible sleeping with the choice of twin beds or one superking size bed.
- One parking space is available off road and free parking is available on the street.
- 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:** 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 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. 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.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **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.
- **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.