

Maison Clafoutis

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

This spacious four-bedroom home is a delightful base from which to explore the diverse region of Provence. With the stunning village of Lourmarin under 1km away and surrounded by woodland hiking trails, you have everything you need close by.

The home is set within leafy gardens and this outdoor space is a wonderful feature, boasting a private swimming pool, a covered seating space and al-fresco dining areas, all encircled by beautiful rural views. You and your party are sure to spend plenty of time out here, making the most of the space and the lovely weather.

The home's interiors are just as pleasant, with open-plan living spaces flooded with garden views and natural light from the numerous windows. In the mornings, everyone can gather together in the kitchen-dining space to enjoy a morning coffee and some pastries around the table. The kitchen is well-equipped with all the necessary appliances and has an adjacent utility room. The dining table looks out onto the garden and leads to a large living room with comfy sofas and a TV where you can settle down to watch a film in the evenings.

There are four bedrooms when you wish to get a good night's sleep. Two of the bedrooms are on the ground floor, which is useful if any of your group struggles with the stairs. All rooms have comfortable double beds; however, in two of the rooms, this can be changed to two single beds if you would prefer this. The bedrooms also have in-room shower facilities or en-suite bathrooms, with the master room offering an inviting roll-top bath, perfect for a long, relaxing soak.

Though the home is encircled by rolling green fields, you are only a short distance from the centre of the village. Lourmarin is just 1km away and is a brilliant base for exploring Provence. This idyllic village is classed as one of the most beautiful in France, and as you wander the atmospheric streets which ooze history and charm, it is easy to see why. While here, you can see centuries-old chapels, winding medieval streets, bell towers and even a staggering 12th-century castle with expansive grounds. Fans of the famous French author Albert Camus also flock to the village as this is where he spent his final years and was laid to rest here. A walking trail from the tourist office will take you to some of Camus' favourite spots!

Aside from its historical and cultural attractions, Lourmarin also has a wide range of cafés and restaurants. Whether you want to book a fine dining eatery or try some of the local delicacies at a family-run bistro, you will find something delicious for dinner. If you prefer to cook for yourself, you can pick up fresh bread, vegetables, cheeses and wines at the lively market and the quaint shops that line the streets.

Also nearby are plenty of vineyards you can visit and the parkland of the vast Luberon mountain range where you can hike, walk, cycle or enjoy a relaxed



picnic in a wooded glade. If you would like to explore another village, Puyvert is just 3km away, and Ansouis is 10km away.

Facilities

Canoeing/Kayaking • Washing Machine • Villa • Coffee Machine • TV • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Hairdryer • Private Pool • Walk to Village • Cots (Cribs) • Modern • Caves/Pre-historic site • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Amusement park • Water park • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Heating • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- Open-plan kitchen and dining space with doors to the garden, fully-fitted kitchen with oven, hob, dishwasher, blender, coffee machine and dining table seating 6 guests
- Utility room with fridge freezer and washing machine
- Living room with garden access, two sofas and flatscreen TV
- Bedroom with garden access, double bed (160cm, can be converted into two single beds) with en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with garden access, double bed (180cm) and in-room shower and sink
- Guest WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with Juliet balcony, double bed (180cm), sofa, in-room roll top bath, walk-in shower and sink
- Bedroom with Juliet balcony, double bed (160cm, can be converted into two single beds) with en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Guest WC

Outside Grounds

- Private heated swimming pool (12m x 5m) with alarm
- Expansive garden with electric gates
- Covered dining terrace with al-fresco dining table seating 8 guests
- Outdoor sofas
- Poolside sun loungers
- Hammock
- Gas barbecue
- Parking for four cars

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (featured only in the two upstairs bedrooms)
- Heating
- TVs
- Washing machine
- Dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Hairdryers



