

Villa Menerbes

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 11

Overview

This is a unique opportunity to stay in an incredible historic house with a swimming pool in the village of Ménerbes, officially classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

On the edge of this perched village, next to a 12th century church, Villa Menerbes enjoys a truly privileged setting. Gaze at the village church and Luberon landscapes from your swimming pool terrace and admire the views of the belltower from the floor-to-ceiling windows of one of the five bedrooms.

This house has been in the same family over four generations across the last 50 years. It was originally a house in ruins but it has been slowly restored under the careful watch of a specialist architect, considering Ménerbes' historic significance. The result is quite special – Villa Menerbes showcases many original features alongside touches of modern design and artistic décor.

The traditional terraces outside are wonderful for relaxing with coffee and a good book or dining al-fresco on warm summer evenings on the south-facing terrace. Rustic steps lead through the olive trees to stone terraces for soaking up the sun with glorious Luberon vistas whilst the swimming pool is absolutely gorgeous – the scenery here is breathtaking.

It's just a 5-minute stroll to the other side of Ménerbes for its steep narrow lanes of restaurants, little shops and Thursday morning market. Soak up the village's historic beauty and charm, the place that inspired Peter Mayle's 'A Year in Provence'. Gaze out towards vineyards, orchards and forest – try some of the region's AOC Luberon wine in nearby wineries.

Other gems of the Luberon are within easy reach from Gordes and Goult to Rousillon and Bonnieux. Discover the landscapes by walking, cycling, hiking and horse-riding or just make the most of lovely markets and high-end restaurants as you drive from village to village.

Then there's the Sunday morning brocante in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, canoeing and kayaking near Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, the summer melons of Cavaillon, the art galleries of St Rémy and the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon, less than an hour away by car.

As mentioned in...





Facilities

Golf Nearby • Villa • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Exclusive • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Cots (Cribs) • Private Pool • Heritage Collection • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

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Maison Interiors (250m2)

Main Floor

- Entrance
- Living area with doors opening out to south-facing terrace
- Open-plan kitchen-diner
- Bedroom with large single bed (120x190cm)
- Shower room and WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160x200cm) and en suite bathroom with WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160x200cm) and en suite shower room with WC
- Bedroom with two single beds (90x190cm each), floor to ceiling window overlooking pool and church, and en suite shower room with WC
- Children's dorm-style bedroom sleeping four with en suite shower room
- Separate WC

Outside Grounds (400m2)

- Private swimming pool (4m x 8m) overlooking church
- Poolside terrace with deckchairs, stone table and bench
- South-facing terrace (30m2) with Luberon views
- North-facing shaded terrace (35m2)
- Garden and grounds (different levels, low walls and old steps)
- Private parking (one car)



Location & Local Information

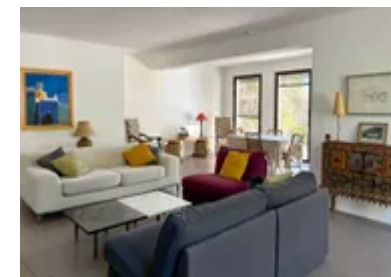
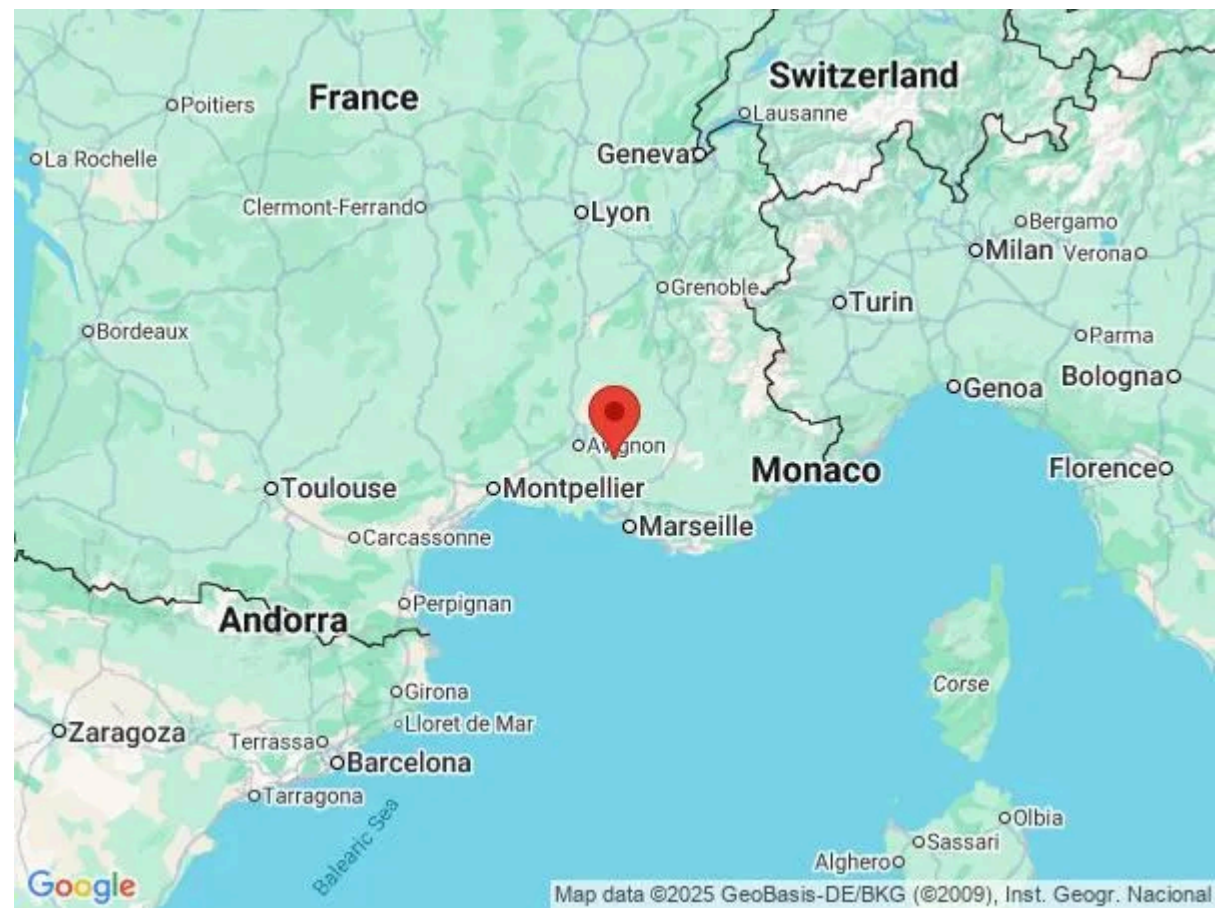
This village house enjoys an extraordinary location in a residential area next to a 14th century church at the eastern end of the picturesque village of Ménerbes, one of the prettiest villages in the Luberon made especially famous by Peter Mayle's 'A Year in Provence'.

