

Le Soleil D'Or

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 9

Overview

This beautifully unique Provençal farmhouse exudes character and artistic flair, set in its own pretty garden with a gently heated swimming pool. Here you are staying on a magnificent wine estate owned by Ridley Scott and family, surrounded by vineyards in the foothills of the Luberon below the perched village of Oppède le Vieux.

Lounge back in the wood-beamed lounge admiring the carefully curated artwork, objets d'art and even the occasional prop from the owner's illustrious Hollywood career. Guests can expect air-conditioning throughout as well as chic furnishings and high-end features. The contemporary kitchen is sleek, there's Smart TV and an iPod dock and each of the five bedrooms has been stylishly designed with gorgeous en suite bathrooms. One of the bedrooms is set within its own apartment with a lounge and kitchen, still part of the main house but with an independent entrance, ideal for a couple seeking a little privacy.

The Mediterranean garden is your very own haven of tranquility with verdant trees, a beautiful swimming pool and shaded terrace for al-fresco dining. Imagine relaxing in the dappled shade with a glass of the estate's wine in hand as you embrace the calmness of your idyllic surroundings. Indeed, you will have the opportunity to sample some of the domaine's wines during your complimentary hour-long winery tour and there is a wonderful wine shop within the estate, just a short stroll away.

Guests often walk to the local village (or it's a short drive way) where you will find a boulangerie, small grocery store, café and restaurants. Drive up to perched Oppède le Vieux to soak up its rich medieval heritage and marvel at the stunning views, then take time to visit nearby Ménerbes,



the hilltop village that inspired 'A Year in Provence'. Other iconic villages of the Luberon include Gordes, Roussillon and Bonnieux. Come across local markets showcasing delights of the region such as cherries, strawberries, melons, cheeses, honey, lavender products, olive oil and wine.

Explore the dreamy landscapes by bike or on foot, canoe along the Sorgue River, enjoy tree-top adventures and discover rock-climbing and mountain biking opportunities. Try yet more wines of the Luberon and Rhône valley, sample the olive oil of Les Alpilles, find antique treasures in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue and admire the rich history of this incredible region as you visit towns and cities from Avignon and Aix-en-Provence to Arles and Nîmes.

Facilities

Coffee Machine • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Cycling • Walking/Hiking Paths • Romantic • Not for little ones • Hairdryer • Villa • Washing Machine • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Private Pool • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Rural Location • Instagrammable • Wine-Tasting Available • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Boules/Petanque • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Smart TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors (350m2)

- Lounge and dining area
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including dishwasher, espresso machine and toaster
- Guest WC
- Bedroom with king size double bed (180x200cm) and en suite bathroom
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- Bedroom with single bed (90x200cm) and en suite bathroom

Separate Wing (own entrance)

- Living area and kitchen
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and en suite bathroom
- Garden access

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (13x5m, depth: 1.2-1.9m) with safety alarm (movement alarm on side of the pool). Heated approximately May to September
- Poolside shower
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers and parasols
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Gas barbecue
- Garden
- Shady car parking area (four cars)
- Petanque court

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Fireplace
- Smart TV
- iPod dock
- Board games/puzzles
- Bathrobes
- Hairdryer
- Fire extinguishers and smoke detectors
- Ironing facilities
- Washing machine and dryer



Location & Local Information

Le Soleil D'Or is located within an approximately 30-hectare wine estate in the foothills of the Luberon, below the medieval perched village of Oppède le Vieux. The domaine and its houses are owned by a prestigious Hollywood filmmaker.

