

# Bastide Des Guendons

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

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## Overview

Imagine being surrounded by lavender, olive trees and idyllic landscapes of Provence whilst also being within walking distance to one of the Luberon's prettiest villages. How wonderful to experience Bastide Des Guendons' characterful interiors, Provençal garden and glorious swimming pool, just outside the hilltop village of Ménerbes.

Pass vines and olive trees as you approach the beautiful bastide along its driveway – this is such an enchanting setting and the views towards hilltop Ménerbes are simply magical. Step inside and be charmed by its welcoming ambience – the bastide has been renovated sensitively with great attention to detail using natural materials and traditional methods.

Hosting up to 10 guests, there is plenty of space to relax downstairs whether sitting by the fireplace in the lounge, preparing family meals in the well-equipped kitchen or reading in the light-filled summer room. There are five bedrooms upstairs, four with an en suite bathroom, including a spacious master double with a mezzanine level. Bedrooms are so pretty with simple furnishings, tiled floors and other characterful features. Peep out of the traditional windows for lovely garden or countryside views.

Surrounded by old stone walls, the one-hectare garden is filled with the sights and scents of Provence – lavender, fig trees, cypresses, oaks, pines and olive trees. There are several terraces for your morning coffee or quiet moments of contemplation as well as opportunities for al-fresco dining. The large swimming pool has an attractive terrace and the little pool house has a useful shower and WC.

It's around a 20-minute walk along the country roads up to



hilltop Ménerbes, classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. One of the Luberon's iconic perched villages, stroll along the cobbled lanes with a small handful of café-bars and restaurants (some with terraces and a view), admire old houses and flower-filled balconies and don't miss the lovely Provençal market on a Thursday morning. From the edge of the village the scenery of vineyards, orchards and the Luberon hills is beautiful.

Gordes, Bonnieux and Roussillon are just some of the other famous villages of the region or spend time discovering hiking trails, cycling routes and wine-tasting at nearby châteaux. Beyond the Luberon, explore the landscapes of Les Alpilles (from Saint-Rémy to Arles), the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon and the artistic charm of Aix-en-Provence before returning to the tranquillity of your Provençal bastide.

## Facilities

Villa • Walking/Hiking Paths • Exclusive • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Cycling • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Not for little ones • Private Pool • Rural Location • Walk to Village • Zoo • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Theme park • Forest park/High-rope course • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages



# Interior & Grounds

## Bastide Interiors

### Main Floor

- Living room with fireplace
- Well-equipped kitchen, fireplace and breakfast table
- Dining room
- Conservatory-style room with doors leading to garden

### Upstairs (via open-sided stairs)

- Master bedroom with double bed, mezzanine level (via steep ladder-style stairs) and en suite bathroom with bath, shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with two single beds and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed

## Outside Grounds (one hectare)

- Large swimming pool (15x6m) with safety alarm and electric cover. Can be heated (for a supplement) in April, May, September and October
- Pool house with indoor shower and WC
- Several terraces and seating areas
- Landscaped Provençal garden and mature trees
- Parking

## Other Facilities

- Laundry facilities



## Location & Local Information

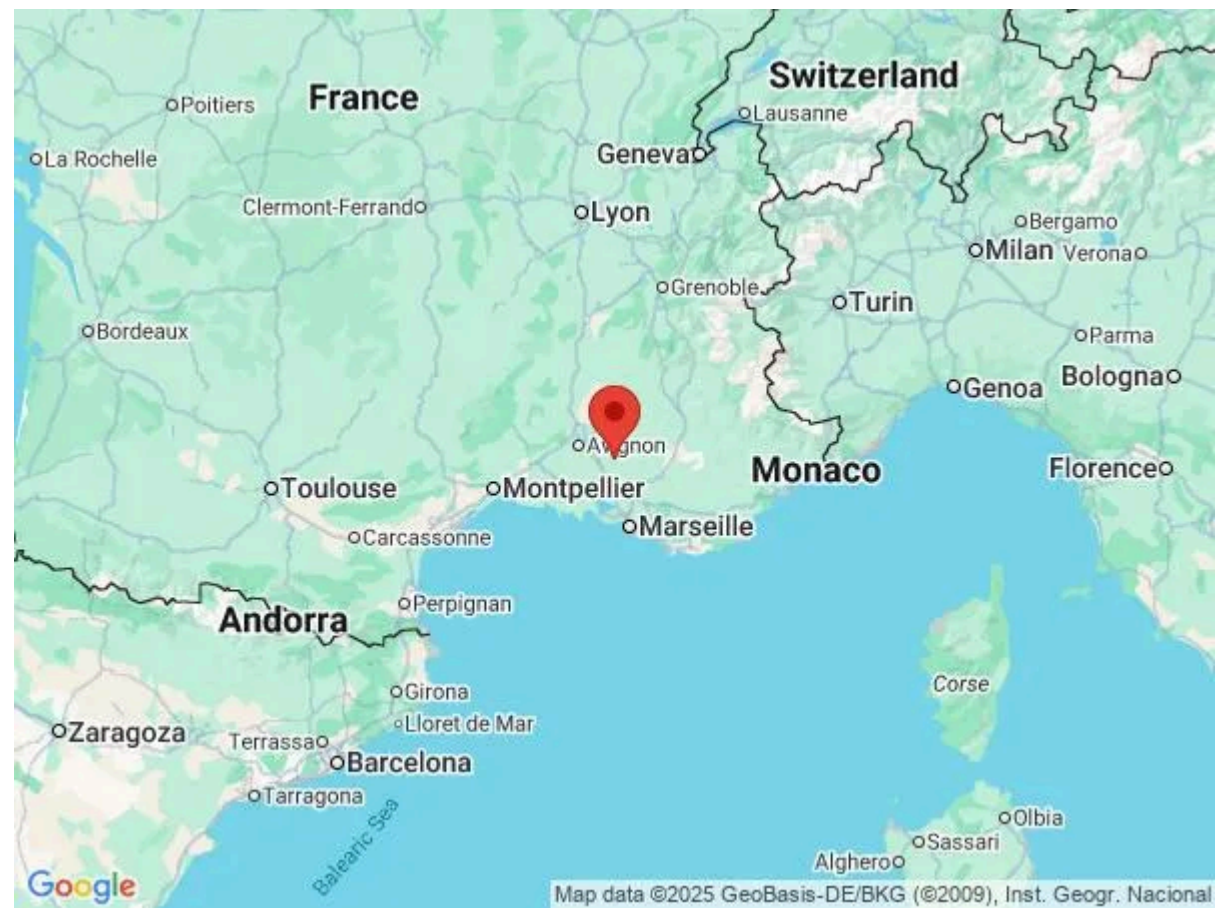
Bastide Des Guendons enjoys an attractive setting surrounded by typical Provençal landscapes, only 1km from Ménerbes, classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. Both Marseille Airport (74km) and Avignon Airport (30km) are within an hour by car or take the direct train service from Paris to Gare d'Avignon TGV (40km).

