

Maison Illusion

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Stay one of the private residences set within this beautiful estate of vineyards, forest and authentic nature whilst benefiting from the facilities and services of a nearby prestigious 5-star hotel and wine château.

Maison Illusion welcomes 8 guests in wonderfully peaceful surroundings. It's hard to believe that this home was once where the estate's sheep were held – more recently it has undergone a sensitive renovation retaining an abundance of rustic charm alongside attractive furnishings and features.

The wood-beamed lounge and dining room exudes such a relaxing ambience with dual aspect French windows opening out to the poolside terrace alongside an elegant light-filled kitchen and breakfast bar. The single-storey villa has three gorgeous bedrooms with tomette tiled flooring and en suite bath/shower rooms. The fourth bedroom can be found in a pretty guesthouse separate to the main house.

Relax in the Provençal sunshine as you sit back on the loungers around the private heated swimming pool listening out to the birdsong amongst the pine and olive trees. The pool house, where hay and straw was once stored, is now an inviting space for long lunches and al-fresco evening meals by the barbecue and pizza oven.

Driving through the estate's forest, the hotel is just three minutes away – guests have complimentary use of its two outdoor swimming pools, fitness room and tennis courts. You can also arrange spa treatments, cookery lessons and wine-tasting sessions in this Relais & Châteaux hotel famed for its cuisine and wine. Gastronomes will adore the fine dining opportunities from the bistro and summer terrace restaurant to the Michelin starred dining room. Beyond the estate, note that Michelin starred Chez Bruno is just a 10-minute drive away too!

Meanwhile, follow hiking and biking trails through the hotel's vast estate or explore further afield as you visit a wealth of vineyards and wineries, potter around picture-perfect Var villages and canoe/kayak along the Argens River. Don't miss the Tuesday Provençal morning market in Lorgues, only 3km away, one of the largest in the region.

This is a great location for venturing to Lac de Sainte-Croix and the incredible Verdon Natural Park to the north, a paradise for outdoor adventurers. On another day, drive south through the chestnut and oak forests to the gorgeous villages of La Garde-Freinet and Grimaud before continuing to the French Riviera and the allure of Saint-Tropez.

Other Côte d'Azur gems include family-friendly Sainte-Maxime or Fréjus and Saint-Raphaël, around a 45-minute drive away, or head a little further to experience the glamour of Cannes or the wines of Bandol and Cassis.



Facilities

Gym/Fitness Room • Villa • Wow Factor • Tennis Nearby • Watersports • Spa/Massage • Rural Location • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Included • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Chef/Cook Available • Wellness • Zoo • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Forest park/High-rope course • Butler Included • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • Safety Deposit Box • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Tennis Court • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • High Chair(s) • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors

- Living and dining room with fireplace and doors opening out to poolside terrace
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped
- Bedroom (17m²) with twin beds (90x200cm each), TV, safe and bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom (15m²) with twin beds (90x200cm each), TV, safe and bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom (23m²) with double bed (180x220cm), dressing area, TV, safe and bathroom with bath and shower

Guest House Interiors (separate to the main house)

- Living room (17m²) with sofa-bed
- Bedroom (13m²) with double bed (180x220cm)
- Bathroom with shower

Outside Grounds (2.4 acres)

- Heated swimming pool (14x5m) with safety alarm
- Poolside furnishings and umbrellas
- Covered dining area with pizza oven and barbecue



Location & Local Information

Maison Illusion enjoys a privileged setting within the estate of a 5* Relais & Châteaux hotel close to the bustling Provençal village of Lorgues. Lorgues is in the Var region of France, around a 45-minute drive to the Mediterranean coast.

If flying, Toulon Hyères Airport (75km) and Nice (92km) are the nearest airports whilst trains direct from Paris (or via Marseille/ Saint-Raphaël) arrive at Les Arcs-Draguignan (16km).