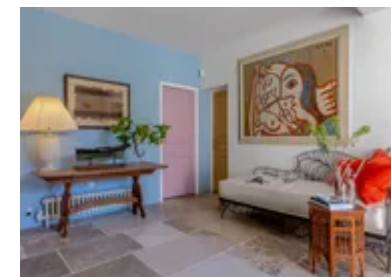
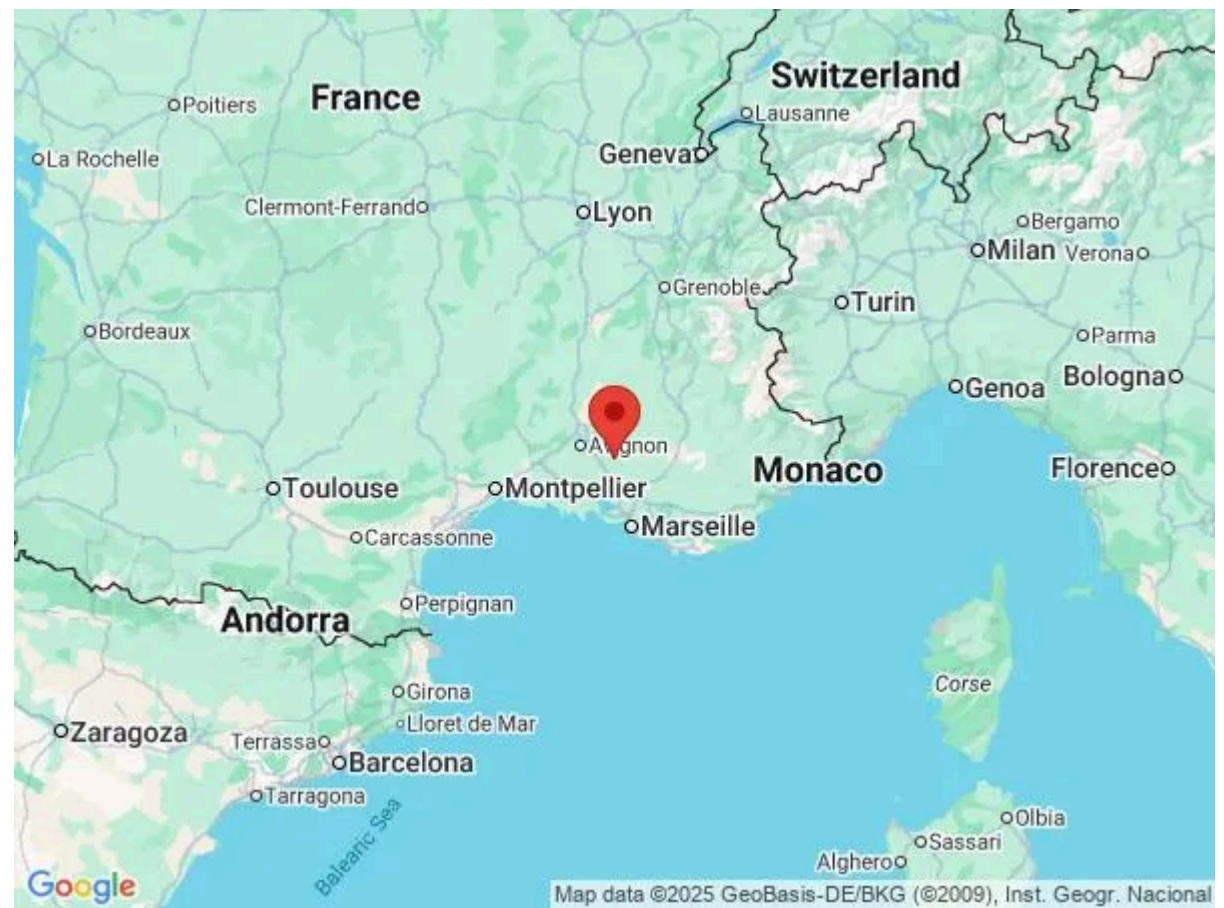
Arriving by aeroplane, the nearest airports are in Avignon (29km), Marseille (68km) and Nîmes (80km). If travelling by train, there are fast services from Lille and Paris Gare de Lyon to Gare d'Avignon TGV which is around 42km from your holiday home.

Enjoy a complimentary hour-long 'classic' tour of the winery including tastings of the estate's wines and you can also visit the wonderful wine shop which is open seven days a week in the summer (closed Mondays and Sundays from October to May), just a short walk away. The estate prides itself on its traditional Provençal wine-growing methods, respecting the vines' biodiversity, and they have recently created a modern wine cellar to produce their own wines on site.

