

Maison Des Courmettes

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 16

Overview

What will be your favourite corner of this vast Mediterranean garden – the outdoor lounge by the olive trees, the lavender field, the wisteria-clad archways or shady spots beneath the century-old trees? Not to mention the football goals, sandpit, pétanque and the swimming pool of course!

Then there's the Loup River just beyond Maison des Courmettes' gates, an idyllic spot for nature watching and picnics. This beautiful house and its large garden is in the Côte d'Azur hinterland between Grasse and the picture-perfect perched village of Tourrettes-sur-Loup.

Having been lovingly restored, Maison des Courmettes is an authentic and welcoming family home for up to 16 guests across the main house and a garden annexe. The lounge and dining area are gorgeous with a fire for cooler months whilst the newly renovated kitchen-diner is modern yet elegant. The main house is home to six bedrooms, our favourite being the master bedroom on the first floor with a private terrace and a romantic bath with the most beautiful view!

A garden annexe houses another two bedrooms alongside a living-dining area and kitchenette, ideal perhaps for a small family seeking a little independence or accompanying grandparents.

When not dining al-fresco on the terrace or sipping Côte de Provence overlooking the garden, head out to local villages and towns to truly soak up the charming ambience of this part of southern France. From Grasse's flower market and Tourrettes-sur-Loup's flower-filled medieval lanes to Mougins' gastronomic restaurants and Cannes' palm fringed shores, there is so much to experience nearby.



Meanwhile, the most adventurous can hike through the Gorges du Loup, admire stunning waterfalls, try canyoning and aquatic hiking or find pretty spots for swimming. Return to your riverside French abode to relax with a coffee as you listen out for cicadas and the flowing river beyond.

Facilities

Weddings • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Watersports • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Boat Trips • Coffee Machine • Villa • Washing Machine • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Chef/Cook Available • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Available • Private Pool • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Amusement park • Transfers Available • Water park • Forest park/High-rope course • Trampoline • Pool Safety Feature • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Football net • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (360m2)

- Open-plan living room with sofas and TV
- Open-plan dining area and fireplace
- Kitchen (via two steps), fully-equipped
- Master bedroom with double bed and doors leading to private upper terrace
- 3 x bedrooms with double bed
- Bedroom with bunk-bed and single bed
- Bedroom with twin beds
- 4 x bathrooms with bath and/or shower (two en suite)

Garden Cottage Annexe

- Open-plan lounge, dining area and kitchenette
- Bedroom with double bed, bunk-bed and en suite bathroom with WC
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with WC
- Terrace

Outside Grounds (three acres, fenced)

- Swimming pool (11x5m, depth: max 1.8m) with safety fencing
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers
- Covered terrace with al-fresco dining and lounge area
- Barbecue
- Large garden
- Lavender field
- Trampoline
- Pétanque court
- Football goals
- River access (just beyond the villa's gates)



Location & Local Information

Following a track by the Loup River, you will soon reach the gates of Maison des Courmettes, set in vast grounds (one hectare). How wonderful to have the river so close – this is such a beautiful, natural setting.

It feels rural yet not too remote with some neighbouring houses, less than a 3km drive to the tiny village of Le Bar sur Loup. There are further amenities and a little weekly market in and around Châteauneuf including a Casino supermarket (6.5km).

The heart of Tourrettes-sur-Loup (7km) is in the other direction with magnificent views of the surrounding landscapes from its perched setting. The fortified village dates back to the 15th century and it is a joy to explore its characterful narrow lanes with stone houses, vaulted archways, little art studios, flower-filled squares and charming restaurants. Like many villages in this area, it has attracted several artists and writers over the years and it is also known for its violet flower production (visit La Bastide aux Violettes to learn more).

Continue on to artistic Vence (13km) and St Paul de Vence (16km), both renowned for their charm, beauty, art heritage and breathtaking French Riviera views. The independent art gallery, Fondation Maeght, and Matisse's Chapelle du Rosaire are not to missed by art-lovers.

The French Riviera coastline is also within easy reach whether you venture towards the charming old town of Antibes (26km), the beachside restaurants of Juan-les-Pins (27km), the coastal walking trails of Cap d'Antibes (30km) or the glorious beaches and attractions of Cannes (24km).

Nice (30km) is another grand day out with its museums, galleries, markets and atmospheric city beach and promenade or drive in the opposite direction towards the idyllic coves, beachside restaurants and stunning walk trails around Théoule-sur-Mer (36km) backed by the dramatic Esterel Massif. Perhaps stop off for lunch in a



gastronomic restaurant in Mougins (17km) en route or experience the vibrant Friday morning market in historic Valbonne (11km), both further highlights of this fantastic region.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Nice Airport (22km)
Nearest Train Station	Grasse/Cannes (11km/24km)
Nearest Village	Le Bar-sur-Loup (2km)
Nearest Restaurant	Le Bar-sur-Loup (2km)
Nearest Supermarket	 (6.5km)
Nearest Town	Grasse /Valbonne (10km/11km)
Nearest Beach	Cagnes-sur-Mer/Cannes (20km/24km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Grande Bastide (8km)
Nearest Tennis	 (5km)

What we love

- The vast garden is glorious with wisteria, lavender, ancient trees and pretty terraces, accompanied by the sound of cicadas and nearby river
- A paradise for families with football goals, a children's play area and swimming pool secured by a fence
- On warm summer evenings take a picnic down to the banks of the river and soak up the natural beauty around you
- Enchanting and artistic villages close by include Tourrettes-sur-Loup, Vence and St Paul de Vence
- In just over half an hour you could be strolling along Cannes' famous boulevard, La Croisette, or soaking up the charm of Antibes old quarter

What you should know...

- Maison des Courmettes sleeps a maximum of 16 guests across six bedrooms in the main house and two bedrooms in a pretty garden cottage annexe within the grounds.

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:** 4.00 p.m. There will be an additional charge (payable locally) for arrivals after 7.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** No, additional €315 payable to the owner via Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** A cot and high chair are available subject to an extra charge of €50 (to be requested in advance). Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €600, payable to the owner via 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?:** 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.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable via 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?:** No, but they can be hired at a cost of €15 pp (payable locally), to be requested in advance.
- **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.