

Fleur De Lupin

Region: France **Sleeps:** 11

Overview

Perfectly located for visiting artist villages, gorgeous market towns, famous chateaux and forested landscapes that have inspired painters since the 19th century, stay in a picture-perfect village house a short drive from Château de Fontainebleau and under an hour from Paris.

Once an uninhabitable farmhouse, the story behind Fleur De Lupin is enchanting; it was lovingly restored in the mid-20th century by its passionate owner who had arrived in France many years earlier as a young boy following the Russian Revolution and later travelled the world as a distinguished French soldier. The house's elegant and charmingly old-fashioned décor tells stories of those travels as well as his Russian heritage. It's a true privilege to be able to experience the warmth and character of this cherished home.

Across the former farmhouse and its adjacent cottage, up to 15 guests can stay at Fleur De Lupin across its eight welcoming bedrooms. Whether huddling by the fireplace or sipping coffee on one of the picturesque terraces outside, it's a joy at any time of year, especially with its two-hectare of gardens filled with evergreens bringing verdant richness across every season. In the summer months, when the glorious swimming pool awaits, look out for discreet splashes of summer colour with geraniums and fuchsia, and seek shade beneath the century-old catalpa tree.

Pick up fresh organic bread from the boulangerie less than a 5-minute drive away and visit nearby farms for a wealth of regional delights such as eggs, cheeses, honey and watercress grown by the local river. Enjoy the ambience in the charming village of Barbizon with its classic French restaurants, pretty shops and art galleries, then soak up the atmosphere in gorgeous Milly-la-Forêt with its monthly



weekend brocante and wonderful Thursday morning market.

Château de Fontainebleau is merely 11km by car, one of France's most famous historic residences, whilst slightly closer to home are the exquisite gardens and fountains of Château de Courance, open most weekends from spring to autumn. Then of course there's the incredible landscapes of the Forêt de Fontainebleau and Parc Naturel Régional du Gâtinais Français, an absolute paradise for hikers, cyclists, horse-riding enthusiasts and even rock-climbers.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Romantic • Washing Machine • Cycling • TV • Villa • Private Pool • Maid Service Available • Cots (Cribs) • Table Tennis • Walk to Village • Bicycles Provided • Rural Location • Climbing • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Forest park/High-rope course • Meal delivery service • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Main House Interiors

- Living room with lots of seating
- Kitchen with breakfast table
- Bedroom with double bed and ensuite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and ensuite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and ensuite bathroom
- Shower room

Cottage Interiors

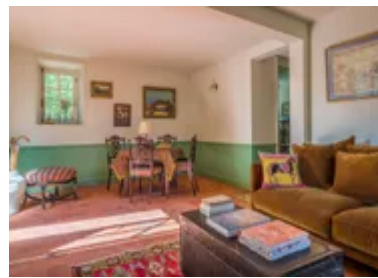
- Living room
- Kitchen with breakfast table
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bedroom with single bed
- Shower room

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (15x5m, depth: 1.6-2.2m) open approximately May to September
- Fenced garden
- Sun loungers
- Terraces with garden furniture
- Barbecue
- Table tennis
- Bikes

Facilities

- Speaker



Location & Local Information

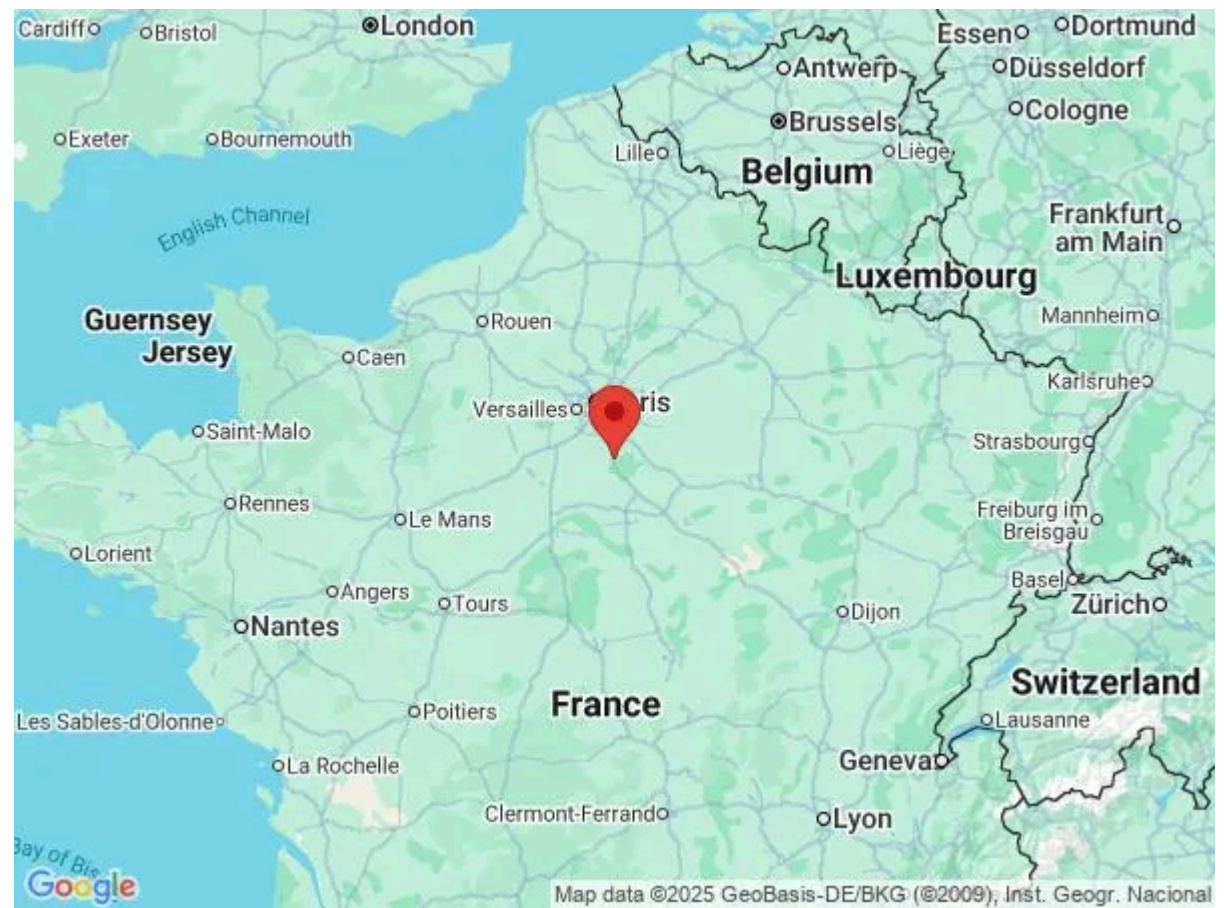
Fleur De Lupin is in a small, characterful village in the Seine-et-Marne department of the Île-de-France region, around 60km from the heart of Paris.