It feels like a privilege to stay in this special setting – as you cool off in your swimming pool you have vistas right over to the church and there are gorgeous views of the belltower from the floor-to-ceiling windows of the twin bedroom. Passing visitors will be envious! There is a car parking space at the house and otherwise you should usually be able to park in front in the church in a public space (bear in mind there are traffic restrictions through the village). The house is best accessed with a small car due to the very narrow lanes.

You can stroll to the other side of Ménerbes in around 5 minutes with its lovely cafes, high-end restaurants, galleries and little shops including a bakery and small grocery store. The cobbled lanes are sometimes steep and you can appreciate the most stunning views of surrounding vineyards, forests and orchards as you potter around (and from some restaurant terraces). The Thursday morning market is especially delightful and a great way to stock up on local produce.

This is a fine location for exploring further afield in the Luberon. Other iconic perched villages include Oppède le Vieux (8km), Roussillon (16km), Gordes (11km) and Bonnieux (11km) whilst the market town of Apt (20km) hosts an amazing market on a Saturday morning, the largest in the Luberon. Don't miss out on other villages slightly off the usual tourist trail such as Goult, Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt and Saignon, all within half an hour.

The Luberon is also famed for its wines and there are plenty of opportunities to sample AOC Luberon across the region's vineyards and wine châteaux. Meanwhile, discover the glorious scenery by following hiking trails, walking paths and cycling routes or admire the landscapes



on horseback.

Beyond the Luberon, suggestions for other wonderful days out include L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (19km) for antiques, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (45km) for art galleries, Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (19km) for canoeing and kayaking as well as Avignon (42km) for wine-bars, restaurants, markets and its UNESCO World Heritage sites, Le Palais des Papes and Le Pont d'Avignon.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (31km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Airport (75km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Cavaillon/Avignon TGV (16km/41km)
Nearest Village	Ménerbes (In the village)
Nearest Restaurant	Ménerbes (Within 500m)
Nearest Shop	Bakery and small grocery store (Within 600m)
Nearest Supermarket	Coustellet (10km)
Nearest Town	Cavaillon (15km)
Nearest City	Avignon (42km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (19km)
Nearest Tennis	Oppède (5km)

What we love

- Such a privileged setting next to a 14th century church in Ménerbes, one of the Luberon's most beautiful villages
- The restoration was overseen by a specialist architect due to the historic nature of the building
- The swimming pool is idyllic with glorious views of the countryside and neighbouring church
- The south-facing terrace also enjoys stunning vistas of Luberon landscapes
- Stroll into the heart of Ménerbes for lovely restaurants, little shops and the wonderful Thursday morning market

What you should know...

- Please note that Villa Menerbes sleeps 11 guests but a maximum of 7 adults (across four main bedrooms) and 4 children (in a fifth dorm-style bedroom).
- As to be expected in such a historic village house, the grounds feature different levels, old stone steps and some low walls. Please supervise any children carefully.
- There is private parking for one car and usually free public parking in front of the church. Do note that traffic circulation is limited in the upper village and the lanes are very narrow, best suited to a small car.
- A vehicle access restriction has been introduced for the top of the village, where Villa Ménerbes is located. Guests will be provided with a permit for vehicle access, which must be treated with care and left safely at the property upon departure. Losing or failing to return the permit will incur a €400 charge.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €800 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?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. Cot and high chair available on request.

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- **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.

- **Other 2:** Additional guests may not visit the property without prior written approval from the owner. If approved, there will be an extra cost of €30 for towels, linen & pool towels in the event that additional guests attend the property.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights - all other durations on request.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **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.