

# Mas Du Platane

Region: Provence-Alpes    Sleeps: 14

## Overview

Stay in a characterfully luxurious abode designed by the architects behind some of Oliver's Travel's most prestigious villas in Les Alpilles. Mas Du Platane showcases the high standards we have become accustomed to with its exquisite interiors and beautiful grounds with a heated swimming pool, private tennis court, spa and gym, located in the heart of charming Paradou.

This is a truly idyllic getaway – relax beneath the centuries-old plane tree in the garden of this Provençal home that was once the *mairie* and village school. The 18m heated salt-water swimming pool is surrounded by olive trees, lavender, sun loungers and a pool house for outdoor relaxation and al-fresco dining by the summer kitchen. There's a private tennis court within the grounds alongside pétanque and a fitness room and spa.

Inside, admire wood-beamed ceilings, exposed stone walls, original fireplaces and antique furnishings alongside ample 21<sup>st</sup> century amenities. Relax in the vast living room with local artwork across the walls whilst keen gastronomes will appreciate the elegant kitchen with high-end appliances and dinnerware made by a Provençal ceramist. There is also the option to hire a chef to cook in the second kitchen, accessed independently, equipped to a professional standard.

Underfloor cooling is featured throughout the ground floor whilst the beautiful bedrooms each have air-conditioning, king-size double beds and independent bathrooms with limestone showers and gorgeous toiletries – we also love the copper bathtub in one of the bathrooms.

This is a lovely location for reaching picturesque villages such as nearby Les Baux-de-Provence and Eygalières, both with Michelin starred restaurants. Appreciate the art and history of Saint-Rémy and Arles, follow the windmill trail near Fontvieille and visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Le Pont du Gard, Nîmes and Avignon across this remarkable region of southern France.

## Facilities

Weddings • Romantic • Wine Tasting • Walking/Hiking Paths • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Tennis Court • Spa/Massage • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Cycling • Wellness • Coffee Machine • Villa • Washing Machine • Wow Factor • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Saltwater Pool • Walk to Village • Garage • Maid Service Included • Cots (Cribs) • Gym/Fitness Room • Private Pool • Maid Service Available • Chef/Cook Available • Instagrammable • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Yoga Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Butler Available • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Bathroom Toiletries • Ideal for Babies



& Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Kids • Baby bath • Ideal for  
Teens • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Tumble  
Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Electric Car Charger • All Bedrooms  
En-Suite • Smart TV • Sauna/Steam • Wine Cellar • Outdoor Games •  
Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • High Chair(s) • Fenced  
Grounds • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit &  
Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## Mas Interiors

### *Ground Floor (some steps)*

- Lobby
- Living room with fireplace, library and artwork
- Kitchen, well-equipped including Lacanche gas stove, bean-to-cup coffee machine, two fridges, dishwasher and central island with bar stools
- Open-plan dining area with fireplace and table for 14 guests
- Wine cellar
- Professional back kitchen (independently accessed) with Miele steam and traditional oven, Lacanche stove, dishwasher, three fridges and ice-maker
- Laundry room (independently accessed) with washing machine, dryer and ironing facilities
- Bedroom (30m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed (180x200cm), two wardrobes, Smart TV, garden access and en suite bathroom (25m<sup>2</sup>) with shower, double sink, WC and garden access

### *First Floor*

- Lounge and office with large Smart TV
- Bedroom (26m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed (180x200cm), walk-in wardrobe, Smart TV, garden view and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, double sink and separate WC
- Bedroom (31m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed (180x200cm), walk-in wardrobe, garden view and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, double sink and WC
- Bedroom (22m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed (180x200cm), Smart TV, garden view and en suite bathroom with shower, double sink and separate WC
- Bedroom (28m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed (180x200cm), Smart TV, garden view and en suite bathroom with shower, double sink and separate WC
- Bedroom (28m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed (180x200cm), Smart TV, garden access and en suite bathroom with shower, double sink and separate WC
- Bedroom (19m<sup>2</sup>, accessed via garden only) with king-size double bed (180x200cm), Smart TV, garden view and en suite bathroom with shower, double sink and separate WC

