

# Le Clos De Mathilde

**Region:** Provence-Alpes   **Sleeps:** 10

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## Overview

A stay in this exquisitely restored and furnished 18th century townhouse is sure to be one of your most memorable holiday experiences. Only a short walk from the centre of a charming village, its ancient stone walls hold the secrets of generations.

Share a meal in the modern kitchen-diner where a picturesquely arched doorway leads to a pretty courtyard. Take the stairs up to the magnificent beamed ceiling of the elegantly furnished living room, where you have access to the pool terrace. Relax with a book on the comfy chair in the quaint reading nook or catch up on your e-mails on the mezzanine level above while the children enjoy hiding away in the cosy snug.

The fascinating layout of this characterful and fully air-conditioned house is one of its delights and it will be fun finding your fabulous bedrooms, four of which are reached by two separate flights of stairs. Above them all is the amazing fifth bedroom with lovely views over the village.

Outside, surrounded by ancient stone walls, is a courtyard for romantic al-fresco dining as well as having a shaded space beyond its arches. A delightful enclosed outdoor swimming pool is rather extraordinarily constructed at the top of a flight of stairs in the converted ruins of this part of the house.

Enjoy the stroll to the centre of the village where you will find restaurants, cafés and a bakery for breakfast croissants. You'll conveniently find the supermarket in nearby L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, a gorgeous market town encircled by the river with canals, bridges and waterwheels alongside its lovely streets. As well as its well-known weekend markets, it is renowned for its many antique shops and there are bars, cafés and restaurants in



the old town.

A short drive from your holiday home is Gordes, officially one of the most beautiful villages in France, built on the foothills of the Monts de Vaucluse facing the Luberon. There are many family activities in the superb landscapes of the Luberon such as hiking, cycling, horse riding and rock-climbing. There are other idyllic villages to visit such as Lacoste, Ménerbes and Bonnieux or you might want to travel to the magnificent small mountains of Les Alpilles towards Arles or enjoy a day trip to the historic city of Avignon or even Aix-en-Provence.

## Facilities

Air-Con • Cycling • Hairdryer • TV • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walking/Hiking Paths • Coffee Machine • Villa • Washing Machine • Romantic • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Walk to Village • Cots (Cribs) • Private Pool • Garage • Instagrammable • Zoo • Caves/Pre-historic site • Climbing • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Forest park/High-rope course • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Heating • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## Maison Interiors

### Ground Level

- Open-plan kitchen and dining table seating 6 with large doors leading to al-fresco dining terrace. Well-equipped kitchen with electric oven, microwave, induction hob, dishwasher, fridge-freezer and Nespresso or filter coffee machine

### First Floor

- Living room with TV
- Snug area
- Reading corner
- Bedroom (50m<sup>2</sup>) with four-poster double bed (160x200cm), seating area and partially open en suite shower room with walk-in shower, sink and separate WC
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm), dressing table/desk, dressing room (across the hall) and en suite shower room with walk-in shower, sink and separate WC

### Second Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) with access to mezzanine level with small desk
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split into a twin)
- Shower room with walk-in shower, two sinks and separate WC

### Top Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm)
- Shower room with walk-in shower and sink

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (6.5x3.5m). Pool area accessed via steps and safety gate
- Courtyard garden for al-fresco dining/relaxation
- Gas barbecue and plancha
- Lockable garage (one car)

## Facilities

- Ironing facilities





## Location & Local Information

Le Clos de Mathilde is located near the centre of a small village in the Vaucluse Department of Provence, about 6km from the town of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue.

In this charming village there is a small handful of restaurants, cafés and a bakery for breakfast croissants. Find a supermarket in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, a gorgeous market town known as the "Venice of the North", with canals, bridges and water wheels - it is particularly well known for its many antique shops as well as its weekend street markets including the Sunday morning *brocante*.

It is a 15 minute drive eastwards to find Gordes, one of the seven most beautiful French villages in the Vaucluse, built on the foothills of the Monts de Vaucluse and facing the Luberon - don't miss the fragrant summer lavender fields of nearby Sénanque Abbey.

Travel further into the heart of the Luberon to the small town of Apt at the foot of the mountain range between the Vaucluse and Luberon. It is classified as a *site remarquable du gout* as a result of the fine local produce sold at its two markets.

Explore the hiking and biking trails of the Luberon National Park, play a round of golf at the picturesque Golf de Saumane, canoe down the crystal clear waters of the River Sorgue or take a tour of the Luberon vineyards and wineries.

14km from Le Clos de Mathilde is Ménerbes, a village perched on the hilltop in the Luberon Mountains, yet another of the *plus beaux villages* in France with restaurants, cafés, a bakery and ice-cream parlour. There are other idyllic villages to visit such as Lacoste, Ménerbes and Bonnieux. Take the exciting drive southwards from Bonnieux through the glorious Luberon hills and cedar forests to Lourmarin, once an important staging post on the Marseille-Apt route running through the mountain range.



A 40 minute drive southwards towards Eyguières will give you a taste of Les Alpilles or visit artistic Saint-Rémy-de-Provence on the edge this amazing area. If you feel like exploring further afield, take a day trip to Avignon with its UNESCO World Heritage sites. Aix-en-Provence, one of France's finest university towns, is also well worth a visit and Arles, the gateway to the Carmargue, is just over an hour's drive away.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (22km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Provence Airport (68km)
Nearest Train Station	L'Isle-sur-Sorgue/Avignon TGV (6.5km/32km)
Nearest Village	Small Provençal village (0km)
Nearest Restaurant	In the village (200m)
Nearest Supermarket	Vival grocery store (1.8km)
Nearest Town	L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (6km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (4km)

## What we love

- This exquisitely restored 18th century home is ideal for a large group of family or friends - just a pleasant stroll to the heart of a charming village
- Ancient stone walls envelop beautifully refurbished rooms with 21st century comforts and conveniences including air-conditioning
- Step out onto the wonderful courtyard garden, which is complete with a private swimming pool
- It's a short drive to the lovely L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue and a great base for exploring this idyllic area of Provence
- Visit picture-perfect Luberon villages such as Gordes, Bonnieux and Ménerbes or take a day trip to sun-drenched Aix-en-Provence

## What you should know...

- There is a lockable garage for one car whilst other car parking can be found along village streets near the house
- 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:** €1000 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?:** Included. 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 in rental price.