The local village is around 1.7km away, either a short drive or walk following the local country roads (no pavement). The village hosts a bakery, small grocery store, café and restaurants whilst there are two good-sized supermarkets and more attractive shops in nearby Coustellet (6.5km). The Sunday morning Farmer's market in Coustellet is highly regarded by food enthusiasts whilst the Musée de l'Huile d'Olive can be spotted en route, just under 4km away, a good place for olive oil (and more wine) tastings.

Oppède le Vieux (4km) is one of the Luberon's iconic perched villages – soak up its rich medieval heritage as you stroll around this once-abandoned village that has been brought back to life. There are some superb walks in and around the village – hike up to Église Notre-Dame Dalidon to admire the glorious scenery around you.

The Luberon is loved for its enchanting landscapes of cherry orchards, woodland, vineyards and wild flowers, not



to mention its incredible hilltop villages scattered across the landscapes. Experience the charm of Ménerbes (3.7km), the artistic light of Gordes (12km), the ochre-coloured landscapes of Roussillon (17km) and the beauty of Bonnieux (16km). Come across atmospheric weekly markets and gastronomic restaurants – seasonal delights from the region include cherries, strawberries, Cavaillon melons, charcuterie, honey, cheeses, olive oil, wine and lavender products of course.

Enjoy long walks, make the most of the hiking opportunities, cycle on family-friendly green-ways, sail along the Sorgue by canoe or kayak, and discover mountain biking and rock-climbing opportunities. Beyond the Luberon, Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (21km) offers a wealth of outdoor adventures whilst L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (17km) is a paradise for antique lovers – its Sunday morning brocante is not to be missed!

Not forgetting the historic cities of Avignon (37km) and Nîmes (80km), the romantic town of Aix-en-Provence (65km) and artistic Saint-Rémy (35km), just some of many highlights in this captivating part of southern France.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (29km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Airport (68km)
Nearest Airport 3	Nîmes Airport (80km)
Nearest City	Avignon (37km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (16km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (1.7km)
Nearest Shop	Bakery and grocery store in local village (1.7km)
Nearest Supermarket	Coustellet (6.2km)

Nearest Tennis	Local village (1.8km)
Nearest Town	Cavaillon (12.5km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Cavaillon/Gare d'Avignon TGV (13km/42km)
Nearest Village	Oppède (1.7km)

What we love

- A gorgeously styled abode with a heated swimming pool set within a beautiful wine estate owned by Ridley Scott and family
- Admire the bold works of art across the house alongside chic furnishings and even the occasional movie prop!
- Sit back in the dappled shade overlooking the idyllic garden and gently heated swimming pool
- The estate's wine shop is just a short stroll away - enjoy a complimentary wine tour and tasting of the domaine's aromatic wines
- The local village, only 1.5km away, is home to a boulangerie, épicerie and restaurants whilst the idyllic perched villages of Oppède le Vieux and Ménerbes are within a short drive
- Indeed, this is such a fine location for exploring the beauty and heritage of Provence's Luberon and beyond

What you should know...

- One of the bedrooms is in a separate wing to the main house with its own living area, kitchen and private entrance.
- This villa is not suitable for children under the age of 12 – this is due to various reasons including the fact that there are works of art and unique furnishings/pieces across the home as well as the desire to create a calm ambience.
- The lovely Villa Grenade (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/provence-alpes/villa-grenade/>) and Villa Pamplémousse (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/provence-alpes/villa-pamplémousse/>) are also within the same wine estate, around 200m away.
- Please note the attentive Property Manager is usually on-site in her office (just across the road) on week days.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €4500 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation before arrival (taken by Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment) 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. Additional linen and towel changes can be requested at extra cost.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Children under the age of 12 are not allowed to stay at these villas. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Friday.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes and mid-stay clean on a Monday morning. 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. Extra cleaning can be requested at €35/hr
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.
- **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.
- **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 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?:** The pool is gently heated 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.