Less than a 5-minute drive away, buy fresh bread and a small selection of gourmet groceries from a nearby *boulangerie*, then head to a local farm, 7km by car, for fresh eggs, meat and seasonal organic fruit and vegetables. Indeed, you will find many excellent farm shops dotted across the countryside and local villages selling regional produce including an especially wonderful honey farm near Boutigny-sur-Essonne.

The historic village of Barbizon (4km), famed for its 19th century landscape artists, features a wealth of very charming shops, restaurants, bars and of course art galleries. Barbizon is the gateway to the Forêt de Fontainebleau, a paradise for walkers, hikers, horse-riding enthusiasts, rock-climbers and mountain bikers. There are further hikes and walking trails across the diverse landscapes of the Parc Naturel Régional du Gâtinais Français.

In the historic town of Fontainebleau (11km) is one of France's most famous royal palaces, Château de Fontainebleau, visited from tourists from across the world. History lovers also note that the beautiful gardens of Château de Fleury-en-Bière are within easy reach whilst Château de Courance (7km) is a little further, close to the picturesque villages of Dannemois and Moigny-sur-École.

The pretty town of Milly-la-Forêt (12km) is home to Jean Cocteau's former house, now a museum, as well as a wonderful Thursday morning market showcasing some of the finest seasonal products of this rich region including watercress grown locally by L'École River. The town is also known for its medicinal herbs and there are two traditional herb shops you can visit in the main square. Look out for the monthly Sunday morning brocante in Milly-la-Forêt and other towns in the area.



Golf-lovers will be delighted to know that the 18-hole UGOLF course at Golf de Cély is only 6km by car whilst Golf de Fontainebleau and Golf de Mennecy-Chevannes are just a little further, both within a 20-minute drive.

Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | Orly Airport (48km) |
| Nearest Airport 2 | Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (80km) |
| Nearest City | Paris (58km) |
| Nearest Ferry Port | Dieppe/Le Havre (250km) |
| Nearest Golf | Golf de Cély (6km) |
| Nearest Restaurant | (4km) |
| Nearest Shop | Boulangerie (2.5km) |
| Nearest Supermarket | In and around Milly-la-Forêt/Fontainebleau (11km) |
| Nearest Town | Fontainebleau (11km) |
| Nearest Train Station | Fontainebleau/Paris Gare du Nord Eurostar/Thalys (14km/65km) |
| Nearest Village | Within small village |

What we love

- A refined French farmhouse which has been beautifully restored with charmingly old-fashioned interiors
- It's two-hectares of gardens are filled with rich evergreens, delightful at any time of year
- Enjoy relaxing on the garden patios and cooling off in the summer swimming pool
- Visit gorgeous local villages, organic farms, market towns and the wonderful landscapes of the Parc Naturel Régional du Gâtinais
- France's famous Château de Fontainebleau is only 11km away whilst the stunning gardens of Château de Courance are even closer

What you should know...

- There are six bedrooms in the main house and two bedrooms in the cottage
- The washing machine and tumble dryer are available on request from the property manager
- 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:** €1500 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:** 4.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 11.00 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 rates for bookings during the Olympic Games may differ and are on request only. Cot and high chair can be provided free of charge, on request.

- **Changeover day:** Any day except Sunday.

- **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?:** Not allowed.

- **Minimum stay:** 2 nights.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs approximately between €2-10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to September. 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.