La Maison Somail

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Overlooking Le Canal du Midi, La Maison Somail offers a rare opportunity to stay in the heart of one of southern France's most picturesque hamlets. Once a 17th-century stopover for canal boats en route to the Mediterranean, Le Somail has transformed into an atmospheric enclave of waterside charm, where the pace slows and each day is shaped by simple pleasures.

This beautifully renovated four-bedroom home blends classic character with easy modern comfort. Inside, the ground floor features a sociable, open-plan kitchen and dining area, flowing into a split-level living space ideal for unwinding following market visits or lovely days out. The accommodation features four traditional bedrooms – two doubles (one en suite) and a twin upstairs with a family bathroom, as well as a double bedroom downstairs and a separate shower room.

Outdoors in the rustic rear garden, the swimming pool stretches 9 metres beneath blue skies, framed by sun decks with loungers and the scent of lavender. A dining terrace invites al- fresco lunches in front of the house, and the hammock is perfectly placed for lazy afternoons.

Step outside the front gate and you're instantly immersed in the magic of Le Somail. A very short stroll brings you to café bars, waterside restaurants and even a floating épicerie for fresh bread and local delicacies. This unique setting makes the house ideal for families or friends looking to soak up a slower, more authentic side of the Languedoc in a bustling village setting.

Further afield, explore the bustling markets of Narbonne, the golden beaches of Narbonne Plage or the medieval fortress of Carcassonne, all fantastic days out. Whether wandering along canal paths at sunset or enjoying a bottle of local rosé *chez vous*, La Maison Somail promises a holiday shaped by charm and the flavours of southern France.



Facilities

Fishing • Pure France • Villa • Boat Trips • Cycling • Historical Sites • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Beach Nearby • Instagrammable • Parking Space • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Waterfront • BBQ • Rural Location • On-Street Parking • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Dishwasher • Microwave • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)







Interior & Grounds

House Interiors (via steps)

- Split-level (via steps) open-plan living room with TV
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area with bar and stools and dining table, well-equipped including oven and hob, dishwasher, washing machine and fridge freezer
- Bedroom 1 with double bed
- Shower room with WC, shower and sink

First Floor

- Bedroom 2 with two single beds
- Bedroom 3 with double bed
- Bathroom with WC, bath, separate shower and sink
- Bedroom 4 with double bed and ensuite bathroom with WC, bath, separate shower and sink

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (9x4m)
- Poolside decking with sun loungers
- Garden terrace with dining table and barbecue
- Lavender and hammock
- Off-road parking









Location & Local Information

La Maison Somail enjoys a superb location in the heart of Le Somail, a postcard-perfect hamlet brimming with charm and historical character. Just beyond your front gate, the Canal du Midi flows by and you are just steps from delightful restaurants and cafes.

Once a 17th-century mooring point for barges travelling between Toulouse and the Mediterranean, Le Somail now offers an enchanting blend of heritage and bustling character. Shaded towpaths, arched stone bridges and an unmistakable southern French atmosphere give the village its unique appeal. Guests can dine at canal-side restaurants, sip coffee at local bars, or browse the floating grocery boat that sells fresh pastries each morning. For daily essentials, a large supermarket is conveniently located just 2km away in Saint-Marcel-sur-Aude.

The local area is rich with experiences. The Canal du Midi is ideal for scenic walks, boat cruises or cycling excursions beneath its leafy plane trees. Head 17km west to the lovely village of Homps, where Lac de Jouarres offers summer swimming, paddleboarding and relaxed waterside dining. Just 16km away, the lively town of Olonzac hosts a Tuesday morning market full of local flavour, perfect for a genuine Languedoc experience.

