

Le Belier

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Le Belier is a sensitively renovated Provençal farmhouse in a rural location just outside Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, a holiday home where simple countryside pleasures are enjoyed alongside comfort and convenience.

The air-conditioned and elegantly refurbished interior of the main house showcases the original bastide's wooden beams, exposed stone walls and characterful wooden doors. There are four comfortable double bedrooms whilst an annexe within the grounds offers two further doubles bedrooms, its own small kitchen and a lounge and dining area. Back in the main villa there is plenty of space to take a leisurely evening meal together in the dining room before watching a film making the most of the home cinema or playing a game of billiard.

Set in over one hectare of rustic grounds and bordered by woods, the redolence of the garden's fig, cypress and plane trees is so typical of the region. A wide terrace runs alongside the south side of the house, ideal for chilling out with a book and a glass of wine. You will love the heated pool and pool house with its pizza oven and lounging area for relaxing after your swim.

It is only a 2km drive from Le Belier to the historic centre of St-Rémy and your route into this lovely town conveniently takes you past the supermarket and shops less than five minutes' drive away. Once the practicalities have been sorted, park the car in town and stroll towards the cobbled streets of the pedestrianised centre of the "Jewel of Provence". In a majestic setting between Avignon and Arles, this charming town was loved by Vincent Van Gogh and still inspires many artists. It has galleries, cafés, high-end restaurants and a renowned weekly Wednesday morning market.



The magnificent landscapes of Les Alpilles Natural Park offer many opportunities for exciting family activities as well as the delights of visiting idyllic hillside villages such as Les Baux-de-Provence and Eygalières, both officially classified as *Plus Beaux Villages*. It is a manageable day trip to the fine cities of Avignon and Nîmes or drive southwards towards Arles, the gateway to the impressive Camargue with its salt marshes, wild white horses, black bulls and pink flamingos.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Wine Tasting • Wi-Fi/Internet • TV • Washing Machine • Villa • Coffee Machine • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Hairdryer • Maid Service Available • Cots (Cribs) • Private Pool • Pool/Snooker • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Chef/Cook Available • Modern • Zoo • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Amusement park • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Forest park/High-rope course • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Butler Available • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Home Cinema • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (550m2)

Ground Floor

- Entrance hall
- Large dining area with stone fireplace
- Lounge with library and home-cinema system
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including fridge, freezer, electric oven, microwave, gas hob, dishwasher, mixer and cafetiere
- Office area
- Small lounge and billiard room
- WC with sink
- Laundry room/Cellar

First Floor (via open-sided staircase)

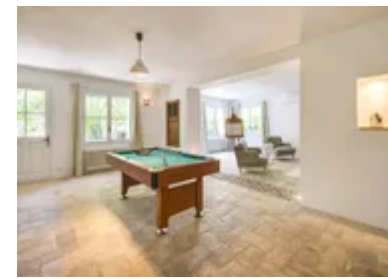
- Master bedroom with double bed (180x200cm), lounge area and bathroom with bath, Italian shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm), dressing area and Italian shower with WC
- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm), shower room with Italian shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm) and cot

Separate Annexe Interiors

- Lounge with small dining area
- Kitchen
- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm), private shower room with Italian shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and dressing area

Outside Grounds (1.08 hectares)

- Heated swimming pool (15x5m, depth: 1.4-1.8m including three steps) with safety alarm
- Pool house with summer lounge and pizza oven
- South-facing terrace
- Barbecue



- Electric gate
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- TV and Home-cinema
- Bluetooth speaker
- Billiard table
- Hairdryers
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

