

Maison Guerard

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 6

Overview

This characterful three bedroom stone house enjoys a fabulous location near the heart of historic Arles, where colourful sun baked houses and shady squares are sure to remind you of several of Van Gogh's masterpieces.

Charm and history have been lovingly retained in renovated Maison Guerard, now a comfortable home with artistic ambience. The open plan ground floor flows from a spacious kitchen towards the dining room with its fine grand piano and onwards through a bright and elegant lounge to the music room. Upstairs are two double bedrooms, one with a dressing room and corner office, while beneath the eaves and away from the crowd is an air conditioned twin.

Stone terraces border the house, offering sunshine and shade at different times of day, ideal for a quiet cup of coffee with a book. The garden has mature trees and a range of Mediterranean shrubs to remind you that you are in Provence and the private swimming pool, with its own little '*plage*' area, is just perfect for a refreshing dip after a busy day of sightseeing in the wonderful city of Arles.

Indeed, you don't have to travel far from your holiday home to see many of the famous sights of this lively city so full of Roman treasures. The Arena is modelled on the Coliseum in Rome and its amphitheatre now hosts tours and cultural events instead of fights and chariot races. Treat yourself to dinner at one of the terraced restaurants beneath the plane trees in the atmospheric Place du Forum, take a Van Gogh walking tour or simply absorb the city's atmosphere from a boat on the Rhône.

Arles is often described as a seductive gateway to the amazing Camargue with its marshes, lagoons, wild white horses and pink flamingos - it's exciting to take a jeep



safari from the city to explore it further. For more fascinating day trips, the fine cities of Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, Nîmes and Marseille can be reached by car or by train or you may prefer to drive north eastwards towards vibrant St-Rémy-de-Provence and the wonderful landscapes and exquisite villages of Les Alpilles.

Facilities

Private Pool • Tennis Nearby • Easy By Train • Walk to Village • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Saltwater Pool • Villa • Chef/Cook Available • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • Butler Available • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • TV • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors (150m2)

Ground Floor

- Lounge and open plan music room with piano
- Open plan kitchen, well-equipped including fridge-freezer, oven, microwave, gas hob, dishwasher and Nespresso machine
- Open plan dining area with dining table and piano
- Cellar/laundry room
- WC
- Shower room with Italian shower and sink

Upstairs

- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm), TV, dressing area and office corner
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm)
- Shower room with large shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom (sloping ceilings) with sofa/twin beds (90x190cm each), air-conditioning and desk

Outside Grounds (740m2)

- Salt-water swimming pool (6x3m, depth: 1.5m with four steps/*plage* area) and safety alarm
- Terrace
- Plancha
- Garden
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (lounge and twin bedroom only)
- Fans (other bedrooms)
- TV with Netflix
- Washing machine and dryer



Location & Local Information

Maison Guerard is conveniently situated in a residential area near the centre of Arles in the Bouches-du-Rhône region of southern France, within 2km of the train station and less than an hour's drive from Marseille Airport (with Avignon and Nîmes airports even closer).

It's only a 20-minute walk from home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Arena with an amphitheatre which once saw chariot races and gladiator fights and is still a performance area nearly 2000 years later, hosting cultural events throughout the year.

A short walk from the Arena are the plane trees and terraced restaurants of Place du Forum, where Van Gogh painted Café Terrace at Night in 1888. Learn more about him at the nearby Fondation Vincent van Gogh or take a self-guided walking tour to see his paintings come to life.

Walking home from Place du Forum, you might pass the Place de la République which has several fine buildings including the world heritage site of the Cathedral of Saint-Trophime with its peaceful cloisters. A relaxing way of sightseeing is to enjoy a boat tour on the River Rhône, near the mouth of this majestic river.

When you are ready to explore further afield, take the half hour drive north eastwards towards vibrant St-Rémy-de-Provence, where Vincent Van Gogh painted his famous "Starry Night". On a Wednesday morning there is an excellent market here which sells crafts and local produce.

Drive southwards from St-Rémy into Les Alpilles Natural Park with its small mountains, vineyards, olive groves, orchards and sunflowers. There are some idyllic hill villages here such as Les Baux-de-Provence and opportunities for climbing, hiking, biking and horse riding.

Take the 39km trip to the lively city of Avignon with its UNESCO World Heritage sites and fascinating covered markets. It's a similar length journey to Nîmes (33km), one of the most attractive towns in France with its well-



preserved Roman remains and lovely old town and gardens.

For more magnificent landscapes, head the short distance southwards from Arles to the Camargue Regional Park situated at the delta of the Rhône and renowned for its wetlands, white horses, black bulls and pink flamingos. Its capital, Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, is only 40km away from home and has some fine sandy beaches.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Nîmes Airport (23km)
Nearest Airport 2	Avignon Airport (44km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille Provence Airport (65km)
Nearest Train Station	Arles (2km)
Nearest Town	Central Arles (Within 1km)
Nearest Restaurant	Central Arles (Within 1km)
Nearest Supermarket	Central Arles (Within 1km)
Nearest Golf	Golf des Baux de Provence (18km)
Nearest City	Nîmes/Avignon (33km/39km)

What we love

- How wonderful to be staying a leisurely stroll from the centre of historic Arles with its Roman monuments and links to artist Vincent Van Gogh
- Chill out in the garden's swimming pool after a busy day of sightseeing in the city
- It's a characterful and comfortable home with an artistic ambience not just for pianists and music lovers!
- The perfect location for visiting St-Rémy, Les Alpilles and the Camargue as well as the lively cities of Avignon, Nîmes and sun-drenched Aix en-Provence

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in the lounge and twin bedroom only.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m. 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?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **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. Air-conditioning is featured in the living room and twin bedroom only.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. 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.
- **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 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.