Maison Charvin

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Beyond a pair of tall French iron gates lies Maison Charvin, a beautifully restored home in the old part of Montlaur, a characterful wine-producing village in the Corbières.

This elegant 4-bedroom abode exudes period charm and French character, offering a warm base for families or friends seeking authentic southern French living. Two of the bedrooms feature their own living areas and all four bedrooms have an en suite bath or shower and WC. Downstairs, a refined dining room and incredibly well-equipped kitchen invite long, indulgent meals, while the living room offers UK Internet TV and Wi-Fi for relaxed evenings.

The courtyard is a true delight, enclosed by stone walls adorned with jasmine and climbing roses, its antique stone troughs brimming with lavender and geraniums. The private 7m x 3m pool promises the chance to cool down, with the added convenience of a pool shower and WC. A dining table waits under the evening sky, perfect for lingering over a bottle of local wine.

Life in Montlaur moves at a pleasingly gentle pace. Within a two-minute stroll, you will find the acclaimed Vins de Dagne restaurant, a tapas/pizzeria restaurant, a café bar and a general store. The village's weekly market celebrates the region's fresh produce, beer and wine, especially in the summer months, while nearby Carcassonne, just 24km away, offers its UNESCO-listed medieval citadel, bustling squares and a lively programme of cultural events.

The surrounding region offers endless opportunity for exploration, from the storybook beauty of Lagrasse to the renowned vineyards of Corbières and Minervois, and the winding Canal du Midi. Whether it is horse riding, wine tasting, mountain walks or simply relaxing in the flower-filled courtyard, Maison Charvin places it all within easy reach.









Facilities

Pure France • Cycling • Horse Riding • Exclusive • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Villa • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Golf Nearby • Pets on Request • Ideal for Teens • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • TV • DVD • Dishwasher • Microwave • Climbing • Rafting • Water park

Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors

- Entrance hall
- Living room with UK Internet TV, DVD player, Wi-Fi internet and iPod dock
- Formal dining room
- Kitchen and breakfast table, well-equipped including microwave, dishwasher, fridge freezer, gas hob, oven and USB sound system. Door opens to terrace
- Utility room with washing machine

First Floor

- Bedroom 1 with double bed and ensuite shower room with WC, shower and sink
- Bedroom 2 (suite) with living room with sofa, bedroom with king-size double bed, dressing room and en suite shower room with shower, sink, bidet and WC

Second Floor

- Bedroom 3 with two extra-large single beds and open ensuite bathroom with WC, bath and sink
- Bedroom 4 (suite) with living area, two single beds and en suite bathroom with bath, WC and sink

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (7x3m)
- Poolside shower and WC
- Large private courtyard with flowers and dining table
- Sun loungers
- Barbecue
- Two olive trees, two Mulberry trees, Mediterranean plants and flowers
- Private parking for one car









Location & Local Information

In the old part of the original village, Maison Charvin enjoys an enviable position in Montlaur – a characterful Languedoc village surrounded by rolling vineyards and dramatic valleys. Just 24km south-east of Carcassonne, this is the perfect base for exploring the history, culture and beautiful landscapes of southern France. The Mediterranean's golden beaches, Cathar castles and world-renowned wine country are all within reach for wonderful days out.

