

Maison Centurion

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

Overview

A short drive from St Rémy and the landscapes of Les Alpilles, stay at this elegant 5-bedroom country house with a glorious garden and swimming pool, ideal for visiting the many gems of Provence.

Following a sensitive renovation, the owners of Maison Centurion have created a beautiful home with style and character. The gracefully designed house has been furnished with flair and refinement featuring a blend of contemporary and antique pieces, whilst artwork and books add to the charming ambience. There is air-conditioning throughout and all five pretty bedrooms have their own modern bath/shower room.

Sit beneath the wisteria-clad pergola for al-fresco meals looking out towards the vast garden with all the sights and scents of Provence – cypress trees, boxwood, oleander and summer lavender. Dip into the gorgeous 17m long swimming pool as you soak up these idyllic surroundings.

Passing countryside scenery and farmland, a traditional village is only 3km away with its restaurants, café bars and little Thursday morning market. Driving south, you will soon reach bustling St Rémy-de-Provence (7km) famed for its Van Gogh heritage, art galleries, authentic restaurants and wonderful Wednesday morning market that attracts visitors from across the region.

Heading to the heart of Les Alpilles, passing olive groves, forests and idyllic limestone valleys, come across gems such as Les Baux-de-Provence, Maussane-les-Alpilles and Eygalières. Slightly further afield, venture to the art galleries and Roman sites of Arles, the gateway to the Camargue, or soak up the rich history of Avignon, Nimes and Le Pont du Gard.



Meanwhile, admire the antique stores and waterways of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue and canoe along the Sorgue near Fontaine-de-Vaucluse. If you can find the time, potter around some of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' in the Luberon and sample the famous French wines of the Rhône valley – the activities seem endless during your time in this marvellous part of Provence.

Facilities

Air-Con • Rural Location • Tennis Nearby • Villa • DVD • Maid Service Available • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Chef/Cook Available • Animal farm • Zoo • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Forest park/High-rope course • Babysitting Available • Butler Available • Private Pool • Meal delivery service • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • TV • Heating • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors (250m²)

Ground Floor

- Living area with TV and library
- Dining room
- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped including fridge-freezer, ice-maker, electric oven, microwave, gas hob and dishwasher. Doors lead to terrace and garden
- Back kitchen/pantry
- WC and sink

Upstairs

- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm), TV and bathroom with bath, shower and private WC
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x190cm) and shower room with private WC
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and shower room with private WC
- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm - can be split into twin), TV and bathroom with bath, shower and private WC

Garden Annexe

- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm) and shower room with private WC

Outside Grounds (8000m²), enclosed/tree-lined

- Swimming pool (17x4m, depth: 0.8-2m) with safety alarm
- Pool house and WC
- Pergola covered terrace for al-fresco dining
- Barbecue
- Private parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Washing machine and dryer
- Ironing facilities
- Heating
- TV and DVD player
- Music system and CDs
- Books
- Hairdryers



Location & Local Information

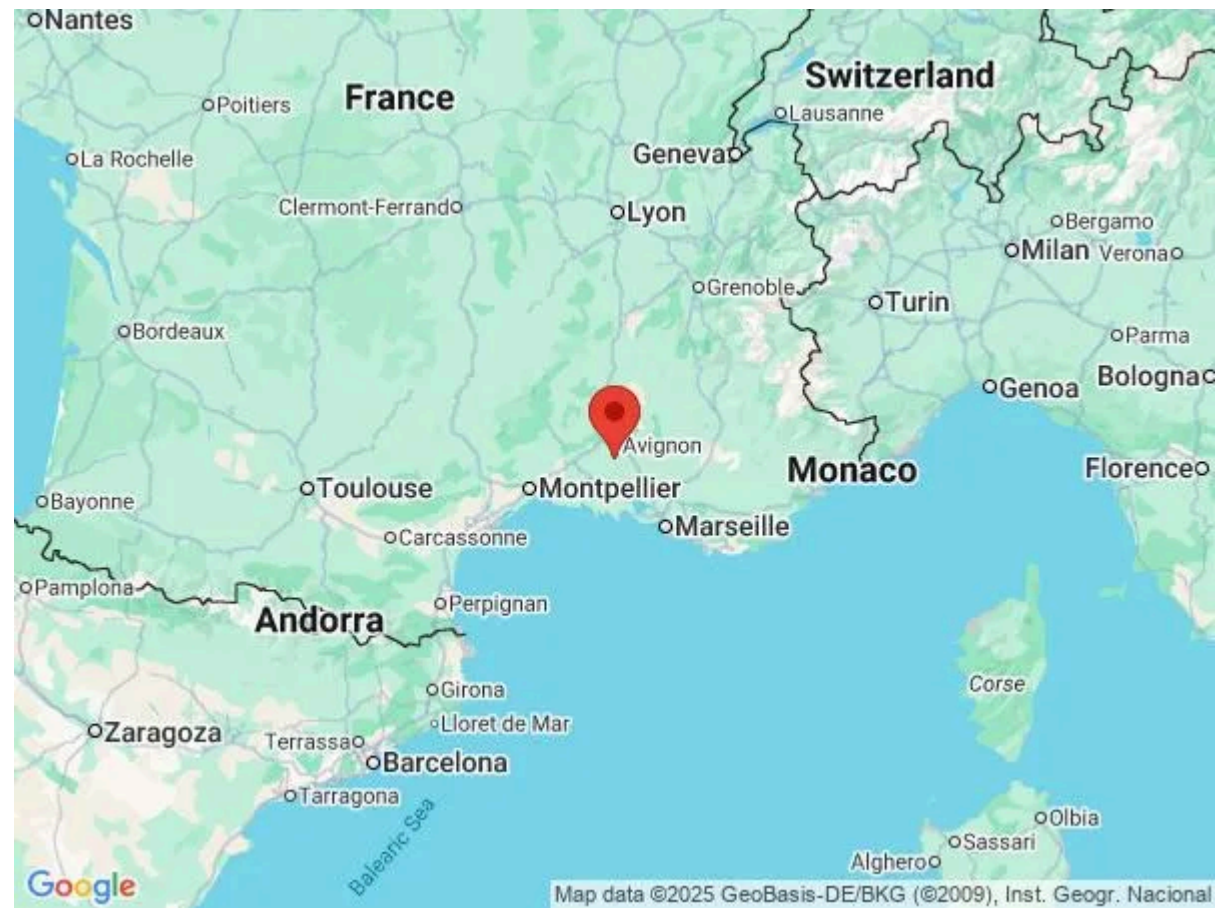
Around a 10-minute drive north of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, Maison Centurion is in the Bouches-du-Rhône department of southern France, a fine location for visiting Avignon, Nîmes and Rhône valley vineyards alongside the beautiful landscapes and villages of both Les Alpilles and the Luberon.

