Maison Luna

Region: Languedoc Sleeps: 8

Overview

For guests who appreciate vintage style, spacious interiors and a fantastic swimming pool, Maison Luna could be an ideal base for exploring the wonderful landscapes of the Languedoc region of southern France. What's more, this unique holiday abode is only 1.5km from the beautiful town of Pézenas, home to exquisite architecture and one of the region's most famous and historic markets.

This loft-style residence has been cleverly converted from an industrial building. It's main floor is impressive with open-plan living and dining, huge windows and concrete floors as well as a central atrium below. The heart of the home is the stylish kitchen with its sociable island, ideal for apéritifs as you prepare evening meals to enjoy on the long dining table or al-fresco by the olive trees.

The vintage-style lounge will take you back in time whilst the objets d'art add to the 20th century ambience. As expected, most furnishings have been carefully sourced from auction houses, some originating from old Italian houses or French châteaux. Despite the sometimes quirky style, there is also a great sense of comfort and space.

Maison Luna can sleep up to 8 guests and all four bedrooms feature a bath or shower (mostly open-plan to the bedroom). There are three attractive bedrooms with queen-size double beds and a fourth room with a double bed. Downstairs (besides three of the bedrooms), you will find a superb games area with a billiard table and record player, both features that add to the retro vibe of this holiday getaway.

Set within the high-walled courtyard, the swimming pool is a brilliant addition for warm summer days after a day out pottering around Pézenas or exploring the region. What's







more, despite the house being in the suburbs of the town, you are not overlooked if privacy is important to you.

Walk through the courtyard's back gate and you will find yourself a world away in a commercial centre, just a very short stroll from a large supermarket for stocking up. The heart of historic Pézenas is around 1.5km away – leave the car and wander to the town (ask for the short cut) so you can make the most of the charming restaurants and bars serving local Languedoc wines.

Embrace the rich heritage of Pézenas with its medieval lanes, delightful shops and very characterful Saturday morning market that dates back to the 14th century. In the height of the summer, a lively night market takes place on Friday evenings where you can join locals and visitors alike to experience great food and wine accompanied by live music.

Arrange tastings and tours across Languedoc vineyards, enjoy lunch out in historic wine villages, hire boats or cycle along the Canal du Midi and canoe/kayak on the River Orb. Try freshly harvested oysters from the Étang de Thau, spend the day in the vibrant town of Béziers or venture to the Mediterranean for sandy shores, family fun and a brilliant range of watersports.

Facilities

Quirky (Unique) • Walk to Village • Watersports • Indoor Games • Tennis Nearby • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Air-Con • Games Room • Golf Nearby • Villa • Wi-Fi/Internet • Modern • Wellness • Board games • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Smart TV • Satellite TV • Pool/Snooker • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Not for little ones • Parking Space • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors (350m2)

Main Upper Level

- Open-plan living area with large sofa
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area, well-equipped. Doors open out to terrace and pool area
- Open-plan office area with desk
- Bedroom (overlooking lounge) with double bed (160x200cm) and open en suite bathroom

Lower Level (via steep stairs, no handrail)

- Atrium
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and open en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and open en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed (140x190cm) and partially open en suite bathroom
- Games area with billiard table and record player

The bedrooms open out to the central atrium

Outside Grounds (600m2)

- Heated swimming pool (11x3m, depth: 1.2m) with safety alarm. Open from approximately mid-May
- Poolside sun loungers
- Table and chairs for outdoor dining
- Olive trees and benches
- Back gate (with access to commercial area)
- Parking

Other Facilities

- Gym equipment









Location & Local Information

Maison Luna is located in the outskirts of the historic town of Pézenas, around 1.5km from the heart of the medieval centre. The nearest airports are Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (25km) and Montpellier Airport (65km) whilst TGV trains connect Paris Gare de Lyon and Béziers/Agde in around four hours.

In a relatively unusual setting just off one of the main roads leading towards the town centre, this former industrial unit is almost hidden within its own courtyard and has a back gate leading to a commercial area, working garage and car park – once you walk through the car park and cross a road, you are then by a large supermarket making it easy to stock up on groceries. It is just over a 5-minute drive into the historic quarter of Pézenas or you could walk through the suburbs in around half an hour (ask about the short cut to town).

A true gem of southern France, Pézenas is a beautiful and historic town loved for its Saturday morning market dating back to the 14th century – it attracts visitors from afar and is regarded as one of the region's best markets. The town is also known for its associations with the playwright Molière – L'illustre théâtre de Pézenas is another jewel of the town.

Meanwhile, wander around Pézenas' medieval lanes, admire the town's grand 16th to 18th century houses, visit little art galleries, dine out in restaurants and enjoy local Languedoc wine in atmospheric bars. If staying in late July/August, *'Les Estivales'* usually takes place on Friday evenings, a vibrant evening festival of good food, wine and music.

This region offers ample opportunities for wine-tastings and vineyard tours across wineries and historic villages. Follow cycling trails through this part of the Hérault, discover walking routes through the wild garrigue and try freshly harvested oysters overlooking the Étang de Thau in Mèze (23km).

Around half an hour away, spend time by the Mediterranean coast near Cap d'Agde (23km) or Marseillan Plage (30km). Sète (40km) is another fine day out with a vast sandy beach, attractive town, boat trips along the canal and plenty of summer activities Away from the coast, the vibrant town of Béziers (22km) is a superb place to explore (the Béziers Feria takes place in mid-August).

Further inland, embrace the natural surroundings of Lac du Salagou (34km) for lakeside walks, mountain biking and seasonal watersports, or head to Cessenon-sur-Orb (40km) for canoeing/kayaking along the river. Keen cyclists note that the Canal du Midi is also within easy reach for more idyllic scenery (just beyond Béziers).

Further afield, be inspired by the beauty of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert (44km), drive to cosmopolitan Montpellier (62km) or you could even spend the day in Carcassonne (102km), one of France's most visited destinations less than a 90-minute drive from your holiday home.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (25km)









Nearest Airport 2	Montpellier-Méditerranée Airport (65km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare d'Agde/Gare de Magalas/Béziers (18km/20km/24km)
Nearest Town	Pézenas historic centre (1.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	In and around Pézenas (Within 1.5-2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Large supermarket on outskirts of Pézenas (2-minute walk)
Nearest Beach	Vias Plage (21km)
Nearest Tennis	Edge of Pézenas (2.5km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Saint Thomas (15km)

What we love

- This unique loft-style getaway is all about vintage style and striking retro furnishings
- There's a vast amount of room across its upper level with open-plan living, a stylish kitchen island and huge windows
- The heated swimming pool is a fantastic addition or you may prefer to simply relax by the olive trees with a glass of local Languedoc wine
- Leave the car at home and wander into the heart of historic Pézenas with its medieval lanes, charming restaurants and famous market dating back to the 14th century
- This is a great base for exploring the landscapes of the Languedoc with its vineyards, wine villages and vibrant towns
- The beaches of the Mediterranean are only half an hour by car

What you should know...

• Please note the unique stairs are steep (no handrail) and there are many vintage pieces and objets d'art so it is better suited to older children (aged 10+).

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €750 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?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement may apply (payable locally).
- Other Ts and Cs: There is no cot and highchair. Please note that this villa is best suited to older children (aged 10+). Weddings and stag/hen parties are not allowed. Other special events or celebrations are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Changeover day: Saturday (July/August) or flexible at other times.
- 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?: Outside only.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights (July/August) or 4 nights at other times.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Pool heating charge?: Extra €80 per week, to be requested at time of booking and payable to Oliver's Travels at time of balance payment. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- 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 from approximately mid-May. 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.