# Loft Du Vigneron

**Region:** Languedoc **Sleeps:** 6

## Overview

In the heart of the historic Minervois wine region, Loft du Vigneron blends traditional heritage with contemporary comfort. Once the home of a local wine-maker, this beautifully renovated property offers a refined place to stay in the charming town of Rieux-Minervois. The first-floor terrace is an idyllic spot to relax, while the walled courtyard below reveals a gorgeous swimming pool, perfect for cooling dips on long summer afternoons.

Across one upper floor, the living spaces are elegant and welcoming. The fully equipped kitchen makes home dining a pleasure, while the comfortable lounge invites relaxed evenings with Wi-Fi and internet TV. This level also features three beautiful bedrooms, each with its own ensuite bathroom, with two opening directly onto the upper terrace. From breakfast on the terrace to evenings chatting with good local wine, every moment here feels unhurried and restorative.

Rieux-Minervois itself is steeped in history, dating back to the 11th century. Its rare 12th-century heptagonal church is an architectural treasure, and twice-weekly markets fill the streets with colour and local flavour. All daily needs are within a very short walk, with cafés, restaurants and shops close at hand.

Carcassonne, just 20 minutes away by car, enchants with its UNESCO-listed medieval citadel, while the surrounding region unfolds with vineyards, Cathar castles and the tree-lined waters of the Canal du Midi. Further afield, the golden beaches of Narbonne-Plage lie within an hour's drive, or venture to the drama of the Pyrenees or the charm of Catalan Spain – Girona is just over two hours by car or follow the winding roads towards artistic Cadaqués.

Whether savouring fine wines, exploring medieval hilltop towns or simply unwinding by the pool, Loft du Vigneron offers an authentic and elegant base to discover the very best of southern France.









## Facilities

Walk to Village • Pure France • Villa • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Golf Nearby • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • TV • DVD • Dishwasher • Microwave • Heating • Baby bath • Changing mat • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

### Loft Interiors

First Floor (via steps)

- Open-plan living room with TV, DVD, Wi-Fi internet and door to terrace
- Open-plan kitchen with dining table, fridge freezer, microwave, oven and hob, dishwasher and washing machine
- Bedroom 1 with two single beds and ensuite bathroom with WC, bath, separate shower and sink
- Bedroom 2 with king-size double bed, terrace access and ensuite bathroom with WC, bath, separate shower and sink
- Bedroom 3 with king-size double bed, terrace access and ensuite bathroom with WC, bath, separate shower and sink

### Outside Grounds

- Courtyard with swimming pool (11x4.5m), open approximately May to October
- Sun terrace and loungers
- Shaded poolside terrace
- WC
- First floor terrace with dining and lounge area
- Barbecue
- Steps down to the garden
- Private, off-road parking









# Location & Local Information

In the heart of the Minervois wine region, Loft du Vigneron offers a beautiful base in the historic village of Rieux-Minervois.

Encircled by rolling vineyards and framed by the distant peaks of the Montagnes Noires, the village blends authenticity with easy access to some of southern France's most interesting sights. Carcassonne (27km), with its fairy-tale turrets and UNESCO-listed ramparts, lies just 30 minutes away, while the golden sands of Narbonne-Plage beckon an hour to the east.