The house is in a rural setting surrounded by farmland and countryside with a couple of neighbouring houses. A small traditional village is 5 minutes by car with a handful of restaurants/cafes as well as other useful amenities and a Thursday morning market. Other local villages include Eyragues (4km), Graveson (5.5km) and Châteaurenard (9km) whilst the historic riverside town of Tarascon (14km) is also easily reached. Around this part of Provence admire olive groves, orchards, farming land and cypress trees, on the edge of the Parc naturel régional des Alpilles.

Heading south, bustling Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (7km) is the gateway to Les Alpilles, a town known for its art galleries and Van Gogh heritage. Dine out in atmospheric restaurants and soak up the ambience of the wonderful Wednesday morning market where regional traders showcase a wealth of delicious produce and artisan crafts.

Driving through the idyllic scenery of Les Alpilles, visit hilltop Les Baux-de-Provence (14km), one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', enjoy lunch on the village square in Maussane-les-Alpilles (17km), follow the windmill walking route near Fontvieille (18km) and celebrity-spot in idyllic Eygalières (20km). Walk or hike through olive groves, forests and glorious limestone valleys.

Another lovely day out is L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (32km), famed for its antique stores and Sunday morning brocante. Follow hiking trails near Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (37km) or canoe/kayak along the Sorgue River before venturing to the Luberon with its iconic perched villages – Gordes, Ménerbes and Roussillon are less than an hour away.



Meanwhile, there are the great historic cities of Avignon (20km) and Nîmes (44km), the foothills of Mont Ventoux (Bédoin is an hour away by car, a mecca for cyclists) and the vineyards of the Rhône valley with the wineries of Châteauneuf-du-Pape (33km) within a 45-minute drive north.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (19km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nîmes Airport (42km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille Airport (81km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare d'Avignon TGV (16km)
Nearest Village	Provençal village (Within 3km)
Nearest Restaurant	In and around local village (Within 3km)
Nearest Supermarket	Small supermarket in local village (3km)
Nearest Town	Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (7km)
Nearest City	Avignon (20km)
Nearest Golf	(13.5km)

What we love

- Admire beautiful furnishings and impressive artwork across this elegantly restored country home close to St Rémy-de-Provence.
- Stay cool in the warmer months with air-conditioning throughout the villa.
- Sit beneath the wisteria-clad terrace set within the idyllic garden featuring cypress trees, oleander, lavender and the 17m long swimming pool.
- Explore the gorgeous landscapes of Les Alpilles – Les Baux-de-Provence is only 15km away.
- Spend the day soaking up the rich history of Avignon, Nîmes or Le Pont du Gard.

What you should know...

- The fifth bedroom is located in a separate annex in the garden, near to the main house, which is perfect for those wanting greater privacy.
- Please note that published rates are only valid from March to October only. All other periods are on request only - please enquire for full availability and prices.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.

- **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:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their 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 published rates are only valid from March to October only. All other periods are on request only - please enquire for full availability and prices. The fifth bedroom is located in a separate annex in the garden, near to the main house.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes, including 4 hours of mid-week cleaning. 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.

- **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.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (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.