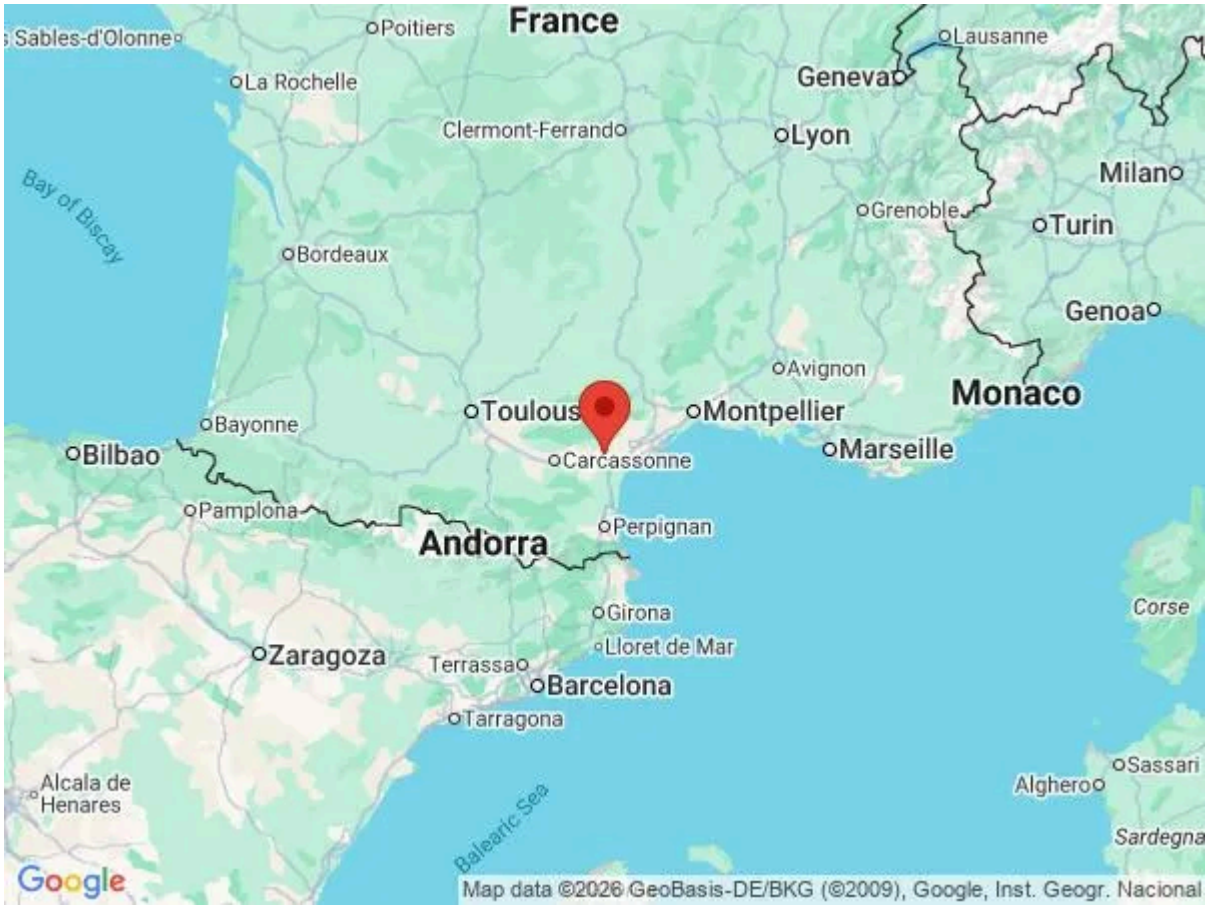
A highlight of the region is the extraordinary hilltop village of Minerve (19km), dramatically set above river gorges and famed as a former Cathar refuge, now officially listed among France's most beautiful villages. Wine enthusiasts are well catered for, with an abundance of nearby domaines offering tastings of everything from bold reds to crisp rosés, all within easy reach.

Culture lovers will appreciate a visit to Narbonne (14.5km), just over 20 minutes away, where Roman ruins, riverside promenades, and the renowned Les Halles food market await. Further afield, Béziers (35km) impresses with its striking architecture and vibrant festival scene. And for a classic coastal escape, the golden sands of Narbonne Plage lie just 32km away.

Whether you're delving into the area's rich past, enjoying a cycle ride along the canal or indulging in local wines, Le Somail is a captivating base from which to discover the best of the Languedoc.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Carcassonne Airport (CCF (47 km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (BZR) (64 km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**erpignan-Rivesaltes Airport (PGF) (77 km)**
Nearest Amusement Park	**Aqualand Port Leucate (56 km)**









Nearest Bar/Pub	**(0.1 km)**
Nearest Beach	**Narbonne Plage (35 km)**
Nearest City	**Narbonne (16 km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Port of Sète (96 km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Pitch & Putt de Narbonne (18 km)**
Nearest National Park	**Parc national des Cévennes (cœur) (22 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(0.2 km)**
Nearest Shop	**(0.2 km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Saint-Nazaire-d'Aude Tennis Club (3 km)**
Nearest Town	**Saint-Nazaire-d'Aude (2 km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Lézignan-Corbières (13 km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Narbonne (16 km)**
Nearest Village	**Saint-Nazaire-d'Aude (0.1 km)**
Sightseeing	**Canal du Midi (0.1 km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**(2.5 km)**

What we love

- Overlooking the Canal du Midi in charming Le Somail – cafés, restaurants and even a floating épicerie are just steps away
- Relax beside the 9m swimming pool with its sun decks, loungers and lavender
- Inside, soak up traditional character alongside modern touches across the sociable open-plan kitchen and split-level lounge
- Hire bikes to explore the Canal du Midi or enjoy wonderful walks along the shady towpaths
- Discover the medieval magic of Carcassonne or the golden sands of Narbonne Plage – both perfect for day trips

What you should know...

- Here you are in the heart of a very charming and bustling little village with neighbouring restaurants and just a couple of steps from the edge of Le Canal du Midi – it is popular all year round with walkers, cyclists and boaters.
- Even though there is a ground floor bedroom, guests need to be able to manage steps up to the house and across the split-level living-dining room.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** € 500 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:** 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.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible for remaining 2026 dates.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean and mid-stay cleaning are 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?:** Smoking and vaping are not permitted.

- **Minimum stay:** 4 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.