The highly regarded hotel, known for its gastronomy and wine, is less than a 5-minute drive away. You can use the two outdoor swimming pools at the hotel as well as its tennis courts and fitness room. There is also the option to book spa treatments and massages, cookery lessons, vineyard tours and wine-tasting at an extra cost. Across the hotel's vast natural estate, discover hiking and mountain biking routes as you pass vineyards, woodland, the river and roaming animals – bike hire can be arranged via the hotel.

The hotel features various options for fine dining including a Michelin starred restaurant, a summer restaurant with a terrace overlooking the vineyards and an upmarket family bistro – in all cases, book well ahead and check opening days/times in advance. Gastronomes also note that Lorgues' Chez Bruno, another Michelin starred restaurant, is only a 10-minute drive away.

In the local region, experience the beautiful landscapes on horseback, come across wonderful cycling and walking trails and look out for canoeing, kayaking and other watersports on the Argens River. It is also worth noting that Lac de Sainte-Croix is around an hour away, alongside the incredible landscapes of the Verdon Natural Park, a paradise for outdoor adventurers.

The atmospheric village of Lorgues is just 3km by car, especially loved for its vibrant Tuesday morning market, one of the largest in the Var region. There are so many



other pretty Provençal villages to visit such as Salernes, Tourtour and Flayosc, all reached within a 15-minute drive.

A little further afield, drive through the oak and chestnut forests to the gorgeous villages of La Garde-Freinet (32km) and Grimaud (42km). Soon you will be approaching the French Riviera coast whether pottering around the canals of Port-Grimaud or experiencing the allure of Saint-Tropez (53km). On the other side of Saint-Tropez bay is Sainte-Maxime (44km), a family-friendly seaside town with great beaches, watersports and boat trips.

Heading further east along the French Riviera, both Mediterranean towns of Saint-Raphaël (43km) and historic Fréjus (41km) are less than an hour away or continue towards Cannes (75km). In the other direction, wine-lovers will appreciate the vineyards near the charming Côte d’Azur town of Bandol (92km) as well as Cassis (96km), a delightful former fishing village loved for its wine, also the gateway to the Calanques National Park.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulon Hyères Airport (75km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nice Côte d'Azur Airport (92km)
Nearest Train Station	Les Arcs - Draguignan (16km)
Nearest Restaurant	On site at the estate's prestigious hotel (1.7km)
Nearest Tennis	At the estate's hotel (1.5km)
Nearest Village	Lorgues (3km)
Nearest Supermarket	Lorgues (3.5km)
Nearest Town	Vidauban (13km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Salernes (16km)

What we love

- This beautiful private residence exudes rustic charm, set within the estate of the prestigious Château de Berne
- As you relax beside your private heated swimming pool, listen to the birdsong from the surrounding pine and olive trees
- Guests have complimentary access to the hotel's outdoor swimming pools, tennis court and fitness room. Arrange cookery lessons, spa treatments and wine-tasting too!
- Famed for its wine and gastronomy, dine at one of the hotel's fine dining restaurants including the Michelin starred Le Jardin de Berne
- Embrace the authentic charm of nearby Lorgues, a Provençal village so loved for its Tuesday morning market
- The allure of the French Riviera awaits – Saint-Tropez, Cannes and Saint-Raphaël are all wonderful days out

What you should know...

- Maison Illusion sleeps up to 8 people across the 3-bedroom main house (6 guests) and 1-bedroom guesthouse (2 guests).
- The house is set within a large estate of a prestigious 5* hotel - guests have complimentary use of certain hotel facilities and others are available on request (subject to a charge) - see the 'Extras' tab for further information.
- Please reserve ahead when dining at the hotel's excellent restaurants.
- Oliver's Travels also features Bastide Des Rêves and Villa L'Orée Du Paradis, all close to each other within the same estate.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €5000 charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 11.00 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:** Small weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. A cot and highchair can be requested.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday during July and August - flexible during all other periods.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes and daily cleaning is also included. 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?:** Not allowed.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. Short breaks may be available on request outside July and August - please enquire.
- **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 locally in cash (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.