### *Spa and Fitness area (with air-conditioning)*

- Gym equipment (treadmill, bike, yoga mats, weights and Technogym) and Smart TV
- Shower and WC
- Sauna and hammam
- Massage room

## Outside Grounds

- Heated salt-water swimming pool (18x5m, depth: max 1.45m) with electric safety shutter. Open approximately May to September (may be open in April and October but only on request and subject to a supplement)
- Pool house with sitting area, outdoor dining table, fridge, dishwasher and



Napoleon gas barbecue

- WC (pool house)
- Tennis court (and equipment)
- Pétanque set
- Garden with fountain and centuries-old plane tree
- Vegetable garden
- Garage (for three cars) and one EV charging point
- Electric gates (x2)

#### **Facilities**

- WiFi
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms and spa/fitness centre only)
- Floor-cooling (ground floor)
- Sonos sound system (indoors and out)
- Alarm system
- Smart TV
- Fireplace

## Location & Local Information

Mas du Platane is located in Paradou, a charming little village in the heart of Les Alpilles Natural Regional Park.

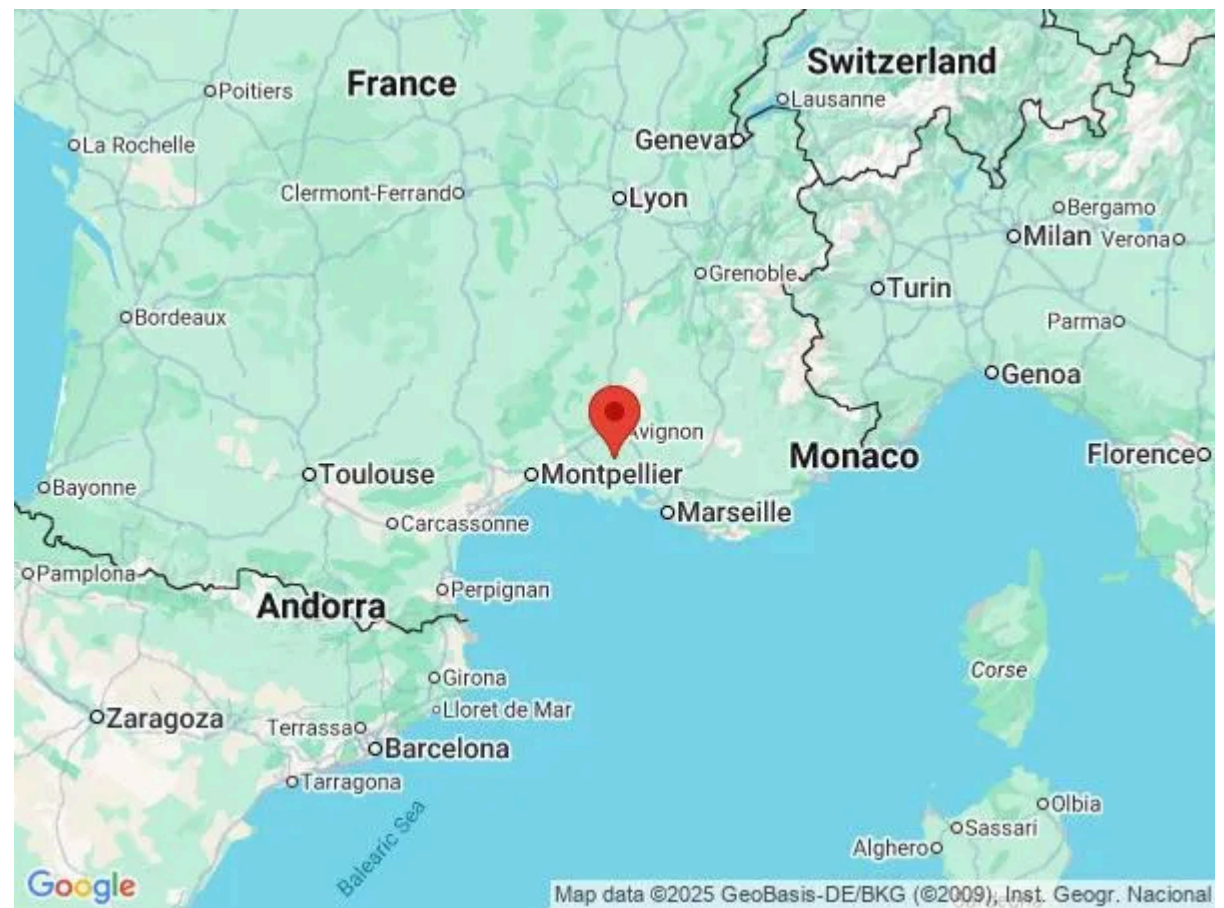
Once the village's mairie and school, this historic home is in the centre of the village. Walk out of its gated grounds and within just a few steps you will find yourself by the bakery, a café-bar with tables on the street, bike-hire shop and grocery store. The village is also home to the highly regarded restaurant, Le Bistrot du Paradou (open Tuesday to Saturday), as featured on Rick Stein's BBC series about France.

