

# Mas Saint Blaise

Region: Provence-Alpes    Sleeps: 14

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## Overview

Play tennis overlooking a vineyard then cool off in your private swimming pool before retiring for a glass of Luberon AOC on the al-fresco lounge. This elegant Provençal mas is set in tranquil landscapes offering enchanting views towards the perched village of Oppède le Vieux, ideally located for visiting Ménerbes, Gordes, Avignon and other gems of Provence.

Sleeping 14 guests, Mas Saint Blaise has been sensitively yet stylishly renovated by its meticulous owners who have a great eye for detail. Interiors are chic and uncluttered allowing you to appreciate both traditional features and graceful design. The main farmhouse features six elegant bedrooms (one twin and five with queen-size double beds), all with contemporary en suite bathrooms. There is also a charming annexe with its own lounge and kitchenette alongside a mezzanine-style double. Other features across the home include Wi-Fi, a Smart TV and underfloor cooling/heating.

The garden is idyllic with all the scents and sights of Provence and pretty terraces to soak up the tranquil surroundings. The swimming pool can be heated on request (for a supplement) and features a gorgeous terrace with sun loungers whilst the outdoor lounge is the perfect spot to escape the warm summer sun. Beyond your private garden and swimming pool, explore the wider estate and come across roses, wisteria, cypress trees, pines and more glorious scenery. The tennis court is another wonderful addition – imagine playing on balmy evenings as the sun sets behind the hills.

There is a bakery, épicerie and a small handful of places to eat just over 2km away whilst even closer is hilltop Oppède le Vieux - be captivated by the medieval village's historic charm as you explore its narrow lanes and admire



the incredible Luberon vistas. Ménerbes is just over 5 minutes by car, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' made famous by Peter Mayle's '*A Year in Provence*' whilst other jewels of the Luberon include Gordes, Bonnieux and Roussillon. Meanwhile, cycle or hike past cherry orchards, poppy and lavender fields, forest and vineyards and try some of the Luberon's excellent wines.

Elsewhere in southern France, try the summer melons of Cavaillon, potter around the markets of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, canoe along the Sorgue from Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, pass olive groves en route to Les Baux-de-Provence and visit the art galleries of Saint-Rémy. Not to mention day trips such as Avignon and Aix-en-Provence for yet more fantastic experiences before returning to the serene ambience of your gorgeous Luberon farmhouse.

## Facilities

Villa • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Tennis Court • Golf Nearby • Recommended • Wine Tasting • Walking/Hiking Paths • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Special Offer • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Heated Pool • <1hr to Airport • Pool Safety Feature • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Smart TV • Animal farm • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Zoo • Kid-friendly excursions • Amusement park • Water park • Board games • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

1. 12-guest option = Main House Only (6 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms)
2. 14-guest option = Main House & Annexe (7 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms)

## Main House Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Open-plan lounge
- Open-plan kitchen-diner
- Back kitchen with American fridge and laundry facilities
- Cloakroom and WC

### First Floor

- Master bedroom with queen-size double bed (160x200cm) and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, two sinks and WC
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- Office area

### Second Floor

- Master bedroom with queen-size double bed (160x200cm) and en suite bathroom with shower, two sinks and WC
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm each) and en suite bathroom with shower, two sinks and WC
- Office area

## Annexe

- Open-plan lounge and kitchenette
- Bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Mezzanine level bedroom with queen-size double bed (160x200cm)

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (12x4m, depth: 1.4m) with electric safety shutter. Can be heated on request (subject to supplement)
- Outdoor lounge
- Garden
- Barbecue
- Access to estate's tennis court (owners may occasionally use it)
- Access to estate's landscaped grounds



## Location & Local Information

Mas Saint Blaise is reached via a beautiful driveway lined with cypress trees and surrounded by vineyards, located below the perched village of Oppède le Vieux in the captivating Luberon region of Provence. Fly into Avignon or Marseille Airport or take the fast train service from Paris to Gare d'Avignon TGV.