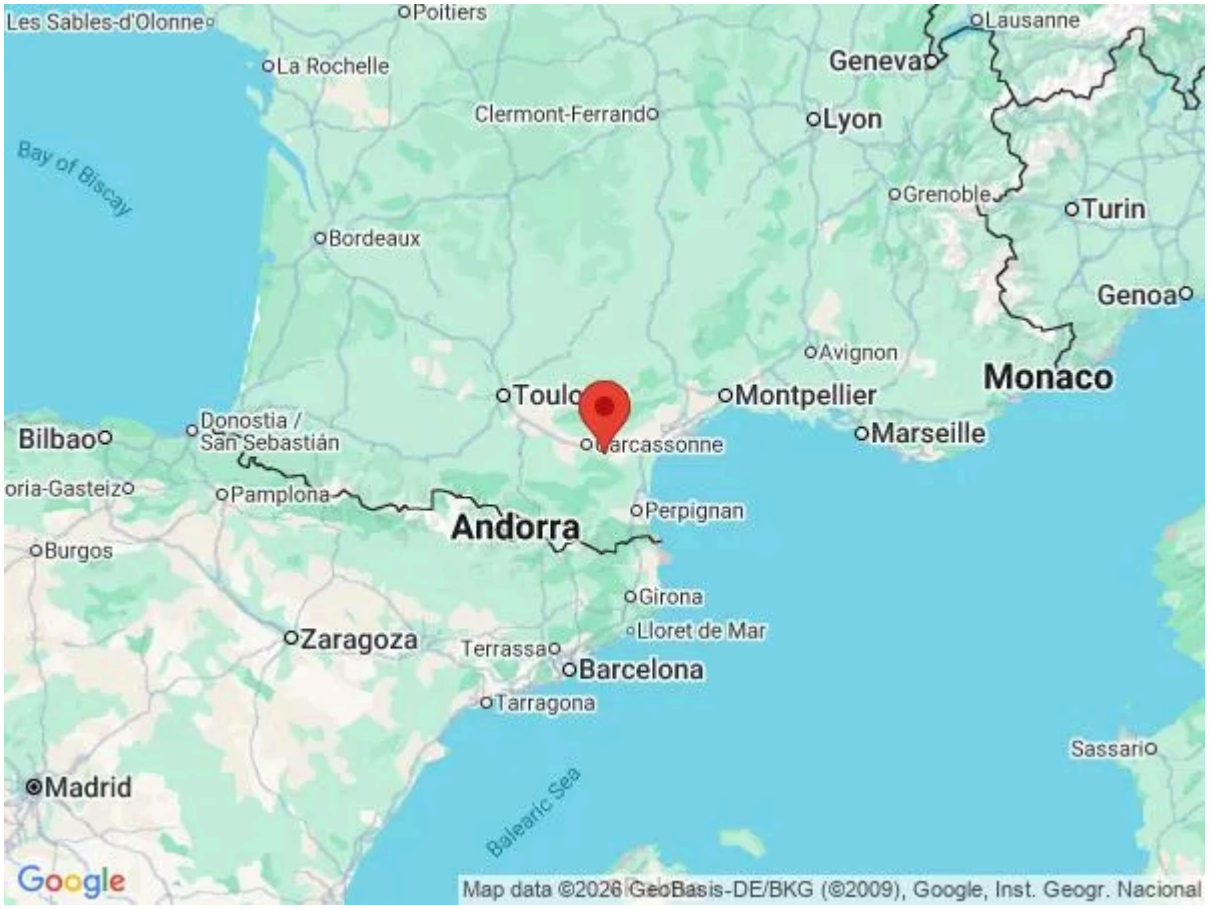
A short stroll takes you to the heart of Montlaur, where you'll find the much-loved Vins de Dagne restaurant (book ahead), a tapas/pizzeria and a café-bar. The village also offers a general store (with a larger supermarket 9.5km away in Capendu) and a weekly market brimming with fresh produce, artisan goods and local wine or craft beer in the summer months. For those seeking active pursuits, there's horse riding nearby and a traditional boules court – perfect for relaxing afternoons with friends.

Within 25 minutes lies Lagrasse (15km), officially one of Les Plus Beaux Villages de France, boasting cobbled streets, a magnificent abbey and exceptional dining options. Meanwhile, Carcassonne (24km) offers a captivating UNESCO-listed fortress, year-round cultural events, stylish boutiques and a renowned golf course.

Wine lovers will be spoilt for choice with the vineyards of Corbières, Minervois and Fitou producing some of the region's most celebrated vintages. The Canal du Midi is a paradise for walking and cycling, and for water enthusiasts, lake swimming, rafting and natural springs are all within a short drive.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Carcassonne Airport (33 km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Aéroport Sud de France Perpignan (88 km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (92 km)**
Nearest City	**Perpignan (101 km)**
Nearest Equipment Hire	**Bikes Lagrasse (15 km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Port La Fabrique (23 km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Carcassonne (25 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Montlaur (2 km)**









Nearest Town	**Lézignan-Corbières (26 km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Lézignan-Corbières (26 km)**
Nearest Village	**Lagrasse (15 km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Montlaur (2 km)**

What we love

- Beautifully restored 4-bedroom home in the heart of a charming wine-producing village
- As featured in The Irish Times - 'Real life in the real France'
- Two elegant bedroom suites with living areas, plus en suites for all four bedrooms
- Enchanting stone-walled courtyard with climbing roses, lavender, jasmine and a private pool
- Just steps from an acclaimed restaurant, a café bar, weekly market and village shop
- Close to Carcassonne's UNESCO-listed citadel, the vineyards of Corbières and the picture-perfect village of Lagrasse

What you should know...

- It'll be hard to leave this beautiful village house – when you do wish to explore, a car is necessary and there is private parking available for one small car.
- Book ahead if you wish to dine at the popular restaurant, Vins de Dagne.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €750 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.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** Yes.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.

- **Changeover day:** Saturdays. All other days on request.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.

- **Internet access?:** Yes.