

Maison Sainte Croix

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 10

Overview

This wonderfully renovated farmhouse gently sits on a south-facing hillside looking out towards the Rhône valley and Mont Ventoux. After a day visiting the Roman remains of nearby Vaison-la-Romaine or relaxing beside the swimming pool, sit out on your west-facing terrace for the most idyllic sunsets.

Maison Sainte Croix enjoys a private setting surrounded by olive trees, rustic grounds and a path leading to the summer swimming pool just below the house. There are more fantastic vistas from the poolside – kick back on a sun lounger, splash around in the pool or seek shade in the pool house as you gaze out towards vines and Provençal landscapes.

The blue shuttered windows and traditionally tiled roof juxtapose Maison Sainte Croix' contemporary yet charming interiors. Guests enter on the upper floor, home to two double bedrooms, each with a bath/shower room (one en suite), and two twins beneath the eaves, both sharing a Jack and Jill-style shower room.

Wander down the impressive staircase to the ground floor where you will find a large double bedroom (en suite) alongside the main living spaces. The living room features a TV with English channels, Sonos sound system, a woodburning stove and delightful French windows opening out to the sunset terrace. The opposite wing has a brilliantly equipped kitchen, dining area and another terrace with views, perfect for a sunny breakfast or long al-fresco feasts on cool summer evenings.

The thoughtful owners provide two barbecues as well as table tennis, badminton and *boules*, creating such a relaxing environment for quality time with family or friends. Yet there is also so much to explore nearby. Start off in



Vaison-la-Romaine, just 3.5km away, with its incredible Roman remains, medieval quarter and atmospheric Tuesday morning market. Adventurous guests will appreciate tree-top activities, mini-golf and horse-riding within a short drive.

You are also well located for visiting Provençal lavender fields, Côte du Rhône vineyards, picture-perfect villages and wonderful markets. Vaucluse seasonal specialities include truffles, strawberries, cherries, tomatoes, melons, goats cheese, olives – the list goes on.

Meanwhile, walkers will adore the Dentelles de Montmirail whilst the most experienced of cyclists will be keen challenge themselves in the foothills of Mont Ventoux – Malaucène is just 13km from your Provençal holiday home.

Facilities

Pure France • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Villa • Pets on Request • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • <1hr to Airport • Pool Safety Feature • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis • Dishwasher • Outdoor Games • Animal farm • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Forest park/High-rope course • Catering Available • Badminton • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • Pool inflatables • Stair gates • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors

Lower Ground Floor

- Sitting room with woodburning stove, TV (with UK channels), Sonos sound system and doors leading to western terrace for sunset views
- Dining area with doors leading to al-fresco dining terrace with views
- Kitchen and utility area
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite shower room with WC

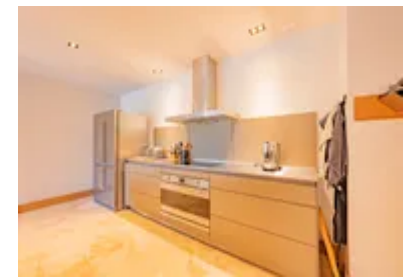
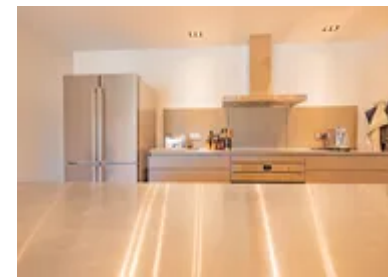
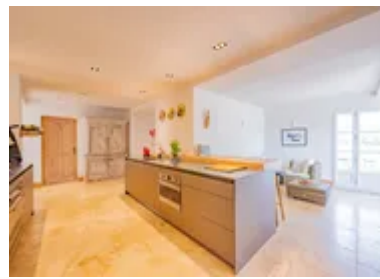
Upper Floor

- Main entrance and hallway
- Bedroom with double bed and open-plan shower room with WC
- Bedroom with double bed and adjacent bathroom with bath, shower and WC
- Bedroom with twin beds
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- Shared en suite bathroom (located between the twin bedrooms) with shower and WC

Please note there are some further parts of the house that are closed off to guests

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (11x5m, depth: 1.25-1.7m) with electric safety rolling cover. Open approximately June to end-October
- Poolside sun loungers and shaded sitting area with low table
- Pool house with WC and shower
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue (x2)
- Boules, badminton and table tennis
- Private grounds
- Parking on site



Location & Local Information

Maison Sainte Croix is in the Vaucluse department of southern France, close to the Drôme border. The Provençal market town of Vaison-la-Romaine, famed for its spectacular Roman sites, is 3.5km away.