Following the country roads (no pavements as is typical in rural France), it's around 20-minute walk to the hilltop village of Ménerbes, made famous by Peter Mayle's novel and film 'A Year in Provence'. In the village itself, there is a small handful of cafes/restaurants (some with terraces and views), a small grocery shop and boulangerie and a Provençal market on a Thursday morning - discover seasonal delights such as melons, strawberries, cherries, olives and cheese alongside fabrics and crafts. The village is also loved for its truffles and wine – tastings can be arranged at nearby vineyards and wineries.

There are so many other picture-perfect villages across the Luberon to visit from Gordes (10km) and red-hued Roussillon (15km) to perched Oppède le Vieux (8km) and Bonnieux (11km), all surrounded by idyllic scenery of vineyards, orchards and forest ideal for hiking and cycling. The Luberon town of Apt (19km) hosts a wonderful market on a Saturday morning, the largest in the region. Keen gastronomes may also appreciate the food shops and Sunday morning Farmer's market in nearby Coustellet (9km), also home to the Lavender Museum.

Beyond the Luberon, you are well located for visiting the waterways and antique stores of charming L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (18km), famed for its Sunday morning market and brocante, as well as experiencing the beauty of Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (18km), a paradise for keen hikers and canoeing/kayaking enthusiasts.

A little further afield, visit the art galleries of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, follow Van Gogh's footsteps in Arles (65km), admire the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon (38km) or spend the day soaking up the romance of Aix-



en-Provence (63km), just over an hour from Ménerbes and your beautiful holiday home.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (30km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Airport (74km)
Nearest Train Station	Cavaillon/Avignon TGV (15km/40km)
Nearest Village	Hilltop Ménerbes (1km)
Nearest Restaurant	Ménerbes (1.2km)
Nearest Shop	Grocery store in Ménerbes (1.2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Coustellet (8km)
Nearest Town	Cavaillon (15km)
Nearest City	Avignon (38km)
Nearest Tennis	Oppède (4.5km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (17.5km)

## What we love

- Such an idyllic setting surrounded by olive trees, vineyards and lavender and only a 20-minute walk to one of the Luberon's prettiest villages
- Indeed, the views towards hilltop Ménerbes are wonderful
- The swimming pool is plenty big enough for the whole group!
- The Provençal garden is filled with olive trees, oaks, pines, cypresses, fig and cherry trees as well as plenty of lavender
- A fine base for exploring other picture-perfect villages of the Luberon including Gordes, Oppède le Vieux and Bonnieux
- Venture a little further afield for fantastic days out in Saint-Rémy, Avignon or Aix-en-Provence

## What you should know...

- Please note that air-conditioning features in half of the house only - please enquire for more details.
- Only children over the age of 8 years may stay at this house.
- Please also note guests need to be able to manage old stone steps, open-sided stairs and other characterful features in this historic home.
- Pool heating is available (for a supplement) during certain months - please see the Terms & Conditions tab for details.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 charged to client's credit card by the owner one month before/upon 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?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. Please note that while there is no air-conditioning, 2 of the 3 bedrooms have floor cooling and the stone walls keep the house a cool temperature. Only children over the age of 8 years may stay at this house. The owner requires guests to sign a rental agreement prior to/upon their arrival.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes, standard changeover clean and mid-stay cleaning are included. 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.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Yes. €250 per week, payable locally. Pool heating is only available in April, May, September and October. 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.