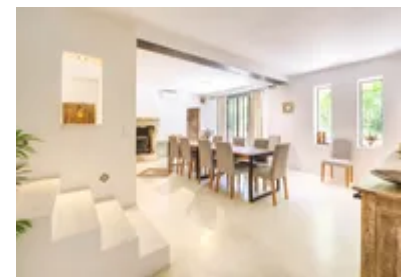
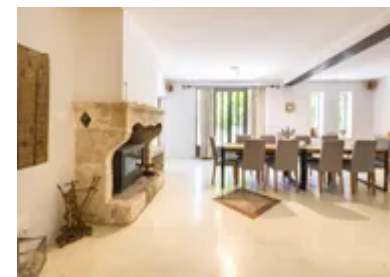
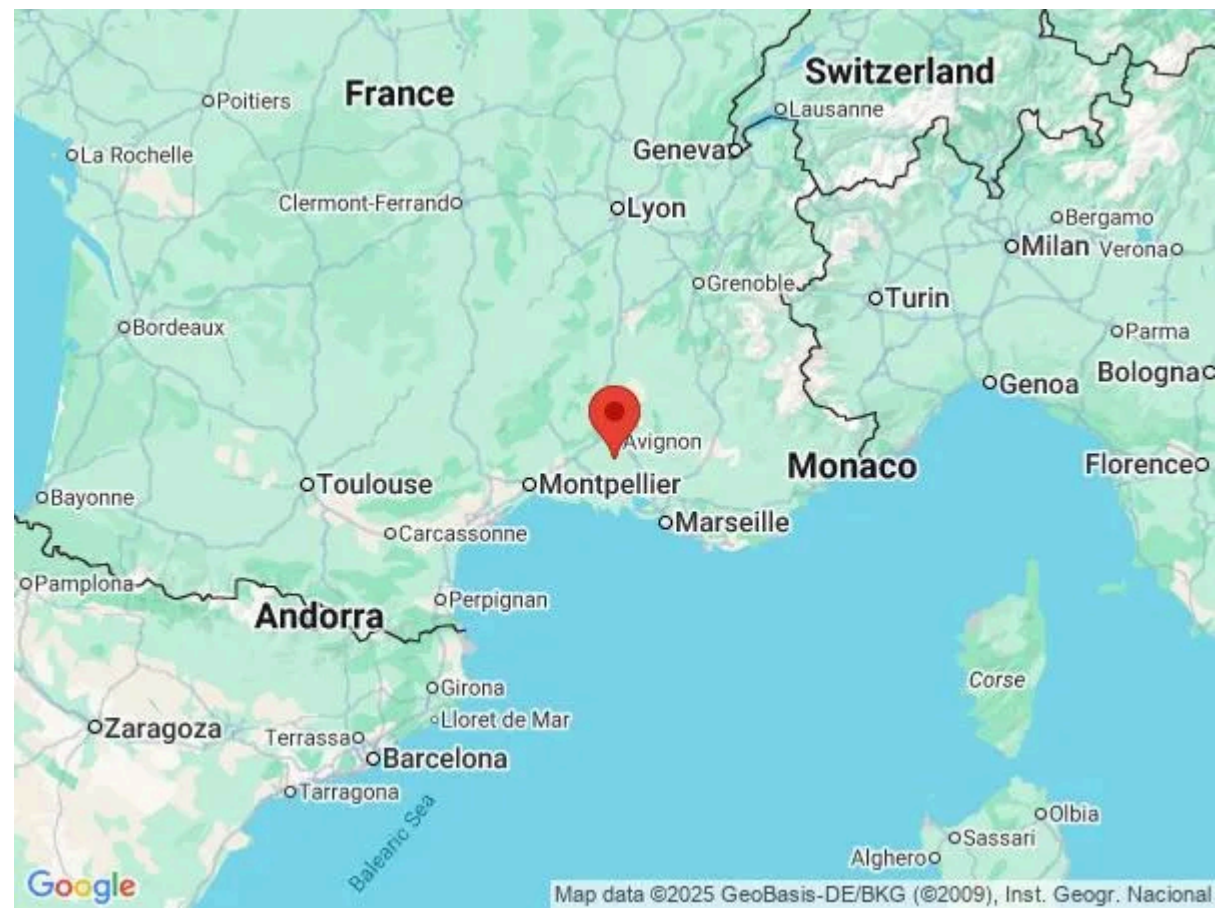
Le Belier is situated in a wooded area around 2km away from the historic centre of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence in the Bouches-du-Rhône department of southern France. The shops, supermarkets and other useful amenities of St-Rémy are conveniently even closer to home, less than 1km away.