There is a choice of good-sized supermarkets on the edge of Vaison-la-Romaine alongside a fantastic choice of restaurants, cafes and bars in the historic centre. The vast Provençal market takes place on a Tuesday morning, a fine place to pick up delicious seasonal produce alongside arts, crafts, clothing and more. Look out a summer Thursday morning Farmer's market as well and a flea market on the third Sunday of the month.

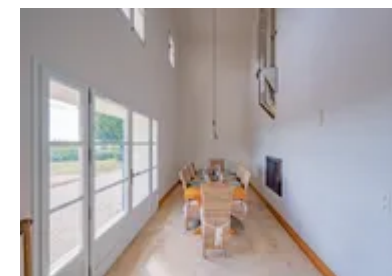
The Roman remains in Vaison-la-Romaine are incredible. Visit the famous Puymir site to discover the remains of a Roman neighbourhood including the open-air theatre where events are still hosted in the summer months. The public baths can be found at the Villasse Roman site where even wealthier citizens once lived. After exploring the Roman ruins, head up to the medieval quarter to wander around the warren of historic lanes with shops, cafes and pretty squares with fountains.

Beyond Vaison-la-Romaine there are several pretty villages to admire such as Séguret (12km) and Gigondas (17km), both officially classified as '*Plus Beaux Villages*', or head north to Valréas (24km), part of the Drôme Provençale region so loved for its lavender fields, truffles, vineyards and olive groves – the finest scents and sights of Provence! The Château de Grignan (29km) is another must-see, a Renaissance castle in a perched position with Provençal vistas of summer lavender.

Walkers, hikers and cyclists have endless choices of trails from the Dentelles de Montmirail to the foothills of Mont Ventoux and there is horse-riding, tree-top adventures, mini-golf and other activities within a very short drive. The region is also renowned for its excellent wine-tasting opportunities across the Rhône valley and Mont Ventoux vineyards.

Other day trips include Orange (look out for summer concerts and events at its beautifully preserved Roman theatre), around half an hour by car, or slightly further afield to Avignon (55km), Pont du Gard (70km), Nîmes (91km) and L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (52km), the antique capital of Provence. You could also venture to the Luberon with Gordes and Ménerbes just over an hour away.

The nearest airport is Avignon (60km) and it is also worth considering Marseille, Nîmes, Montpellier or even Lyon Airport if flying to France. Meanwhile, TGV train services from Paris arrive into Gare d'Orange (31km) or Gare d'Avignon TGV (56km).



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (60km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nîmes/Marseille/Montpellier Airport (99km/114km/135km)

Nearest Airport 3	Lyon Airport (222km)
Nearest Train Station	Orange TGV (31km)
Nearest Town	Vaison-la-Romaine (3.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	In and around Vaison la Romaine (3.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Super U et Drive (4km)
Nearest Golf	Golf du Ventoux (28km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Club Vaison (3.2km)
Nearest City	Avignon (54km)

What we love

- On a hillside surrounded by vines, marvel at the views towards Mont Ventoux and the Rhône valley
- There are more panoramic vistas from the swimming pool whilst the western terrace is an idyllic spot to chill out as the sun sets
- Recently renovated, the interiors are contemporary yet still charming with characterful touches
- The Provençal town of Vaison-la-Romaine is only 3.5km away with its wonderful market and incredible Roman remains
- The Roman theatres in both Vaison-la-Romaine and Orange host summer events and concerts
- A fine base for visiting Drôme lavender fields, Côte du Rhône vineyards and beautiful landscapes for hiking, horse-riding and cycling

What you should know...

- The main entrance leads to the upper floor (home to four of the bedrooms), then a beautiful staircase leads down to the lower floor with the main living spaces, fifth bedroom and terraces with glorious views.
- The pool is set within the grounds slightly away from the house – there are yet more stunning vistas from here!

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 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.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** A cot, highchair, toilet seat, step and stairgate can be requested.
 Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes, standard changeover clean 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?:** Not allowed.
- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to the owner via Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (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 approximately June to end-October. 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.