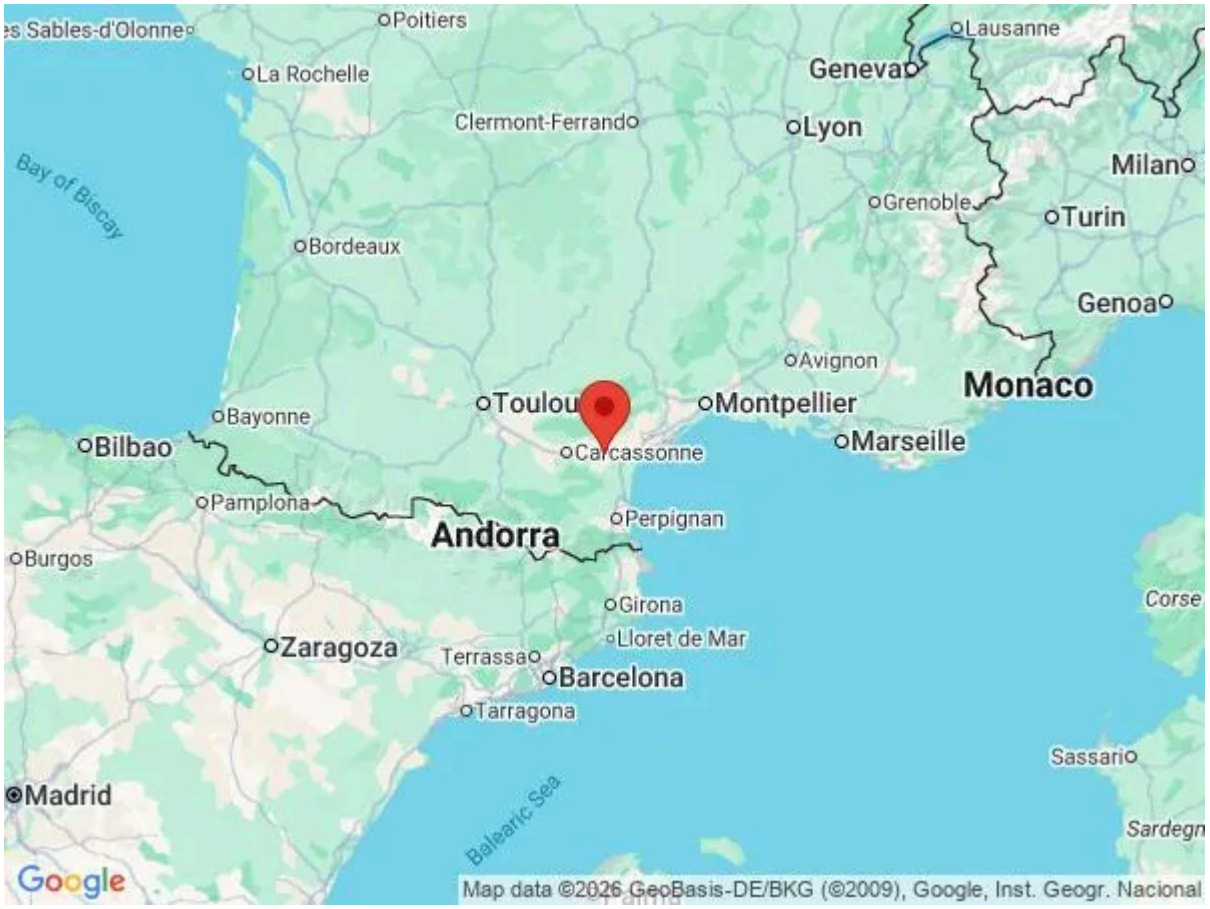
From your doorstep, it's a short stroll along the main road into the village centre, home to traditional shops, café bars and restaurants. Twice a week, the market brings fresh local produce to tempt the senses. Rich in history, Rieux-Minervois dates back to the 11th century and is home to a rare 12th-century heptagonal church, its intricate columns crafted by the renowned Master of Cabestany.

The village lies along one of the ancient pilgrimage routes to Santiago de Compostela, adding a layer of cultural depth to its timeless charm. The local tourist office is an excellent resource for planning adventures, from gentle walks among the vines to boating along the nearby Canal du Midi or cycling into the foothills of the Corbières. Wine lovers will be spoilt for choice, with vineyards in every direction offering tastings of the Minervois' celebrated reds and rosés.

Beyond the village, history and natural beauty abound. Explore the dramatic Cathar castles of Lastours (48km), perched high above the valleys, or lose yourself in the cobbled streets of Minerve (21km) and Lagrasse (33km), both officially listed among France's most beautiful villages. For nature enthusiasts, the surrounding landscapes provide a rich tapestry of hiking trails, river gorges and scenic picnic spots.

## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | **Aéroport de Carcassonne (30 km)** |
| Nearest Airport 2 | **Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (75 km)** |
| Nearest Airport 3 | **Aéroport Sud de France Perpignan (105 km)** |
| Nearest City | **Perpignan (101 km)** |
| Nearest Equipment Hire | **Le Boat (19 km)** |
| Nearest Ferry Port | **Port La Fabrique (7 km)** |










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| Nearest Golf | **Golf de Carcassonne (27 km)** |
| Nearest Restaurant | **Rieux-Minervois (1 km)** |
| Nearest Shop | **Rieux-Minervois (1 km)** |
| Nearest Tennis | **Carcassonne (25 km)** |
| Nearest Town/City | **Carcassonne (25 km)** |
| Nearest Train Station | **Carcassonne (18 km)** |
| Nearest Village | **Caunes-Minervois (2 km)** |

# What we love

- A beautifully restored former wine-maker's home with swimming pool, in the heart of a traditional Minervois wine village
- Enjoy al fresco breakfasts or evening drinks on the first-floor terrace overlooking the swimming pool below
- Each elegant bedroom has its own ensuite, with two opening directly onto the terrace
- Stroll to cafés, restaurants and the local market in charming Rieux-Minervois
- Discover nearby Carcassonne's iconic medieval citadel or cruise the tranquil Canal du Midi
- Wine lovers will relish exploring local vineyards and tasting regional vintages

# What you should know...

- This beautiful loft accommodation on the first floor so guests need to be able to manage steps (and the stunning pool is on the lower level).
- Please note there is a village school nearby - during term time there can be some distant noise of children playing and in peak season there may be holiday clubs taking place there.

# 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?:** No.

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

- **Changeover day:** Saturday from approximately end-March to beginning-September. Flexible during all other periods.

- **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 (short-breaks may be possible on request outside end March-end September).

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

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

- **Internet access?:** Yes.