

Villa En Terre Cuite

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Stay in the heart of a delightful Provençal village whilst also benefitting from your very own swimming pool and characterful flower-filled terrace.

In central Maussane-les-Alpilles, this 3-bedroom French maison dates back to the 16th century and welcomes up to 6 guests across its three air-conditioned bedrooms, each one with its own bath/shower room. Embrace the charm of the old-fashioned interiors with exposed stone walls and wood beams in the cosy lounge, a traditional kitchen and a blend of old and new furnishings throughout.

The poolside terrace is wonderful with its terracotta pots of summer flowers, trees, statues and vine-clad walls alongside a handful of sun loungers for relaxation when you are not cooling off in your swimming pool. Sit by the blue shuttered windows as you enjoy an evening apéritif before dining out in local restaurants just a few steps away.

Indeed, this village house is in the very centre of Maussane-les-Alpilles, next door to the bustling Thursday morning market – how wonderful to be able to head there early to pick up a wealth of regional produce and truly soak up the ambience. Café de la Fontaine is only 400m on foot, the perfect spot for a morning coffee on the shaded terrace overlooking the pretty fountain and church.

Meanwhile, food lovers should book a table at Le Bistrot du Paradou, just 1.6km away, to experience its highly regarded daily menu, and don't miss the excellent restaurants and markets in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence and Arles, two artistic towns so easily reached within half an hour.

Enjoy walks, horse rides and cycle rides passing endless



olive groves, forests and limestone peaks as you explore the landscapes of Les Alpilles. Golf lovers can tee off at nearby Domaine de Manville, not far from the picture-perfect perched village of Les Baux-de-Provence, only 3.5km away and one of France's classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

Facilities

Golf Nearby • Garage • Villa • Tennis Nearby • Walk to Village • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • TV • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors (210m2)

Ground Floor

- Living room (90m2) with office corner
- Kitchen, well-equipped including fridge, freezer, induction hob, toaster, filter cafetiere and dishwasher
- Utility room
- WC and sink

First Floor

- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180cm) and bathroom with bath, shower, two sinks and WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm) and bathroom with bath, sink and WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm), one additional single bed (90cm) and shower room with shower, sink and WC

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (8x4m, depth: 1.5m) with submerged safety alarm
- Sun loungers (x4) and parasol
- Terrace
- Plancha
- Garage (one car)

Other Facilities

- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)



Location & Local Information

Villa en Terre Cuite is for guests who wish to experience authentic village life – the historic house is set in the middle of Maussane-les-Alpilles, a bustling Provençal village in Les Alpilles Natural Regional Park.

The house backs on to a square with shady plane trees where locals play boules. This is also the home of the traditional weekly market on a Thursday morning – just step out of your historic village home and you will find yourself surrounded by all the sights and sounds of the market, a great way to pick up regional produce and soak up the lively ambience.

Maussane-les-Alpilles's other village square, around 400m away, is a pleasant spot for a morning coffee or meal out on a café or restaurant terrace overlooking the fountain and church. There is a selection of little shops in the village, including a bakery, butchers and grocery store (large supermarkets are in Saint-Rémy or Saint-Martin-de-Crau). Maussane-les-Alpilles (alongside nearby Mourières) is known to produce some of the finest extra virgin olive oil in France.

Food lovers note that the tiny village of Paradou (1.6km) is a short distance away – book ahead to enjoy the daily set menu at Rick Stein's beloved Le Bistrot du Paradou. Saint-Rémy (11km) and Arles (18km) are also loved for their excellent restaurants and atmospheric markets as well as art galleries, Van Gogh trails and historic sites (especially Arles' Roman arena).

Closer to home, Les Baux-de-Provence (4km) is classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' – head out early to explore the medieval perched village and château before the day-trippers arrive. A little further afield, Eygalières (18km) is another picture-perfect village in Les Alpilles so loved for its charming houses, cafes, Friday morning market and gastronomic restaurants including Michelin starred Maison Hache.

Local Amenities



Nearest Airport	Avigon Airport (30km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nimes Airport (43km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille Provence Airport (55km)
Nearest Train Station	Saint Martin De Crau/Avignon TGV (13km/32km)
Nearest Village	In the heart of Maussane-les-Alpilles (0km)
Nearest Restaurant	Maussane-les-Alpilles (Within 100m)
Nearest Shop	Bakery, Spar grocery store etc (Within 400m)
Nearest Supermarket	Saint-Martin-de-Crau (10.5km)
Nearest Town	Saint-Martin-de-Crau/St-Rémy-de-Provence (10.5km/11km)
Nearest Golf	Golf des Baux de Provence (1.6km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Club Maussane-les-Alpilles (250m)
Nearest City	Avignon (38km)

What we love

- How wonderful to stay in a 16th century Provençal home in the very heart of Maussane-les-Alpilles
- After a day out exploring Provence, cool off in the delightful swimming pool
- Enjoy an evening apéritif on your flower-filled terrace before heading to local restaurants just a few steps away
- Experience the village's bustling Thursday morning market – you are right next door!
- This is a great base for discovering Les Alpilles with gems such as Les Baux-de-Provence and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.
- You are in the heart of the village here, right next door to a square where locals play boules beneath the plane trees - the bustling weekly market usually takes place here on a Thursday morning.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 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. Air-conditioning is featured in bedrooms only.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday - all other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €200, payable locally. 3 hours of intermediate cleaning per week included. This is for a standard changeover clean. 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 - all other durations on request.
- **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?:** 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.