Location & Local Information

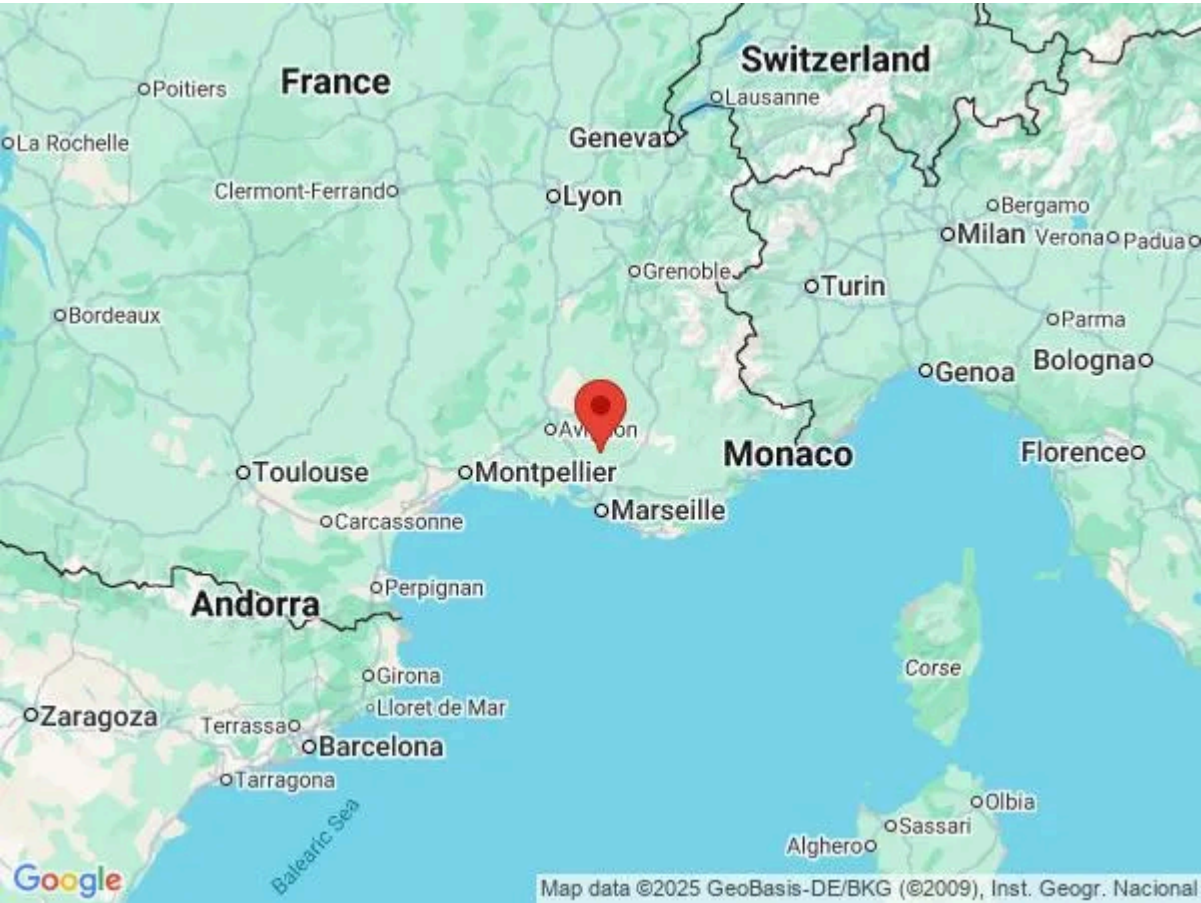
Maison Clafoutis is ideally situated in the verdant hills of Provence and just a short distance from the village of Lourmarin. With walking routes through the Luberon mountains and historic hilltop villages to visit close by, this is the perfect place to stay with family or friends.

When you wish to pick up some fresh bread or visit a quaint café for your morning coffee, you do not have to travel far as the village centre is under 1km away. Lourmarin is known as one of Provence’s most picturesque villages.

For a small place, Lourmarin has lots to offer visitors. The picture-postcard cobbled streets are lined with historic buildings such as the 12th-century Church of St Andrew and St Trophime and the belfry tower, once a castle that defended the region. The village’s best-loved attraction will enchant history lovers - the Château de Lourmarin, sometimes called the Villa Medicis de Provence. This incredible castle was built in the 12th century but expanded and remodelled over the years. The castle was mostly destroyed during the French Revolution but has since been carefully restored so visitors can now explore the original medieval side of the building and the sumptuously decorated Renaissance side. Aside from these historic attractions, the village is also a lovely place to shop, whether you prefer to barter at the Friday market or peruse the artisan shops selling handmade goods and local wines. After a busy day of exploring, you will have a great range of eateries to choose from for dinner, as you will find everything from traditional cafés to Michelin-starred restaurants.

If you would like to discover the charms of another pretty village, then why not drive to Bonnieux, just 14km away, sitting 450m high on a hilltop. Bonnieux is one of Luberon’s finest villages which was originally built using the wealth of the popes who once owned much of this area. The village is surrounded by the original 13th-century walls, which contain maze-like streets, historic washhouses, fountains and even a bread museum. With the best views over the surrounding cedar woodlands and lavender fields, make sure you climb the 86 steps up to the church on the hill.

Aside from the gorgeous nearby villages, this area is great for those wishing to explore the great outdoors. The home is close to the vast Luberon Natural Regional Park, where you can hike, walk and climb through the limestone mountains. In addition, the region is known for its fresh vegetables, cheeses and wines; all produced at local farms and vineyards. It is possible to visit some of the area’s wonderful vineyards, such as Domaine de la Citadelle, which is 25km away. Here you can spend the day walking through the vineyard’s grounds and cellars before visiting the on-site corkscrew museum and tasting the delicious wine samples.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marseille Provence Airport (65km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nîmes Airport (105km)

Nearest Village	Lourmarin (Short walk)
Nearest City	Aix-en-Provence (40km)
Nearest Restaurant	Lourmarin (Less than 1km)
Nearest Shop	Lourmarin (Less than 1km)
Nearest Golf	Centre d'entraînement et Parcours de la Durance (30km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Club Cadenet (6km)
Nearest Beach	Plage de la Lave (64km)

What we love

- The villa is a well-decorated Provençal home, set amidst lovely countryside and which can sleep eight guests in comfort
- The house boasts a large, leafy garden with a covered dining terrace and an inviting private swimming pool surrounded by staggering views
- The village of Lourmarin is under 1km away and is classed as one of the most beautiful villages in France, and has everything you would need within easy reach
- This part of the Luberon is fantastic for wine-tasting, cycling, walking and horse-riding as well as canoeing along the Durance River

What you should know...

- The pool has an alarm but is not fenced, so small children must be supervised at all times.
- Although restaurants and shops are within walking distance, we would recommend renting a car to explore more of the beautiful region!
- Please note that two of the bathrooms have separate WCs.
- Please note that air conditioning is only featured in the two upstairs bedrooms.
- 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:** €2000 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.
- **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.
- **Pool heating charge?:** No, extra €150 per week payable locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.
- **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.