Oppède le Vieux is just 1km away – park just outside the centre and walk up the hill. Once you arrive, the medieval village will enchant you as you potter around its steep cobbled lanes and admire the most incredible landscapes around you. The once abandoned village came back to life after WWII when artists and writers took over empty houses and renovated them. Walk up towards Église Notre-Dame Dalidon for more spectacular scenery before rewarding yourself with lunch on the village square.

Meanwhile, there are a couple more places to eat in the lower part of Oppède (around 2km by car) alongside a *boulangerie* and *épicerie* for groceries. The nearest supermarkets are in and around Coustellet (7km) as well as some great artisan shops, a lavender museum and a lovely Sunday morning Farmer's market.

Hilltop Ménerbes (4.5km) is yet another gem of the region, classified as one of France's *'Plus Beaux Villages'*. Surrounded by vineyards and cherry orchards, the picturesque village was made especially famous by Peter Mayle's *'A Year in Provence'* and it is loved for its historic charm.

Other iconic perched villages of the Luberon include Gordes (13km), Roussillon (18km) and Bonnieux (16.5km), then there's the historic town of Apt (22km) which hosts the region's largest market on a Saturday morning. Nature lovers will adore the Luberon's many cycling trails and hiking paths passing rivers, poppy fields, vineyards, orchards, lavender and woodland. There are also ample wine tasting opportunities across the region.

Beyond the Luberon, visit the antique stores and markets



of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (17km), appreciate the natural beauty of Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (17km) or head towards Les Alpilles for art galleries in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (32km), olive oil in Maussane-les-Alpilles (42km) and celebrity spotting in Eygalières (26km), perhaps stopping off in historic Cavaillon (12.5km) en route, famed for its delicious summer melons.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Avignon Airport (29km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Marseille Provence Airport (72km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare de Cavaillon/Avignon TGV (12.5km/38km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Oppède le Vieux (1km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Cafe-restaurant in Oppède le Vieux (1km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Bakery and grocery store in Oppède (2km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Coustellet (7km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Cavaillon (12.5km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Avignon (37km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Tennis Club Oppède-Ménerbes (2.5km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Bill Owens Golf/Golf de Saumane (10km/16km)</b>

## What we love

- The meticulous owners have created such a beautiful abode for discerning guests wishing to experience stylish comfort alongside Provençal authenticity
- As well as the swimming pool, make the most of idyllic stone terraces and serene Luberon landscapes with views towards perched Oppède le Vieux
- Surrounded by vines, play tennis on warm summer evenings as the sun sets behind the hills
- Oppède le Vieux and Ménerbes are both within a very short distance whilst Gordes, Bonnieux, Roussillon and L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue are other gems of the region
- Wonderful day trips include Avignon, Arles and Aix-en-Provence

## What you should know...

- There are six bedrooms in the main house and one mezzanine-style bedroom in a separate annexe.
- The 12-person price only includes the main house whilst the 14-person price also includes the annexe.
- Even though the owners live on site in an adjoining home, Mas Saint Blaise remains quite private with exclusive use of its swimming pool.
- Guests are also welcome to make the most of the owner's vast landscaped grounds and have priority use of the estate's tennis court.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £5000 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.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, excluding cooling or heating at 350€/week, payable to the owner via Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 7 nights.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** A cot and highchair can be requested. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. The owners live on site in an adjoining home. The estate's landscaped gardens and tennis court are also accessed by the owners (but guests have priority use of the tennis court). The 12-person price only includes the main house whilst the 14-person price also includes the annexe.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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.
- **Other Cleaning:** Mid-stay clean for bookings of 8+ nights
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** No. Underfloor heating/cooling is charged at €350 per week, payable to the owner via Oliver's Travels.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Pool heating should be requested in advance, subject to an extra supplement of €350 per week, payable to the owner via Oliver's Travels. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.
- **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.