

Grange Des Prairies

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 6

Overview

Sit back with a glass of Luberon *rosé* as you relax in your courtyard garden on a summer evening with a view towards the illuminated 12th century château, before wandering just down the lane to one of the village restaurants.

This beautifully renovated house with its own small swimming pool is in the heart of a charming Provençal village just a short drive from L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue and Fontaine-de-Vaucluse. It was once a silkworm factory, then a haybarn and 18th century wine cellar. More recently it has been exquisitely renovated into a stylish holiday home for up to 6 guests.

The interiors of air-conditioned Grange des Prairies are akin to a boutique-style abode. Step into the open-plan living space with its chic furnishings, Smart TV and open kitchen whilst each of the three pretty bedrooms has its own modern shower (there is also a fourth shower room just by the lounge). The characterful double upstairs is probably our favourite with its balcony and the most incredible vista over the rooftops towards Provence countryside.

It's such a privilege to have your very own tree-filled garden with a table for al-fresco dining by the plancha alongside deck chairs and sun loungers by the small swimming pool, just perfect for cooling off on warm summer afternoons.

Follow the steps down to your main entrance porch and walk straight into the village with a small handful of restaurants, a *boulangerie*, butchers, bar-tabac and small grocery store. A little further afield, L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue is just 6km away with its waterwheels, antique stores and famous Sunday morning brocante whilst Coustellet



(5.5km) hosts a lovely Farmer's market at the same time, also home to the Lavender Museum.

Discover the beauty of Fontaine-de-Vaucluse before heading off on a hiking or canoeing excursion, visit the highly regarded winery and Musée de l'Huile d'Olive near Oppède, and potter around some of the Luberon's idyllic perched villages such as Gordes, Ménerbes and Bonnieux. Try the summer cherries of Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt, enjoy the Saturday morning market in Apt or venture to Maussane-les-Alpilles and Les Baux-de-Provence for some of France's finest olive oil - this is such a fantastic location for exploring so much of Provence.

Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Maid Service Available • Tennis Nearby • Walk to Village • Romantic • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Coffee Machine • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Smart TV • Sauna/Steam • Heating • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors

The garden entrance is accessed from the main street - there is one 20cm step into the entrance porch and then three 22cm steps up to the garden and main level.

Garden Level/Main Floor

- Open-plan lounge with double sofa-bed (on request), small dining table and open kitchen, well-equipped with dishwasher, oven, coffee machine, microwave, fridge and toaster
- Shower room with shower and WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160x200cm), shower and sink
- Small bedroom (accessed via courtyard garden) with double bed (140x200cm), shower, sink and WC
- Finnish sauna (on request at an additional cost)

Upper Level (via a staircase with no door at the top)

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160x200cm), balcony terrace, shower, sink and WC

For larger groups it is also possible to rent 2-bedroom Petite Savane (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/provence-alpes/petite-savane/>) which is part of the same house, on the lower level (with its own entrance on street level). The two parts of the house are connected via a pretty staircase when rented together.

Outside Grounds

- Courtyard walled garden
- Small swimming pool (4x1.8m, depth: max 1.2m) with waterfall feature and safety alarm
- Shaded terrace
- Small al-fresco dining table
- Sun loungers and deck chairs
- Plancha

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Finnish sauna (on request at an additional cost)
- Smart TV
- Washing machine



Location & Local Information

Grange des Prairies is in the heart of an old village in the Vaucluse department of Provence, just 33km from the historic city of Avignon and less than a 10-minute drive to Fontaine-de-Vaucluse and L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue. Step out of your entrance porch and straight into the heart of this charming village with a couple of restaurants, *boulangerie*, butchers, bar-tabac and épicerie just a short walk away.

The picture-perfect town of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (6km) is easily reached, often referred to as the "little Venice of Provence" with its bridges and waterwheels. Enjoy lunch by the riverside, potter around its little antique shops and don't miss the wonderful Sunday morning market including one of France's most famous brocantes.

Food-lovers note there are some great shops and a popular Farmer's market on a Sunday morning in nearby Coustellet (5.5km), also home to the Lavender Museum and close to the Musée de l'Huile d'Olive (part of a highly regarded winery). You will find good-sized supermarkets in Coustellet and L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue.

Fontaine-de-Vaucluse is a paradise for hiking enthusiasts with its incredible natural beauty whilst there are canoeing and kayaking opportunities along the Sorgue as well as a tree-top activity centre and other child-friendly activities near the river (as always, seasonal opening times apply). Furthermore, the 18-hole course at Golf de Saumane is just over five minutes in the car.

Venture into the Luberon and discover lavender fields, cherry orchards, vineyards and woodland amongst some of France's classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*' including Gordes (12km), Ménerbes (13km) and red-hued Roussillon (21km). It's a brilliant region for cycling, walking, wine-tasting or just wandering around the perched villages, especially on market day, and dining in excellent restaurants, many with magnificent Luberon views from their terraces. The Saturday morning market in Apt (29km) is the largest in the Luberon.



You are also well placed for the undulating scenery of Les Alpilles with the artistic town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (34km) just over half an hour away, and the pretty villages of Eygalières, Maussane-les-Alpilles and famous Les Baux-de-Provence all within an hour.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marseille Airport (64km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nîmes Airport (72km)
Nearest Train Station	L'Isle-sur-Sorgue/Avignon TGV (7km/31km)
Nearest Village	In the heart of a village (0km)
Nearest Restaurant	In the village (100m)
Nearest Shop	Épicerie (Within 600m)
Nearest Supermarket	Super U et Drive (6km)
Nearest Town	L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (6km)
Nearest City	Avignon (33km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (5km)

What we love

- A stunning renovation – expect contemporary interiors in the style of a boutique hotel
- How lovely to have your own courtyard garden and small swimming pool in the heart of an old Provençal village!
- The upper balcony's views over the rooftops towards the Provence countryside are wonderful
- Stroll out to the village restaurants, bakery, butchers and bar-tabac. The owner especially recommends the auberge less than 100m away
- The beautiful riverside town of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue is just 6km away
- The perfect base for exploring the Luberon, Les Alpilles and the incredible natural landscapes of Fontaine-de-Vaucluse

What you should know...

- One of the bedrooms (the small double) is accessed via the garden courtyard, separate to the main part of the house.
- Each of the bedrooms has its own en suite showers open-plan to the bedrooms.
- There is no car parking outside the house but there are car parks in the village or you may be able to find a space on the street.
- 2-bedroom *Petite Savane* (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/provence-alpes/petite-savane/>) is part of the same building (on the lower level with its own entrance) and is rented out separately. They can be rented together to sleep up to 10 guests in total (subject to availability) – a pretty staircase connects the two parts of the house.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €900 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:** 5.20 p.m. - 7.00 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. The Finnish sauna is available on request for an additional €25/day, payable on arrival in cash. The sauna can be booked for the duration of the stay only.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday in high season. Flexible during all other periods.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No, extra €199, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment. This is for a standard changeover clean. 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?:** No.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in high season. 4 nights during all other periods.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 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.