This charming town, encircled by plane tree lined roads, was home to Nostradamus, Van Gogh and Gertrude Stein amongst others. It is just lovely to stroll around the characterful cobbled lanes of the car-free centre with its shops, cafés, galleries, restaurants and a colourful Wednesday morning market. Local artists still display and sell their artwork each summer Sunday on the lively Route des Artistes and its worth visiting the Musée Archéologique, to find out more about the archaeological finds at the nearby Roman settlement of Glanum.

St-Rémy lies on the northern edge of the glorious Alpilles Natural Park, the home of small scrub covered mountains, forests, olive groves and summer swathes of sunflowers. It is such a great place for outdoor family activities such as rock climbing, horse riding, hiking and mountain biking as well as more relaxing rambles through gorgeous landscapes. It is here that you will also find the picture-perfect hilltop villages with plane tree shaded squares in this gorgeous part of Provence.

One of these is Les Baux-de-Provence, one of France's several plus beaux villages in the region, just 10km south from Le Belier. Dramatically perched on the hilltop, it has wonderful views towards Arles, the mountain range of Les Alpilles and even the Camargue. Just a few kilometres further south is the pleasant village of Maussane-les-Alpilles, famous for its production of olive oil. Nearby Fontvieille is another picturesque village with white limestone houses where you can walk the "path of the mills".

It is only a 25km drive northwards to the historic city of Avignon, with its two UNESCO World Heritage sites. Arles,



another source of inspiration to Van Gogh is a similar distance southwards from your holiday home. Don't forget to visit the remains of the Roman amphitheatre before ordering coffee and cake at one of the restaurant terraces in Place du Forum, where Van Gogh once painted "Café Terrace at Night".

Southwards from Arles is the splendid Camargue Regional Park, located between the Mediterranean and the two arms of the Rhône river delta. Renowned for its wild white horses, black bulls and pink flamingos, there are great opportunities here for horse riding, quad biking, hiking and bird watching or even an adventurous safari jeep tour from Arles. The capital of the region, Sainte-Maries-de-la-Mer, is just 66km away from Le Belier with its vast sandy beaches.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (21km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nimes Airport (42km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille Airport (75km)
Nearest Train Station	Avignon TGV (22km)
Nearest Town	Saint-Rémy-de-Provence's historic centre (2km)
Nearest Restaurant	In and around Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (Within 2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Aldi and Intermarché Super et Drive (Both within 1.2km)
Nearest City	Avignon (25km)
Nearest Golf	Golf des Baux de Provence (12km)

What we love

- Sympathetically renovated, elegant and spacious air-conditioned farmhouse where beautiful original features contrast stunningly with modern decor
- A modern 2-bed annexe in the garden provides ideal additional accommodation for groups of families or friends
- We love the vast wooded grounds with its heated pool and redolent Provençal trees and shrubs
- A rural setting just outside Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, yet only a 2km drive to the historic cobbled centre of this pretty town
- Many easily accessible trips to exciting places such as Avignon, Nîmes, Arles, the Camargue and even the sandy beaches of the Mediterranean

What you should know...

- The main part of the villa sleeps 8 guests across four doubles whilst a separate annexe within the grounds sleeps 4 guests across two doubles – please see the “Features” for full details on the layout.
- If travelling with youngsters, take care on the partially open-sided staircase.
- 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:** €4000 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. Late 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.
- **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.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €650 payable locally. 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.
- **Pool heating charge?:** No, 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 €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.