

Mas Josephine

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 16

Overview

In the heart of Provence's Luberon region, only 2km from the picturesque village of Ménerbes, lies Mas Josephine, a sensitively restored 17th-century farmhouse that seamlessly blends historic charm with modern living.

Spanning 450m², this enchanting retreat offers spacious accommodation for up to 16 guests, making it an ideal choice for family gatherings or holiday with friends. Across the main farmhouse and its duplex annexe, the *mas* features seven individually appointed bedrooms, all with air-conditioning and many with their own bath or shower rooms. The expansive living and dining area is adorned with traditional Provençal features, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere – the original fireplace by the dining table is especially impressive.

Outside, the characterful courtyard is ideal for a coffee beneath the mulberry tree or take a stroll through the wild garden with herbs, oak trees and flowers. The highlight of the outdoor space is undoubtedly the large swimming pool, which can be heated on request, offering a refreshing respite during warm summer days. As evening appears, gather for al-fresco feasts on the covered terrace by the plancha-barbecue.

The farmhouse's proximity to Ménerbes allows for easy exploration of local attractions, including charming cafes, renowned vineyards, and scenic hiking trails. Whether you're looking to immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of the region or simply unwind in a traditional setting, Mas Josephine provides an unforgettable Provençal experience.



Facilities

Cots (Cribs) • Tennis Nearby • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Villa • Air-Con
• Wi-Fi/Internet • Board games • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature •
Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for
Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer
• Dishwasher • Microwave • Hairdryer • Satellite TV • High Chair(s) •
Parking Space • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse
Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist
Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Mas Interiors (450m2)

Main House Interiors

- Open-plan lounge and doors leading to covered patio
- Open-plan dining area with fireplace
- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped including fridge, freezer, electric/gas hob, oven, microwave, dishwasher, toaster, kettle and coffee maker
- Office space
- Laundry with washing machine, dryer and ironing facilities
- Independent WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm), doors leading to terrace and bathroom with hydro-massage shower, WC, dressing area and wall-mounted TV

Upstairs

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm), balcony and shower room
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm), balcony, bathroom and WC
- Bedroom with two single beds (90cm each) and open shower room
- Dorm-style bedroom with two single beds (90cm each) and single trundle bed (90cm)
- Shower room and WC
- Independent WC

Duplex (via external stone staircase)

Main Floor

- Open-plan lounge and kitchen, well-equipped

Upstairs

- Bedroom with double bed (140cm)
- Bedroom with two single beds (80cm)
- Shower room and independent WC



Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (6x12m, depth: 2.4m) with electric cover. Can be heated on request (for a supplement). Open approximately end-April to end-September
- Poolside sun loungers
- Covered patio
- Al-fresco dining table for 16 guests
- Gas Weber plancha-barbecue
- Gravel courtyard with fountain and mulberry tree
- Stone tables and benches
- Boules court
- Large garden with wild flowers, herbs, oak trees and bamboo
- Various stone steps and historic detailing
- Private parking

Other Facilities

- Fans
- Books
- Wi-Fi system

Location & Local Information

Set in a one-hectare plot with glorious Luberon vistas, Mas Josephine enjoys a rural setting on a country lane with a small handful of neighbours, only 2km from the famous perched village of Ménerbes.

Picturesque Ménerbes invites you to discover its timeless charm and unparalleled beauty. Perched atop a hill, Ménerbes is officially classified as one of France's most beautiful villages, offering breathtaking views of vineyards, cherry orchards and the Luberon Valley below. From its cobblestone streets to its ancient stone houses bathed in golden sunlight, Ménerbes exudes a tranquillity that makes it the perfect retreat for those seeking to experience the quintessential Provençal lifestyle.

Ménerbes is a treasure trove of history and culture. Stroll through its winding streets and discover architectural gems such as the 12th-century citadel, which stands as a testament to the village's rich past. Art enthusiasts will delight in the Maison de la Truffe et du Vin, where the region's famous truffles and wines take centre stage in a celebration of local flavours and traditions. For those with a penchant for art, the village has long been a haven for creatives, including renowned artists like Nicolas de Staël, whose spirit continues to inspire visitors.

Beyond Ménerbes, the surrounding Luberon region offers a wealth of attractions. Just a short drive away, you'll find the lavender fields of Sénanque Abbey (16km), a vision of purple perfection during the summer months. Explore the ochre cliffs of Roussillon (14.5km), or lose yourself in the Tuesday morning market of Gordes (13km), where fresh produce, handmade crafts and Provençal textiles await.

The Luberon's rolling vineyards and olive groves provide the perfect backdrop for scenic hikes or leisurely bike rides, allowing you to connect with nature and savour the region's serene pace of life. Just on the edge of the region, discover canoeing and kayaking along the Sorgue near Fontaine-de-Vaucluse or the Durance south of Lourmarin.



A little further afield, other wonderful days out include Avignon (38km) with its UNESCO World Heritage sites, the antique stores and Sunday morning brocante of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (18km) and the art galleries of Saint-Rémy (42km) across this magical corner of Provence.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (30km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Airport (72km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Cavallon/Avignon TGV (16km/40km)
Nearest Village	Ménerbes (2km)
Nearest Restaurant	Ménerbes (2km)
Nearest Shop	Ménerbes (2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Super U et Drive (7km)
Nearest Town	Cavallon (15km)
Nearest City	Avignon (38km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (17km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis-Club Oppède-Ménerbes (4.5km)

What we love

- Stay in a 17th century Provençal farmhouse that has been beautifully restored
- Relax by the swimming pool surrounded by the aroma of summer lavender
- Ménerbes, one of the Luberon's prettiest perched villages, is only 2km away
- A great base for exploring the Luberon with gems such as Oppède le Vieux, Gordes, Lacoste and Bonnieux within a short drive

What you should know...

- There are five bedrooms (sleeping 11 guests) in the main farmhouse and two bedrooms (sleeping 4 guests) in a duplex annexe, reached via stone stairs. Please see the 'Layout' tab.
- There is also a sofa-bed for the sixteenth guest.
- It's a lovely house for families - just be aware that it dates back to the 17th century so there are lots of stone steps and historic detailing.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €5000 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?:** Extra €200 per week, payable locally.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes. An optional mid-stay linen & towel change of €30 is available, payable locally.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Cot and high chair available on request.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €900, payable locally. This is for a standard changeover clean. Guests should be respectful of the property and leave the accommodation in a clean and tidy condition. 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. All other durations on request.
- **Pool heating charge?:** No, extra €200 per week payable locally. 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 from approximately beginning-May to end-September. 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.