

# Mas Alpheratz

Region: Provence-Alpes    Sleeps: 12

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## Overview

Away from the usual tourist trail, embrace the natural beauty of this magnificent stone house with stunning views of rolling Luberon hills beyond the lavender-filled gardens and swimming pool.

Enjoying an idyllic setting, Mas Alpheratz is the perfect getaway for guests seeking authentic Provençal charm alongside attractively furnished living spaces. The main living room is bathed with light thanks to its French windows and high wood-beamed ceiling whilst the state-of-the-art kitchen leads out to the south courtyard and east-facing dining terrace.

Sleeping up to 12 guests, each of the six bedrooms has its own bath or shower room. The ground floor is home to two inviting bedrooms (one with its own sitting room) and there are four further bedrooms upstairs. Guests can expect garden or countryside views, comfortable beds, high quality linen, plenty of towels and the added benefit of air-conditioning in five of the six bedrooms.

Enjoy your morning coffee on the outdoor lounge overlooking the fountain and lavender. There's *boules*, badminton, ping-pong and table football to keep all ages entertained alongside the swimming pool that can be heated on request. Spend long summer evenings on the east terrace with its al-fresco dining area and barbecue.

This is a remote and rural setting, yet you are just a 10-minute drive from an authentic Luberon village dating back to medieval times with its restaurants, cafes, bakery, butchers and small supermarket. The Thursday morning market is not to be missed as you join locals and stock up on delicious seasonal produce or head to the historic town Apt, only 19km by car, to experience its famous Saturday morning market, the largest in the Luberon.



## Facilities

Villa • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Air-Con • Historical Sites • Wine Tasting • Horse Riding • Private Pool • Walking/Hiking Paths • Special Offer • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Heated Pool • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Table Football • Badminton • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Mas Interiors

### Main Floor

- Entrance hall
- Open-plan living and dining area
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped, with doors opening to south courtyard and east dining terrace
- Laundry room
- Bedroom with double bed, separate sitting room and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom

### Upstairs

- Large bedroom with double bed, terrace and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed, small terrace and en suite bathroom
- 2 x bedrooms with double bed and en suite bathroom

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (can be heated for an extra supplement)
- East terrace with barbecue and al-fresco dining table for 12 guests
- South courtyard with outdoor lounge, parasols and small dining area
- Provençal garden and lawns
- Fountain
- Badminton and boules
- Vast grounds (100 acres)

## Other Facilities

- Air-conditioning (five bedrooms only)



## Location & Local Information

Set in 100 acres of vast grounds, Mas Alpheratz is located in the rolling hills of the eastern Luberon, close to the Vaucluse and Alpes-de-Haute-Provence border. Away from Provence's usual tourist trail, make the most of the incredible hiking trails, cycling routes and charming Luberon villages.

It's around a 10-minute drive to Céreste-en-Luberon where you will find a boulangerie, butchers, pharmacy and small supermarket as well as a wonderful market on a Thursday morning. The village dates back to the 12th century and it's a delight to admire its medieval lanes, little fountains and old ramparts. Once part of the Domitian way linking trading routes between Italy and Spain, this is a popular destination for keen hikers with a variety of trails across the surrounding landscapes.

Saint-Martin-de-Castillon (10km) is another Luberon village not to be missed for its rural authenticity and glorious valley views. Meanwhile, Viens (10.5km) is a typically perched village with a wealth of charm. As you explore this part of the Luberon and beyond look out for rugged scenery, vines, forests and summer lavender fields. Further afield, lavender festivities take place in Sault (43km) and Valensole (47km) in the height of the summer.

Closer to home, Apt (19km) is famed for its lively Saturday market, the largest in the Luberon. The handsome town invites you to wander cobblestone streets lined with artisan shops and fragrant patisseries brimming with local produce. North of the town, visit the Colorado Provençal (25km), a stunning landscape of ochre cliffs and walking trails, perfect for nature lovers and photographers alike.

Heading east instead, Forcalquier (29km) enchants with its medieval allure. Climb to the citadel for panoramic views of the Luberon hills, or lose yourself in the town's charming squares and cafés. Don't miss the Monday morning market, a treasure trove of Provençal delights.

## Local Amenities



Nearest Airport	<b>Avignon Airport (64km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Marseille Provence Airport (84km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Manosque-Gréoux-les-Bains/Aix-en-Provence TGV (28km/73km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Céreste-en-Luberon (6km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Céreste-en-Luberon (6km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Small supermarket in Céreste-en-Luberon (6km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Apt/Forcalquier (19km/29km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Du Luberon (24km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Tennis Club Reillanne (14km)</b>

## What we love

- Bathed in natural light, the living spaces are gorgeous with high wood-beamed ceilings and elegant furnishings
- The state-of-the-art kitchen opens out to the south courtyard and east-facing terrace for al-fresco dining
- The gardens are so beautiful – when the lavender is in full bloom by the swimming pool it's simply idyllic
- Away from the tourist crowds, make the most of the glorious hiking and cycling opportunities across the stunning landscapes
- Soak up the charm of the local village, a short drive away, with its restaurants, shops and lovely Thursday morning market

## What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is only featured in five of the six bedrooms.
- There are two ground floor bedrooms but please note guests still need to be able to manage a few steps across the house and its gardens.
- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels 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. to 7.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Air-conditioning is only featured in five of the six bedrooms. <br> Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager. <br> Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking. <br> Weddings, stag/hen parties and any other special events are not allowed. <br> A cot and highchair are available on request.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €350, payable locally. 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.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Pool heating is available on request for an additional €200 per stay, please enquire. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open from approximately May 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.