The larger village of Maussane-les-Alpilles (1.8km) is a short cycle or drive away with its charming restaurants, café terraces, little shops and Thursday morning market – pick up some of the village's extra virgin olive oil, known to be some of the finest in France.

Surrounded by olive groves, perched Les Baux-de-Provence (4.5km) is also close by, classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' with its medieval lanes and old château with incredible views of the Baux valley. The famous Restaurant L'Oustau de Baumanière (with three Michelin stars) is just below the village.

A little further afield, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (12km) awaits for a greater range of amenities and a large supermarket alongside its historic quarter with art galleries, high-end restaurants (including the Michelin starred L'Auberge De Saint-Rémy) and Van Gogh trail ending south of the town at Monastery Saint-Paul de Mausole. Experience yet more Michelin starred dining in hilltop Eygalières (22km).

Paradou is also well located for exploring further afield in southern France whether venturing to the iconic villages of the Luberon, spending the day at Le Pont du Gard, visiting more UNESCO World Heritage sites in Avignon or admiring the art and history of Arles, the gateway to the captivating landscapes of the Camargue.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (32km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nimes Airport (42km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille Airport (55km)
Nearest Train Station	Saint-Martin-de-Crau/Avignon TGV (13km/33km)
Nearest Village	Paradou (In the village)
Nearest Shop	Spar grocery store and bakery (Very short walk)
Nearest Supermarket	Saint-Martin-de-Crau/St-Rémy-de-Provence (10km/12km)
Nearest Town	Saint-Martin-de-Crau/St-Rémy-de-Provence (10.5km/12km)
Nearest City	Avignon (37km)
Nearest Golf	Les Baux-de-Provence (4.5km)

## What we love

- In the heart of a small village in Les Alpilles, experience an authentic Provençal home at this architect-designed abode
- Embrace its heritage as you relax beneath the centuries-old plane tree – this house was once the village's townhall and school
- Alongside the heated swimming pool and its stunning pool house, make the most of the spa and fitness room alongside the private tennis court
- It's a short stroll to the bakery, grocery shop and the famous restaurant, Le Bistrot du Paradou

## What you should know...

- There is floor-cooling on the ground floor whilst air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms and spa/fitness room only.
- We recommend hiring a car to explore this beautiful region.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €12,000 charged to client's credit card by the owner before/upon 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.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 7 nights.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** There is floor-cooling across the ground floor. Air-conditioning is only featured in the bedrooms and spa/fitness area. Small weddings are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties and other special events are not allowed. A cot, highchair and baby bath are available free of charge (on request).
- **Changeover day:** Sunday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes, standard changeover clean included and daily housekeeping. Guests are still 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?:** No.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights (July and August) or 4 nights at other times.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Included May to September. Extra charge of approximately €1500 per week (payable locally) for April and October - please request in advance. 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?:** The pool is open and heated approximately May to September. During April and October, pool heating is on request only and subject to an additional charge (see below). 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.